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**75 PERCENT OF GOAL:** Statue to Be Erected During Bicentennial Celebration of Centralia's African-American Founder

By Jordan Nailon  
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On Monday, the Orin Smith Family Foundation made a donation of \$30,000 toward the creation of a statue to recognize the African-American founders of Centralia, George and Mary Jane Washington. The timing of that donation, which was announced on Martin Luther King Day, only served to amplify the significance of the generous gesture.

In a press release issued Monday afternoon, Brian Mittge, chairman of the George Washington Bicentennial Committee, noted that Washington's life should serve as an example of how people from different backgrounds can come together during times of great social stratification.

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Kerry Serl / Courtesy Photo  
A form of George Washington is seen inside Adna artist Jim Stafford's shop over the weekend.

# 'A Girl & A Gun' Provides Friendship and a 'Sense of Accomplishment'

Centralia Chapter One of Four in Washington, Dozens Nationwide



Pam Wiles fires a pistol down range during "A Girl & a Gun" meet Friday night in Centralia.

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Twice a month, the Centralia Rifle Club is set aside for ladies only. As the women of the Centralia chapter of A Girl & A Gun hone practical skills to use in

both self-defense and competition settings, they say they're also walking away with strong friendships and a sense of achievement. "I want to teach these women that shooting can be fun," said club facilitator Donna Baxter. "It's not scary. It can protect

their life." Dolly Hughes, of Onalaska, has been a member of A Girl & A Gun for four years. She hadn't previously had positive experiences with guns, she said, but she took her first gun safety class at 65 years old to conquer her apprehension.

She has been shooting ever since. "It's also a sport I can physically do," she said. "You get a very good sense of accomplishment." Samol Hefley has also been

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# State Will Require Court Order to Release Driver's License Info to Feds

**IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES:** Department of Licensing Had Been Providing Information to ICE

By Nina Shapiro and Vianna Davila  
The Seattle Times

The Washington State Department of Licensing will no longer release personal information to federal immigration authorities without a court order unless required by law, the agency announced Monday.

The move is among a series of changes the agency is making in response to outrage over its policy of providing photos and driver's-license applications to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) information that can be used to help

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# Three Residents Escape Centralia House Fire

By The Chronicle

A house in the north end of Centralia was heavily damaged after a fire Sunday afternoon but three people in the house were uninjured, according to Assistant Chief Rick Mack of the Riverside Fire Authority.

Crews responded at 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon to the fire in the 2300 block of Eureka Avenue in Centralia.

A resident reported he heard noise coming from the back of the house and went to investigate. He found heavy smoke and was able to get two other people out of the house safely, Mack said.

The cause of the fire is not known at this time, but fire investigators have discovered several potential sources.

“Our job is coming up with the area of origin, ruling out that we had an intentional fire, which we don’t believe we had,” Mack said.

The house was severely damaged, particularly on the first floor, laundry room and kitchen, according to the RFA. An addition at the back of the home was a total loss. An unburnt portion of the home also had heavy smoke and heat damage.

Crews from Lewis County Fire District 6 and the West Thurston Regional Fire Authority also responded.

A total of 27 firefighters spent about three hours extinguishing the fire.



The remains of a building are seen after a fire that occurred Sunday afternoon in Centralia.

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Fire crews begin to pick up equipment after a fire Sunday afternoon in Centralia.



A chaplain walks away from a building after a fire that occurred Sunday afternoon in Centralia.



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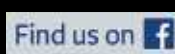


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# Nearly 65 Years Ago, Centralia Teen Became Impromptu Cover Girl for Links to Pioneers

Nearly 65 years ago, the Centralia school superintendent's secretary unexpectedly called freshman Beverly Jensen from her class.

"I'm going, 'Oh, geez, I must have really messed up,'" recalled Beverly (Jensen) Judson, 79, Centralia.

It turned out photographer Roy Scully from The Seattle Times simply wanted to take her photo holding the Washington state flag.

