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Man Faces Charges for Recent Bomb Threat

CONFESSION: Lakewood Man Accused of Threat That Led to Evacuation of Law and Justice Building

By The Chronicle

A 22-year-old Lakewood man is being referred for charges after allegedly admitting to making a bomb threat against the Lewis County Law and Justice Building that prompted an evacuation on the morning of Dec. 18, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Christopher Milton Bosarge now faces possible Class B felony charges of threats to bomb or injure property.

Bosarge became a person of interest right after the bomb threat when detectives discovered a correlation between the subscriber of the phone number

used to make the call and Bosarge, according to the sheriff's office.

Bosarge is engaged in ongoing criminal court matters in Lewis County. He had an active, unrelated warrant but could not initially be located by detectives. After being arrested for the war-

rant, detectives interviewed Bosarge, who admitted to making the call due to current legal proceedings, according to the sheriff's office.

"The incident caused a great deal of alarm to the public and

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State's High Court Rules Turn Signals Must Be Used Every Time

By Heidi Groover

he Seattle Times

Drivers who have wondered whether they really have to use their turn signals every time— even in a turn-only lane—may want to take note of a state Supreme Court ruling issued Thursday.

In a case considering whether state law "compels drivers to use their signal every time they turn or change lanes on a roadway," the court ruled unanimously, "We hold that it does."

The ruling stemmed from a 2015 case in which a driver, David Joseph Brown, used his signal to enter a left-turn-only lane in Kennewick, but then didn't keep the signal on once in the turn lane or while turning. State troopers pulled Brown over and subsequently arrested him for driving under the influence after a breath test measured his blood alcohol content at 0.26,

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Food and a Sense of Belonging

Christmas Brunch at Gather Church Cafe Provides for All



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Pastor Cole Meckle talks to a family during a free Christmas brunch held at Gather Church Wednesday afternoon in Centralia.

By Celene Fitzgerald

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Gather Church hosted a free Christmas day brunch open to anyone who needed a place to go to celebrate the holiday and enjoy food and fellowship with

others.

"Just having a place for people to go who don't have anywhere to go on Christmas, that's probably, to me, in many ways more important than the food

for this celebration, just being together," said Pastor Cole Meckle of Gather Church when explaining the importance of the brunch. "As important as the food is, like on a regular Thursday night dinner just for

the sustenance, this sustenance

isn't calories, it's belonging."

There were between 40 and 50 attendees and 25 volunteers including about 10 teenagers

Deaths

Napavine

Centralia

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Hedgers, William Arthur, 69,

Perrott, Martin K., 79, Chehalis

Maggard, Vernie R., 82, Morton

Fullman, Mary Ann, 72,

Port Project Complete



Port of Chehalis Marks Completion of New Structure / Main 7 New License Plate



Interest in New Plate Celebrating Mount St. Helens Increases

Helens
Raker, James A., 72,
Ryderwood
Werner, Evelyn M., 81, Chehalis



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Time to Recycle Christmas Trees and Decorations



Trees ready for recycling are placed in a row before they are chipped Thursday afternoon at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station. The WSU Lewis County Master Recycler Composter and Master Gardener Programs will be collecting natural Christmas trees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day through Jan. 12 at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Ave. The trees and wreaths turned in will be chipped. A portion of the chips go to the City of Centralia for use in its biosolids composting program. Wreaths that are free of wire, ribbon and decorations are also accepted. All decorations and tinsel should be removed. No flocked or artificial trees will be accepted, but can be disposed of with regular garbage at the transfer station. Holiday lights and styrofoam can also be recycled.



Mary Jean Marsh talks about the life cycle of Christmas trees Thursday afternoon at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station.



Styrofoam is seen in a trailer ready to be hauled off Thursday afternoon at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station.

Razor Clam Digs Approved

By The Chronicle

Last week, the WDFW gave the go-ahead to a unique set of razor clam digging tides on coastal beaches. That two-way window of opportunity began with a one-day opening on Monday, Dec. 23, and then reopened from Thursday through Sunday the rest of the week.

Those digs were approved after marine toxin testing by the state Department of Health confirmed that the meaty mollusks are safe for consumption. The remaining digs in the set will take place on the following dates, tides, and beaches:

- Dec. 28, Saturday, 8:05 p.m., -0.6 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Dec. 29, Sunday, 8:43 p.m., -0.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

No digging will be allowed on any beach before noon.

In a press release, WDFW Coastal Shellfish Manager Dan Ayres explained that the tides have conspired to put the kibosh on the popular New Year's clam digging tradition this year.

We also avoided scheduling a dig on Christmas day or Christmas Eve, as we have found that past participation on those days is really light," noted Ayres. 'We are hoping more people will be able to participate by extending the dig further into the next weekend instead."

With nighttime digging required due to the timing of the low tide, Ayres added the following advice.

"Diggers want to be sure to come prepared with good lighting devices and always keep an eye on the surf, particularly at this time of year when low tides come at dusk and after dark," said the WDFW's resident Clam Man.

The next proposed round of razor clam digging (subject to marine toxin testing) would take place on the following dates, beaches and tides:

- Jan. 8, Wednesday, 5:05 p.m. -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Jan. 9, Thursday, 5:47 p.m. -0.8 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Jan. 10, Friday, 6:29 p.m. -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks
- Jan. 11, Saturday, 7:11 p.m. -1.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis
- Jan. 12, Sunday, 7:53 p.m. -1.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks • Jan. 13, Monday, 8:36 p.m.
- -1.2 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis • Jan. 14, Tuesday, 9:20 p.m.

-0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks Fifteen clams is the daily lim-

it per person, and all diggers age 15 and older are required to possess a fishing license. Any clam that's dug must be kept, regardless of size or condition, and individuals must carry their own harvest in a personal container.

Stolen Mail Found in Chehalis



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Michael Renshaw of the Chehalis Police Department responds to a call in an instance where mail from Centralia was ripped open and the discarded contents shoved inside a Chehails mailbox on Christmas.

The Weather Almanac

5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Sunday



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Data reported from Centralia

Yesterday's High 44

Normal High 45

Record Low 16 in 1948

Yesterday 0.01"

Normal month to date . . . 6.33"

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graphs to The Chronicle for our Voices page. Send them to voices@chronline.

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; pc/partly cloudy; r/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; sh/showers; sn/snow;

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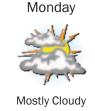
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Month to date ...



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Portland

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Tuesday



Wednesday

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Shown is today's weather. Temperature are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Forecast map for Dec. 28, 2019

National Map

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Honolulu	81/68	sh	82/70	sh	
Las Vegas	51/34	S	49/36	рс	
Nashville	69/62	mc	68/44	sh	
Phoenix	53/38	рс	56/39	рс	
St. Louis	61/56	sh	60/36	sh	
Salt Lake City	29/17	mc	31/24	SS	
San Francisco	55/47	рс	54/49	ra	
Washington, DC	54/42	рс	52/49	ra	

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Beijing	33/24 s	37/26 pc	Paris	44/40 mc	41/34 mc
London	47/42 cl	46/42 cl	Rio de Janeiro	78/73 s	78/73 s
Mexico City	73/58 pc	71/58 cl	Rome	53/40 s	48/34 s
Moscow	30/28 sn	25/21 cl	Sydney	92/62 s	99/66 pc



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Centralia Librarian Professes Her Love of Nature Through Papercut Art

UNIQUE: Muriel Wheatley's Work Currently on Display at Rectangle Gallery and Creative Space

By Ralph Mancini

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What began as a way for two long-distance lovers to feel like they were "in the same room together" five years ago has flourished into a successful collaboration between Muriel Wheatley and her beau, Levi Greenacres, as they've since produced nearly 75 intricate papercut creations, seven of which are currently being featured in Centralia's Rectangle Gallery and Creative Space.

"Back then, I was still living in Seattle. I was getting my master's for being a librarian and we didn't get to see each other very often," explained Wheatley, 35, who's been working as a supervisor at the Centralia Timberland Library for the past three years. "He would scan his drawings and email them to me and I would print them out, do the papercutting. We'd just go back and forth like that.'

Greenacres, a Portland-based tattooist and children's book illustrator in his early 40s, was reportedly an accomplished fulltime artist in his own right prior to collaborating with Wheatley in their long-distance venture, known as Lovebirds Paper.

Nowadays, Wheatley and Greenacres don't find themselves traveling as far to see each other, as the mileage gap has lessened between the two. But that hasn't affected their work in any way. In fact, it could be said that Lovebirds Paper creations have become even more prolific, with their pieces now regularly being displayed in galleries throughout Seattle and Portland.

This past summer, their pro-



Librarian and papercut artist Muriel Wheatley poses alongside the bronze statue of George and Mary Jane Washington at Centralia's George Washington Park.

ductions were featured in an exhibit titled "Animalibris" at the Second Story Gallery in Camas.

Over the past year or so, this artistic partnership has picked up steam, as evidenced by their ability to sell roughly half of their papercut projects, many of which are animal renderings, such as a popular piece showing a small fox sniffing a leafy flower.

"I think it's mainly drawing from what we find inspiring at any given point," said Wheatley, an Olympia native. "It started out as solely doing birds because we both are huge bird lovers. Then we started to push ourselves and and then we moved on to differ- on jewelry, such as silver pen- line at www.lovebirdspaper.com.

ent animals and different fish afterward, wanting to be more reflective of the northwest area. I wouldn't say so far that we had a specific message to send, except for making something beautiful to put in the world."

The representations of what Wheatley and Greenacres both respect, admire and find visually pleasing, include a sleeping fawn, swimming salmon, a majestic jellyfish, a happy toucan and an assortment of floral mixes.

Tiny versions of their paper-



This blue and gold jellyfish design is currently on display at the Rectangle Gallery in downtown Centralia.

SEE THE ART

Muriel Wheatley's work is currently on display at the Rectangle Gallery and Creative Space, which is located at 209 N. Tower Ave. in downtown

dants that can be worn on neck-

Wheatley said that it takes Greenacres about two hours to sketch out his drawing before scanning it over. As for the cutting end of the process, she estimated that it typically requires her between six and 10 hours to perform her precision trimming with her trusty X-ACTO knife.

Down the road, the Lovebirds Paper duo are hoping to gain an even wider audience by having their works showcased in major markets throughout the U.S., including Los Angeles, Chicago and New York City, to name a few.

The secret behind her ability to consistently churn out new designs despite holding down a demanding full-time job, she says, is due to her viewing her artistic endeavors as a hobby or labor of love.

"I feel like a healthy dose of patience is really important. When we started, there were lots of logistical things for us to figure out how to make successful art. It took us a long time to sell our first piece. We didn't come out of the gate (with) people ready to buy in; we really had to push it out there in the world," she said. "I think patience and giving yourself the time and space when you come home from your day job to even work an hour toward your craft makes a huge difference."

A catalogue of papercuts did portraits of different women, cuts have also been highlighted from the duo can be viewed on-



Muriel Wheatley and beau, Levi Greenacres have teamed up to create several pa-





State Awards Lewis County \$653,796 for Salmon Recovery Projects; \$26.1 Million Provided Statewide

By Celene Fitzgerald

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The Washington Salmon Recovery Funding Board recently awarded \$26.1 million in grants including \$653,796 for Lewis County — for projects designed to bring salmon back from the brink of extinction.

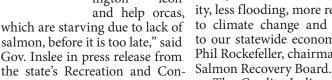
The grants were announced on Monday, Dec. 16.

The Salmon Recovery Board was created 20 years ago. Since then, 713 barriers to migrating fish have been corrected, 537 miles of streams have been conserved to promote a healthy salmon habitat, 48,500 acres of shorelines, estuaries, wetlands and other stream habitats have been restored and more than 17,700 acres of land along rivers, wetlands and estuaries have been cleared of invasive species, according to a press release.

Gov. Jay Inslee weighed in on the matter.

"The work being done across the state on salmon recovery is critical. These grants for onthe-ground projects will help us

els that allow tection and a robust fishery. We must do everything we can to restore this beloved Washgovernor ington and help orcas,



servation Office.

There are two projects being funded in Lewis County. A grant of \$599,828 was awarded to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe to restore habitat in the Cispus River and Yellowjacket Creek and \$53,968 was awarded to the Lewis Con-



for both pro- The Hogue Crossing of the Berwick Creek.

servation District to improve the

Berwick Creek Fish Passage. These grants create many other benefits for local communities, such as better water quality, less flooding, more resiliency to climate change and a boost to our statewide economy," said Phil Rockefeller, chairman of the

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is partnering with the U.S. Forest Service to restore about .3 mile of the Yellowjacket Creek and the Cispus River near the Cispus Learning Center, according to a document released by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The Chinook and coho salmon and

steelhead trout are the species of fish that are listed as threatened with extinction, according to the Endangered Species Act.

Some of the specific projects the tribe plans to complete include changing the flow of the river to create pools in the water, placing wood structures in the river and creek to slow down erosion and to create a place for the fish to rest, hide from predators and feed, planting native trees and shrubs to shade the water and providing insects for the fish to eat off of dropped leaves or branches. The Chronicle could not reach with the Cowlitz In-

deadline.

The other portion of the grant money awarded in Lewis County is the \$53,968 to the Lewis Conservation District which will go toward funding a project to improve the Berwick Creek Fish Passage, which is used by coho salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. The project is currently only about a third of the way funded so the Lewis Conservation District is planning to apply for a Chehalis Fishery Restoration Program grant for \$99,000, said Bob Amrine, the district manager with the Lewis Conservation District. Applications for dian Tribe for comment before the grant are due Feb. 3. Amrine

"It's hindering migration so it's slowing production of the salmon because there's not enough adults that can get to the upper watershed to lay their eggs or build their nests."

> **Bob Amrine** Lewis Conservation District

said if the grant is secured they can start work on the project in

The main problem with the creek the project aims to fix are two undersized culverts that need to be removed and replaced. The plan is to replace one of the culverts with a bridge and restore the other, stated a document from the Salmon Recovery Board. It is common for culverts to block fish migration because they are too steep or too small.

"It's hindering migration so it's slowing production of the salmon because there's not enough adults that can get to the upper watershed to lay their eggs or build their nests ... It's lowering the sustainability of the amount of fish in that stream because they can't get back up to that food source," said Amrine.

The Lewis Conservation District also plans to place wood structures in the water to slow erosion and to create an area for fish to feed, rest and hide from predators.

"The wood changes the flow of the river, creating riffles and pools, which give salmon more varied habitat," stated a document from the Salmon Recovery

Amrine said the Lewis Conservation District has three conservation projects that are currently partially funded.

"It's just a game we play to try to get enough money to get as many projects on the ground as we can," he said.

News in Brief

Public Hearing Scheduled for Potential Change in Thurston County Code

By The Chronicle

The Thurston County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7, to accept public testimony on proposed amendments to the county development code.

The proposal would make non-phased subdivision projects eligible for a one-time, three-year extension. The current code limits those projects to a one-time, one-year extension. Phased subdivision projects would be eligible for a two-year extension for each phase of the project up to a maximum of 10 years total.

If adopted, chapters 18.08 and 18.12 of the Thurston County Code would be amended to change the structure and length of preliminary plat extensions. The proposal does not include changes to the process for approving preliminary plat extensions. Detailed information about the proposal is available on the county website at: https:// www.thurstoncountywa.gov/ planning/Pages/devcode-platextensions.aspx.

Those unable to provide spoken testimony can submit written comments no later than 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan.7, to Associate Planner Ian Lefcourte at ian.lefcourte@ co.thurston.wa.us or hand deliver or mail them to Thurston County Community Planning and Economic Development, ATTN: Ian Lefcourte, associate planner, Thurston County Courthouse, Building 1, Second Floor, Building Development Center, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia.

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT **Tools Stolen From Shop**

• At 8:54 a.m. on Monday, a burglary was reported in the 2000 block of Industrial Drive in Centralia. Power tools were

Protection Order Violated

• At 11:20 a.m. on Monday, police responded to a report of a violation of a protection order in the 1400 block of Lewis Street in Centralia. A court summons was issued for a 54-year-old Centralia man.

Home Burglarized

• At 5:54 p.m. on Monday, a burglary was reported at a home in the 600 block of West Main

Juvenile Suspects Arrested in Centralia on Suspicion of **Chehalis Theft**

• At 11:50 p.m. on Monday, officers received a report of a theft in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue in Chehalis. A deputy with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office found the suspect's vehicle, which fled. Centralia police units deployed spike strips, ending the pursuit. Two juvenile suspects were arrested by the sheriff's office.

Hit and Runs

- At 7:12 p.m. on Tuesday, a hit and run was reported at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and Johnson Road.
- At 1:55 p.m. on Wednesday, a hit and run was reported in the 500 block of South King Street.
- At 1:09 p.m. on Thursday, a hit and run was reported at the intersection of West Reynolds Avenue and Pearl Street.

Assault Reported

• At 9:50 a.m. on Monday, an assault was reported over the weekend in the 300 block of Spruce Street.

Vehicle Prowl

• At 1:05 p.m. on Tuesday, a vehicle prowl was reported

Death Notices

- WILLIAM ARTHUR HEDGERS, 69, of Napavine, died at his residence on Nov. 23, 2019. A service was held on Dec. 27. Arrangements are under the care of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel in Toledo.
- MARY ANN FULLMAN, 72, Centralia, died at her residence on Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2019. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Funeral Alternatives of Washington.
- MARTIN K. PERROTT, 79, Chehalis, died Sunday, Dec. 8, at his home. A funeral service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- VERNIE R. MAGGARD, 82, Morton, died Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Heritage House, Morton. Services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- JAMES A. BAKER, 72, Ryderwood, died Monday, Dec. 23, at his home. Services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- EVELYN M. WERNER, 81, Chehalis, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, at Providence Centralia Hospital. Services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.
- BENNY M. FLYNN, 70, Ethel, died Wednesday, Dec. 25, at his home. Services are pending at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

Corrections

In Thursday's edition of the The Chronicle in the story titled 'Mossyrock Teen Catches Flying Bug," the town in which Timothy Bowes took his first flight was misstated. The flight was taken in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

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in the 1000 block of Eckerson Road. A person reported items were stolen from their vehicle overnight.

Centralia Suspect Arrested on Assault Charge

• At 1:36 p.m. on Tuesday, police responded to the 100 block of Jalyn Street and arrested Thadius R. Richardson, 29, of Centralia, on suspicion of fourth-degree assault, domestic

Sam passed away at Swedish

hospital, Friday, Dec. 6, 2019,

due to a complication that

developed after heart surgery

Nov. 26, 2019. He was born in

Deer Lodge County, Anaconda,

Mont., to Helen Lucille Shafer

and Claude Mitchell "Hap"

McReynolds, March 11, 1951.

Sam joined sisters, Beatrice

and Carol Ann. When he was

two, he moved with his sisters

and his mom to Centralia to

join his maternal grandparents.

Later, the family moved to

Chehalis, where Sam started

began to work for CC White

Paint Center. He worked after

school, weekends and holidays.

In high school, he went to

work for Pioneer West Feed

and Plant Nursery in Centralia

and followed the same diligent

work pattern in order to save

enough money for college, on

which he had set his sights. To

save money and stay close to

1437 South Gold St.,

Centralia, WA 98531.

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When Sam was 13, he

and completed his schooling.

Trespass Suspect Cited

• At 10:44 a.m. on Wednesday, police responded to the 1800 block of Cooks Hill Road and cited Felicia A. Mader, 34, of Centralia, on suspicion of criminal trespass.

Suspects Arrested on Meth Charges, Warrants

• At 7:13 p.m. on Wednesday, police responded to the 500 block of South Tower Avenue and arrested Jayson L. Hart, 36, of Centralia, on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding felony warrant.

• At 3:17 a.m. on Thursday, police responded to the 700 block of North Tower Avenue and arrested Michael C. Witzel, 70, of Chehalis, on suspicion of possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding warrant.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SAM MCREYNOLDS

home for the first two years, Sam attended Centralia Junior College. He received his associate of arts degree and transferred to Washington State University, where he completed his bachelor of science degree and added a master of science.

He began to work for Bureau of Land Management in 1977, in Grand Junction, Colo. He began as a Range Conservationist and worked his way through the Bureau. He retired as the Communications and Information Officer for BLM, State of Wyoming in 2011. During his high school and college years, he enjoyed hiking, biking, skiing and camping, which he continued after his move to Colorado and added fishing and golfing, among other things. When he moved to Wyoming, he added his stepsons and volunteering for Cheyenne's Frontier Days to his interests. When he retired from the Bureau and moved back home to Chehalis in 2011, he became an active member of Lewis County Master Lewis Gardeners, County Model Railroad Club and Lewis County Genealogical Society. Sam collected stamps, coins and memories. Sam loved his life, his family, and his friends. He loved to travel and discover

new places. Sam was not ready to leave this life behind, and he will be sorely missed by so

He was preceded in death by his father, Claude McReynolds; stepdad, Jack Lutz; mom, Helen Lucille Lutz; sister, Bea Beresford; and dear friends, Roger Lawrence, Mike Sartain and Bob Richeson.

Sam leaves behind his beloved wife, Allyson; stepson, Aaron Myhre (Kristen); Gavin Myhre; grandson, stepdaughter, Hayley Myhre (Daniel Ayotte); stepson, Theo Kanbe (Kaci Nicks); stepson, Nate Kanbe (Karsten); sister, Carol Wright; niece, Jennifer Chandler (Vern); great-niece, Marissa Gilmon; nephew, Jim Gilmon (Christine); greatnephew, Eli Gilmon; and greatniece, Mya Gilmon; niece, Donna Abbott (Larry); his cousins, David Cole (Rhonda), Brian Cole (Teena), Sue Lucas (Robert) and their children; and so many wonderful friends.

like would Sam remembrances to go to Habitat for Humanity, Doctors without Borders, or Planned Parenthood. A celebration of life will be held sometime in March.

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Glenn Edwin Palmer passed away peacefully Dec. 20, 2019, at Centralia Providence Hospital, losing in his 16 year struggle with cancer, with his partner, Lois Gibson lovingly at his side. He was born to Cecil and Elsie (Osborn) Palmer in Galvin, Wash., Feb. 22, 1936.

Both of Glenn's parents and his brother, Ken Palmer (Alene), passed before him. He was married to Delphine (Hoffman) Palmer, who bore him his only child, Mark Palmer (Ellen). Glenn was later married to Helyn (Good) Palmer. Both Helyn and Delphine passed before him. In Glenn's last few years, he found joy, love and happiness with Lois Gibson.

