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REPORT CONFIRMS DOUBLE-DECKER BUS INCORRECTLY ROUTED

STA review of railroad viaduct clearance signage suggests drivers have ignored updated heights

By Emry Dinman
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Police reports appear to confirm the driver who crashed a double-decker bus into a downtown Spokane viaduct in January was incorrectly routed there by onboard navigation software.

On Jan. 18, 65-year-old Wayne Morgan drove the vehicle, some 37,000 pounds and 13½ feet tall, into the roughly 12½-foot-tall railroad viaduct, shearing back the top foot of plexiglass, metal and plastic composite, and continuing forward for another 6 or so feet before crunching to a halt. Of the 10 people on board – nine passengers and Morgan – seven were hospitalized, though none suffered life-threatening injuries.

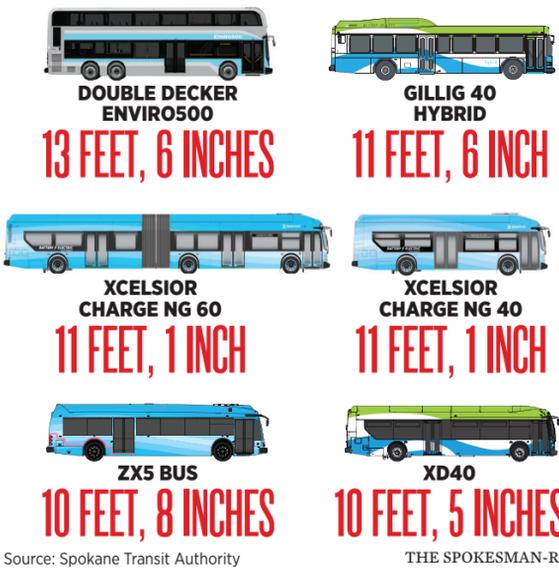
Morgan, who was charged with second-degree negligent driving, did not appear to be impaired, according to a police

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STA buses heights compared

Last month, a double-decker STA bus crashed into the Cedar Street viaduct with a posted height clearance of 12 feet, 3 inches.

The bus route would have normally taken it under the Jefferson Street viaduct with a clearance of 14 feet, 6 inches.



Source: Spokane Transit Authority

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I'm willing to withdraw the lawsuit if the May (2019) will is upheld."

Stacey Douglass Boies, daughter of Harlan Douglass

Harlan Douglass fortune now in judge's hands after explosive testimony

Emails undercut claims decline began only months before will change

By Thomas Clouse
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About the same time in 2016 that Spokane developer Lanzce Douglass flew down to Palm Springs to meet with his estranged father, Jerri Via delivered the elder Douglass an ultimatum.

Via entered a relationship with Harlan Douglass while Harlan's wife, Maxine Douglass, was still living in a care facility as she battled Alzheimer's disease. At the time, Via told the aging develop-

er that he either had to break off contact with Harley, his eldest son, or her.

"I explained about how many people feel that HCD (Harley C. Douglass) is isolating him from the people that love and care for him, Bryan (Reilly) and myself, and he lightly disagreed," Via wrote in an email on Jan. 26, 2016. "I explained that I cannot be with him without him supporting me with HCD and his response 'Are

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KRATOM WARNING FOR PANHANDLE

Health district urges residents to avoid drug, citing deaths in Kootenai County

By Amanda Sullender
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North Idaho residents should "avoid all kratom products," the Panhandle Health District warned Monday, citing several local deaths from the unregulated drug sold over the counter at mini marts.

"Kratom, and in particular 7-OH, appears to be a growing problem in Northern Idaho and the rest of the nation," Panhandle Health District medical director Gregory Pennock said in a statement. "Deaths associated with kratom use have occurred in Northern Idaho per my communications with the Kootenai County Coroner."

The Kootenai County coroner's office did not respond to a request for comment Monday. The health district did not point to specific deaths.

Derived from a tropical tree in Southeast Asia, kratom sold in America is dried and crushed into a powder and can be taken

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This Kratom advertisement is photographed in front of Nikk Drips Vape & Smoke Shop on Monday at State Line. The Panhandle Health District has issued a public health warning regarding usage of the drug.

Effects from kratom use



GASTROINTESTINAL
Nausea, constipation, vomiting, dry mouth, increased urination, weight loss, liver damage



SKIN
Itching, sweating, hyperpigmentation



NERVOUS SYSTEM
Increase heart rate, drowsiness, insomnia, seizure, hallucinations

Source: Department of Justice

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Ninety years ago next month, the image of a Depression-era woman with her two children is first published.

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WSU TO CLOSE YAKIMA COLLEGE OF NURSING PROGRAM

Washington State University will shut down the school at the end of the semester and transfer students to other campuses.

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INCOME TAX SUPPORTERS ALLEGE FRAUDULENT SIGNATURES

Backers of the proposed millionaires tax are claiming the record number of those who signed against the bill is inflated.

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Council redirects police funds to immigrant emergency aid

By Emry Dinman
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A coalition of local immigrant-rights organizations will receive \$100,000 from the city of Spokane to boost an emergency fund for time-sensitive financial assistance to immi-

grants and refugees.

The Spokane City Council on Monday approved the funding allocation from the police outreach budget, which had been proposed by Mayor Lisa Brown and police Chief Kevin Hall, by a 6-1 vote.

The Spokane Immigrant

Rights Coalition added the funding to its Community Justice Fund, which has previously been used for purposes such as transportation to immigration hearings in Tacoma, as well as temporary lodging or

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