When he learned the photographers sought a descendant of local pioneers, Chehalis City Commissioner Robert Gandy

checked with city hall, where the young girl's aunt worked. She recommended they photograph Jensen, the great-great-granddaughter of Schuyler and Eliza Saunders, who homesteaded where Chehalis now sits.

Fortunately, Beverly had just changed back into her clothes after physical education class.

The occasion marked the centennial celebration of Washington's designation as a territory separate from Oregon, which occurred March 2, 1853. The special centennial Color Rotogravure Pictorial Section, with Beverly Jensen's photo on the cover, was published May 17, 1953. A headline across the top blared "Yes, We Have a State Flag!"

In fact, Washington didn't adopt an official state flag until 1923, more than three decades after becoming a state in 1889. However, until then, many cities and towns had flown a military flag with George Washington's profile in gold on blue bunting, according to the Secretary of State's office. Another version featured a gold state seal on a purple or green background.

The Legislature approved the design saying the state flag "shall be of dark green silk or bunting, bearing in its center a reproduction of the seal of the state of Washington," and stipulated two years later that the fringe, if used, should be gold.

Olympia jeweler Charles Talcott designed the state seal in 1889 using an ink bottle and silver dollar to draw the rings of the seal and a postage stamp in the center for the picture of George Washington. His brother L. Grant Talcott wrote the words, "The Seal of the State of Washington 1889" while another brother, G.N. Talcott, cut the printing dye, according to the Secretary of State's office.

On the cover of the Times' centennial special section, the caption stated that "Washingtonians are becoming better acquainted with their state flag this year through its use in Territorial Centennial decorations."

## Driver Arrested After Running From Police, Hitting Three Vehicles

By The Chronicle

An Olympia woman was arrested and is facing a felony charge after allegedly driving over a busy footpath and hitting three other vehicles while attempting to flee from police Sunday, according to the Washington State Patrol.

Isabelle L. Martin Tafoya, 18, was arrested on suspicion of felony eluding and reckless driving. According to the state patrol, a trooper approached her vehicle, a 2004 Subaru Legacy, in a parking lot at Heritage Park at Capitol Lake in Olympia at noon Sunday.

The Subaru then left the parking lot at a high rate of speed and hit a second vehicle, a 2004 Toyota Sienna driven by Brett A. Close, 45, of Rochester. Close was not injured.

The trooper attempted to stop the Subaru, which drove over a walking path at the park, then returned to the road continuing westbound on Fifth Avenue.

The car turned south on



Beverly Judson holds the laminated cover featuring her holding the flag.

Julie McDonald / For The Chronicle

Beverly Jensen, of Centralia, great-granddaughter of S.S. Saunders, who staked a claim at Chehalis in 1852, holds one of the banners." Jensen is actually the great-great-granddaughter of Schuyler and Eliza (Tynan) Saunders, who settled in Lewis County in 1851.

Eliza, an Irish immigrant who landed in New York with her sister, Julia, in about 1845, traveled around Cape Horn in 1850 and waited tables at Fort Vancouver, where she met Schuyler Stuart Saunders, a New York native and well-educated farmer whose wife and two daughters left him to follow Joseph Smith Jr. He followed them west but never found them, mined for gold in California, and traveled to the Northwest. He and Eliza married in 1851 and homesteaded 639 acres on what later became known as Saunders Bottom.



The Jensen homestead is seen in this courtesy photograph.

They had four sons — James, William, Alfred and Joseph, who was Beverly's great-grandfather — and a daughter, Mary, who died young.

Judson recalls her great-grandfather Joseph as a thin little wiry character who spoke in short clipped words and, for his 90th birthday, flew in a small airplane.

## News in Brief

Deschutes Parkway, where it crossed the centerline and collided head on with a 2014 Kia Soul driven by Laurie A. Ireland, 75, of Olympia. Ireland was injured and transported to Capitol Medical Center.

Another vehicle, a 2005 Honda Element driven by Peter D. Markos, 38, of Olympia, was also damaged in the second collision. Markos was not injured.

Martin Tafoya was injured but was later medically cleared before her arrest at Capitol Medical Center, according to the state patrol.