He is survived by Lois;



sister. Fave Spencer (Earl): son. Mark; grandchildren, Nicholas Palmer (Lindsay) and Jessica Melby (Bert); three greatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cancer has had an outsized impact on the Palmer family and their friends. Glenn discovered his bladder cancer when he was being screened for prostate cancer because his son, Mark had recently been diagnosed with prostate cancer in December of 2002. Glenn's grandson is currently battling a rare juvenile cancer and is enrolled in a clinical trial. Brother-in-law, Norm Morris passed away from bladder cancer complications as well. A nephew's wife is currently battling breast cancer which has returned after decades of being cancer free. Mark's wife was recently treated for breast cancer as well. This year has also seen the mother of a close friend of Mark's suffer recurrence of cervical cancer after 40 years of remission, and the loss of one of his closest friends and West Point classmate, to Acute Myeloid Leukemia. With this perspective in mind, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer



Society, or the hospital and cancer fighting charity of your choice, in memory of Glenn and of others that have lost the battle with cancer, and for all those still fighting this horrible disease. We need to find a cure!

At Glenn's request, there will be no memorial service, but there will be a gathering and sharing of memories at his favorite Friday night place, Dick's Brewing Company, 3516 Galvin Rd., Centralia, WA 98531, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020. Come share your favorite Glenn story with the family and tip a beer in his honor. Lois, Mark, Faye and the family are sure there are many stories they have not yet heard, and would love to hear

Glenn's remains will be interred at Claquato Cemetary (no services), resting alongside Helyn and adjacent to Delphine. To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries.

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Swimmers Will Unite for Centralia Thorbeckes 10K Swim on New Year's Day

By Celene Fitzgerald

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The Thorbeckes New Year's 10K Swim is back for its third year and it is open to all Thorbeckes members and nonmembers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m on Wednesday, Jan. 1.

The 10K swim is described by Erin McPeak, the event organizer, as a group-led swim practice during which swimmers can challenge themselves to reach a new personal distance goal. She said the event is family-friendly and everyone is welcome to enjoy the holiday and watch their loved ones swim.

McPeak told The Chronicle that when she lived in Indiana, her swim team put on the 10K swim event on New Year's Day and she missed it here in Centralia so she decided to start the event locally herself.

"The New Year's 10K is a group-led swim practice which brings swimmers together from Washington and Oregon to challenge themselves, meet fellow swimmers that share the same passion and celebrate the New Year," she said.

The swim lasts three hours and 20 minutes. Based on the endurance and speed of each individual swimmer, he or she will swim how ever many laps they can within two-minute intervals and switch off with their five to



six other lane mates for the dura- individuals can win prizes that tion of the event.

There is an entry fee of \$20 for Thorbeckes members and \$30 for nonmembers. The deadline to sign up and pay the entry fee is Dec. 31. Signups are handled at ics reception desk. There were 30 swimmers signed up as of Thursday out of a maximum of 35.

There will be a raffle where

were donated by Fiddlers Coffee and McMenamins Olympic Club. McPeak said that she and her family caters a large spread of food every year after the swim for all swimmers, family and the Centralia Thorbeckes Aquat- friends. This year the theme is Mexican food with a chocolate fountain and many treats to dip.

"The post-swim gathering allows the swimmers celebrate

their accomplishment, the New Year and socialize with their fellow lane mates," said McPeak.

There will also be a collection of pet items that will be donated to the Lewis County Animal Shelter. Some of the items that are most needed are unopened dry and wet dog and cat food, treats and toys.

"The Centralia community has been extremely supportive

and excited to see the New Year's swimming tradition continue. Last year we had four sponsors and this year I am proud to announce that we have 14 sponsors," said McPeak.

The sponsors of this year's Thorbeckes New Year's 10K swim are Mason Engineering, Stephanie Sampson with Best Choice Realty, TWIM Swim Team, Breathe Easy Massage & Structural Integration, U.S.A. Painting & Construction with Hugo Nevins, Wilson & Wilson Dentistry, Academy Mortgage Corporation with Travis Wentworth, Ash & Roberts, DDS, Black Dog Pottery, Thorbeckes Athletic Člub, Fiddlers Coffee, McMenamins Olympic Club, Centralia Physical Therapy and Chehalis Physical Therapy.

McPeak said Breathe Easy Massage & Structural Integration will be offering complimentary massages for the swimmers.

McPeak is no stranger to being in the water and will be participating in the event.

I started competitive swimming when I was 5 years old so I have been on swim teams for 35 years. Currently I still compete at the USMS National level," she said.

Swimmers may use fins, paddles, kickboards, pull buoy or snorkels if needed. For more information on the event contact Erin McPeak at emcpeak@gmail. com or at 317-608-9742.

The Evergreen State College Is Overhauling its Academic Programs to Address Enrollment

By Hannah Furfaro

The Seattle Times

As an undergraduate at The Evergreen State College in the 1970s, John Calambokidis took advantage of the university's alternative approach.

He spent most of his time working independently or on group projects, and worked under two National Science Foundation grants. After graduating in 1978, he launched a research nonprofit called Cascadia Research.

"I was one of the students who benefited from the high degree of freedom that Evergreen encouraged," Calambokidis said.

But that flexibility isn't for everybody — and starting next semester, students will be able to choose from 11 "paths" that give them a clearer road to a career. Choosing a path isn't required for graduation. But their creation marks a drastic change from the current structure, which gives students leeway to chart their own academic journey through

the changes are meant to reverse a steep drop in enrollment. Evergreen's enrollment began steadily declining in 2010, in line with a national trend of falling enrollment at liberal arts colleges. But deep unrest at Evergreen in 2017, when student protests erupted over a series of complex racerelated issues, attracted negative national attention; Evergreen's enrollment has since plummeted about 27 percent, to 2,854 students this fall from just over 3,900 students in 2017. The university is also trying other strategies, such as raising more money for scholarships and launching a new program for first-year students, The Olympian recently reported.

In 1967, then-Gov. Dan Evans and the state Legislature founded Evergreen, a public liberal arts college based in Olympia, as an experiment: Students don't get grades and they don't have majors. The college's flexible curriculum has allowed faculty to plan their courses anew

Officials acknowledge that faculty can create a class dedicated to studying it.

The creation of formalized paths, college officials said, will make Evergreen's offerings more predictable. Faculty will plan many courses and programs several years in advance so students can more easily map out their schedules.

The change, officials said, is a direct response to student attitudes about Evergreen. A recent student survey, for instance, found that some are satisfied with Evergreen's structure. But several asked for additional independent study options, more information about future class offerings or better coordination within academic disciplines.

College leaders want the new paths, which are tied to careers in agriculture, the arts, science and politics, to send a message of renewal: that Evergreen is a serious academic institution and responsive to student opinions.

again, which is the way we roll," an ever-changing set of courses each year. If a significant politi- said Sandra Kaiser, Evergreen's curriculum. A few years before, away from the academic philoso-

The college's course catalog will outline the paths so students can more easily visualize how courses fit together. Unlike majors, the paths don't include a set of required courses or programs. And students aren't required to

'declare" a path.

The creation of more structured academic programs is a long time coming. Calambokidis said he remembers talk of a similar concept back in the 1970s. And some of the arts and sciences disciplines have long had a pathlike structure, said Laurie Meeker, who said she has worked at Evergreen since 1989 and teaches media studies and film production.

The paths formalize this and, "make what we do at Evergreen more coherent and visible," she

More serious conversations about the paths began around 2016, said Krishna Chowdary, who teaches physics and math ulty governance committee on

study of students who had transferred out. According to Chowdary, many students said it wasn't clear how Evergreen would help them achieve their goals.

"Because we were surveying students who had left the institution, it was a really powerful signal," he said. One serious problem, he said: Students yearned to do advanced coursework but couldn't figure out how to do it at Evergreen.

The new paths signal which courses are introductory, intermediate and advanced, said Elizabeth Williamson, who teaches English literature.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, a New York-based philanthropic organization, awarded Evergreen a series of grants totaling \$800,000 to launch the paths. The concept was incorporated into the faculty's collective bargaining agreement in 2018.

Not everyone is enthusiastic, though. Michael Zimmerman, "It's just a way of innovating yet and is a former leader of a fac- Evergreen's provost from 2011 to 2016, sees the paths as moving



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Port of Chehalis to Mark Completion of \$1.8 Million McBride Court Project

By The Chronicle

ing the public to attend a ribboncutting ceremony for its \$1.8 million 105 McBride Court Project.

The event will take place at 12:15 p.m. Jan. 3.

According to a press release from the port, the project was intended to construct several affordable, flexible spaces suitable for small businesses and startups in the fields of industrial, manufacturing, technology and "value-added agriculture industries."

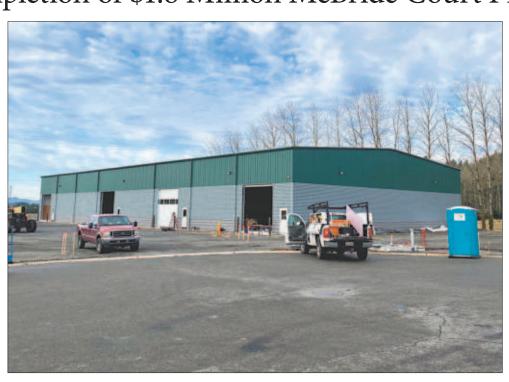
Work at the site began in 2018 with construction of the building beginning last September. The \$1.8 million project was funded by the Port of Chehalis, the Lewis County Distressed County Fund and the TransAlta Economic and Community Development Board.

"For years, the port has oper-The Port of Chehalis is invitated with a 100 percent occupancy rate and no vacant space," Port of Chehalis CEO Randy Mueller said in the press release. "The downside to that success has been having to turn away potential new tenants looking to locate their businesses in the Chehalis Industrial Park. With this building, we now have a supply of new, modern spaces sized for small businesses at very attractive lease rates designed to boost small companies and startups."

While some spaces are still available in the building, about half of the spaces have already been leased.

The port encourages those interested in occupying the building to contact the port.

Visit portofchehalis.com for more information.



Port of Chehalis / Courtesy Photo The Port of Chehalis is inviting the public to a ribboncutting ceremony for the recently completed McBride Court Project.

Reminder: Smoking Age Raised to 21 in Washington Starting Jan. 1

By The Chronicle

Starting Wednesday, Jan. 1, it will no longer be legal in Washington to sell tobacco and vapor products to anyone under 21 years old.

The law was changed through engrossed House Bill 1074.

The rates of young people vaping are alarming," said Schelli Slaughter, Thurston cial Services Director. "Raising the age of sale for tobacco and vapor products to 21 will reduce the number of kids who develop a lifelong addiction to nicotine and save lives."

According to Thurston County Public Health, an increasing number of youths are using vapor products with nicotine. One

County Public Health and So- in three Thurston County high fore they turn 21," a press release school seniors and one in five county 10th graders use vapor products, according to the 2018 Healthy Youth Survey. Kids who vape are at an increased risk to start cigarette smoking.

> "Raising the legal age of sale will help protect young people by preventing them from getting tobacco and vapor products be

from Thurston County states.

" Nearly all people who smoke begin smoking before age 21while their brains are particularly vulnerable to the effects of nicotine—and most young people get tobacco and nicotine products from peers in their social networks who can legally buy them."

Washingtonians can get free help to quit smoking or vaping by contacting the Washington State Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW or by accessing a smartphone app a twww. doh.wa.gov/quit. Parents and schools can find more information about how to address youth atwww.youthnow.me/ vaping schools.

Renters Tricked by Fake Listings

By Jack Heffernan

The Columbian

Shortly after answering the door to her house in October, Margaret Moses was equally as confused as her visitor, who had rent paperwork in hand.

"He said, 'Oh, you're not the guy I've been talking to," Moses

The man had seen a Craigslist post claiming that the house between Vancouver's Lincoln locally, authorities say. But the and Northwest neighborhoods was for rent, said Moses, 77. He didn't, however, submit any form of payment.

But two weeks later, another

man knocked on Moses's door making a similar claim. This time, the visitor said he'd had paid \$6,700 to an East Coast bank account after communicating over the phone and through text messages. He later reported it to the Clark County Sheriff's Office, which is still investigating, Sgt. Fred Nieman said in an email.

'After the transaction, the victim didn't hear from the advertiser again, and attempts to contact him were ignored," Nie-

Such scams appear to be rare sheriff's office and Vancouver Police Department have each taken one case in recent months that were similar in nature.

"I just can't believe somebody

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could fall for that," Moses said. Vancouver police's case came Nov. 7 on the 2500 block of F Street in the Arnada neighbor-

The victim paid a \$1,000 deposit after finding an online listing and was only communicating with the scammer through text, Vancouver Police Department spokeswoman Kim Kapp said. When the victim arrived at the house — which was unoccupied at the time and had a lock box — for a tour, the scammer wasn't there.

Police contacted the property owner, who has since rented the house legitimately through a property management group. The owner was unaware of the misleading online listing. The scammer hasn't been identified, and the

case remains under investigation.

Kapp said there are several red flags that can tip people off managers and rental prices that listing website.

are lower than other comparable properties.

An estimated 43.1 percent of to scams: rental ads on uncon- renters have encountered a listventional websites, requirement ing they suspected was frauduof up-front deposits without lent, according to a 2018 report meeting landlords or property from Apartment List, a rental

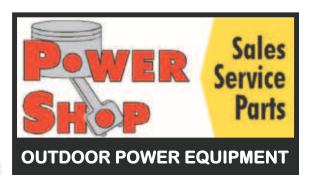


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Eric Schwartz, Regional Executive Editor

Expel Rep. Matt Shea From the State Legislature

The News Tribune Editorial Board

Any reason to withhold judgment about state Rep. Matt Shea's place in the Legislature is gone. Washington's House of Representatives should vote to expel Shea as soon as it convenes in January.

The explosive findings of a House-commissioned investigation show that Shea is not fit to serve. In a 108-page report, the investigator, a former FBI agent, documents Shea's flagrant disregard for American justice and civil society to a degree that cannot be tolerated. The report finds Shea carried out domestic terrorism and concludes that he

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"presents a present and growing threat of risk to others through political violence."

Spokane Valley voters have elected Shea six times by wide margins and must be respected. Shea has presented himself to them and Legislative colleagues with a veneer of respectability as an articulate lawyer, veteran and former Republican caucus official who reflected the values of his conservative district. This polished facade belies his long history as a nationalist zealot for

His elected-official credential bolsters his work supporting

dangerous fringe groups. He has advocated violence and orchestrated insurrections against federal governance, according to the report. No matter how Shea comports himself within the Legislative Building, his behavior beyond it is too heinous

Expulsion rightly is rare. The only expulsion in 130 years of Washington history involved a sex crime. Shea's actions deserve this extreme response. His reprehensible activities span years and state lines, including participation in armed standoffs against federal authorities in Oregon, Nevada and Idaho.

His role in the eastern Or-

egon uprising in 2015 is particularly galling, according to the report. Eyewitness accounts and emails from Shea himself show he coordinated the six-week occupation of federal lands that included one death and dozens of arrests. The following year, Shea claimed in a House ethics investigation he only appeared at the standoff on a "fact-finding mission."

This is not about free speech. Shea's anti-government activities promote bloodshed. The report has been turned over to the FBI and should be taken up by the Washington State Bar Association as well. Shea's crusading for violent defiance of federal law

runs against both his oath as an attorney and state Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers.

The House of Representatives should unite across party lines against this behavior. House Minority Leader J.T. Wilcox, R-Yelm, has already suspended Shea from the GOP caucus and called for him to resign. Yet, the seriousness of Shea's wrongdoing requires stronger action. Shea, defiant as ever, does not deserve the privilege of choice.

Wilcox and incoming Speaker of the House Laurie Jinkins, D-Tacoma, should work together to remove him from office. Shea is unfit to serve in Washington's statehouse.

COMMENTARY: Hills and Valleys

Resolve to Support Our Community in the New Year

"Citizenship is a kind of friendship, a mutual commitment to share the public project of our nation. We certainly dis-

agree, debate, and try to win arguments as well as elections. But in all this we need to have the moral and spiritual generosity to enter into our adversaries' ways of thinking,



if but for a moment. We're in this American project together. We need to accompany each other, even as we contest for the future."

- R.R. Reno

I'm not much for predictions, but it's pretty safe to look forward and see lots of division in the year ahead.

My side is good, your side is bad — that kind of thing.

Unfortunately, this oldfashioned "divide and conquer" political calculation has become much sharper and jagged in recent years. Now the other side isn't just wrong, or even bad the other side is portrayed as evil and out to destroy everything that we hold dear.

In most cases, that's an incorrect and destructive way to ap proach things. It can help to win elections, though, so it's become a standard, corrosive part of our electoral culture these days.

Winning elections is important, of course, but today's scorched earth politics doesn't leave much left for the winners to celebrate having won — nor for the losers (who'll come out on top again eventually) to nourish themselves with besides bitterness and further division.

So for 2020, I'm going in the opposite direction. My resolution is to find what unites us, and strengthen that.

It starts at the local level. All

good things do.

We're blessed with countless small groups that are dedicated to preserving, promoting and enhancing some aspect of our shared good life. I did a quick search on nonprofits in just one local ZIP code and came up with 167 of them, from the Adna Booster Club (a shout out to two of its leaders: Patrick Richardson and Jodi Weilander) to the Young Professionals of Lewis County (and big thanks to its listed leaders on the state database: Trevor Elliott, Amanda Hubbert-Smith and Laura Six).

Every one of those groups depends on people just like you and me. People who give of their time, labor, money and general good cheer to keep going the

things that we really want to keep around.

Not only do these groups help keep our community strong, they also provide an opportunity for us to work alongside other people of goodwill whose life experiences and perspectives are different than

By rubbing shoulders with our neighbors, we can better understand the reasons that we might have different ideas on what's best for our nation on the big-picture political ideas. Rather than the shouting heads on cable news or the insipid falsehoods shared on social media, we can talk and maybe even understand people who have heartfelt reasons for supporting a different candidate or direction for our state and nation. And so, as we all consider our

New Year's resolutions for selfimprovement, let's also consider self-distribution. How can you give of yourself in the days and months ahead?

When you do right by your community, you'll have a great time by getting involved. I

Find an activity you find valuable and volunteer. Find a group you support and join. We need doers and joiners, builders and fixers if this community, this nation, this society is going to prosper and grow — or even endure.

If you don't have a group in mind, I'd strongly encourage you to volunteer in your local school. It'll take filling out a page of paperwork, but it's worth it.

Just sitting with kindergartners and reading to them (or slowly sounding out words with first or second graders who are a little behind grade level) is incredibly important and richly

I suspect you'll come out of your local school with a mix of emotions. You'll feel heartened by the great work going on in there. You'll be concerned by the rough home life that so many students are struggling to overcome. And most of all, you'll be thrilled with the ways that you helped a child have a better day, and maybe even a better life.

My goal for this year is simply to be worthy of the blessings I enjoy, and to do my part to keep them strong for those who will come after us. I encourage you to join me in this quest.

That's a recipe for a happy, successful, and worthwhile 2020.

Brian Mittge would love to hear how you're planning to become more involved in our community in the year ahead. Drop him a line at brianmittge@hotmail.com.



Federal Space Push Is an Opportunity for Washington

The Seattle Times Editorial Board

The new federal Space Force received just \$40 million in the \$738 billion defense budget that Congress recently approved.

That amount is as comical as the name Space Force, which sounds like something from a low-budget sci-fi movie.

But that belies serious effort and spending the federal government is now devoting to space activities. Snickering aside, this should renew Washington state efforts to be sure its universities, workers and growing cluster of space companies play substantial roles in these national investments.

While creating a new military branch for space is a concept in progress, the Pentagon plans to spend more than \$65 billion between 2019 and 2023 to acquire space systems for national security, commerce and homeland security. Included are upgrades and defense of satellites used for communications and global positioning.

That coincides with a surge of commercial space efforts and a renewed federal push for human spaceflight. President Donald Trump spurred the latter with a 2017 directive to return humans to the moon for long-term exploration, followed by missions to Mars and other destinations. Then in March he accelerated the "Artemis" Moon program, moving the lunarlanding deadline up from 2028 to 2024, though such programs

are notorious for delays. In addition to the militaryspace spending, Congress bud-

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geted \$22.6 billion for NASA in 2020, up \$1.1 billion from 2019. Some of that is coming to Washington.

'This will translate into more activity for us," said Kristi Morgansen, chair of the University of Washington's Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics. She also codirects a new space policy and research center that held its debut symposium in December.

Boeing no longer has a space program based in its hometown, but other space companies in the Puget Sound region employ more than 6,000 people. They include Blue Origin, Jeff Bezos' Kent-based space venture that's a NASA partner on the Artemis program. Blue Origin is also seeking to participate in upcoming military space launches, which received \$1.2 billion in funding for 2020.

Propulsion components for Artemis will be built and managed by Aerojet Rocketdyne's Redmond operation, which has more than 400 employees. It's a pillar of an Eastside space cluster that also includes satellite development teams of SpaceX and now Amazon.com.

Morgansen's department at UW was formed a century ago with support from Boeing. It's also a major recipient of military spending; she estimates 80 to 85 percent of its faculty and researchers receive defense

Yet the department remains relatively small. It graduates about 72 bachelor's students per

year, but there's demand for at least 120 spots a year. There's also potential for more collaboration with industry and successful entrepreneurs, similar to how the UW computer-science program fostered and benefited from the software industry's phenomenal growth.

The state Department of Commerce office supporting aerospace is exploring ways to increase support of existing and new space companies. That could include research incentives and new education programs, as suggested by a 2018 Puget Sound Regional Council study outlining opportunities in the growing space economy.

As the nation increases space investment, legislators and Gov. Jay Inslee should nurture and grow space research, development and manufacturing in Washington, building on its historical leadership in aerospace and software.

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More Students in Washington Are Taking College Courses in High School, But Cost Keeps Many Low-Income Kids Out

By Neal Morton

The Seattle Times

Dual-credit programs, which allow high-school students to take college-level courses, have a lot of appeal. But who are they helping?

Ideally, the courses, such as Advanced Placement or Running Start, expose and prepare students for the rigor of college-level coursework. If the students pass the class or score high enough on an exam, they can earn college credit and save money on tuition in the future. They could also graduate from college sooner.

Despite the goal of expanding access to college for all students, a new report from the state superintendent's office suggests that's not happening for families who can't afford dual-credit programs now — let alone college tuition down the road. And that's prompted state schools chief Chris Reykdal to float a bill that would make dual-credit coursework free for every student in Washington by 2023.

"The data is clear: Some students are more likely to have access to dual-credit options than others."

excerpt from recent report

free or reduced-price lunch, a common barometer for family poverty, were about half as likely to participate in dual-credit than their peers, Reykdal noted.

"There's something about financial resources that's causing a financial barrier, but we think we can eliminate that," he added.

According to the new report, only about 1 in 4 high schoolers who qualified for subsidized meals took a dual-credit class this year. That's up from about 19% in 2015, but still well below a participation rate of 43 percent among students who don't come from low-income families.

The state superintendent's office found similar gaps for Students who are eligible for most students of color, English

learners, homeless and migrant students and students with disabilities.

"The data is clear: Some stucess to dual-credit options than others," the report reads.

ers can take two types of dualcredit programs: Exam-based programs, such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate, which require students to take a test at the end of the course and potentially earn college credit with a high enough score; or concurrent enrollment, with students earning both high-school and college credit when they complete a college-level class.

comes with costs and fees that students and their families must pay out of pocket. In total, Reykdal's office estimates families paid nearly \$59 million for their students to participate in dualcredit programs.

The state tallied that number in response to House Bill 1109, which tasked Reykdal's office with studying how Washington can make dual enrollment costfree to students. The only catch? Lawmakers don't want to fork dents are more likely to have ac- over any new money to cover the \$59 million tab.

'We're not going to ask for In Washington, high school- more money for this," Reykdal

> Instead, during next year's legislative session, his office will lobby for a bill to require school districts, colleges and universities to fully cover the cost of dual credit for students and their families by 2023.

> The proposal comes at a time when Washington has invested much more in expanding access to college for all students.

Earlier this year, Gov. Jay In-

program, however, slee signed into a law a sweeping higher-education bill that will cut the cost of tuition — or make it free — for low- and medianincome students. It's expected to reach up to 110,000 students. And in Seattle, seniors at any public high school have until Feb. 15 to apply for free tuition at three of the city's community colleges.

Virginia Barry, policy and government affairs manager for the education-advocacy group Stand for Children, said she hasn't heard much resistance to Reykdal's new proposal so far. And she noted some school districts already make dual-credit free for all students.

'They just cover the costs. They just do it," Barry said.

Still, she made a distinction between offering cost-free courses to any student who wants it and having enough adults working in schools to help students navigate those programs. That's why, in the upcoming January legislative session, her organization will push to make sure there are more counselors for each stu-

News in Brief

Clark County Pub Waitress Gets Big Tip From Generous Patrons

By Jack Heffernan The Columbian

For the past seven years, Candace Brown, a single mother and waitress at Mill Creek Pub in Battle Ground, has sorted tips at the restaurant's server's station. But when she approached a table Dec. 19, a much larger than normal gratuity awaited her -\$1,500 in cash.

"Obviously, I was in shock," Brown said.

The idea for the tip started with a group of 18 friends, many of whom are also mothers, said Kelsey Chappelle of Hockinson. Kathryn Tilkin, also of Hockinson, had seen a Facebook post in which another server was given a similar tip. Tilkin shared the post, asking her friends if they would like to do something similar for someone in the Clark County community.

"I most definitely knew that I was in and wanted to participate," Chappelle said. "We definitely wanted to see the most hardworking person rewarded, especially around the holidays."

Chappelle contacted Russell Brent, owner of Mill Creek Pub where the group often meets. Brent suggested Brown, a single mother with a 17-year-old daughter, Grace.

"She has had to make it on her own and really is a wonderful person," Brent said.

As she headed toward the server's table, Brown became suspicious when she saw Brent with a camera in his hand. Nonetheless, she stepped toward the server's station and noticed several \$100 bills.

"What is this?" Brown said with a puzzled look to Brent.

Brown then read a Christmas card that said, "Keep the change," along with a few other notes. She then returned to the dining area and, with tears in her eyes, hugged the patrons.

I had fun serving them, and they were a wonderful group of ladies," Brown said. "I was very

grateful."

Brent handed the diners \$25 gift cards to the pub, asking them to pay it forward. The pub owner said in the 40 years he's worked in the restaurant business, larger tips typically top out at \$50 or \$100.

"I've never seen anything of this magnitude," Brent said. "It just blows me away."

Brown split much of the tip with her daughter, another teenage girl and another single mother, who were also waitressing that day. She also gave some to a single mother who lives near Mill Creek Pub.

"You think about yourself, and you think, 'I don't deserve something like that," Brown said. As for her own share of the

"It's going straight into my savings account for a while, Brown said.

Pierce County Settles Domestic Violence Shooting Death Lawsuit for \$3 Million

By Alexis Krell

The News Tribune

Pierce County has settled a lawsuit for \$3 million that accused sheriff's deputies of improperly handling a domestic violence situation that ended with a man killing his wife in 2015.

Regina Annas, 33, was fatally shot by her husband April 17, 2015. He also shot and injured her friend, then killed himself at the Annas' home in Prairie Ridge.

The injured friend, Regina Annas' estate and her son sued Pierce County last year. They alleged sheriff's deputies put a handgun in the possession of 40-year-old David Annas after they served him with a protection order his wife had gotten and that hours later he used that gun on his wife, her friend and

"Before leaving, David told the deputies he was worried Regina a firearm, and despite the fact that David was a known, violent individual who had threatened to murder his wife Regina -- the

deputies inexplicably placed the handgun and loaded magazine David Annas' possession upon his request."

neys representing Pierce County in the case, said in a statement: "This lawsuit followed a tragic incident where a Pierce County resident decided to shoot and kill his wife, hitting a bystander in the process, before turning the gun on himself. The plaintiffs alleged that Pierce County Sheriff's Deputies did not do enough to prevent this from happening. The County strongly denied these allegations."

Fogg went on to say: "The trial court judge made a pretrial ruling, finding that the Deputies did not have the lawful authority to seize the husband's handgun when serving him with an ex parte civil order. The decision to settle the case was the result of many factors, including the inherent risks associated with trial. The County hopes that the settlement and end to the lawsuit bring a measure of finality and closure to the plaintiffs and their police. families."

would sell his gun and asked if torneys for the plaintiffs, said the he could get it," the lawsuit said. county settled with the friend, "The deputies located David's Rachel Holland, for \$1.25 million." loaded '1911 handgun with pearl It settled with Annas' estate and style grips.' Despite the fact that her son, Dylan Kinney, for \$1.75 David was not allowed to possess million. The court dismissed the case earlier this month as a result of the agreement.

"They gave a gun and ammunition to somebody who was

a known domestic violence perpetrator, and then he used it to come back and kill his wife and to shoot her friend," Connelly Steve Fogg, one of the attor- said. "... Hopefully it was something that people learned from and it never happens again."

Meaghan Driscoll, another attorney who represented the plaintiffs, said: "Firearms in domestic violence situations are very dangerous, and law enforcement has the ability to make the situation safer by putting the firearms in safe keeping, or at a minimum not providing a firearm that they don't even know who it belongs to to a domestic violence perpetrator."

Olympia Police **Investigating Armed Robbery on Pacific Avenue**

By The Olympian

An armed man robbed a gas station convenience store early Thursday, according to Olympia

About 4:50 a.m., police were Jack Connelly, one of the at- dispatched to the 3200 block of Pacific Avenue Southeast. A

Celebrate the New Year with

store employee told police that the man entered the business with a handgun and stole money from the cash register.

He then left the store and got into a car across from the business on Pacific Avenue. He was last seen headed north on I-5, Lt. Paul Lower said. The man is described as white

or Hispanic, 5-foot-5 and he was wearing a black jacket and black hat. The only vehicle description is "dark-colored car," Lower said. Anyone with information

about this incident is asked to call Olympia police at 360-753-







Julie came from a large and close-knit family. She was a sweet and kind person, and will always be remembered for the great

love she had for her family. Julie doted on her animals and was an avid collector of anything related to Walt Disney's "Tigger". At the time of her passing, Julie was employed at The Roof Doctor and Chehalis Sheet Metal and was a familiar face and voice to many customers.

Julie was preceded in death by her father, Gordon in 2012; brothers, Franklin John Boyd in 1990, and Gary Michael Boyd in 1959; and sister, Mitzie Lee Boyd in 1977.

Julie is survived by her mother, Dorothy Boyd of Chehalis; brothers, Gordon R. Boyd of Idaho, Samuel (Cindy) Boyd of Syracuse, N.Y., and Edward George Boyd of Chehalis; her sisters, Dottie (Russell) Tobin of Chehalis, Cindie Boyd, of Vancouver, Wash., Sandi (Dave) Young of Chehalis and Coralee (Chad) Taylor of Chehalis; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A rosary will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 16, 2020, at Sticklin Funeral

Chapel. Memorial mass will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Chehalis. Immediately following mass, friends are invited to join her family to share food and memories at Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, WA 98532. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local Animal Shelter or to a charity of choice.

To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries

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Washington Saw Big Changes in the 2010s, Most Made by Voters

By Jim Camden

The Spokesman-Review

Washington voters – not their elected officials - made many of the biggest changes to the state in the second decade of the 21st century. They ratified same-sex marriage, legalized recreational marijuana, tightened gun laws, approved charter schools and pulled the state out of the wholesale and retail liquor business, which it had controlled since the end of pro-

In choosing their leaders, they finished the decade about where they started it, with Democrats firmly in control of both chambers of the Legislature.

Democrats occupied the governor's mansion for the entire decade. The current occupant, Jay Inslee, made a brief and unsuccessful run for president before deciding to try being the first to seek a third term in more than 40 years. Eastern Washington voters sent Republicans to the U.S. House of Representatives, while their West Side counterparts mainly sent Democrats. Incumbent Democrats Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell won reelection campaigns and continued to climb

Here are 10 of the state's biggest political stories of the de-

Biggest Social Change: Same-Sex Marriage

The Legislature approved in early 2012, and voters agreed in the fall, to legalize same-sex marriage, putting Washington ahead of the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that protected same sex marriage in all states. When a Tri-Cities florist refused to sell a floral arrangement to a gay couple for their wedding, she was taken to court by the state Attorney General's Office for discrimination under the consumer protection law. She became an icon for Christian conservatives, but lost. That ruling has so far been upheld.



Mary Davidson, 27, left, and Monica Rozgay, 29, smile after saying "I do" at their midnight wedding at The Seattle Yacht Club early Sunday Dec. 9, 2012. Rozgay and Davidson, of Seattle, were one of the first couples to wed following the passage of Referendum 74, which approved a bill legalizing same-sex marriage in the state of Washington.

Biggest Legal Change: Recreational Marijuana

In 2012, voters also legalized recreational marijuana for state residents 21 and older, adding it to medical marijuana which had been legalized by voters in 1998. That required the state to set up a system of licenses for growing, processing and selling various forms of marijuana. It also imposes significant taxes on marijuana and the state collects about \$275 million a year on a drug that remains illegal under federal law, which means the burgeoning industry has trouble securing banking services.

Biggest Turnaround: The State Budget

In 2010, with the state still trying to pull its way out of the recession, the Legislature faced a \$2.8 billion budget shortfall, which it closed with a mixture of cuts to programs and salaries, new taxes and federal funds. For four of the five years afterward, lawmakers went into overtime to hammer out a budget, even



Tim Eyman cracking up at his Initiative 976 watch party gathering before he gave a victory speech before the first dump of results in Tuesday, Nov 5, 2019.

though an improving economy was adding billions to the state coffers. At the start of the decade, the state's two-year operating budget was \$31.4 billion; the current two-year budget is \$52.4 billion, fueled by an economic boom and additional taxes.

Biggest Political Takeover: Senate Coalition Government

Democrats had a 13-seat Senate majority in 2010 but only a three-seat majority in the Senate after the 2012 election. Shortly after the Legislature convened in 2013 two disaffected Democrats joined with Republicans to form a GOP-dominated Majority Coalition Caucus. In exchange for switching sides, Sen. Rodney Tom of Bellevue was made majority leader, and Sen. Tim Sheldon of Potlatch president pro tem. Tom retired in 2014, but Sheldon's vote gave the GOP control of the closely divided Senate until the start of the 2018 session, after a special election for an empty seat was won by a Democrat.

Biggest Separation-of-Powers Fight: McCleary Ruling

For years, parents in some school districts have argued the state is falling down on its constitutional responsibility to sup-

port public schools. In January 2012, the state Supreme Court agreed, and ordered the Legisla-

It took a finding of contempt and daily fines of \$100,000 before lawmakers settled on a fix in 2018 that involved increasing the state property tax levy and reducing many local levies, along with redefining what parts of education the state must provide and what options are left up to the districts. In 2019 they needed a fix of the fix, and many people expect that to con-

Most Successful Politician: Cathy McMorris Rodgers

The Spokane-area Republican won reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives every two years, sometimes against light opposition but in 2018 against a serious challenge from former WSU-Spokane chancellor and state Sen. Lisa Brown. While Republicans held the House majority, she was in GOP leadership. Rumors that she was being considered for Mitt Romney's vice president in 2012 and for Donald Trump's Secretary of Interior in 2016 had local Republicans lining up to take her place but she has never faced a serious GOP challenge for re-

Least Successful Politician: Dino Rossi

The former state legislator probably has had the toughest losses in major campaigns. After losing the governor's race twice in the previous decade - the first time by a mere 133 votes - Rossi ran unsuccessfully for the U.S. Senate in 2010, and for the U.S. House in 2018 in what had previously been a safe Republican 8th Congressional District. In 2012 and 2017, however, he was twice drafted to fill empty seats in the Legislature because of his experience with the state budget.

Biggest Get: Medical Schools in Spokane

At the start of the decade, the University of Washington and Washington State University were working on an expansion of the UW multistate medical education program in Spokane. WSU President Elson Floyd, unhappy with the progress by UW, began pushing for a separate medical school at the Riverpoint Campus. It generated what some called an Apple Cup for medical education in the Legislature, but Floyd's efforts overcame the strong UW caucus and the Legislature eventually gave WSU the authority, and the money, for a separate school. UW then formed a partnership with Gonzaga University for its Spokane program. The WSU school was named for Floyd, who died of cancer after it was approved.

The Windmill Most Tilted At: The State of Liberty

The political divide between Eastern and Western Washington resurrected an idea at least 100 years old: to split the state in two at the Cascade Crest. Spokane Valley Republican Rep. Matt Shea, its most vocal proponent, introduced the idea in the 2015 session and every session since. It has yet to get a hearing much less a vote, but that hasn't stopped Shea and other proponents from designing a state flag, adopting a state motto and selling various items for the "51st

Most Ubiquitous Political Figure: Tim Eyman

The state's premier initiative entrepreneur, Tim Eyman started the decade with a successful measure to require supermajorities in the Legislature to approve taxes, a concept that passed three times before the state Supreme Court ruled it was, as critics always contended, unconstitutional. He finished it with another oldie but goody, a requirement that license tabs cost no more than \$30 to renew. In between he was sued by the attorney general's office for campaign finance violations with allegations he got kickbacks from a company that charges money to gather signatures on petitions. He also announced plans to run for governor in 2020 as an independent.



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Laptop Stolen

• At 9:35 p.m. on Wednesday, a laptop computer was reported stolen in the 500 block of Warren

Counterfeit Cash Reported

• At 5:57 p.m. on Wednesday, police received a report of a counterfeit bill being used at a business in the 1200 block of Mellen Street.

Shoplifters

- At 9:58 a.m. on Thursday, a shoplifter was reported in the 100 block of West High Street. The incident reportedly occurred several weeks ago.
- At 1:36 p.m. on Thursday, a shoplifter was reported in the 1300 block of Lum Road.

DUI

• At 3:05 a.m. on Friday, police responded to the 200 block of East Maple Street and arrested Kyle R. Perkins, 27, of Centralia, on suspicion of DUI.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Scam Reported

• At 11:54 a.m. on Tuesday,

a scam was reported in the 300 block of Northwest Chehalis Av-

Cellphone Stolen

iPhone was reported stolen from a

store in the 10 block of Northeast

• At 2:01 p.m. on Tuesday, an

Median Street. The theft suspect was caught on security footage.

Trespasser Reported

• At 2:59 p.m. on Tuesday, a trespasser was reported in the 1600 block of NW Louisiana Avenue.

Thefts

- At 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, a second-degree theft was reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.
- At 6:35 a.m. on Thursday, a shoplifter was reported in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

Woman Accused of Assault

• At 6:26 p.m. on Tuesday, a woman allegedly punched another woman in a parking lot in the 1100 block of South Market Boulevard.

LEWIS COUNTY JAIL STATISTICS

As of Friday morning, the Lewis County Jail had a total system population of 193 inmates, including 162 in general population, 30 in the Work Ethic and Restitution Center and one on work release. Of general population inmates, 127 were male and 35 female and of WERC inmates, 27 were male and three female.



Nation/World

Nation in Brief

Prosecutors in Day Spa Prostitution Sting Turn Up the Heat on Patriots Owner Robert Kraft

Tribune News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Florida prosecutors just raised the stakes in New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft's fight against prostitu-

It's been nearly a year since the 78-year-old part-time Palm Beach resident paid for sex acts at a Jupiter massage parlor likened to a brothel.

But now lawyers for the state are arguing for the first time that Kraft — charged with two misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution — actually committed a felony.

The latest court filing from the attorney general's office suggests Kraft could face a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison, if the state wins its appeal of a lower court order favoring the billionaire.

Elevating multiple misdemeanors to a felony would be an unusual move.

"I literally have never seen that enhancement used in any county," said veteran criminal defense attorney Jack Fleischman, who is not connected with the litigation. 'It has to be rare."

So, for that matter, is the high-profile Kraft case.

Observers across the country view it as a constitutional test that pits police powers to investigate crimes - specifically the authority to use secret cameras — against individual privacy rights.

Florida is challenging a judge's order in May that tossed all evidence against Kraft, including sex videos that cops surreptitiously recorded during their prostitution sting.

Federal Judge to Block **North Carolina Voter ID Law Temporarily as Lawsuit Continues**

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina voters will not have to show a photo ID in the next elections in the state after a ruling in federal court was announced Thursday.

A federal judge in North Carolina said she would stop the voter ID law temporarily as the lawsuit against the state continues. She said she will make her official ruling next week, but wanted to give advance notice of her decision.

A spokeswoman for Attorney General Josh Stein, who must now decide how the state will react to the judge's decision, said his office will wait to see the actual court filing next week before making any decisions on how to proceed.

Carolina The North NAACP and others sued the state in December 2018 over the voter ID requirement. In the 2018 elections, North Carolina voters approved a constitutional amendment requiring voter ID for future elections. Republican lawmakers wanted to put it into the state constitution after a previous voter ID law, which they passed in 2013, was struck down as unconstitutional.

However, the new amendment didn't contain any actual details of what a voter ID law would entail, so the legislature came back to Raleigh after the election to write those details.

North Carolina NAACP sued over that new law a day after lawmakers passed it. And on Friday the group's president, the Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, called the judge's announcement a "major victory" against "voter suppression using voter identification to deter minority voting."

"We will continue to ensure that communities of color have a full opportunity to elect representatives who will protect their interests in the state legislature," Spearman said.

He Has 'A Lot of Money to Spend, So Do We,' Says Trump **Campaign of Bloomberg Run**

By Francesca Chambers

McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has been uncharacteristically quiet on Michael Bloomberg, declining to publicly attack the media mogul and philanthropist since the Democrat launched his White House bid last month.

The president has not mentioned Bloomberg at rallies, where he regularly derides Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders and Pete Buttigieg with zeal.

Trump's campaign says it is unfazed by the billionaire, who has spent \$100 million of his own money on advertising and voter registration efforts for a relatively late entry in the race for the Democratic nomination. That amount does not include other campaign spending such as on staff, travel and offices since Bloomberg entered the race in November after saying earlier in the year that he would not compete in 2020.

"At this point in the game, I don't know that you recover from that. He hasn't been in any debates, people haven't really heard much from him," said Lara Trump, a senior adviser to the president's reelection campaign and his daughter-inlaw. "While he does have a lot of money to spend, so do we. We have a ton of money at the Trump campaign."

The Republican National Committee and the Trump campaign raised a combined \$125 million in the third quarter of 2019. Bloomberg's fundraising will not be revealed until next week, when every presidential candidate is required to file a year-end report. However, the candidate has said he will reject all political donations and will self-fund his entire campaign.

The former New York City mayor — who Donald Trump taunted in 2016 as not having "the guts to run for president" — currently has a net worth of \$55.9 billion.

According to Forbes, Bloomberg is the eighth wealthiest American. Donald Trump ranks 275th on the list with a projected net worth of \$3.7 billion.

Republicans close to the national party told McClatchy that when Bloomberg was preparing to enter the race they worried



Newly announced Democratic presidential candidate, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks during a press conference to discuss his presidential run on November 25, 2019 in Norfolk, Virginia.

the self-made billionaire would the Oval Office on the South get under Trump's skin.

But Tim Murtaugh, a Trump campaign spokesman, told Mc-Clatchy in a statement, "We don't spend a lot of time thinking about Mike Bloomberg.'

Bloomberg spokesman Michael Frazier, in an email to McClatchy, responded, "The Trump campaign has a funny way of showing they aren't thinking about Mike. Maybe they can explain why they've criticized each of our office openings in battleground states, or why their campaign manager banned Bloomberg News from their events?"

After Bloomberg entered the race, the Trump campaign said it would no longer give credentials to reporters who work for Bloomberg News, although none of them have been prevented from attending his rallies so far.

While Trump may privately be bothered by the rival billionaire, he has barely let it show in public. The president has mentioned Bloomberg once on Twitter, calling him "Mini Mike Bloomberg," since the party-switching New Yorker announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

Trump has acknowledged during the same time frame in retweets of others' comments.

In a recent interview Trump only referred to Bloomberg to compare him unfavorably to Rudy Giuliani, another former rently serves as the president's personal attorney.

Trump responded to a question about Bloomberg's bid for

Lawn of the White House on

"He doesn't have the magic to do well," Trump said. "Little Michael will fail. He'll spend a lot of money. He's got some really big issues, he's got some personal problems, and he's got a lot of other problems."

Money isn't one of them, as Trump himself acknowledged.

Bloomberg's billions have allowed him to invest early in states in the upper Midwest that will be crucial in next year's general election. He is not competing in four states that have traditionally shaped the Democratic

The states that Bloomberg is targeting were intended to form a "Blue Wall" that would prevent Trump from winning the 2016 presidential election. Trump carried three — Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan — by less than 1 percent. A poll conducted by public affairs firm Firehouse Strategies, which is run by former aides to Republican Marco Rubio, shows Trump with an edge in those three states.

Trump campaign officials say they are building up their operation in 17 states, including the Midwest, to fend off any Bloomberg just two other times Democrat who wins the party's nomination.

One official, at a Dec. 12 briefing for reporters, suggested the campaign is expecting to face a Democratic opponent who has spent the last eight New York City mayor who curmonths focusing on states that hold early primaries and caucuses while Trump rallies his supporters repeatedly in states such as Pennsylvania.

World in Brief

Erdogan Says Parliament Will Soon Approve Sending Troops to Libya

Tribune News Service

Turkey's government will ask parliament in early January to authorize the deployment of troops to Libya after the internationally recognized administration in Tripoli requested help, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said.

The legislative motion will be the government's "first act" after parliament returns from its recess on Jan. 7, Erdogan said Thursday in Ankara.