Drugs or alcohol are not suspected to be a factor in the incident. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

## Bill Sponsored by Braun Would Provide Property Tax Exemption in Washington

By The Chronicle

Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, has sponsored Senate Bill 6242 along with Republican Sens. Randi Becker, Ann Rivers and

Jan Angel in an attempt to pass legislation that would provide a property tax exemption on a portion of the valuation of residential properties.



Sen. John Braun  
R-Centralia

According to the bill digest, it "requires the state levy to be reduced as necessary to prevent the value exempted under the homestead exemption from resulting in a higher tax rate than would have occurred in the absence of the homestead exemption."

If approved by voters in the next general election, the proposed amendment would take effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

According to the bill, the first \$100,000 of a homeowner's valuation would be exempt from the state property tax. The exemption would grow over time to reflect the percentage growth in the state levy for the prior calendar year.

The Lewis County Republicans called the "tax relief" equitable and progressive in a post on

Facebook over the weekend.

"It's equitable because every homeowner would receive tax relief and qualify for the same exemption," the group stated. "And it's progressive because a person with a \$200,000 home will see a higher reduction in their state property taxes (50 percent) than a person with a \$500,000 home (20 percent)."

According to the Lewis County Republicans, the tax sav-

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When he died Jan. 28, 1952, at 92, Joseph Saunders was the city's oldest native son, having been born in April 1859 on the homestead near where the old Chehalis High School sat.

He had been a farmer, livery stable operator and saloonkeeper. He and his wife, Sarah, who died in 1932, had four daughters — Ethel, Lotty, Gladys, and Madeline, who married James Alfred Jensen. His parents, Hans and Kirstin Jensen, had emigrated from Denmark and homesteaded in 1890 at the corner of North Fork and Centralia Alpha roads.

Madeline and Alfred Jensen's children included Kenneth, Beverly's father, who worked 33 years for Burlington Northern as a brakeman. He and his two sisters seldom spoke of their connection to the pioneer Saunders family after kids at school ridiculed them, she said. So Beverly seldom mentioned her historic family roots either.

Beverly and her husband, Bob Judson, who is descended from the French family that settled near Grand Mound, were both born in the basement of Dr. Sweet's hospital on First Street in Centralia, a big brick building across from Edison Elementary School. They met at Centralia High School, where he graduated in 1955 and she in 1956. They married in 1957 and raised three children — Ed, Roberta Jo and Pam. Bob, like his father before him, worked 40 years for The Chronicle. Beverly drove a Centralia school bus for 28 years. Bob passed away June 26, 2014. She has five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bob and Beverly both served on the Lewis County Historical Museum board, proud of their links to pioneers who settled Southwest Washington.

Julie McDonald, a personal historian from Toledo, may be reached at [memoirs@chaptersoflife.com](mailto:memoirs@chaptersoflife.com). Her column normally appears in The Chronicle each Tuesday.

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# New General Manager of Twin Transit Plans to Further Projects Being Spearheaded by the Agency

## MOVING FORWARD:

*Derrick Wojcik-Damers Returns to the County He Was Born in After Working in Colorado*

By Justyna Tomtas

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Twin Transit's new general manager plans to bring his big city experience to Lewis County to continue the transportation agency's mission of serving all demographics of the population.

Derrick Wojcik-Damers started in his new role on Monday, Jan. 8.

Born and raised in Chehalis, Wojcik-Damers graduated from W.F. West in 1993 and later moved to Denver, Colorado, where he obtained his degree in business administration from the University of Colorado.

He worked at Denver's regional transportation district, progressed through the ranks and then in 2016 became the senior contractor services technician for Transdev.

Once he learned about the opening at Twin Transit after former general manager Rob LaFontaine accepted a position at Intercity Transit in Olympia, Wojcik-Damers applied, hoping to move back to Lewis County.

His Lewis County roots provide him with a unique perspective on the population, while his time in Denver provides expertise on a large urban transit system. Recognizing the Twin Cities are vastly different from the sprawling city of Denver, Wojcik-Damers said he understands that not everything that works there will be successful here. But it does give him the ability to bring a different viewpoint to the area.