"We'll go where we're invited, and won't go where we aren't," he said, predicting the motion will be passed within two days. "Currently, as there's an invitation, we'll accept."

Turkey has said the troops would be sent to train fighters loyal to Libyan Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj, and are meant as a deterrent and not as an active fighting force. The two administrations have recently cooperated on maritime issues serving Turkey's energy inter-

There was no immediate response from al-Sarraj's govern-

Erdogan had signaled Wednesday that the dispatch of Turkish troops to the North African nation was only a matter of time, saying recent commitments between the countries should be seen as a "harbinger of steps" to follow. He's repeatedly discussed the possibility of sending troops to help al-Sarraj's government battle rebel commander Khalifa Haftar, whose offensive on the Libyan capital, Tripoli, has been boosted by the entry of Russian mercenaries linked to President Vladimir Putin.

Growth of Underground Churches Worrisome for China's Leaders

Tribune News Service

Li Chengju glared at her prison interrogator as he pressed her to renounce her Christian church and condemn her pastor.

Her captor warned she would not be so lucky as the pastor, who was locked in secret detention but at least might get a day in court.

"Look at you. You sweep the floors at church," the interrogator said. "You think you're getting a trial like your pastor? You don't qualify.'

Li still refused to sign the document disowning her

"I'm a citizen who has faith," she told the interrogator. "God knows everything you are doing and he will judge you one day."

Then she repeated a saying she'd heard at church about the Chinese president: "Xi Jinping is sinning against God. If he doesn't repent, he will be judged by God.'

Li, who recounted her detention in a recent interview with the Los Angeles Times, belonged to the Early Rain Covenant Church, which authorities here in Chengdu dissolved late last year as part of a sweeping campaign by the government to rein in the country's fastestgrowing religion: Protestant Christianity.

The state-sanctioned Three-Self Church has long been the only legal place for Christians to worship in China, even as the country saw a proliferation of so-called house churches congregations such as Early Rain that meet in office buildings, hotel conference rooms and other makeshift sanctuar-

The government calls its campaign "Sinicization" — a euphemism for turning faith into a tool for indoctrination in Chinese Communist Party ideology.

SEALs Described Alleged Gallagher War Crimes to U.S. Investigators

By Andrew Dyer

The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — Navy SEALs who were never called to testify in the war crimes trial of Chief Petty Officer Eddie Gallagher told naval criminal investigators about behavior they witnessed, including the alleged stabbing of a wounded Islamic State fighter that led to murder charges against Gallagher.

The two SEALs were granted immunity to testify in the trial this past summer, but were never called to the stand.

nal investigators will be available for streaming Friday on Hulu, on "The Weekly" from The New York Times. It will be broadcast on FX on Sunday.

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service conducted the SEAL interviews more than a year before the San Diego courtmartial of Gallagher, who was charged and acquitted of several war crimes, including murder.

One of those SEALs — Petty Officer 2nd Class Ivan Villanueva — told investigators he witnessed the alleged stabbing of a

wounded Islamic State fighter against the traditional brotherthat led to murder charges against Gallagher.

"I saw it happen," Villanueva says during his interview.

plained why Villanueva was not called to testify at Gallagher's court-martial and did not respond to inquiries on Thursday.

The case created a national firestorm as President Donald Trump intervened again and "medal chasing." again on Gallagher's behalf and culminated this week with a visit by Gallagher and his wife, Andrea, with Trump and first lady Their interviews with crimi- Melania Trump at the president's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

> Trump and other supporttheir actions questioned by bureaucrats in the military.

While the accounts of the witnesses aren't new — the San Diego Union-Tribune published a summary of their stories on the eve of trial — hearing those accounts from the witnesses themselves is. The episode, titled "The Gallagher Effect," presents these SEALs' stories in their own words and voices, framing their actions as courageously going

hood of the Navy SEALs.

In separate interviews, the SEALs tell NCIS agents that Gallagher behaved like a "psy-The Navy has never ex- chopath" during their 2017 deployment to Mosul, Iraq, where the platoon took on Islamic State. One by one, his men tell NCIS that their platoon served as Gallagher's "personal sniper escort" and that the chief was

> They also describe his actions during the deployment as "I saw Eddie take a shot at

probably a 12-year-old kid," one Three SEALs tell investiga-

ers say "warfighters" don't need tors they saw Gallagher stab a wounded Islamic State fighter in the neck. These interviews led to the

murder charges against Gallagher in 2019 - charges the SEAL denied. He was found not guilty in July of murdering the wounded fighter and shooting civilians.

Gallagher says his men made up the accusations because they were unhappy with his leader-

Upcoming Governor's Mansion Tours to Feature Special Twist

By Sara Gentzler

The Olympian

A handful of upcoming tours of the Governor's Mansion in Olympia will highlight a time period over 100 years ago when the mansion first opened its doors to the public.

The special "1909 Housewarming History" presentation will take place during tours Jan. dents. 8 and 15, according to a press release from the Governor's Man- the oldest building on the Washsion Foundation.

Cosgrove," the wife of Civil War features a permanent collecveteran, educator and sixth governor of Washington Samuel Cosgrove, according to the foundation's press release. At the end of 30-minute guided walking tours, Cosgrove will present on the goings on of January 1909 when the Mansion first opened to dignitaries and Olympia resi-

The Governor's Mansion is ington State Capitol campus, ac- 360-902-8880.

Visitors will meet "Zephorena cording to the foundation, and tion of antique furnishings and Northwest artwork.

Tours are open to 25 people and begin at 1 p.m., 1:20 p.m. and 1:40 p.m.

Reservations for the tours must be made at least 24 hours in advance online at https://apps. des.wa.gov/Mansion/Mansion. aspx. The State Capitol Tour Office can provide additional information and answer questions:



Mary Swiped From Nativity Scene at Washington State Capitol

By Sara Gentzler

The Olympian

If you've driven past the state Capitol grounds in Olympia over the last few days, you may have noticed a glaring vacancy in the nativity scene visible from Capitol Way South: Mary is missing.

The figure of Jesus' mother was in position when the Wesselius family left for vacation last Thursday, but someone had stolen the figure by the time they returned Monday.

"Usually it's the baby Jesus that

"I just think it's crazy that people can't respect everyone's First Amendment freedom of speech."

display sponsor

Mary? That's a first.

gets taken" from the three-figure ple can't respect everyone's First Wesselius said. scene, display sponsor Nic Wes- Amendment freedom of speech.

swiping the bulkier, 3-foot-tall be able to respect each others' beliefs and not have to feel the need "I just think it's crazy that peo- to take other people's property,"

Nic Wesselius took over the

Ron Wesselius, sponsored the scene for the prior 10 years or so.

The father and son are debating whether to bring the Mary figure they currently display at their house to the Capitol. But their 10-day permit for the display soon expires, and they'll be taking it down Friday, in any case.

Ron Wesselius, a real-estate agent who lives in Tumwater, said the last couple of years have been "really nice and quiet," with no figures stolen from the scene. In years past, though, he said baby Jesus disappeared so often that they ultimately went through all selius said Tuesday. But someone ... I think that everybody should scene's sponsorship this year, after the baby Jesus figures the family

he turned 18 years old. His dad, had, then through replacements sent by the manufacturer.

Now they buy dolls from Goodwill, and Nic Wesselius said they tie the doll down.

The family has reported the theft to the state Department of Enterprise Services and Washington State Patrol. State Patrol Sgt. Darren said no police report had been filed as of mid-day Tuesday, but that charges could be pursued if Mary is found.

"I really appreciate the people at the Capitol," Wesselius said. "I let them know what happened. And I don't expect them to sit and watch over it, because they

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Wednesdays 7 pm. 360-295-3756 Winlock Assembly of God 706 SE First St. Winlock, WA, 360-785-3011, Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday Services

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May). passion4christ.org

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

Centralia Bible Baptist Church 1511 S. Gold Street 360-669-0113 www.centraliabbc.org Pastor, Tim Shellenberger Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Wednesday in the Word: 7:00pm

Faith Baptist Church, 360-740-0263 436 Coal Creek, Chehalis, www.fbc-wa.org Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am Children's Church/Morning Worship 10:30am Sunday 6 pm, Thursday Bible Study and Master's Club for kids - 7pm

Napavine Baptist Church Sunday 10 & 11 am, Wednesday 7 pm www.NapavineBaptist.com

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St. Joseph Church

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St. Mary's Church

225 N. Washington, Centralia. Masses: Sun.- 8:30 am Father Milhton Scarpetta 360-748-4953

St. Francis Xavier Mission 139 Spencer Rd., Toledo Mass Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

St. Yves Mission Harmony Rd., Harmony, WA 360-496-5456

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First Church of Christ

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CHURCH OF GOD

Pathway Church of God 1416 South Scheuber Rd., Centralia, WA Pastors Rick and Debi Payton, Sunday Morning 11 am, Sunday Evening 6 pm, Tuesday Evening 7 pm. For more information call (360) 736-3698

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Cooks Hill Community Church 2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, Pastor Mitch Dietz. Sunday Mornings: Worship Services at 9am & 10:30 am. (Sign language available at 10:30), Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes and Nursery 10:30 am. Call the church for more information at 360-736-6133 or check out our website at www.cookshillcc.org.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Adna Evangelical Church, 360-748-3569 Sunday: Bible Classes 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Midweek Small Groups, call for times. 115 Dieckman Rd., Chehalis. www.adnachurch.org

EVANGELICAL FREE

Central Bible Evangelical Free Church 2333 Sandra Ave. Centralia, WA 98531. 360-736-2061. Pastor: Randy Sortino. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Evening Worship, Sunday, 6:00 p.m., Venture Club-Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Saturday 7 am, Mens Fellowship breakfast. Call for more information.

<u>episcopal</u>

St. Timothy Episcopal Church "The Episcopal Church of the Jesus Movement" Sunday Services:

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with music

and child care.
• Thursday 10-11:15 am Bible Study Wednesday, noon Eucharist & healing prayers 360-748-8232 Address: 1826 S.W. Snively Avenue, Chehalis.

Web: StTimothyChehalis.org Rev. Kay Flores Email: StTimothyChehalis@gmail.com

<u>INDEPENDENT</u>

Centralia Bible Chapel

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First Christian Church

and Sunday School for Pre-school - 5th grade. Lead Pastor Brad Brenner. 1215 W. Main. 360-736-7655. www.centraliachristian.org.

Christian

First Christian Church Senior Minister, John Johnstone. Nursery and Sunday school 10:00 am. Sunday morning worship 11:00 am. Special needs adult ministry on 1st Monday 5 pm. 111 NW Prindle, 360-748-3702 www.chehalischristian.org

LUTHERAN

Immanuel Lutheran Church ELCA 1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia. Pastor, Peter Mohr, 360-736-9270, Sunday Worship 10am Fellowship following worship Sunday School during worship For more information: www.ilccentralia.org or email admin@ilccentralia.org

LUTHERAN

St. John's Lutheran Church-ELCA 2190 Jackson Highway, Chehalis. 8:30 am joy groups. Sunday call to Worship 9:30 am. Coffee/ fellowship follows the service. Pastor Matthew March. Office hours Monday - Thursday, 9:0t0 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Phone: 360-748-4741. Website: www.stjohnschehalis.net.

St. Marks Lutheran Church-LCMC

10000 Highway 12, Rochester. Sunday service 10:00 a.m. Fellowship follows service. Pastors: Greg Wightman and Lauren Macan-Wightman. Church phone: 360-273-9571. Web: www.lutheransonline.com/stmarksrochesterwa St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church - ELCA

379 State Rt. 505, Winlock, WA 98596. Youth and Adult Sunday School at 9:30 am. Elementary Age Sunday School during portion of worship time. Worship Service at 10:30 am, coffee and fellowship follow Sunday Worship. Pastor: Melissa Johnson. For more info call the church office 360-785-3507. www.stpaullutheranwinlock.org

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Chesed v' Shalom Ministries Meets Saturday mornings

at Immanuel Lutheran 1209 N Scheuber in Centralia Shabbat Service 11:00 am Rabbi James Pace Phone: 360-736-1601 www.cvsm.us

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Winlock United Methodist Church 107 SW Benton Ave., Winlock, WA. Pastor Tara Roberts. Worship at 10:00 a.m. Children Church is available during worship. Childcare available during the church service. Fellowship follows at 11 a.m. All are welcome. 360-785-4241

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Claquato Cowboy Church 125 Water Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 589-7892, Pastor Willow Martin Sunday Services at 10:30am and 12:30pm For more information, please check us out on Facebook.

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Cornerstone Fellowship Independent Fellowship of Believers 277 Brown Rd. East Chehalis, Pastor Jim Blankenship, 10:00 a.m. coffee and cookies fellowship, 10:30 a.m. service, Sunday/ Wednesday evening service at 6:00 p.m. Twin City Gospel Jubilee, Sunday, Sept. 29th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The special guest for the evening will be: Jerry Ott. This is a free concert with an offering being

<u>Pentecostal Churches</u>

Jesus Name Pentecostal Church of Chehalis, 1582 Bishop Rd., Chehalis. Sunday Services: Prayer 9:45 am & 6:15 pm, Services: 10 am & 6:30pm. Wed. Services: Prayer 7:15 pm Service 7:30 pm. Anchor Youth Nite: Fri. 7:30 pm. Elder Bishop Burgess, Pastor Shannon Burgess. 360-748-4977 website: www.jnpc.org.

PRESBYTERIAN



Harrison Square Presbyterian Church 1227 Harrison Ave., Centralia. Co-Pastors, Rev. Ralph Carr and Rev. Mark McHugh. Sundays: Worship Service 10:00 am; Children's Classes 10:00 am; Adult Class 9-9:45 am; Tuesdays 7:00 pm - The Common Room for Young Adults - worship, discussion, fellowship, childcare. (360) 736-9996. Email: church@harrisonsquarepc.com. Web: www.harrisonsquarepc.com. A Joyful Noise Daycare at Harrison Square. Open 6 am-6 pm Mon.-Fri. Phone: 360-669-5052. Email: s_crownoverhspc@outlook.com.



Westminster Presbyterian Church 349 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis. Pastor Ed Wegele. Sunday Services 10:00am with Children's Church and nursery care. For details, visit chehaliswpc.org or call 360-748-0091

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-day Adventist, Centralia 1607 Military Rd., 360-736-4262. Sabbath School 9:30 am, Church Service 10:45 am. Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm. Pastor Ira Bartolome

Seventh Day Adventist, Chehalis 120 Chilvers Rd, (2 miles west on Hwy. 6 at Exit 77). 360-748-4330. Pastor John Mutchler. Service on Saturdays, Sabbath School 9:30 am, Worship Service 11:00 am. Midweek Tuesday night Bible Study 7 pm.

<u>UNITY</u>



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Mount St. Helens License Plates a Popular Notion

The Columbian

Tired of seeing Mount Rainier on the vehicle in front of you?

Clark County residents may soon be able to buy license plates featuring a mountain closer to home.

The Mount St. Helens Institute is working with Rep Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, to get legislative approval next year for a Mount St. Helens license plate



Rep Ed Orcutt R-Kalama

that would raise money for the nonprofit institute. The effort is timely with the upcoming 40th anniversary of the volcano's cataclysmic eruption on May 18, 1980.

"Portland has

Hood, Seattle has Rainier," said Ray Yurkewycz, executive director of the Mount St. Helens Institute. "Southwest Washington has Mount St. Hel-

The institute has launched an online petition drive, with the goal of collecting 4,000 signatures by the time the 2020 Legislature convenes Jan. 13. As of Tuesday morning, it already had collected more than 1,300 signatures in the first few days of launching its campaign.

Don Clark of Invisible Creature in Maple Valley designed the license plate for free, Yurkewycz

"Apparently license plates are like postage stamps," he said. "It's something artists like to do."

The plate depicts Mount St. Helens, with a scoop of earth removed from its north side during the 1980 lateral eruption, along with trees and a mountain goat symbolizing the mountain's recovery from the ferocious power uncorked on a Sunday morning nearly 40 years ago.

"It's a classic view, looking across Spirit Lake from Bear Pass," Yurkewycz said.

Last Friday Was Darkest Day Recorded in Seattle History

By The Seattle Times

Saturday might have been the Northern Hemisphere's shortest day of the year. But in Seattle, Friday proved to be its darkest day in (recent) history.

Technically, it was the darkest day ever recorded by three devices that the University of Washington installed on the roof of its atmospheric sciences building in 1996.

The devices, known as pyranometers, measure the amount of solar radiation — or energy - that reaches the surface of the

earth each day. The approaching winter solstice already would have limited the amount of solar radiation reaching the atmosphere Friday. But, mixed with the record-setting rainfall and heavy clouds that parked above the Seattle area late last week, "everything came together to give us this record," said Cliff Mass, a meteorologist and professor of atmospheric sciences at the UW.

On his weather and climate blog, Mass wrote Saturday that the pyranometers on campus recorded just 0.37 megajoules of solar radiation over a squaremeter surface. By comparison, the levels of solar radiation were nearly 73 times that of Friday during several days in July.

The previous record low was set in Dec. 2006, at 0.39 megajoules of solar radiation.

"The infernal darkness on Friday was extraordinary, even by Seattle standards, and to a lesser degree continued into Saturday," Mass wrote. "But sunglass owners can rejoice: More light is on the way."

Mass said more than 100,000 people read his darkest-day-inhistory post Friday, but he wasn't necessarily surprised by the traf-

"Psychologically, this has a big impact on some people," he said, referring to seasonal depression.



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The Mount St. Helens Institute is working with Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, to secure legislative approval for a Mount St. Helens license plate to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the mountain's 1980 eruption.

Yurkewycz said he did not provide direction to Clark but was pleased with his creation. Mountain goats, he said, have made a huge comeback, with an estimated 400 living on Mount St. Helens and adjacent areas.

"I just wanted to see what they they want, but Yurkewycz said

came up with," he said. "It was beautiful."

The institute needs 3,500 signatures from Washington residents but is shooting for 4,000 to it." provide extra cushion. The form asks people how many plates

signing doesn't create any obligation to purchase a plate.

"Just expressing intent," he said. "Nobody is holding you to

Yurkewycz said he believes the prospects for legislative approval are strong. The institute scapes in the country."

went to the 2019 Legislature without a plate design or petition signatures. The House Transportation Committee and the full House of Representatives both unanimously approved the bill before the legislation stalled in the Senate Transportation Committee because supporters had not gone through all the steps, he said.

The Mount St. Helens Institute works to improve understanding and stewardship through science, education and exploration of volcanic landscapes. Since 2000, the institute has reached more than 30,000 people through field seminars, guided hikes and climbs, free outings and work parties.

Washington already offers more than 50 special design license plates. Yurkewycz said special plates typically cost drivers an extra \$30, with \$2 for the state and \$28 for the specific cause, which would be the institute.

"It's about keeping this place relevant," he said. "It's also a good opportunity to support science. It's one of the most studied land-



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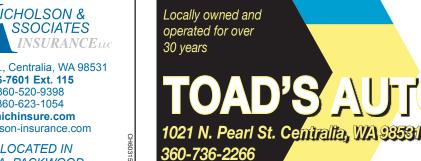
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who served croissants, muffins and a Spanish egg casserole. The Gather Church Cafe was decorated for Christmas and had many toys under the tree for families and children to take.

"We collect (the toys) over the year and we've given them out over the last couple of weeks to families. They come to us from a couple of different organizations that donate to us all year long and the stuff that is best for gifts we set aside," said Meckle.

Volunteer Brooke Reeder has been coming to dinners at Gather Church Cafe for four years in the past as an attendee.

"This place literally saved my life," Reeder said. "I was on the streets for four years and everybody here has taken me in and considered me their family and brought me into their house. It's amazing. This place saves a lot of people's lives.

Reeder explained that anyone can come to Gather Church Cafe no matter what they have done in their past. She said that she feels the same acceptance and community at the Christmas brunch that she feels all year round at Gather Church Cafe.

"We are one big family and we come together and helping is what we do and it's beautiful. No judgment, no nothing. You can come here no matter what walk of life and you'll be welcomed with open arms," said Reeder.

Bill Smith, who has been coming to Gather Church cafe for about nine months, has been struggling with heart problems that have rendered him unable to work his job as a mechanic. He said the help he received from Meckle and Gather Church has been invaluable.

"I was praying that when I went into surgery I wouldn't make it, it was that bad. This place and them (Pastor Meckle and volunteers), they mean a lot," said Smith.

Smith said he was excited this Christmas because he was going to see his kids later that day.

Mariah Macmeely, 15, and Meredith Scott, 16, were among the teenagers who volunteered their time to help serve food and sort donated clothes. They both agreed that volunteering felt good and they were happy to be using their free time in a positive way.



Presents sit under the tree as attendees enjoy a free brunch put on by Gather Church Wednesday afternoon in Centralia.



Volunteers fold clothes donated to Gather Church, during Christmas on Wednesday afternoon in Centralia.

"My sister and I are Jewish so we don't celebrate Christmas, so it's a nice opportunity to help out," said Macmeely.

Before the food was served, Meckle led a prayer and he

spoke about the gracious act of God sending his son to walk the Earth. He hoped the act inspires everyone to be more hopeful.

"We praise you for this day. Inspire us with hope and encourage us. We praise you again that you would send your son whose birth we celebrate today,' said Meckle in prayer.

The canned goods that were donated and collected at the



Bill Smith talks about the work Gather Church does during a free brunch event on Christmas Wednesday afternoon in Centralia.

Fort Borst Park light display were donated to Gather Church.

"The bulk of our operating budget comes from our congragation's giving and then in addition to that we do get donated food," Meckle said.

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Bomb

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the employees of Lewis County," Sheriff Rob Snaza said. "The threat created a major disruption in the services provided by the individual offices house in the Law and Justice Building. Mr. Bosarge will be held accountable for his needless and selfish actions impacting employees of these offices, as well as those who rely on their services."

According to previous coverage, Bosarge is one of two people facing felony charges in Lewis County after a Chehalis woman reported she left her home in the care of a house sitter and returned from vacation to find a gun and other items missing.

Katherine L. Jenson, 29, of Forks, and Bosarge were charged in September with one count each of first-degree theft and theft of a firearm.

According to court documents, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office responded on July 6 to a report of a burglary in the 100 block of Vega Place in Chehalis. The homeowner reported she had been on vacation and left her home and dogs in Jenson's care. The homeowner reported that she told Jenson not to bring her boyfriend, Bosarge, to the house with her.

When she returned from vacation, the homeowner reported a .38 caliber revolver, jewelry, household items and \$2,300 that was in a safe was missing. According to court documents, the total value of items stolen amounted to \$12,344.

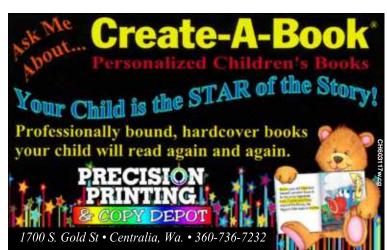
Deputies interviewed neighbors, who reported seeing Jen-

son and Bosarge load bags from the house into a vehicle registered to Jenson. Deputies attempted to make contact with the suspects.

"Mr. Bosarge yelled at (the deputy), said he had the wrong people, and then hung up," according to court documents.

On July 7, the Lakewood Police Department contacted the Lewis County Sheriff's Office to report officers were dispatched to a report of a man dumping a

large bin into a body of water. Witnesses asked the male what he was doing, and he stated, 'I'm trying to sink my s-,' according to court documents. The man was later identified as Bosarge, and the bin, when recovered, reportedly contained financial documents, a college certificate and a laptop computer that belonged to the homeowner.





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more than triple the legal limit. But that case was dismissed after a Benton County District Court judge found Brown was not required to reactivate his signal in the turn-only lane, and the troopers therefore had no reason to stop him. After conflicting decisions in Superior Court and the Court of Appeals, the state appealed to the Supreme Court.

State law says drivers must use signals to turn or move right or left "when required" continuously at least 100 feet before turning. Brown's lawyer argued that the inclusion of the phrase 'when required" indicated "there must be an occasion such as a turn-only-lane when a driver is not required to reactivate the signal when there is no other possible direction to travel."

The Supreme Court justices emphasized that turn signals offer safety for drivers and other

people on the road. "Blind corners and unprotected left turns with oncoming traffic abound; pedestrians may or may not cross streets depending on the presence of a car's turn signal; and, failing to signal may lead other drivers to think it safe to change lanes or turn themselves," wrote Justice Barbara Madsen in the decision.

A turn-only lane may be clear to the drivers heading in that direction, but not obvious to oncoming traffic, the justices noted. That interpretation is bolstered by cases in other states like Kansas and North Dakota, the justices found. "Leaving the decision to use

a signal to the perception of individual drivers," Madsen wrote, "undermines the ultimate purpose of traffic laws: preventing accidents and encouraging highway safety."

Terry Bloor, chief criminal deputy prosecutor in Benton County, applauded the decision, saying it was "consistent with

the legislative intent" of the law about turn signals.

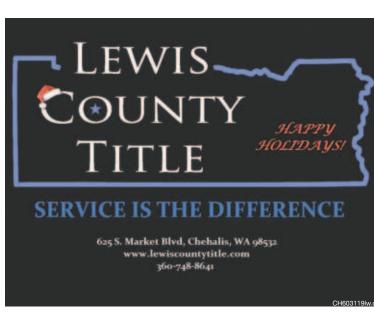
Brown's attorney, Randall Jameson Jr., said the ruling "allows for what most people would think are chippy or bogus stops" by police.

Brown signaled to enter the turn lane, "but with modern vehicle technology it cycled off," Jameson said.

"Now for every turn where the signal goes off, this allows law enforcement to make a stop for that," Jameson said. Drivers often use their sig-

nals but not for the entire length of a lane change, said Washington State Patrol spokesman Sgt. Darren Wright. (Wright declined to comment on the court's ruling.)

"It's a safety issue," Wright said. "You may have looked in your mirrors, you may have done a head check, but there are blind spots. You may think it's clear but the person you don't see in the blind spot may see the turn signal and react to prevent a collision."



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The Chromicle 2019 Al-Area Girls Soccer Team



The Chronicle's All-Area girls soccer team poses for a photo at Centralia College's Michael Smith Gymnasium. In the front row, from left: Onalaska's Autumn Russ, Cierra Russ and Carmen Cleveland-Barrera, W.F. West's Cameron Sheets, and Toledo's Marina Smith. In the back row, from left: Adna's Jordyn Swenson, Cierra Swenson, Brynn Arrington and Payton Aselton, and Tenino's Alivia Hunter, Abby Severse, Grace Vestal

Adna's Aselton and Tenino's Dell Split MVP Honors, Again

KICKING IT: Adna,

Onalaska, Napavine, Toledo, Tenino, Rochester, and W.F. West Players Fill Out All-Area Team

By Jordan Nailon

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If it ain't broke, don't fix it. That's this year's motto for The Chronicle's All-Area girls soccer

For the third year in a row, Payton Aselton of Adna and Brienna Dell of Tenino have played to a figurative draw on the pitch and come away with Co-MVP

honors on The Chronicle's All-Area girls soccer squad.

Aselton, a senior, helped power the Pirates to a Central 2B League championship and then a third-place finish at state.

Dell, a junior, led Tenino to a 1A Evergreen League title and then on to the program's first District 4 championship before following up with the first state victory in program history.

"Knowing it was my last year, honestly, and the last year for so many friends of mine, we were like, we've got to get all the way back to state. We can't leave it feeling like we hadn't succeeded," said Aselton, who has signed on

to play at St. Martin's University next season. "I was like, man, time flew by. I remember when I was a freshman thinking, 'Ah, I've got lots of time.' You really

Adna made deep runs into the hardware round of the state tournament each year of Aselton's career, during which her mother, Juli Aselton, served as

the Pirates' head coach. "It was very hard because my mom has been there a really long time. She started the program and I wanted to do better for her because she wants to get (to state) too. She might not say it but I know she does," said Asel-

ton, who admitted that motherdaughter dynamics sometimes inevitably crept onto the pitch. "Sometimes she'll say something and I don't mean to snap like a daughter but sometimes I do yell and then I'm like, 'Ah man, I can't do that. She's my coach.' Sometimes stuff like that would happen but we usually had a really good relationship on the field."

Aselton, who was selected as Offensive MVP of the Central 2B League, scored 16 goals this season with nine assists. She is flanked on the All-Area team this season by fellow Pirates Brynn Arrington, who scored

one goal while playing topnotch defense, Cierra Swenson (22 goals, nine assists), and Jordyn Swenson (two goals, five as-

"I'm really close friends with (goalie) Makaela (Meister) and Brynn Arrington. We've played together since we were like five when we made a team together. I love playing with them just because I always have," Aselton said. "And Jordyn and Cierra too, just not quite as long. We've had a lot of fun together.'

There were plenty of other C2BL players on the All-Area squad as well. Marina Smith of

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THE SPOKEN WORD

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Kawhi Leonard, Clippers Erase 15-Point Deficit to Beat Lakers

LOS ANGELES (TNS) — For most of three quarters, the Lak-

ers had them. But on Christmas, a rare day the Clippers were at full strength,

the Lakers couldn't close. The Clippers defeated the Lakers 111-106, handing them their fourth consecutive loss in a tough, physical game.

The Clippers are 2-0 against the Lakers this season, adding this win to their opening-night decision.

"We just gotta get better," Lakers forward LeBron James said. 'And I said that even during the win streaks, the road streaks. For me you stay even-keeled throughout the whole season no matter what. No matter if you're losing, you're winning. Because it's a marathon and a new narrative can be made the next day."

Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard led all scorers with 35

The Lakers got 23 points from James, 24 points from Anthony Davis and 25 points from Kyle Kuzma. Paul George, who missed their first meeting, scored 15 points for the Clippers, with five rebounds and three assists. Clippers reserve Montrezl Harrell scored 18 points, making

while noting the importance of also beating teams not of the Lakers' caliber.

Kuzma had missed the season opener, which was partly why the Lakers' bench got out- the Lakers led the Clippers early. scored 60-19 in that game. This time, the Lakers' bench production was far better, with Kuzma scoring 15 of his points in the ard each got at least one.



Clippers forward Kawhi Leonard knocks the ball from Lakers forward LeBron James late in the fourth quarter on Christmas

first quarter.

Clippers guard Patrick Beverley causes Lakers forward LeBron James to lose control of the ball with 3 { seconds to play.

It was part of why the Lakers held a 63-51 lead at halftime. eight of 12 shots. After Davis blocked George at "We can beat the best," he said, the rim, Kuzma made a threepointer with 23 seconds left in the second quarter, part of a 17-2 run by the Lakers heading into the break.

Defense was a big part of why JaVale McGee notched five blocks, while James, Davis, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope and Dwight How-

"I think we got back to our de-tempts during that quarter while fensive intensity tonight, which we were struggling with in our other three losses that we had," Davis said. "We weren't playing good defense and I think we got back to it tonight."

Just before halftime, Davis fell onto the lap of comedian Kevin Hart, who was sitting courtside. Davis sat there, laughing, then James joined him, taking a seat on Hart as well.

Their fun ended soon after.

Despite facing a 15-point deficit in the third quarter, the Clippers finished the period with the score tied at 86. The Lakers made one of 10 three-point atthe Clippers made five of eight.

It was Leonard's shooting, ultimately, that made much of the difference. The Lakers felt that they also hurt themselves.

'We fouled them every time down, so when you're taking the ball out of the net on a free throw, it really breaks your offensive rhythm," Frank Vogel said. "That's where it started." Leonard made all six free

throws he attempted in the fourth quarter, Lou Williams made two and George made two more. Lakers wing Danny Green was called for two fouls on Leonard within a 27-second span with

.667

.400

2:30 left in the game.

"In the fourth quarter down the stretch, I really let my team down," Green said.

Those four free throws by Leonard gave the Clippers a fourpoint lead. James made one of two free throws to cut the margin to 109-106 with 41.9 seconds left.

Williams missed a threepoint try, and James had the ball with the seconds counting down toward the end of the game. He rose to shoot a three-pointer with 3.6 seconds left, and Clippers guard Patrick Beverley deflected the ball out of bounds. It was originally ruled Lakers ball, but the call was reversed after review, with the ball going off James' hands.

"I'm fortunate I didn't get a foul," Beverley said, "especially when you're guarding a person and a player as good as LeBron James. You just want to stay as solid as possible. I went for it the first time and kind of missed. I thought I was going to get him on the elbow, but he kind of pump-faked and I was able to make a defensive play."

When the call went the Clippers' way, coach Doc Rivers clapped, Beverley screamed and James scowled.

"Of course we all wanted it," Howard said. "I think everybody in L.A. that's a Lakers fan wanted to see us win tonight. We want to be the best team in June. We want to be the team that's holding up the trophy. When we do that, nobody will remember the game we lost on Christmas.'

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Local Prep Schedules SATURDAY, Dec. 28 **Boys Basketball**

Seton Catholic at W.F. West, SunDome Shootout, 10:30 a.m.

Morton-White Pass vs. Woodland, at Kittitas, Onalaska vs. South Bend, at Pe Ell, 2:30 p.m.

Stevenson at Napavine, 4:30 p.m. Ilwaco at Toledo, 5 p.m.

Adna at Willapa Valley, 6:30 p.m.

Raymond at Tenino, 7 p.m. Mossyrock at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.

Girls Basketball Morton-White Pass at Castle Rock, 1 p.m.

Onalaska vs. South Bend, at Pe Ell, 1 p.m. Ilwaco at Toledo, 3:30 p.m. Adna at Willapa Valley, 5 p.m.

Raymond at Napavine, 7:30 p.m. Centralia at Hudson's Bay, at Evergreen HS,

Tenino at

ment, TBD Mossyrock at Pe Ell, 5:45 p.m.

Men's College Basketball

Centralia vs. Skagit Valley, at Oregon City, Noon

Wrestling

Rochester at Washougal River Rumble, at 10

a.m.
W.F. West at Mountain View, Pac Coast
Tournament, Vancouver, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, Dec. 30 Boys Basketball

Tenino at Rainier, 7 p.m. Girls Basketball

Morton-White Pass at Napavine, 7 p.m THURSDAY, Jan. 2

Boys Basketball Kalama at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.

Montesano at Centralia, 7 p.m. Pe Ell at South Bend, 7 p.m. Girls Basketball Adna at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.

Wahkiakum at Rainier, 7 p.m. Napavine at Winlock, 7 p.m. Men's College Basketball Olympic at Centralia, 6 p.m.

NBA

Eastern Conference									
Milwaukee	27	5	.844	-					
Boston	21	7	.750	4					
Miami	22	8	.733	4					
Philadelphia	23	10	.697	4.5					
Indiana	21	10	.677	5.5					
Toronto	21	10	677	5.5					

Orlando	13	17	.433	13
Charlotte	13	20	.394	14.5
Chicago	12	20	.375	15
Detroit	12	20	.375	15
Cleveland	9	21	.300	17
Washington	9	21	.300	17
New York	8	24	.250	19
Atlanta	6	25	.194	20.5
Western Confer	ence			
LA Lakers	24	7	.774	-
Denver	21	9	.700	2.5
LA Clippers	23	10	.697	2
Houston	21	10	.677	3
Dallas	19	10	.655	4
Utah	18	12	.600	5.5
Oklahoma	15	14	.517	8
Portland	14	17	.452	10
San Antonio	12	17	.414	11
Sacramento	12	18	.400	11.5
Phoenix	11	19	.367	12.5
Memhpis	11	20	.355	13
Minnesota	10	19	.345	13
New Orleans	9	23	.281	15.5

NFL NFL Standings American Confe	erence		
AFC East	W	L	
New England	12	3	

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Miami	4	11	0	.267
AFC North				
Baltimore	13	2	0	.867
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533
Cleveland	6	9	0	.400
Cincinnati	1	14	0	.067
AFC South				
Houston	10	5	0	.667
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467
Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333
AFC West				
Kansas City	11	4	0	.733
Oakland	7	8	0	.467
Denver	6	9	0	.400
Los Angeles	5	10	0	.333
National Footb	all Conf	erence		
NFC East				
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533
Dallas	7	8	0	.467
New York	4	11	0	.267
Washington	3	12	0	.200
NFC North				
Green Bay	12	3	0	.800
Minnesota	10	5	0	.667
Chicago	7	8	0	.467
Detroit	3	11	1	.233
NFC South				

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Carolina	5	10	0	.333	
NFC West					
San Francisco	12	3	0	.800	
Seattle	11	4	0	.733	
Los Angeles	8	7	0	.533	
Arizona	5	9	1	.367	
Week 16 Results					

Sunday's Games Atlanta 24, Jacksonville 12

New Orleans 38, Tennessee 28 Indianapolis 38, Carolina 6 Miami 8, Cincinnati 35 (OT) NY Jets 16, Pittsburgh 10 NY Giants 41, Washington 35 (OT) Denver 27, Detroit 17 Oakland 24, LA Chargers 17 Philadelphia 17, Dallas 9 Arizona 27, Seattle 13

Kansas City 26, Chicago 3 Monday's Game

Green Bay 23, Minnesota 10

SPORTS ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, Dec. 28 **NCAA** football

9 a.m.

ESPN — Cotton Bowl, Memphis vs. Penn St.

Peach Bowl, Oklahoma vs. LSU

ESPN — Fiesta Bowl, Clemson vs. Ohio St.

NHL hockey 4 p.m.

NHL — N.Y. Rangers at Toronto

CBUT — Los Angeles at Vancouver

NCAA basketball 8:30 a.m.

ESPN2 — Men, Brown at Duke

ESPNU — Men, American at Georgetown

10:30 a.m. CBS — Men, Wisconsin at Tennessee

10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.

ESPN2 — Men, New Orleans at Memphis

Noon

- Men, Central Arkansas at Marquette

PAC-12 — Men, Texas Southern at Arizona St.

12:45 p.m. CBS — Men, Louisville at Kentucky

FS1 — Men, Louisiana-Monroe at Butler 2 p.m.

PAC-12 — Men, Cal St. Fullerton at UCLA FS1 — Women, Midland at Creighton

Tennis 1 p.m.

TENNIS — ATP/WTA, Hawaii Open

Men's soccer 4:25 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier, Bournemouth at Brighton 6:55 a.m.

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9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Rugby

10 a.m.

10 p.m.

Skiing

1 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

NBCSN

Mixed martial arts

Rampage Jackson

SUNDAY, Dec. 29

CBS — Teams TBA

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NBC — Teams TBA

NBA basketball

FOX — Green Bay at Detroit

FOX — San Francisco at Seattle

NFL football

10 a.m.

10 a.m.

1:25 p.m.

1:25 p.m.

5:20 p.m.

5 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier, Teams TBA

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NBC — Premier, Tottenham at Norwich City

ESPNEWS — Pro14, Leinster at Munster

CBUT — FIS World Cup, Ski cross

CBUT — FIS World Cup, Downhill

NBC — Premier, Manchester United at Burnely

PARAM — Bellator 237, Fedor Emelianenko vs.

— Premiership, Harlequins vs. Leicester

Jacksonville	5	10	0	.333
AFC West				
Kansas City	11	4	0	.733
Oakland	7	8	0	.467
Denver	6	9	0	.400
Los Angeles	5	10	0	.333
National Footb	all Conf	erence		
NFC East				
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533
Dallas	7	8	0	.467
New York	4	11	0	.267
Washington	3	12	0	.200
NFC North				
Green Bay	12	3	0	.800
Minnesota	10	5	0	.667
Chicago	7	8	0	.467
Detroit	3	11	1	.233
NFC South				
New Orleans	12	3	0	.800
Tampa Bay	7	8	0	.467

PAC-12 — Men, Iona at Colorado

1 p.m.

ESPN2 — Men, Navy at Virginia

1 p.m.

FS1 — Women, Providence at Villanova

PAC-12 — Men, Arkansas-Pine Bluff at Washing-

PAC-12 — Men, Florida Gulf Coast at USC

Noon ESPNU — Women, Teams TBD

3 p.m.

ESPNU — Women, Teams TBD

Saturday's Games Houston 23, Tampa Bay 20 New England 24, Buffalo 17 San Francisco 34, LA Rams 31

Baltimore 31, Cleveland 15

ROOT — Women, Virginia Tech at Florida St.

ESPN2 — Women, Louisville at Syracuse

1 p.m. PAC-12 — Men, Alabama St. at Oregon

ROOT — Women, Clemson at Notre Dame

NBCSN — Men, Loyola (Md.) at Virginia Commonwealth

2 p.m. PAC-12 WA — Women, Washington at Washington St.

ROOT — Men, UM-Eastern Shore at Virginia Tech

3 p.m. PAC-12 — Men, Harvard at California

ton St.

NCAA soccer

Premier League soccer

NBCSN — Chelsea at Arsenal

NBCSN — Wolverhampton at Liverpool

11 a.m.

NBA — Houston at New Orleans **NCAA** basketball 9 a.m. FS1 — Men, West Virginia vs. Ohio St.

FS1 — Men, Massachusetts-Lowell at Michigan

5:55 a.m. 8:25 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

NBCSN — Teams TBA

On Locked Gates, Dam Promises and Essential Memories

It's strange how something like a new year makes the mind wander back to things that are now, all of a sudden, old.

In a few days, we'll move into another decade as seamlessly as a duck's underwater stride. On paper it appears momentus 2020, such a round and balanced number that always seemed to convey some sense of hope for a better tomorrow. If Y2K and the new millennium was the clumsy stumble into a bold new world, surely we'd have all the bells and whistles figured out over the ensuing couple of decades. All that should be left to do is plug

in our robots and let our auto-pilot flying cars chauffeur us around our postmodern world of perfec-





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doubt figured out how to delicately buff the rough edges off where the wild meets the domesticated. Surely by 2020 the great human experiment would have mastered the art of preserving and protecting our most iconic species and places. The tenants of self preservation alone should dictate that we've made the strides necessary to protect our water, air and terrain along with the means to make a living without sacrificing the foundational pillars of what it means to be alive.

But humans are nothing if not dependably flawed and the only thing more unrelenting than the ferocious whims of nature is the syncopated drum beat

glass, we've seen smelt runs all but disappear on our rivers. Where grandpas and youngins used to scoop the tiny fish from the channel by the long handle full, these days an entire squadron of dippers might wind up with only one miniscule fish to split 1,000 ways.

It's a similarly depressing story for salmon, whether they be kings or silvers, and steelhead too, whether you call them a trout or not. Official return projections have a frustrating tendency to come in lower than expected, leading to emergency closures meant to ensure enough fish make it back to the hatchery in order to attempt the flawed experiment all over again.

On the Cowlitz River just a few years ago, those state-sanctioned fish handlers managed to misplace more than a half milthan pulling teeth from a crocodile. First they blamed the missing fish on hungry birds. Then, whales starve, the rivers seem after a pledge to recalibrate their counting machine, the hatchery wound up counting more fish on the next release date than had been put in the rearing pools in the first place. The powers that be argued that sometimes sticks and other debris wind up being counted as fish in an attempt to explain the discrepancy. But if sticks and feathers can be counted as fish, one has to wonder how many more fish were actually missing in addition the half million smolts that were officially

unaccounted for. Where our native and hatchery salmonids have turned scarce at worst, fickle and unpredictable at best, the waters of Puget Sound have had no shortage of non-natives species to compete for scarce resources. When net pens containing Atlantic salmon failed and allowed close to 300,000 adult interlopers to escape, the company in charge was quick to blame the collapse on high tides and a solar eclipse. Eventually the blame was more accurately pinned on a failure to perform required maintenance that allowed marine debris to drag down the net pens. Officials claimed that the fish would die off quickly without the ability to feed or fend for themselves, but eight months later those alien fish were still being found as far away as the headwaters of the Skagit River. Now, that same company is proposing an expansion of its business by switching to farming steelhead in the Old Salish Sea and we're supposed

erations will be safer than ever, which isn't saying an awful lot.

As those sacred salmon runs become more haphazard and smaller in size, the predators that depend on them have also found themselves more and more desperate. That's why you see sea lions swimming 50 miles past Grays Harbor and up into the verdant hillsides and cow pastures above Oakville in search of salmon. It's also why pinnipeds are staging along the banks of the Columbia River where they know they can find a smorgasbord of trapped fish trying to figure out how to climb the ladders at Bonneville. The only solution that's gained any traction so far is to shoot the sea lions, like some sort of sordid aquatic safari.

And sea lions aren't the only critters feeling the pinch as they try to scratch out a living. Washington's resident killer whales are starving to death in real time and their population is at a 30-year low not seen since the majestic animals could still be hunted by profiteers.

Studies show that the youngest adult orcas are now maxing out several meters shorter than their elders, and those are the lucky ones. As their fat stores deplete from too few fish pregnant whales are struggling to birth full term healthy baby whales. The most gut wrenching evidence of this crisis came from a whale named Tahlequah who broke hearts all over the world last year when she kept her stillborn calf afloat for all to see during a 17-day tour of heartache around Puget Sound.

The ocean and its sandy shores are far from impervious to the swell of change as well. Tides are rising, the coastline Like sand through the hour- is crumbling, tsunami towers are going up at the beach while populations descendent from time immemorial make plans to move away from the only places they've ever called home.