"It's a fresh perspective," he said. "Sometimes big city challenges are the same in a small town."

Wojcik-Damers never thought he'd be employed in the transportation field, but now he couldn't imagine working in any other industry.

When he first started at RTD, it was as a bus operator. According to Wojcik-Damers, the 2001 recession hit Colorado hard. He had been working as a business analyst, but needed to find work elsewhere.

"I was just looking for a job," he said. "Now I can't imagine working anywhere else."

With 16 years of experience with transit agencies, he said a perk of the job is that he never experiences the same day twice. Working with the public is rewarding, he said.

"We make a positive impact on their lives and it is entertaining," Wojcik-Damers said.

What makes a transportation agency such as Twin Transit unique is that it serves every demographic. While some people decide to take the bus to forgo



Derrick Wojcik-Damers is the new general manager of Twin Transit. He started in his role on Monday, Jan. 8.

using their car, for others it's a necessity.

Now at the helm of Twin Transit, Wojcik-Damers outlined his three major goals: to finish the development of a transit center on North Pearl Street, to continue looking into a countywide transit system and to reassess the current operations of the agency and find efficiencies.

Twin Transit has hired a development firm to design architectural drawings for the new transit hub to determine how much money the project will cost.

Two buildings on the northwest corner of Pearl and Maple streets in downtown Centralia were demolished last year to

**TWIN TRANSIT MEETINGS**

The Twin Transit Board of Directors meets at 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the facility's office, 212 E. Locust St., Centralia. To learn more, go online to [twin-transit.org](http://twin-transit.org).

clear room for the center, which will create a unified hub for bus service when built.

The Twin Transit Board of Directors is currently assessing a variety of different ways to fund the project after the agency received less grant funding than it

had hoped.

Wojcik-Damers said the completion may be as far out as 2021, or even later, but he said it will happen one way or another.

As for a countywide transit system, that will ultimately rely on a vote of the people. Lewis Mountain Highway Transit will no longer operate bus routes in East Lewis County after 2019. That will lead to a gap in service that Twin Transit hopes to fill.

"There's a segment of the population that will not have service and that's a concern," Wojcik-Damers said.

Twin Transit has hired a consultant to assess the possibility of an expansion.

The agency is also under-

going an assessment of its current routes to gauge on-time performance and route efficiency. Wojcik-Damers stated he couldn't comment on the changes that may result from the assessment because it's still too early, but he said recommendations are expected in May.

Wojcik-Damers has an open-ended contract that will be evaluated in six months and then again one year after his start date. After that, his performance metrics will be analyzed on an annual basis.

"We are here to serve the people of Lewis County the best we can," he said, encouraging folks to attend the monthly board of directors meetings.

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## News in Brief

### Defendant Pleads Guilty in Death of 18-Year-Old Found in Capitol Forest

By The Olympian

One of the two men charged in the shooting death of an 18-year-old man found in Capitol State Forest in October 2016 has pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later this month.

Jonathan Ackerman, 32, was scheduled to go to trial in March. Instead he pleaded guilty to second-degree murder (domestic violence) on Tuesday and is scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 25.

His co-defendant, Vincent Garlock, 30, also has negotiated a plea deal. His change of plea and sentencing hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23.

Dakota Walker, 18, was found shot to death in Capitol Forest on Oct. 20, 2016. Investigators have said Walker was engaged in a domestic relationship with Ackerman and they believed Walker was killed because he was planning to report criminal activity by Ackerman and Garlock to police.

Prosecutors said the men took Walker to Capitol Forest to kill him.



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# New Napavine Superintendent Shares Priorities for His First School Year as the District's Leader

**GEOFF PARKS:** *Willapa Valley Native Began in His New Role in July 2017*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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The new superintendent of the Napavine School District has big plans for the schools he oversees, and he's pinpointing his focus on areas that will improve student progression and the district's aging facilities.

Geoff Parks started in his role in July. It's his 19th year in education, but the first time he has served as a superintendent, although he's held other administrative roles in the past.

Parks completed his K-12 education in the Willapa Valley and later taught in his home district for five years while coaching a variety of sports.

Although he always had an interest in academics, he decided to attend school to study orthodontics, but his plan was sidetracked once he became a lab teaching assistant for his college professor.

"I got that taste of teaching and never looked back," Parks said.

He spent time in a variety of roles as a teacher, principal and in other administrative roles during his time at the Willapa Valley School District, the Vail School District in Tucson, Arizona, and then the Olympia School District before coming to Napavine.

To keep his administrative credentials current, Parks attended Seattle Pacific University, where he also received schooling to become a superintendent.

At the time, he didn't know if that was what he wanted to become, but he figured it would be a good learning experience nonetheless.

During his time there, one of his professors was contacted by the consulting agency that was conducting the search for Napavine's new superintendent after Richard Jones retired from the position.

He decided to apply and later



Napavine Superintendent Geoff Parks stands in the district office on Friday afternoon. Parks began in his new role in July.

Justyna Tomtas / jtomas@chronline.com

received a phone call from school board president John Hylton offering him the job.

Parks was one of four candidates for the position.

"I knew I wanted to get back to a small district," Parks said. "I missed the closeness of being part of the community."

The role matched Parks' philosophical desires, he said, because the district is family-orientated and student-centered.

"I'm still learning a lot," he said, but so far, the challenges of the job have been rewarding.

Parks put together an entry plan that focused on the transitions the district will undergo with a new superintendent. He laid out groundwork that allowed him to understand the

district, its needs and where improvements can be made, he said.

He's focused strongly on obtaining more grant money for the district to get needed projects done. So far this year, the district has received approximately \$179,280 from eight grants that aim to improve facilities, expand training and professional development for staff, and improve programs.

Another focus will be getting the district's levy approved by voters next year. The current levy on the books pays for technology upgrades, smaller class sizes and facility maintenance. The money is important to ensure the district runs smoothly, Parks said.

He's come up with unique ways to interact with staff and the

community. One of his projects includes drawing the names of staff members from a hat and then taking on their job for one hour.

It provides him an opportunity to stay connected with the staff and the students, he said.

"It was hard for me when I went into administration because that's one more step away from the kids," Parks said. "I don't want to be a big district superintendent. I want to be part of their lives."

The Adna resident has a three-year contract, although it is analyzed on an annual basis.

He's still working to get to know the community and has joined a variety of organizations such as the Lions Club.

Parks wants to bring in more

opportunities for the district's students through classes, technology upgrades and facility improvements.

He plans to stay in Napavine for the long-run, he said.

"I have no vision of leaving anytime," he said. "The board and I have the same vision. It's one big community, family atmosphere and I can't ask for anything better than that."

His wife Christina is a reading specialist at Adna Elementary School. He also has two daughters and one son. The reason the family has remained in Adna is because Parks did not want to uproot his kids from their school, he said.

The Napavine School District has 824 kids in its K-12 system.

## Pet Raccoon Seized by WDFW Can't Return Home for Now, Judge Rules

**CARED FOR SINCE BIRTH:**

*Couple Seeking Return of Animal Through Lawsuit in Thurston County*

By Lisa Pemberton  
The Olympian

A Thurston County judge ruled Friday that a 7-year-old raccoon seized from a west Seattle home will have to remain at a wildlife rehabilitation site for now, KING-5 reported.

Kellie and Chris Greer have

taken care of the raccoon, named Mae, since she was a newborn. She was found in a park near a dead adult raccoon in June 2010.

"Wanting to help the baby animal, the couple called around to rescue centers in the state, but said they were unable to find anyone willing to take Mae, and at least one facility noted that they would have to euthanize her if she were brought in," The Chronicle reported. "They even called the WDFW (Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife), which referred the Greers right

back to the same rescue centers they had already contacted."

A WDFW enforcement officer seized the raccoon on Nov. 26 because "it is illegal for the public to possess live wildlife in Washington without a valid permit," according to a statement that the agency sent to KING-5.

In December, the couple filed a lawsuit against Fish and Wildlife seeking the raccoon's return.