Out beyond the breakers, "The Blob" of warming water wreaks havoc and sends domoic acid sifting into the sands of time where it's absorbed by clams and other surf cleansing bivalves. The toxin can be fatal to humans and has caused entire razor clam digging seasons to be called off. Meanwhile, at Kalaloch Beach the clam population has been so depleted that only a pair of digs have been offered to the public since 2012. And both of those openings were so disappointing that officials were left wondering where all the clams had gone. The only theory that seems to hold any water is that a fleet of gray whales discovered they can lion steelhead smolts, and get-literally eat the beach during ting them to admit it was tougher high tide when they think that

no one is watching. But as the oceans rise and to be alternately dying of thirst or bursting at the seams depending on the season. Winter storms regularly push flood waters where we wish they wouldn't go. Then in the summer extended droughts leave creeks and streams dry.

Even in the main channels soaring water temperatures and trickling tributaries leave salmon stranded and then scalded before they can spawn.

At Riffe Lake the powers that be have pulled down the water level for the "foreseeable future" due to concerns about safety with the aging infrastructure. For years the surrounding boat launches and swimming areas were left as abysmal mud flats. Elsewhere (like the Elwha) entire dams have been torn down and natural systems long eviscerated have begun to rebuild in a sort of fast forward toward recovery. There's even talk of removing dams on the mighty Columbia and the Snake River system. In Pe Ell, though, engineers are convinced they can outsmart nature so there's a new push to dam one of the final free flowing entities of God. It will be good for fish, they say. Out in the backwoods we

learned that poachers rarely take a day off. When they're not stuffing dead bears and cougars into culverts they're taking their grandchildren out to join the fracas with baying hounds in order to get blood on their innocent hands. Fish and Wildlife police spent years and fortunes track-

to take their word that the op- ing their every sordid move but the drift logs are fewer and far- hunts for black-tailed deer will when it comes time for justice ther between, and nearly all the the buck stops short. Paltry mon- froth has dissipated on the suretary fines and the loss of hunt- face of area rivers but that doesn't ing licenses are hardly a deter- mean prospects have recovered rent for people who have no use for following the rules anyway.

> All the while, hunters who choose to abide by regulations of both God and Caesar find themselves holding the short end of the stick. Gates to traditional hunting grounds continue to turn up locked and the cost of access permits have driven generations of common folk out of the game. Those that remain are forced to pump mountain bikes over muddy trails just to see what they can see. Often what they find are elk afflicted with a hoof disease that's spread from Mt. St. Helens, over to the Willapa Hills, and into all parts of western Washington. The malody causes hooves to ooze and fall apart until the animals can no longer move and ultimately die from starvation.

> Deer have managed to fare better, except for the poor orphans who wound up rescued in Rochester. The WDFW determined those Bambies were entirely too friendly and, ironically, posed an unbearable threat to humans. So they rounded up the deer (and one elk calf) and killed them. Only after a wave of public outcry were the rest of the deer released in a top secret location. For the record, there have been no reports of deer attacks since the animals were granted their freedom.

Luckily, the state relented a bit during the last decade and finally made legal the decades old practice of salvaging roadkill animals to put in the big white coffin in the garage. Nowadays, you can keep deer and elk that have met the business end of a vehicle and all you need is a free permit provided by the WDFW. Who says we haven't made much progress?

Rumors of wild hogs in Washington have been around for decades now but the state has yet to confirm any established populations. That doesn't do anything to diminish reports that have ranged from Quinault, to the Wynoochee River, and the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The scourge of feral hogs coming in from Canada has scared Montana so bad that the state has declared all-out war on the

relentless scavengers. Likewise, Washingtonians cade that they've got to watch out for wolves. As the big dogs move back into the state the official rule is that we must make room for them to spread out, even when conflicts with humans, pets, and livestock inevi- Sea tably arise. Like pigs undercover, rumors of their presence are all around and it won't be long before confirmed reports of timberwolves are rolling in from west of Morton and White Pass.

A few weeks ago, on a picturesque autumn day, I wound up near the Newaukum River in Onalaska.

ter passageway that now allows salmon and other aquatic species to freely travel during both high and low flows. As swans bobbed on the glass top of Old Mill Pond the commissioner from East Lewis County took a moment to reflect on the wild world as it stands today.

Things change. We know times have changed but one thing that's constant is all the local people and the people who come here, they fish. They fish and they hunt. It's not that long ago that everyone knew what it once was," said Stamper. "We'd like to do everything we can to restore those runs so young people, generations below us can have more opportunity to go out and enjoy the same things we do."

With that perspective it's all too clear that the future is now, and we are it, even if sometimes we're not often particu- pound trout and 70 five-poundlarly pleased with the reflection in the mirror. Looking forward, it seems the key to a better vision in 2020 can be found in the hindsight.

FISHIN'

The high waters are receding,

Rule abiding hunters should

end at dusk on Dec. 31 in GMUs 407, 410-417, 419-422, 454, 505, 564a*, 624, 627, 636, 648, 652 654, 655 and 660-672. Likewise, hunts for for-

est grouse (Blue, Ruffed, and

Spruce), crows, and the last of the remaining wild turkey hunts will also be shuttered just before the new year. Cougar hunts will also be subject to harvest review once the ball drops on 2020. Most ar-

eas typically remain open into April but the WDFW reserves to close hunts in any unit at any time once harvest limits have been attained by hunters.

Coote and snipe season will remain open through Jan. 26, for whatever that's worth. Meanwhile, duck hunting will also remain open through Jan. 26 in Southwest Washington. The recent rain storms have brought thousands of new waterfowl into the area and dispersed their flocks across great swaths of flooded farm fields. Of course, big water like the Columbia and Chehalis rivers, as well as Willapa Bay, are still drawing in many birds who prefer to fly the coast-

Goose hunting will also remain open through Jan. 26 in some local shooting grounds. In Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties, hunters are required to obtain a special permit, and Dusky Canada geese are off limits entirely. In Goose Management Area 2 (Coast) in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties west of Highway 101, goose hunting just reopened and is now an op tion on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays through Jan. 20. In Goose Management Area 2 (Inland), which includes Grays Harbor County east of Highway 101, hunting is allowed Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays through Jan. 13. Additionally, a brant-only goose hunt will take place in Pacific County on Jan. 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23,

25, and 26 Looking back toward big game, most archery hunts for elk in Western Washington came to a close on Dec. 15. However, GMU 407 will remain open through Jan. 20. That GMU will also remain open for musketmen in search of elk.

Small game hunts for bobcats, fox, raccoon, cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares will be a viable option through March 15, and, of course, covote hunts never end in Washington. Trapping season for beaver, badger, weason marten, mink, muskrat and river otter will continue through the end of March. Those animals may only be harvested by legal

trapping methods. Although nearly all elk and deer hunts are over, roadkill salvaging will remain legal in Washington with the use of an emergency permit provided by the WDFW. However, deer are not legal for salvage in Clark, Cowlitz or Wahkiakum counties in order to protect endangered populations of Columbian

Permits are available online and must be obtained within 24-hours of any deer or elk salvage. Permit applications, and additional roadkill salvage regulations, can now be found online wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/roadkill-salvage.

white-tailed deer.

SHREDDIN'

Powder heads are busy trying to make up for lost time at White Pass these days now that the ski area is open for daily runs.

Since Thursday, when night skiing began, the slopes have been open from 8:45 a.m. until 9 p.m. Although no new snow had fallen late in the week the powder pile still sat at 35" near the summit and between 20" - 24" near the base. Late in the week daytime temperatures were hovering between 17 and 24 degrees. This week the surface lifts,

Far East, Chair 4, Great White Express and Basin Quad have all been in operation. The Nordic Center is also operating daily through Jan. 5. Additionally, Couloir Express, Ribeye Park, and the tubing area all opened up on Thursday, and Progression Park is set up with ten features.

Up to date conditions can be found online at skiwhitepass. com/snow-report, or by calling

First and foremost, archery

yet from a complete washout last Even the Columbia River, where anglers are still allowed to pursue salmon and steelhead from the edge of the estuary up to Bonneville Dam, is running wide and chunky. And on most lower Columbia tributaries last week there was hardly anything

Three bank anglers on the Klickitat River had no catch and one bank angler on the Grays River was skunked as well. Meanwhile, 23 brave souls hit the banks of the Elochoman and managed to keep ten steelhead while tossing back a silver, and one boat also released a silver.

for WDFW creel checkers to re-

The Cowlitz River was as quiet as anywhere last week with one sampled bank angler reporting no catch. This week's river report from Tacoma Power reported river flow just below Mayfield Dam at 2,750 cubic feet per second. Water temperature was 46.4 degrees with visibility At the Cowlitz salmon hatch-

ery last week fish crews recovered 1,385 coho adults, 47 silver jacks, three summer steelhead, three cutthroat trout, and one fall Chinook. Fish handlers also released 64 coho adults and six coho jacks into the Cispus River by Yellow Jacket Creek near Randle and deposited 600 coho adults, nine coho jacks, and one cutthroat trout into Lake Scanewa located near Randle. Another 137 coho adults and

two coho jacks were released at Franklin Bridge in Packwood and 579 coho adults, 25 coho jacks, and one fall Chinook adults were put into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in All that said, luck is bound

to turn around quicker on the Cowlitz River than the Chehalis River and its tributaries. Those waters, while open for hatchery coho, are all so thick with mud at the moment that there's no telling if the late-run fish or the viscous runoff will be darker.

Of course, salmon anglers will once again be permitted to target salmon in Marine Area 13 beginning on Jan. 1. That portion of South Puget Sound was closed to salmon fishing in late have learned over the last defall in order to protect returning chum salmon Now that the vast majority of returning chum have made it to their home streams the WDFW decided it's no longer necessary to limit anglers in the salted waters of the old Salish

In all reality though, if you're dead set on casting a line in the coming days there's hardly a better place to try your luck than area lakes and ponds. The protected waters keep the fish hungry even after storms and a concerted trout stocking effort sharing a view with Lewis Coun- prior to Thanksgiving continues ty commissioner Gary Stamper to pay dividends for anglers with

any touch at all. First-hand accounts from We were there for the unveil- South Lewis County Park Pond ing of a newly reconfigured wa- indicate that gaggles of teenagers with free time on their hands have been hauling forearm length trout out of those old quarry pools. Mineral Lake saw its prospects improve on Dec. 11 when it received a shipment of 60 ten-pound whoppers and another 130 trout weighing about five pounds each.

Elsewhere, Lake Sacajawea was planted with 2,500 fingerling rainbow trout on Dec. 23 along with 1,000 rainbows weighing more than a pound each on Dec. 18. The day before that Longview's crown jewel received 25 big boy triploids weighing about ten pounds each. In Clark County, Battle Ground Lake received 2,000 fingerling rainbows on Dec. 16. Klineline pond was also planted that day with a shipment of 4,185 rainbow fingerlings, and on Dec. 4 the pond was planted with 30 ten-

HUNTIN'

take note because a rash of hunting seasons are set to close with the end of the year.

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College Football

Huskies QB Jacob Eason Declares for NFL Draft After a Season at UW

By Lauren Kirschman

The News Tribune

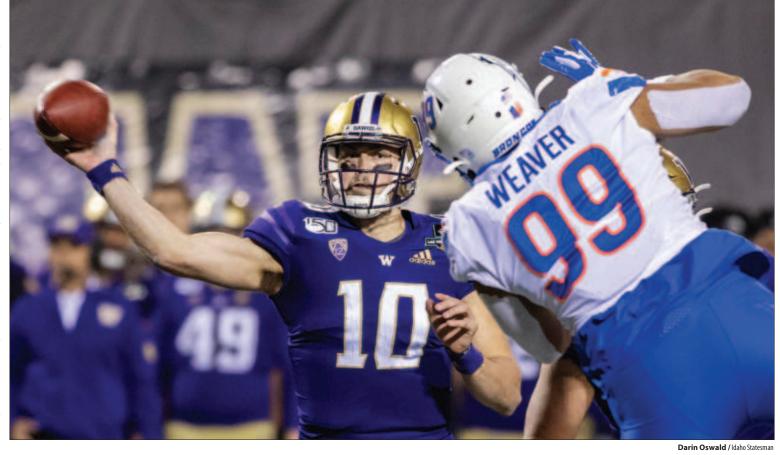
Washington will have another quarterback competition next season.

Huskies quarterback Jacob Eason declared for the 2020 NFL Draft on Thursday morning. Eason, a four-year junior from Lake Stevens, will forego his final season of college eligibility. A transfer from Georgia, Eason started all 13 games for UW this season. He completed 260-of-405 passes for 3,132 yards. His yardage total was the fourth-highest in UW history; his 23 touchdowns ranked sixth.

"I want to thank everyone at UW - my teammates, the coaching staff and the fans — for making these last two years so memorable," Eason said in a release. "I'm very happy that I was able to come home and play for the Dawgs, and will always be grateful." Eason was the 2015 Nation-

al Gatorade Player of the Year and started his college career at Georgia, where he started as a true freshman in 2016. He transferred to UW after missing most of the 2017 season because of an injury. He redshirted the 2018 season due to transfer rules and then beat out Jake Haener for the starting role this season. Haener then transferred to Fresno State.

"We wish Jacob nothing but the best," said new Huskies head coach Jimmy Lake. "He was a terrific teammate who worked very hard in his two years as a Husky. I'm looking forward to watching him succeed at the next Eason did play in the 38-7 vic- Class of 2020.



Washington quarterback Jacob Eason (10) passes around the pass rush of Boise State's Curtis Weaver (99), completing a touchdown pass in the first quarter in the Las Vegas Bowl on Dec. 21 at Sam Boyd Stadium in Las Vegas. Washington won, 38-7.

Jr. listed Eason as the No. 4 quar- a touchdown. terback in the 2020 NFL Draft

Eason became the second Husky to declare for the NFL Draft. Junior tight end Hunter Bryant announced he was leav-

tory over Boise State, completing Last week, ESPN's Mel Kiper 22-of-32 passes for 210 yards and

UW has two quarterbacks already on the roster in upcoming sophomore Jacob Sirmon, who served as Eason's backup this season, and redshirt freshman Dylan Morris. The Huskies also ing before last week's Las Vegas signed incoming four-star quar-Bowl and didn't play in the game. terback Ethan Garbers in the

Bothell, played in five total As a senior, he completed 341games in 2019 and completed of-490 passes for 5,035 yards, 71 2-of-3 passes for 19 yards. Mor- touchdowns and six intercepris — also a four-star recruit — tions. redshirted last season. During his career at Graham-Kapowsin, comes just days after the Hus-Morris completed 636-of-1,021 kies announced that offensive passes for 9,815 yards and 99 touchdowns. Garbers led Corona tight end coach Jordan Paopao del Mar (Newport Beach, Calif.) to an undefeated record and a respective positions next season.

Sirmon, a four-star out of state championship this season.

announcement Eason's coordinator Bush Hamdan and wouldn't be returning to their

WR Arconado's Breakout Year at WSU Not Limited to On-Field Production for Cougars

By Theo Lawson

The Spokesman-Review

PULLMAN — The Pacific-12 Conference defensive backs who've been left dazed trying to mark him and the Washington State fans who've found his emergence to be a delightful surprise would mutually agree there's much more than meets the eye when it comes to Brandon Arconado.

On the other hand, Arconado's mother, DeeDee, would contest what meets the eye has always been more than enough.

Before Arconado left for Chaffey College in 2015 to pursue college football, hoping he could parlay one solid junior college season into a career in the Football Bowl Subdivision, his mother made one final pitch to tent physicality of football and into the more lucrative world of

So, just to humor his mother, the trim, dark-haired, oliveskinned receiver agreed to a preliminary interview at the Beverly Hills branch of Ford Modeling "Most Improved Player" as it does quartered in New York City.

"I think he's a good-looking kid," DeeDee said. "... They liked his unique look and I think they were going to sign him because they were serious about talking to him."

All bets were off as soon as the questioner asked Arconado

about his future. "I'm going to Washington

State to play football," he said. DeeDee gently kicked her son

under the table. "I was like, 'Why did you say that?'" she recalled. "'I could've got you a modeling contract with one of the biggest Beverly Hills modeling agencies.' He said, 'Because that's where I'm going, mom.'

"And that's where he ended

It was a fateful decision: Arconado's routes clearly belonged somewhere other than a runway.

The breakout star of Washington State's offense this season is Arconado as much as it is quarterback Anthony Gordon, and the former walk-on from Chino Hills, California, has been one of the best bargains for Mike Leach since the coach arrived in Pullman eight years ago.

For starters, the Cougars didn't have to spend a scholarship to get him to Pullman. They haven't had to work overtime teaching him the Air Raid receiver concepts — seldom does Arconado need to hear something twice. And they didn't need to press the panic but- games and parts of three others



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pull him away from the persis- Washington State wide receiver Brandon Arconado runs the ball against New Mexico State defensive back Austin Perkins during the first half on Aug. 31 at Martin Stadium in Pullman.

Jamire Calvin suffered a lower body injury that would shelve him for the season. The Pac-12 doesn't hand out

in men's and women's basketball but it's hard to imagine the football award would've gone to someone other than Arconado, averaging 85.7 yards per game. who came into his redshirt senior season with four catches, 73 yards and one touchdown and squashed those numbers in six individual games this season.

His transition from one of the lesser-known pass-catchers in the conference to the one leading the conference in 100-yard games, with six, is one reason WSU (6-6) enters Friday's Cheez-It Bowl against Air Force (10-2) scoring more than 39 points per game — second-most by a WSU offense under Leach.

"He's a pure example of if you're a real coachable guy and you're at the right place at the right time, you can be incredibly successful," Leach said of Arconado last week. "He's open all the time and executes once the ball comes his way.

"The biggest thing is, anything you tell him route wise or release wise, he executes it. He really does a good job of always developing what he's coached to do and it's really elevated his game throughout his career, especially when you consider how small he came here and everything and how he's developed here. A lot of guys are kind of built like him when they get here and it took him 2 1/2 years or so to get to that point, just growing

and stuff." Even while missing three full

ton when starting "Y" receiver with injury, Arconado's put together one of the top statistical seasons by a slot receiver under Leach, catching 63 passes for 908 yards and six touchdowns. For comparison, in River Cracraft's most productive season at WSU, the "Y" receiver had 66 catches for 775 yards and eight TDs, Arconado's averaged 100.9 per game in 2019.

And yet, the best thing Arconado has to offer might actually have nothing to do with his soft hands, crisp routes or game-day dependability.

At the intersection of "scholar" and "athlete" is someone who recently became WSU's first COSIDA First-Team Academic All-American since kicker Jason Hanson in 1991. Arconado, who's kept a 3.65 GPA while working toward a postgraduate degree in Business Administration, and Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert were the only Pac-12 representatives on a 25-person list that encompassed players from the FBS, FCS, Division II, Division III and NAIA.

You're looking relatively at about 59,000 football players nationwide," Arconado's father,

ing that club at one point seems as far-fetched as the wide receiver emerging as a premier playmaker in the Pac-12 after arriving in Pullman three years ago sans scholarship.

Arconado became only the second member of his family to obtain a college diploma when he walked at WSU's commencement ceremony earlier this month, joining sister Samantha,

who attended Northern Arizona

and Loma Linda University.

A four-year education wasn't feasible for DeeDee because her grandparents grew ill, causing her parents to look after them and forcing her to care for her younger siblings. She went straight into the workforce and now bartends while working various hospitality jobs. Mike played football and basketball at Citrus College, earned an Associate of Science degree and left to work in retail.

"I would've loved to go to a university," he said. "... It just wasn't meant to be that we were able to and that was some of the things my wife and I kind of planned. If they wanted to go to school, we wanted to divert our energy as much as possible and back them to where they want to go to school."

Hoping to improve their children's chances of attending a four-year school, Mike and DeeDee sent all three — Josh, Amanda and Brandon — to a private Catholic school, Bishop Āmat, in La Puente, California. Brandon resisted, not willing to split with his middle school friends, and he struggled with the transition initially, fighting just to earn a 2.0 GPA as a fresh-

man. "It was a positive influence," Mike said, of moving his children into a better academic environment. "We were really happy we spent that time and effort to get him there."

Once Brandon starting mingling with football and soccer teammates who sported better grades, he saw his own GPA start to climb. He also credits his girlfriend and high school sweetheart, Brianna Ortega, who's done some impressive multitasking of her own these past few years, working on a Masters degree at Baylor University while cheerleading for the Bears.

"Later on, to be honest, it was my girlfriend," said Brandon, who eventually began enrolling in honors and advanced placement courses and saw his GPA escalate to 4.16 by his senior year at Bishop Amat. "... I was like, I don't want to look dumb in front of her. So I started doing good. The odds of Arconado join- She helped me out, too, she's really smart."

Arconado toted some impressive grades while juggling two sports. Some days, soccer and football practices overlapped. Other times, during Bishop Amat's "Hell Week," one club soccer practice was sandwiched between two football workouts.

He wasn't introduced to football until his freshman year, when DeeDee OK'd it under the

or punting. But when Mike visited a summer 7-on-7 workout, he watched his son haul in three toe-tap touchdowns and the rest

"They said he was fast and he had hands and he was a wide receiver," DeeDee recalled. "I was like, 'I don't even know what that is.' He's like, 'I catch the ball and I make touchdowns."

Arconado did plenty of both at Bishop Amat, catching 53 passes for 1,010 yards and 12 touchdowns, but it wasn't enough to warrant major college offers. He also stood just 6-feet tall and weighed — if you can even imagine — 35 pounds less than he does now. Arconado's currently listed at 193 pounds on WSU's roster and still considered

undersized at his position. He spent one season at Chaffey, but cautioned his parents, "Don't buy anything from here, don't buy a sweatshirt, don't buy a T-shirt," DeeDee recalled. 'Because I'm not staying here."

Without the numbers he's posted this season at WSU, Arconado might have been playing in his final football game this Friday at Chase Field. He still won't be considered a potential NFL draft choice, but his production has carved open the possibility of a professional career — either through the backdoor of the NFL as an undrafted free agent who could work his way into the league the same way Cracraft did, or as someone who might be able to squeeze out a few seasons in the CFL or XFL.

Arconado's undergraduate degree in finance has prepared him for either reality. If he's fortunate enough to play professional football, he'll already have a few inside tips on how to manage his money. If not, his diploma will help him attain a job in bank investment — one of two careers he sees himself in after football.

The other is technology -Arconado's logic being, "I figure (in) the future, technology will always be there, it's always advancing," he said. "They're always looking for people who know how to work with technology and stuff like that. Then money's always going to be there and I figure I want to be good with my money.

Where will he be in five years? Ten years?

"Living it up, having a good job," DeeDee said. "Maybe trav-

eling the world. But who knows, that kid has big plans and he wants to make money and do big things.'

Successful, somewhere. That impression he'd only be kicking

much seems sure.



The Chronicle's All-Area girls soccer team poses for a photo at Centralia College. In the front row, from left: Adna's Payton Aselton, Brynn Arrington, Jordyn Swenson and Cierra Swenson, and Tenino's Brieanna Dell and Abby Severse. In the back row, from left: Onalaska's Autumn Russ, Cierra Russ and Carmen Cleveland-Barrera, W.F. West's Cameron Sheets, Toledo's Marina Smith, and Tenino's Alivia Hunter and Grace Vestal.