As of Friday morning, \$3,400 had been raised through a YouCaring.com fundraiser to help with the couple's legal costs.



This photo of Mae the raccoon is posted on the Bring Mae Home Facebook page.

## Democrats in Olympia Still Wrestling With Proposed Car-Tab Tax Cut

By David Gutman  
The Seattle Times

Last year, a bipartisan push in the Washington Legislature to lower car-tab taxes fell apart in a partisan struggle.

Now, with Democrats in control of both houses, they're again trying to lower Puget Sound region car-tab bills.

House Democrats had hoped to run a bill last week that would change how Sound Transit calculates a car's value for taxing purposes.

The House passed the same bill (HB 2201) overwhelmingly last year, and the leaders of both the House and the Senate said this month they would pass the bill quickly.

But tentatively planned votes on the legislation were scrapped last week as lawmakers continued hashing out issues related to the financial blow the bill would deal to Sound Transit.

The bill would mean lower car-tab taxes for people with cars less than 10 years old.

It would also mean a loss of \$780 million for Sound Transit over the next 11 years as it pushes to expand light-rail and bus service.

Including indirect financial impacts, such as higher debt costs, Sound Transit says the bill would cost the agency nearly \$2.3 billion

from now through 2041.

Sound Transit says it would respond to the loss by issuing more debt, sooner than it would have otherwise, and then eventually issuing more debt on top of that to pay the initial debt.

That piles up \$1.5 billion in new interest costs, putting an added strain on the agency's financial plan.

### Inflated Values

Sound Transit car-tab taxes are currently calculated using an outdated formula — approved by the Legislature — that inflates the value of cars that are less than 10 years old.

Inflated car values mean the taxes on those vehicles are higher than they would be if taxes were based on a car's Kelley Blue Book value.

The bill would switch to a more accurate car-valuation formula, one that is already in state law but is currently unused.

"People should only be paying taxes on the fair value of their vehicles," said Rep. Mike Pellicciotti, D-Federal Way, the bill's lead sponsor.

Pellicciotti said there were "a number of issues" that still needed to be worked out with his bill, including talks in the Senate "to make sure light rail stays on track."

Sen. Marko Liias, the Demo-

cratic floor leader, said they are committed to the same car-tab cuts, but were looking at different ways to lower Sound Transit's costs and ensure light rail is not endangered.

That could include giving the agency more favorable terms when it needs to lease state land for rail-line rights of way, legislation to streamline permitting, or even looking at a \$500 million fund through which Sound Transit contributes to education funding, Liias said.

"We just want to make sure that whatever we're doing here to provide car-tab relief doesn't make light rail delayed or canceled to the places it needs to go," said Liias, D-Lynnwood.

State lawmakers attempted to cut car-tab taxes last year, but came to loggerheads with Democrats proposing to switch to the more accurate formula and Republicans insisting on much larger tax cuts.

Sound Transit, at the time, was not against the Democratic proposal to switch to the more accurate formula.

Now, with Republicans no longer controlling the state Senate and the larger tax cuts off the table, the agency has taken a firmer stance.

"Any reduction of [car-tab] revenues should be accompanied by offsetting measures to ensure that

our transit expansion program remains whole," Sound Transit spokesman Geoff Patrick said.

Voters approved the ST3 plan, including 62 new miles of light rail and massive expansions in bus and commuter rail service, with about 54 percent of the vote in 2016.

Patrick noted "major threats" the agency is facing in soaring construction and real-estate costs and the possible loss of federal money.

President Donald Trump has proposed cutting \$1.1 billion in previously recommended funding for the light-rail extension between Northgate and Lynnwood, half of that project's entire funding.

Many transit advocates — who typically support Democrats — oppose Pellicciotti's bill, fearing it will imperil Sound Transit's ability to deliver its massive projects.

"It's time for Democrats to show a backbone and stand up for transit," the advocacy group Seattle Subway wrote.

Another Democratic proposal (HB 2357), which is supported by Sound Transit, would give car owners with tabs costing \$200 or more the option of paying the annual tax using a quarterly payment plan, instead of in one lump sum. But a \$5 fee on each payment means car tabs would

actually rise for those who used the payment plan.