Soccer

Continued from Sports 1

Toledo earned a spot after helping her team finish second in the district tournament before coming within a goal of the state semifinals. In 20 games she scored 20 goals and notched 10 assists. Napavine's Chloe Stewart also earned a spot on the All-Area team by leading the Tigers with 14 goals.

Aselton said she's become keenly aware of the improving competition in the area over the years.

"We had a lot tougher games this year, and more tough games," said Aselton. "Last year there were a few good teams and we knew they were going to be better this year, because they're older. I definitely feel like it got better this year."

Onalaska improved as much or more than any team around this season and landed three players on the All-Area team. After qualifying for state last year the Loggers finished fourth in the Central 2B League this season before scratching and kicking their way to a district championship. Logger midfielders — and sisters — Autumn and Cierra Russ were joined by goalie Alex Cleveland-Barrera on the All-Area team.

"I had a feeling they were going to be good. They were definitely strong competition," said Aselton of Onalaska. "Their keeper is so amazing. I give her all the props. Her punts go at least halfway down the field, which was just huge for them."

Adna defeated Onalaska twice in the regular season before dropping the district semifinal to the Loggers. The Pirates exacted revenge in the state third place game when they defeated Onalaska 1-0.

"They connected pretty really well, I thought. Sometimes I feel like in 2B we can't connect super well, like passing isn't as high skilled as at bigger schools," Aselton said of Onalaska. "But I felt like they could pass pretty good, which was huge, because



The Chronicle's All-Area girls soccer team MVPs: Adna's Payton Aselton (left) and Tenino's Brieanna Dell.

it's not an individual sport."

Jumping up a couple of ranks, Rochester's Sufina Ahmath and W.F. West's Cameron Sheets were selected to represent the local 2A contingent.

Ahmath, a defensive midfielder, scored six goals and dished three assists while acting as an anchor for the Warriors' defense. Meanwhile, Sheets was an Evergreen 2A Conference first-team selection and was voted the Bearcats' Offensive MVP. Sheets scored nine goals and tallied two assists on the year.

However, no team had a more inspiring story than what Tenino mustered in the 1A world. Dell, a big-boot forward, scored a staggering 42 goals and notched 10 assists to earn All-Area co-MVP honors. She noted that this year's Beavers had an uncommon camaraderie that helped them post the best season in school history.

"A lot of us grew up playing rec-ball together, but even once we all got together in high school it was just like we automatically had that bond together," Dell said. "We all worked hard. We all wanted to succeed at our goals and it was one goal at a time."

The Chronicle's 2019 **All-Area Girls Soccer Team**

Co-MVPs Payton Aselton Brieanna Dell	Adna Tenino	M F
Cierra Swenson	Adna	F
Grace Vestal	Tenino	M
Chloe Stewart	Napavine	M
Marina Smith	Toledo	M
Sufina Ahmath	Rochester	M
Cameron Sheets	W.F. West	M
Autumn Russ	Onalaska	M
Cierra Russ	Onalaska	M
Brynn Arrington	Adna	D/M
Jordyn Swenson	Adna	D
Alivia Hunter	Tenino	D
Abby Severse	Tenino	G
Alex Cleveland-Barrera	Onalaska	G

She attributed much of the team's fun-loving approach to their seemingly inseparable coaching duo — head coach "Soccer Crazy" Schultz and assistant coach Dave 'Toaster" Montgomery.

"A lot of times they'll be goofy and we'll all have a good laugh

and then they'll be like, 'Okay. Let's get down. Let's get serious,' explained Dell.

Beaver midfielder Grace Vestal scored six goals and accumulated 18 assists on the season while Alivia Hunter, a defender, added four goals and four assists while solidifying a Tenino de-

fense that allowed just a dozen goals in 20 games. Goalie Abby Severse was also integral to that defensive effort with 18 wins in 19 starts and 12 shutouts. Severse finished the season with 55 saves, including 4 of 5 on penalty kicks, for an 86-percent save rate. Having allowed nine goals on the season, Severe managed to cancel some of those rare scores out with four goals and three assists of her own in limited time out of the keeper box.

An offensive juggernaut, Dell made sure to praise the Beavers defensive unit for their stellar work all season.

"Our defenders were strong," Dell said. "They'd pick the forwards up when maybe we weren't trying as hard and they're like, 'Hey let's go. It's one mistake. You'll fix it next time.

They're just really supportive." Forced to pinpoint one player who picked up their game this season to help the Beavers get over the hump, Dell hardly had to hesitate before spreading the love around like so many gnawed-off logs in a Stone City

"It would probably have to be Grace Vestal. She had 18 assists this year and a lot of those were to me, which was really helpful because I wouldn't be able to do what I do without my teammates," she said. "It comes from my goalie, it comes from Abby (Severse), it comes from 'Liv (Hunter), it comes all the way up. It takes the whole team to make one goal.'

As the Bevers made their inspired and historic run through the season they began to draw a following that filled the stands at Beaver Stadium beyond what any Tenino team has seen in recent years.

"It was a bit of a surprise because we've always had it where for football the whole stadium is filled. But it was nice to have people from Tenino come around and even people from other places that showed up to watch us play," said Dell. "Even though we lost at state we were still proud that we made history

Greg Oden Counseling Young Players on Pitfalls of Success

COLUMBUS, Ohio (TNS) For years, Greg Oden's life lessons have served as teaching points for a younger generation of basketball players.

Now, he's officially in the business of telling them himself. After graduating from Ohio State with a bachelor's degree in sports industry last spring, the former No. 1 NBA draft pick who helped lead the Buckeyes to the 2007 NCAA championship game has a new job. Oden is officially an athlete

adviser for Edyoucore Sports & Entertainment, a Baltimorebased company that provides financial education and consulting services to individuals, including amateur and profession- ing. al athletes. For Oden, it consists

of one primary responsibility: be

"I'm not saying I did terrible things with my money or lost it all, but if I was a little more knowledgeable about money then I probably would've made some better decisions and went a little bit differently in my life away from the court," Oden told The Dispatch.

Some of (the lessons learned) were definitely hard, especially from my standpoint, which is what I think I bring to the team: You're making this money and you have these decisions and you're not as knowledgeable as you should be, but I never thought I wouldn't be playing the game or at this time that I wouldn't be playing.

"It happened so quick you need to be prepared for when the big checks actually do stop com-

After his season with the

Buckeyes, Oden was taken first overall by Portland in the 2007 NBA draft, but multiple knee surgeries ultimately ended his career after 105 games spread across six seasons. Seeking some direction once his playing career was over, he was encouraged by former coach Thad Matta to return to Ohio State, be around the

program and pursue his degree. That led to a job as a student manager and, ultimately, his degree earlier this year. The hope upon graduation was to secure a coaching job, but when no opportunities presented themselves, he was recommended to Edyoucore by representatives of both the NBA and the league's players association after he served as a counselor at the NBA's rookie transition program.

now wasn't picking up steam," Oden said. "This opportunity came about, and I knew being

around basketball and players, just sports in general, and being able to help in some way with talking about things I've actually lived and went through was a nobrainer to me."

At Edyoucore, Oden's responsibilities include helping tailor presentations to different teams by using his personal experiences to help the company explain the financial realities that come with being young and highly paid. In his case, Oden said, that meant earning \$4.2 million at 19

In the first few weeks at his new job, Oden said he's spoken to a couple of NBA teams and has plans to get to college and even high school teams. In a news release, Edyoucore founder Drew Hawkins said Oden's story "The coaching route right "will resonate with our audience" and added that his experience will make their presentation more authentic.

Oden said he hasn't closed the door on coaching; he still hopes to work his way into the profession. For now, though, this is a welcome spot to be in.

"I am a basketball player through and through and I got my degree, but I don't want to be looked at as just a basketball player," he said. "I feel like my life means something right now where I can help these kids or anybody to be better in their life, be happier, be more positive. That's really what I hope to bring to this life and to this world.

"When the right (coaching) opportunity comes, I would love to take advantage of that. But right now I've got to keep on moving, I've got to keep on providing for my family, and this is something that's providing my spirit and my happiness. This is where I'm at now."

By Adam Jude

The Seattle Times

It's the Seahawks and it's the 49ers, back in prime time.

Their Week 17 matchup was selected for a Sunday Night Football broadcast on NBC, set for a 5:20 p.m. PT kickoff, meaning all eyes will be on CenturyLink Field for the NFL's final regular-season game of 2019 — for what is effectively the NFC West championship game.

Both teams are plenty familiar with the national spotlight this season.

For the Seahawks (11-4), this is their fifth prime-time game of the season. It's the sixth for San Francisco (12-3).

"It's an honor ... for us and Seattle to be the only two teams playing there at the end," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said, via the San Francisco Chronicle. 'Everyone gets a chance to watch it. I know it's a big game, and we're excited the whole country gets to see it."

Their first meeting this season, of course, was on "Monday Night Football," and it was an overtime thriller won by the Seahawks, 27-24, on Jason Myers' 42-yard field goal.

In this renewed — and reinvigorated — rivalry, the stakes are as great as they've ever been in the regular season.

Five things to know about the 49ers this week:

1. They're No. 1 . . . for now

The 49ers enter Week 17 holding the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs by virtue of their head-to-head victories over New Orleans and Green Bay.

The Saints (12-3) are currently No. 2 and the Packers (12-3)

The winner of the NFC East either the Eagles or the Cowboys — is locked into the No. 4

The Seahawks sit at No. 5, with the Vikings at No. 6.

In a testament to the strength of the NFC, the Seahawks could still finish as high as the No. 1 seed or fall all the way to No. 5. With Minnesota's Monday-night loss, they are locked into the No. 6 seed.

Seattle's loss to Arizona made their path to postseason homefield advantage more difficult; the Seahawks needs to beat San Francisco and needs Green Bay to lose to have a shot at a firstround bye (and they need both



After Richard Sherman puts a hit on Tyler Lockett in the 1st half, the two get up and laugh. The Seattle Seahawks played the San Francisco 49ers in Monday Night Football November 11 at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

San Francisco will secure that urday night, 34-31. No. 1 seed with a victory Sunday in Seattle. But a loss would drop them to No. 5 and a wild-card road trip to the East division winner. (Got all that?)

2. The 49ers have lost eight straight in Seattle

Their last win in Seattle was a 19-17 victory on Dec. 24, 2011.

"The only negative (to a night game) is probably giving the Seattle fans a little bit more time," Shanahan said. "But it doesn't matter too much because it's always as loud as can be there."

San Francisco QB Jimmy Garoppolo has never played a game in Seattle.

"It's going to be a loud, hostile environment," he said. "I can't wait for it."

3. Third-down whoas

After a stunning loss to Atdeficit to beat the Rams on Sat- return from an Achilles injury Sherman's career.

It was an uneven performance for the 49ers' offense ney," Sherman told reporters against the Rams.

terceptions and was sacked six times entering the game's final drive. He then completed two passes on third-and-16 plays an 18-yard gain to former Eastern Washington receiver Kendrick Bourne and then a back-breaking 46-yarder to Em- kept in perspective." manuel Sanders.

That helped set up Robbie Gould's game-winning 33-yard field goal as time expired.

4. Richard Sherman: better than ever?

Released by the Seahawks in March 2018, just a few weeks before his 30th birthday, Sherman cisco this year.

that ended his tenure in Seattle.

"It's been an interesting jourlast week. "It's one where you Garoppolo threw two in- always learn about yourself when you go through a serious injury like that. And you battle back. It's something where I believe I could get back to where I was. And regardless of the outside noise, or what anyone else thought, that's what I always

> Sherman negotiated his three-year contract with the 49ers himself, and that included a \$1 million bonus for making the Pro Bowl. If he's named All-Pro, he'll earn \$13 million in base salary and incentives this season, per the Chronicle.

And according to advanced metrics, Sherman is having one of his best seasons. Per Pro Footis having a rebirth in San Fran-ball Focus, he has allowed 0.48 Last week, he was named to erage this season, which is the with nine QB hits during their New Orleans and Green Bay to lanta at home a week earlier, the the Pro Bowl for the fifth time in lowest of any NFL cornerback lose to have a shot at the No. 1 49ers rallied from an 11-point his career, then reflected on his this season and the lowest of

5. What a rush

Yes, the Seahawks have lost their top three running backs to season-ending injuries this month, but the bigger concern this week might be Seattle's offensive line.

With veteran left tackle Duane Brown (knee) out this week, and likely out for the rest of the season, the Seahawks are looking at starting second-year pro Jamarco Jones at left tackle against a 49ers pass rush that ranks as one of the NFL's best.

San Francisco's 47 sacks are

fifth most in the league. Edge rusher Dee Ford (hamstring) is not expected to play against Seattle, but the 49ers still have rookie standout Nick Bosa (nine sacks), who received more Pro Bowl fan votes than any de-

fensive player in the league. The 49ers sacked Russell Wilreceiving yards per snap in cov- son five times and were credited first game in San Francisco.

With Brown out, Arizona sacked Wilson five times Sunday.

Three Things to Watch: Breaking Down the NFC Playoff Picture Entering the Final Weekend

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

Only seven teams remain alive for the postseason in the NFC as the final weekend commences, but only one team has its seed sewn up (the Vikings, locked into the sixth).

And reviewing what is a still-really-fluid NFC playoff picture is the emphasis of our look at what else is happening around the NFL this week.

Packers Go For It All in Detroit

Green Bay, 12-3 has clinched the North but could still be a one, two or a three seed. The Packers can get the one seed with a win at Detroit — they are an early 12-point favorite against a Lions team going with third-team quarterback David Blough — and a 49ers loss to Seattle. That would mark quite the turnaround for the Packers after missing the playoffs the last two

Green Bay gets the two seed with a win and a Saints loss at Carolina.

But if the Packers are rooting for Seattle to win — and it's worth remembering the 49ers get the one seed if they beat Seattle, with nothing else needing to happen — the Seahawks are rooting for Green Bay to lose.

The only way Seattle can get a first-round bye of any kind is

That also means that by about 1 p.m. or so, the Seahawks will know what they have to play for — if Green Bay wins, the best Seattle can be is the three seed, meaning having to play on the

with a Green Bay loss.



Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrates during the game against the Chicago Bears at Lambeau Field on Dec. 15 in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

first weekend regardless of what happens against the 49ers.

But if Green Bay loses, then a bye is still there for Seattle.

So, go Lions. But at 3-11-1 and having lost eight in a row, it's gonna take a pretty big miracle.

Saints on the March for a First-**Round Bye**

New Orleans, 12-3 and having already clinched the South, seed as it enters the final week-

end, where it is a mammoth 13-point favorite at Carolina.

The Saints' playoff calculations are a little more complicated than Green Bay's. But essentially, the Saints cannot be the one seed unless they win and both Green Bay and the 49ers lose (we're not going to bother with all of the unlikely tie scenarios for any of these seeds for

The Saints will get the two can also be a one, two or three seed with a win and either a Green Bay or San Francisco loss ing — a Seattle win plus losses

(and there's also a scenario where the Saints get the two with a loss, and wins by Seattle and Green

If Green Bay wins, then what the Saints do doesn't matter to Seattle since New Orleans wins a two-time tiebreaker with the Seahawks. But should Green Bay lose, then Seattle needs the Saints to lose to have a chance at getting homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

That may be worth reiterat-

by Green Bay AND the Saints and the Seahawks get homefield

throughout the playoffs. So, go Panthers (but go Lions

Eagles Can Rule the East

a lot more).

card round.

In what could have huge implications for the Seahawks, both the Eagles and Dallas can still win the East. Whichever team does will be the four seed and host the fifth seed in the wild

And if Seattle loses to the 49ers, it will be the fifth seed and travel to play either Dallas or Philly (the Vikings, as the sixth seed, will travel to play the number three seed in the other NFC game the first weekend, and that could well be Seattle if the Seahawks get the three.

The heavy odds are on the Eagles to win the East since all they have to do is beat the Giants to clinch the division. Dallas needs to win at home vs. Washington and then needs the Eagles

Seattle, of course, would prefer to beat the 49ers and not have to worry about a trip the first weekend.

And it feels like mostly eyeof-the-beholder stuff on which team you'd rather face of Dallas or the Eagles if it comes to that both are dangerous but both have been among the most erratic teams in the NFL week-toweek this season.

But simply because the Seahawks just traveled to Philly and weather could be a real issue there, it feels like Dallas is the lesser of these two potential evils.

Pete Carroll Doesn't Throw Players Under the Bus, and Maybe That is Why Marshawn Lynch is Back on Board

The Seattle Times

Only once in the past five seasons has Seahawks coach Pete Carroll ever called me into his metaphorical office.

It happened two Septembers ago, after I posted a column about the ostensible lack of discipline his star players receive after acting out. I'd asked him a couple of questions on the subject two days earlier — this in the wake of safety Earl Thomas skipping practices — and he assured me there were "consequences" that the media won't ever hear about. He reiterated that to me when he pulled me aside the Friday before Seattle played the Cowboys in Week 4.

"We're not going to spank the guys publicly," he said.

And now I understand why.

It's hard to think that Marshawn Lynch would have returned to the Seahawks if Carroll would have blasted him in the press. It's hard to think anything but incessant affection would have lured Beast Mode back to Seattle.

There has been chance after chance after chance after chance for Carroll to hit back when it seems as though he has been disrespected, but he never bites. Seems the oldest coach in the league has his share of wisdom,

When Lynch missed the team bus before the Seahawks' firstround playoff game in 2015, Carroll didn't throw him under it. He didn't seem to mind Lynch wearing Kam Chancellor's jersey during his holdout that same season, or Lynch going on "The League" to parody the most infamous pass play in Super Bowl history, or Lynch rehabbing his sports hernia in Oakland instead of with the team.

Perhaps each of those incidents caused ear-steaming frustration, but there were no public quotes to confirm that, nor was there missed playing time.

Same goes for Richard Sherman. In 2016, the former Seahawks cornerback had a pair



Former Oakland Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch (24) celebrates a first down against the Denver Broncos on Nov. 26, 2017, at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum in Oakland, Calif.

was a clear case of insubordina- outright that he was putting his tion, mixed with some indignation, and it could have easily prompted a public censure happened. Sherman didn't miss a down, either.

Perhaps the most egregious case of a player figuratively giving Carroll the finger came a sion that he never received, the aforementioned Thomas skipped of sideline blowups, then open- practices to protect his body. He to throw the ball from the 1. It to the media — telling reporters

own interests first because he felt disrespected.

from Carroll. But that never portive. Didn't reprimand him in when Thomas told Cowboys coach Jason Garrett to "come get me" the previous December. And even after Thomas flipped couple weeks before he did it lit- Carroll the bird while being carterally. Wanting a contract exten- ed off the field in his final game as a Seahawk, Pete said he was gonna love him anyway.

It wouldn't be unfair to think ly criticized the team's decision wasn't shy about explaining this that Carroll's approach might be a sign of weakness. I wondered

that myself in the column that preceded our conversation. But the alternative arguments are Carroll was still publicly sup- that A) we don't know what happens behind closed doors, and the press then, just like he didn't B) in a league where star players earn far more than coaches, managing egos is priority one.

Not every coach takes this approach, of course. And some have been able to work with stars despite the most blistering of critiques. Phil Jackson, remember, wrote in his book that Kobe Bryant was uncoachable — then reunited with him to win two more championships.

But Carroll has chosen a different tactic, and seeing how he has made the playoffs in seven of the past eight seasons, it's hard to criticize too intently.

Who knows what Lynch is going to do in his return. Perhaps his contributions will be negligible.

But it's also possible he resembles his old Pro Bowl self and reels off a multitude of long runs. And if that happens, you can thank Carroll for playing the long game.

Analysis: Will Marshawn Lynch's Return to Seahawks Also Cement a Spot in the Hall of Fame?

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

Of all the reasons Marshawn Lynch wanted to give football one more (last?) shot, his career

legacy is surely far down the list. Still, it's fun to think about how one last Beast Mode run or two might impact how Lynch's career is perceived when his name comes up as a potential Hall of Famer five years after he finally hangs up the cleats for good (and as coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday, who really knows when that will be?).

Lynch already has a decent

One of the more prominent of the 48 voters for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Peter King, wrote in favor of Lynch making it earlier this year, stating, "When Lynch's case comes up in 2024, I think he has a good chance at a bust in Canton.'

Move that back now to at least 2025.

One regular-season game, of course, isn't going to do much to the overall numbers. But it all helps, and an extended postseason run — especially at the age of 33 — could matter greatly.

Even just one regular-season game, though, could move Lynch a little bit up the ladder.

He's currently 29th on the all-time rushing list with 10,379 yards.

With 81 yards Sunday he would pass Eddie George (10,441) and Tiki Barber (10,449) to move into 27th (Thomas Jones

is 26th with 10,559). Fifteen running backs ahead of Lynch are in the Hall of Fame including two active players who are slam dunks (Frank Gore, third at 15,321 and Adrian Peterson, fifth at 14,138) and another who probably is (LeSean McCoy, 22nd at 11,071). Others ahead of Lynch not in the Hall who have good cases include a few with

Dillon, 20th with 11,241; and Ricky Watters, 24th, 10,643.

Both James and Watters are among the 25 modern-era semifinalists for the class of 2020.

Seventeen running backs with fewer yards than Lynch are in the Hall, many from earlier eras of the game when stats weren't as easy to come by (a couple also from the two-way era) and a few who had injuryshortened careers such as Terrell Davis and Gale Sayers.

Lynch already had a résumé that was worth considering when he retired as a Seahawk after the 2015 season.

In fact, he had almost the same career stat line at that time as another slam-dunk Hall of Famer — Earl Campbell, who was elected into the Hall on his first year of eligibility.

Campbell's stat line: 2,187 attempts, 9,407 yards, 4.3 yards per

carry, 74 touchdowns. Lynch's after his first Seattle career: 2,144 attempts, 9,112 yards, 4.3 yards per carry, 74

touchdowns. Some might note that Campthan Lynch's.

local or Seahawks ties: Edgerrin when he had 1,930 yards, only offs in 2012 and 2013 is tied for game be fully told without their presence? than Lynch's career high of 1,590

> When he "retired" on Super Bowl Sunday 2016, Lynch was coming off a season in which he averaged 3.8 yards per carry, second lowest of his career, and seemed to be on the downside of

> his career. But Lynch then returned for two more years and 21 games with the Raiders at ages 31 and 32 when he averaged 4.3 yards reer average, which is better than Hall of Famers such as Thurman Thomas, Emmitt Smith (each 4.2), Franco Harris, Marcus Al-

> len (4.1) and Curtis Martin (4.0). Where Lynch's résumé really shines, though, is in his playoff

He ranks eighth all-time in playoff yards with 937 and is tied for eighth in rushing touchdowns with nine (and yes, that one more he maybe could have gotten might have burnished up

his case that much more). In each category, everybody ahead of him is already in the Hall, other than LeGarrette bell's best seasons were greater Blount (11 TDs, tied for sixth). And he didn't just get a ton of But although Campbell TDs in one big game — his turned in one of the better sea- streak of five straight games with sons in NFL history in 1980 a rushing touchdown in the play-

Piling up playoff stats, of course, is easier to do now that there are more rounds and also in part a product of the team you're on (O.J. Simpson famously took part in only one playoff

game). Conversely, playoff games match the best of the best when it matters the most.

And Lynch has been at his

best in those situations. He has six 100-yard games per carry — the same as his ca- in 11 postseason contests, tied for third in NFL history. The only two with more are Smith and Davis, who each have seven. Smith needed 17 games to get that many. Davis did it in eight, and his reputation as one of the best playoff performers in league history was a significant factor in

Lynch has also averaged 4.85 yards per carry in the postseason, just off the top three in league history of those with 100 or more attempts (Arian Foster is third at 4.9).

There's also the baseline test some voters use when trying to decide about players who are on the bubble — can the story of the

By that measure, Lynch is an unquestioned first-ballot Hall of

Not only has Lynch been one of the most consistent performers on the field over the past 13 years (it may be easy to forget he rushed for more than 1,000 yards each of his first two years in the league for Buffalo teams that finished with losing records) but his Beast Mode persona — which by itself seems Hall of Fame worthy — has been as defining as any during an era that will be remembered as one when players took greater control of their careers and images on and off the

field than they ever had before. In a video he released via You-Tube shortly after signing with Seattle on Monday, Lynch talked

about unfinished business. It was a reference to trying to get back to another Super Bowl and this time getting that elusive

second ring. No doubt, that's the core ob-

jective here. But if Lynch were to somehow reach that goal, erasing any last doubt that he deserves a bust in

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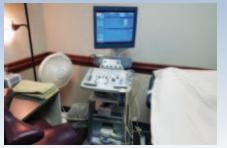
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The Yurt sits nestled among evergreen trees, a cozy escape from the cold while snowshoeing or cross-country skiing in the Tahoma State Forest.

By Gregory Scruggs

The Seattle Times

TAHOMA STATE FOREST

— I heard the distant growl of an engine as my wife and I tidied up the cozy yurt we had skied to the previous day amid evergreen boughs laden with snow.

Soon, a snowmobile pulled up to the clearing, resting at 4,100 feet in the Tahoma State Forest. The driver came inside carrying armfuls of freshly laundered dish rags and pillowcases. Outside, I spied a Costcosized package of toilet paper.

Was this backcountry Amazon Prime delivery service?

Almost.
Such is the dedication of Ski
Patrol volunteers like Rose Vanderhoof, an Ashford retiree and
the unpaid manager for the sixperson-capacity yurt — aptly
called The Yurt — one of four
structures maintained by the
Mount Tahoma Trails Association (MTTA), a nonprofit celebrating its 30th winter of rustic
backcountry accommodations
on its system of trails near

Mount Rainier National Park.
As Vanderhoof collected dirty linens and swapped St. Patrick's Day decorations for an Easter theme, I shook my head in disbelief. She kept The Yurt, 6 miles from the nearest trailhead and another 7 miles from the nearest paved road, in better shape than my wife and I kept our Capitol Hill apartment.

That visit in 2017, one of seven I've taken over the years, crystallized why so many keep coming back to the MTTA for a unique slice of winter fun. While it may lack the alpine grandeur of expensive hut systems in British Columbia or the Alps, at just \$15 per berth per night, the MTTA's homegrown huts — The Yurt, High Hut, Bruni's Snow Bowl Hut and

Copper Creek Hut — are an undeniably charming grassroots labor of love.

And it didn't happen overnight.

In the late 1980s, state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) unit forester Bob Brown managed land outside Ashford. Brown, who had taken up crosscountry skiing in Mount Rainier National Park, dreamed up a proposal for backcountry huts, connected by ski trails, built on DNR land — an idea inspired by the 10th Mountain Division Huts in Colorado.

"You had a road system, places with great views of Mount Rainier, and it was all snow-covered in the winter," Brown says. "It was a no-brainer: You had everything there except for huts and signage."

Brown, since retired as a liaison between the DNR and MTTA, remains a passionate volunteer. He spoke to The Seattle Times last month after spending three days at one of the huts fixing a radio system.

Thinking back 30 years, though, he doesn't give himself much credit. "It's easy to come up with an idea," he said. "What's more difficult is to have it come to reality."

Through a combined effort from the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce, the DNR, Mount Rainier National Park and the Champion Lumber Company, Brown and some like-minded folks cobbled together enough public money and donations to sketch out a 20-mile, four-hut system in 1990 under a Washington state charter. The four huts came up in the following couple of years.

But the operation was shoestring in the early days: High Hut — which can sleep eight adventurers (plus Ski Patrol staff) on a promontory with a

breathtaking, panoramic view of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams and Mount St. Helens — was built with \$15,000 worth of lumber, bought on credit. Eventually, a \$190,000 appropriation from DNR stabilized the operation. The High Hut was rebuilt from its makeshift origins after the MTTA received DNR funding; the original Snow Bowl burned down in 2007 and was resurrected in 2011; The Yurt and Copper Creek are originals.

From day one, demand for winter weekends outstripped supply. Today, an annual lottery for hut reservations takes place at the REI flagship store in South Lake Union in early November. (The MTTA is testing a trial system for cancellations, so those who missed the lottery can send an email to volunteer@skimtta.org to join the waiting list.) At \$10 per ticket, the standing-room-only event yielded about \$16,000 this year - my wife and I snagged one night at The Yurt — which goes a long way toward the \$50,000 annual budget that keeps the MTTA afloat (and the trails maintained).

Brown estimated 50-70 volunteers spend 4,000-8,000 hours per year tending to the system, time spent on everything from fixing up the huts to patrolling the trails. Volunteers patrol at least one day a month during the winter season and spend one weekend day staffing the office in Ashford. Volunteers must be 18 years old and receive first-aid training.

While weekend reservations in the huts are hard to come by, the MTTA makes for a delightful weeknight getaway. There's the possibility to leave town at lunchtime and make it to a hut before sunset, especially once longer days arrive in March.

The trails are groomed for

cross-country skiing, but snowshoes work just fine for nonskiers — as long as you wear them. While the low-elevation trailhead can lead to bare spots, once the snow is consistent, wear snowshoes — even with firm, packed snow — to avoid "postholing," or punching holes in the snow surface, which poses dangers to skiers and causes the trail to melt faster.

The huts are propane-heated — a three-season sleeping bag is sufficient for comfortable slumber — and come fully stocked with sleeping pads and cooking equipment. Snowmelt provides an abundant water source. Unlike camping, the setup is ideal to haul in the ingredients for a gourmet meal. But unlike casual hiking, the experience can be grueling: trudging through snow for 4-plus miles is no small task, so come prepared for a haul, whether on snowshoes or skis.

Both Bruni's Snow Bowl and the Copper Creek Hut sleep 14, plus Ski Patrol, and both offer commanding views of Mount Rainier.

Three decades since the birth of the MTTA, Brown still revels in the variety of the experience.

"Our hut managers take personal ownership — there are a lot of things about Rose's little abode that stand out," he said. "Snow Bowl and Copper Creek have hot and cold running water. But the High Hut manager says mine is rustic, and I will never have hot running water."

"All the huts have their own personality," Brown said with a laugh.

Try out all four this winter and find which hut best suits you. During the winter season, a Washington State Parks Sno-Park Permit is required. For the rest of the season, bring your Discover Pass. Happy hutting!

Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 28

The Dmitri Matheny Group performs at 6:30 p.m. at Jeremy's Farm to Table, 576 West Main St., Chehalis.

Chris Guenther performs at the Main Street Bar at Lucky Eagle Casino from 9 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday night. Free, 21 and over.

Winter Wildland at Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, Dec. 28 and 29, Northwest Trek and Wildlife Park, 11610 Trek Drive East, Eatonville. According to Northwest Trek, "People aren't the only ones to receive holiday gifts at this time of year. Northwest Trek Wild-

life Park's creative keeper staff is as busy as Santa's elves creating special treats for the resident animals. ... At three keeper chats each day, animals will enjoy enrichment and food items that stimulate their senses and heighten their activity levels." On Saturday, the chats will take place at 11:30 a.m. with badgers, 1 p.m. with grizzly bears and at 2:30 p.m. with cougars. For more information, go to www.nwtrek. org/wildland.

Club Mom Children's Clothing Bank and Exchange, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Centralia Christian Church, 1215 W. Main St., 360-736-7655

Family Fun Night, 4-7 p.m., New Beginnings Community Church, 181 Fuller Road, Salkum, free dinner, movies, crafts and games, 253-431-5532

Open garden, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Synergy Networking Group, 8:45 a.m., Chehalis Denny's, all welcome

Gather Church's food and clothing bank is open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturdays at 100 Rock St. in Centralia.

Potato Bake, 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., Adna Grange 417, 123 Dieckman Road, Adna, \$7 per person

Sunday, Dec. 29

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Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

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A Look Back in Time



Submitted by Elizabeth Wedin

William Nix is shown in the foreground, facing forward, threshing oats in Adna at the Nix farm at the end of Spooner Road. The photo was taken in 1925.



This 1924 photo is of the Greenwood Service Station, later known as Madsen's Corner, in Chehalis.

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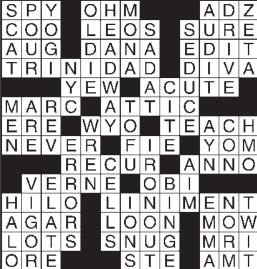
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Calendar

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Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, 360-623-9438

Dancing, Country Four and More, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, 360-352-2135

Support Groups

GriefShare, a video seminar focusing on helping people who have lost a loved one, 12:30-2 p.m., Shoestring Valley Community Church, 104 Frase Road, Onalaska, 360-870-2782, http:// svcchurch.com/griefshare/

Monday, Dec. 30

Pinochle, 5:45 p.m., Hope Grange, 118 Antrim Road, Winlock, 360-520-0772

Public Agencies

Lewis County Commission, 10 a.m.,

BOCC board room, second floor, Lewis County Courthouse, agenda available at http://goo.gl/agwWM, 360-740-1120

Organizations

Centralia Bridge Club, noon, Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com

Synergy Networking Group, 8:45 a.m., Chehalis Denny's

Support Groups

NAMI Lewis County Family Support Group, 5 p.m., Fiddlers Coffee, 1220 Mellen St., Centralia, upstairs at the big table.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Rockin' into 2020, with band Rock City from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Chehalis Theater, 558 N. Market Boulevard, Chehalis. All ages welcome downstairs, upstairs 21 plus. \$5 cover.

Roaring 2020 Party, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill, 313 NW Chehalis Ave. Chehalis. No cover. DJ music all night.

New Year's Eve Celebration, 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., McMenamins Olympic Club, 112 N. Tower Ave. Centralia. Live music 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., \$15 cover, 21 and over. New Year's Eve at Lucky Eagle Casino

& Hotel — Seattle's New Wave tribute

band The Retros perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the event center. Doors open at 8 p.m. The party will include drink specials and a midnight balloon drop. General admission costs \$10. Health and Hope Medical Outreach, free medical clinic, 5:30-8 p.m., North-

west Pediatrics, 1911 Cooks Hill Road,

Centralia, for those whose income is less

than 200 percent of the poverty level,

Pinochle, 5:45 p.m., Hope Grange, 118 Antrim Road, Winlock, 360-520-0772

Organizations

Pool tournament, 1 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-748-0061

Music, 11 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 360-748-0061

Two Town Tuners, 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Hotel, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, tuners.groupanizer.com

Mount St. Helens Patchwork Quilters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lewis County Historical Museum, 599 NW Front St., Chehalis,

360-880-5134 Toastmasters' Mighty 1290, noon-

1p.m. Transalta Commons Room #129, Centralia College. 253-229-1173.

Salkum Community Quilters, 9 a.m.noon, Salkum Fire Department, 2495 U.S. Highway 12, Salkum, 360-985-0813

Support Groups

Survivors of sexual assault/abuse, for people who speak Spanish, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 NW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 360-748-6601

Second Chance/Lewis County Brain Injury Support Group, 5 p.m., call 360-864-4341 or 360-983-3166 for meeting location

Al Anon, Fellowship in Unity, 6-7 p.m., Unity Center, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, 360-669-6352.

NAMI Lewis County Connection Recovery Support Group, 5:30-7 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 2545 N. National Ave., Chehalis, 360-880-8070

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Thorbeckes New Year's Day 10K swim. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the swimming pool at Thorbeckes.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Pinochle, 5:45 p.m., Hope Grange, 118 Antrim Road, Winlock, 360-520-0772 Gather Church's food and clothing bank is open every Thursday at 5 p.m.

with a free dinner at 6 p.m. at 408 West

Main Street in Centralia. Square Dance Lessons, Cougar Squares, 7-9 pm, Napavine Elementary School cafeteria, first lesson free then by small donation, family friendly fun, all ages welcome, 360-736-8907 or

360-269-7519 Dungeons and Dragons for Teens 3:30 p.m. Jan. 2 at the Chehalis Timberland Library

Public Agencies Centralia Historic Preservation Com-

mission, 5:30 p.m., council chambers,

City Hall, 118 W. Maple St., Centralia **Organizations**

Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club, 6:30 p.m., Chehalis Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia, 360-485-2852

S.T.O.P. and Swim, 7 p.m., Fort Borst Park, Kitchen 1, Centralia, 360-269-3827 or 360-736-4163

Centralia Chehalis Vintage Auto Club, 7:30 p.m., Ramblin Jack's Ribeye Restaurant, Napavine I-5 exit, 360-748-7390 Lewis County Voiture 83 of the 40 & 8,

6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting, Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, 360-266-7055 A grief recovery seminar and sup-

port group will meet at Mountain View Baptist Church on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m., starting August 29. The course will end on November 21, 2019 The church is located at 1201 W Belmont Ave in Centralia. For further information contact Dr, Bruce Brier at 360-827-217, or

the Church at 360-736-1139.

Support Groups NAMI Lewis County Connections, recovery support group for adults with mental illness, 2-3:30 p.m., Mary Room, Centralia United Methodist Church, 506

S. Washington Ave., 253-468-7435 Mind, Body, Spirit: Self-Care Group, 10 a.m., Mossyrock Outreach Center,

360-496-3591 Al-Anon Family Group, 7 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 10000 12 SW, Rochester, Highway

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't leave anything to chance. Look at your financial situation and make changes. Mixing emotions and money will not turn out well. Avoid joint ventures and paying for other people's mistakes AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Refuse to argue over inaccurate information. Spend more time on personal growth, self-improvement and pampering. Don't share your feelings with someone who cannot keep a secret.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take a fresh look at something you thought about doing in the past Make a couple of adjustments and get moving. Recycling, selling or giving away things you no longer use is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be feeling lucky, and if you decide you want to get out and have some fun, you will meet people who are exciting and just as eager as you to embrace new experiences. Have

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Try to get along with everyone. What you contribute will make a difference. Don't dismiss a proposal. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Do your own thing. Interference will slow you down and lead you astray. Don't be tempted to make a change just because someone else does so. Invest in you, not in someone else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Mull over your options before moving forward. Don't be afraid to make a change. There is money to be made if you use your skills and attributes innovatively. Use your imagination. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Stick to what's familiar and what puts your mind at ease. You don't have to make a move or decision just because someone else does. Personal gain will result if you do what feels right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Spend time with peers, youngsters or elders. Insight and information will help you choose a path that will make your life better. An unusual partnership shows promise and positive alternatives

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Proceed with caution. Listen, but don't retort. Take time to figure out what's best for you. Personal improvements and relaxation, along with romance, will ease stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take part in informative conversations. The more you learn about what others are thinking and doing, the easier it will be to put your plans in motion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Tie up unfinished business. Look over your financial records, figure out where you stand and set up a budget that will help lower your overhead

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You will have a change of heart regarding what you want to do. You are best off taking control instead of taking a risk or ignoring what's going on around vou.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be smart. If you plan to party with friends, offer to be the designated driver. Staying in control mentally and emotionally will also encourage you to be more sensible financially

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be honest and expect honesty in return. Offer reasonable suggestions. Someone you encounter will prompt you to consider heading in a different

ARIES (March 21-April 19)Keep moving forward. If you plan to make a resolution, aim for something

doable. Taking better care of your physical well-being is the right place to start. Romance is featured. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Assess your situation, the people around you and what you can do to ensure that you start next year off on the right foot. Knowledge is power, so expand your mind and your interests.

If you stretch the truth, lead someone on or renege on a promise, you will end the year in a negative space. Focus on honesty, integrity and looking your best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This can be the start of a new and exciting year. Set your sights on something that excites you. Use your imagination to come up with ideas

that will help you excel LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Put regrets and emotional baggage

behind you. Making personal improvements and sticking close to valued friends and loved ones will help stabilize your environment. Romance is on the rise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let an emotional situation upset your day. Spending time with the people you love will bring you closer together. Personal growth is encouraged. Live in the moment and learn from experience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't overdo it. Do what you can, but don't make promises you cannot keep. Keep your plans simple and moderate. Time spent with a loved one will encourage a stable

relationship. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Touch base with people you haven't seen lately. A gesture or suggestion someone makes will encourage positive change. Make plans to get back to what motivates and inspires

you the most. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take it easy. If you go overboard, you will end up facing the consequences Someone will take advantage of you if you are indulgent



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The Administratrix named below has been appointed and

has qualified as Administratrix

of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Administratrix or the Administratrix's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Administratrix served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and non-probate as-

DATE OF FIRST December 21, 2019. Sharon E. Singleton

Administratrix ATTORNEYS FOR ESTATE: Erin L. Hillier WSBA #42883

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112914 NTC: Goolsby

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUDITH ANN GOOLSBY. Deceased No. 19-4-00406-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

[RCW 11.40.030]
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Kennith Goolsby, Administrator ATTORNEYS FOR ESTATE: Brian J. Kelly WSBA #7270 Hillier, Scheibmeir & Kelly, P.S.

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City of Winlock -Office of the City Clerk: Phone 360-785-3811

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Winlock City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1082 on December 23, 2019 the intent and bcontent is summarized as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 1082
AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF WINLOCK, WASHINGTON AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WINLOCK FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019 AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER TO AF-FECT THE BUDGET AMEND-

MENTS HERBIN PROVIDED.

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113049 Re-scheduled

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113031 Summons:

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR LEWIS COUNTY STEVEN S. HELMHOLZ, an individual, Plaintiff.

ERWIN W. HAYES and RUTH M. HAYES, husband and wife (Deceased): and unknown persons or parties claiming any right, title. lien or interest in the real estate descri-

bed herein. Defendants.

NO. 19 2 0113721 SUMMONS TO: ERWIN W. HAYES and RUTH M. HAYES, and all unknown Persons or parties claiming any right to title, lien, or interest in the real property at 140 Findley Road, Morton, Washington, Lewis County Parcel No. 034124004004

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Any response or notice of appearance which you serve on any party to this lawsuit must also be filed by you with the court within 20 days after the service of this summons, excluding the day of service You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the court, or the service on you of this summons and complaint will be void

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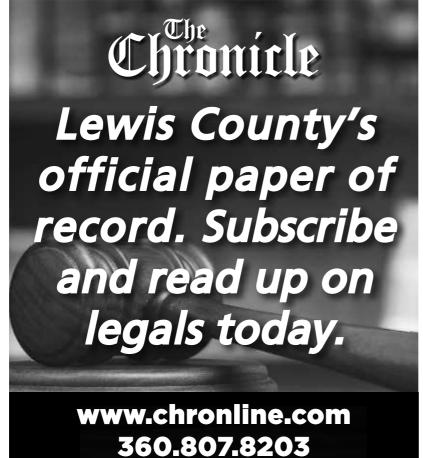
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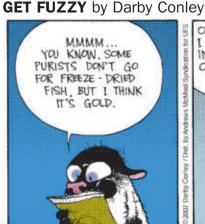
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SOUNDS LIKE THIS WENT STRAIGHT TO VOICE MAIL WHICH IS FULL ... PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAIL BOX ... AMEN."

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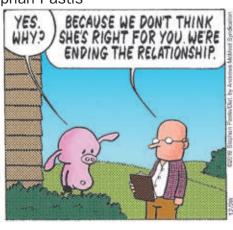
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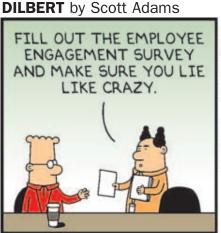
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11:00 AND ALL IS WELL, BUT DISASTER LURKS AT 12:00 ... HEG. LEARNING

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REALLY?



I'D LIKE A SECOND OPINION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO RETURN THIS SHIRT



DEFINITELY!

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MY SECOND OPINION IS THAT

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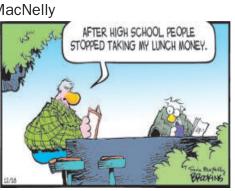


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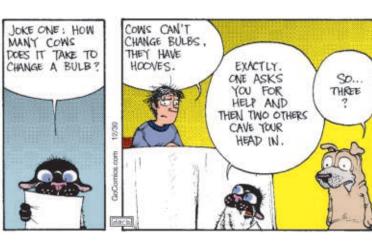




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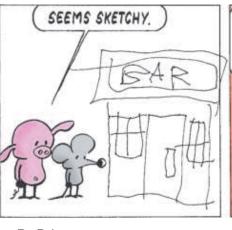




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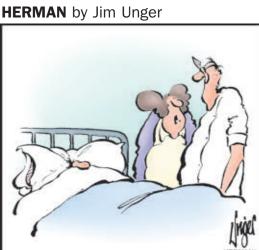
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"I knew he was really sick. He hasn't complained about anything for three days."

by Hank

Ketcham

THE DEBATE They just throw you a bone





WE CANCELED THE MEETING BECAUSE WE COULDN'T FIND A TIME FOR THE PRE-MEETING TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETING.



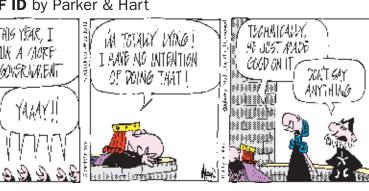


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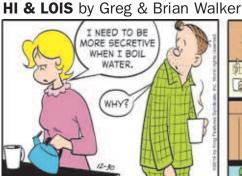






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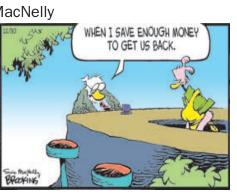


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