"What this bill is really about is giving families the option to fit this voter-approved initiative into their budget in a way that works best for them," said lead sponsor Rep. Kristine Reeves, D-Federal Way.

### How Big a Tax Cut?

Pellicciotti's bill is designed to avoid changing Sound Transit's car-tab taxes implemented in the 1990s, since doing so would endanger bonds the agency has already sold.

Under the bill, your car would essentially be taxed at two different values — a 0.3 percent tax authorized by the 1996 Sound Move initiative would be levied on the inflated value, while a new 0.8 percent tax from ST3 would be levied on the more accurate value.

Just how much lower would car tabs be if the changes become law?

In Seattle, the city, county and state collect car-tab fees of at least \$140 for most cars. Those would not change.

The rest — the Sound Transit portion — depends on your car. Newer, more expensive cars would see the biggest tax cut. Cars more than 10 years old would get no tax cut.

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## Attorney General Right to Fight Amid Opioid Crisis

By The Columbian Editorial Board

Recently unsealed documents from the state's lawsuit against Purdue Pharma have shed some light on the machinations that placed Washington in an opioid crisis. They also have highlighted the need for action from the state attorney general.

Among the revelations is that Vancouver nurse practitioner Kelly Bell prescribed more than \$1.5 million worth of OxyContin in a six-month span of 2008. According to court documents, Bell was aggressively targeted by Purdue, which manufactures OxyContin, in an effort to get

### Other Views

her to prescribe the drug while downplaying the risk of addiction. "In short," the documents state, "Ms. Bell would respond to the abuse of opioids by prescribing more opioids."

The issue is much larger than one nurse practitioner in Vancouver (who in November 2017 lost her license to prescribe narcotic pain medication), but it exemplifies how pharmaceutical companies ply the system while placing profits ahead of community health. Because of that, state Attorney General Bob Ferguson

has filed a lawsuit against Purdue for its role in fueling opioid addiction.

"These newly unsealed details further illustrate the mechanics of Purdue's massive deception," Ferguson said. "Purdue ignored warning signs and their own studies while targeting high-prescribing doctors in Washington state. It's time they are held accountable for the devastation this epidemic has caused."

Purdue had been warned. In 2007, the company admitted to misleading doctors and the public about the addictiveness of the drug and pledged to halt the

practice. But the newly available documents — ordered unsealed by a King County Superior Court judge — indicate that the company doubled its sales force in Washington and intensified pressure upon health care providers to prescribe OxyContin.

The veracity of those claims remains to be hashed out in court, but the impact of the crisis is inarguable. Opioid overdoses claimed more than 700 lives in Washington in 2016, and more than half of those were traced to prescription drugs, according to the state Department of Health. More people in Wash-

ington were killed by opioids than by car crashes.

Meanwhile, government officials claim the crisis has exacerbated the state's homeless crisis and strained spending on social services. Because of that, Everett, Tacoma and Seattle all have become party to lawsuits against Purdue.

It is tempting to blame the victims in overdose cases, to suggest that addicts are responsible for their own actions. But if a trusted health care provider — at the urging of a pharmaceutical representative — prescribes

please see **CRISIS**, page Main 16

### COMMENTARY: Back to Business

## China's Sword Policy Cutting Deep Into Recycling

Earlier this month, China launched its "national sword" policy, which bans many recyclable materials it traditionally imported. Meanwhile, its upcoming March edict imposing a lower limit on contaminants is having global reverberations.

Since the 1990s, the world has shipped the bulk of its used paper, plastics and metals to China. In 2016, its imported value was \$18 billion. Nearly one-third of North America's recyclables were processed in China — much of it from West Coast states.

China was hungry for scrap and tolerated higher contamination level which added to its pollution problems.

"However, as the country grew in economic strength, government leaders are no longer willing to accept environmental sacrifices," New York Times reporter Mike Ives recently wrote.

While the suddenness of action surprised many, the Chinese started signaling concerns in 2013 with the launch of a customs program called "Operation Green Fence."

It was aimed at increasing environmental quality by reducing waste contamination in recyclable materials.

"China doesn't want to be the rest of the world's trash can," Ives wrote. "Over the summer, regulators in Beijing started an unusually intense crackdown on what they called 'foreign garbage,' citing health and environmental concerns."

FoodBevMedia's Gail Barnes added: "The Chinese war on foreign garbage will have a major impact on the recycling industry — both in China as well as abroad. Due to a lack of infrastructure in many European and North American markets, much of the 7 million metric tons of plastic and 29 million metric tons of paper that China imports annually will have nowhere to go except landfills."

That crackdown has led China to impose a new and much more stringent half-of-one percent (0.5 percent) contamination limit starting on March 1.

The Washington Refuse and Recycling Association (WRRRA) estimates the current contamination rates run between three and five percent and getting to the new limit could be problematic and costly. Adding to the market uncertainty, WRRRA members are concerned whether China will even renew import licenses. (So far this year only a handful were approved.)

**"The crux of the problem is replacing China's recyclable volume in other countries such as India, Vietnam and Malaysia. That is not likely."**

Washington's Department of Ecology finds the ban is beginning to create a major disruption across the Pacific Northwest. Mixed recyclables processing centers are overwhelmed and they are unable to keep up with the amounts collected. (Help may be on the way from Congress with legislation to invest \$100 million in recycling facilities.)

Meanwhile, the Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries' Adina Adler told Waste Dive her organization is trying to get a better understanding of what China is targeting. ISRI estimates "less than 5 percent of Chinese scrap imports could be considered contaminated under the new standards."

The China market is huge. ISRI reported in 2016, the U.S. exported \$5.6 billion in scrap commodities to China and estimates export recyclers employ 155,000 people in America. Their average annual wage is \$76,000 and they contributed more than \$3 billion in taxes to our federal, state and local governments.

The crux of the problem is replacing China's recyclable volume in other countries such as India, Vietnam and Malaysia. That is not likely.

Contamination problems, regardless of size, are receiving added attention and some of the changes may cost ratepayers more and force people to pay greater attention to how they recycle. While it is faster and convenient for us to use a single container for paper, cans, glass, plastics and metals, segregating them into separate bins reduces contamination.

Quick action is needed because plastics, scrap paper and other recyclable products are piling up worldwide. Hopefully, we can find ways to use more recyclables, especially in our country, and prevent them from being shipped to landfills or waste incinerators.

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By Don C. Brunell



### Letters

#### Lewis County Shouldn't Tolerate Congresswoman Herrera Beutler Ignoring Its Needs

It is long past time for voters of the 3rd Congressional District to wake up and make a change. Jaime Herrera Beutler clearly genuflects at the altar of Pence/Trump and Big Money. She voted in favor of the greatest transfer of wealth from the lower class to the upper class in the history of the world.

We need to call her out on her statement about the recent corporate tax giveaway bill, which she wholeheartedly supported. Herrera Beutler defends her tax vote, touting an estimate "that a family of four in Southwest Washington making \$83,874 will save \$2,385 annually under the new plan."

Since the average household income in Lewis County is at about \$44,000 per year (with 2.53 persons per household) she clearly is not talking about her constituents in this county.

It looks to me under the new tax plan the average person in Lewis County (where 14.7 percent live in poverty) there will essentially be no tax savings initially, and by 2021 there will be a tax increase.

Meanwhile corporations and billionaires get permanent increased welfare from the government. Herrera Beutler just voted to give the wealthiest 400 families in the country (who yearly bring home on average \$87 million) another million each year.

Herrera Beutler, whose taxpayer supplied insurance paid hundreds of thousands of dollars when her baby was born with fetal anomalies, just voted to kick 13 million people off insurance in order to give her rich friends

the above noted welfare. Because of this, premiums for those buying insurance are expected to rise by 10-20 percent.

Herrera Beutler appears to be in lockstep with the Republican plan to attack the "government giveaways" of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Because the Republicans just created a \$1.5 trillion increase of the national debt by gifting to the already rich, they will now say there isn't enough money to provide "welfare" for children and the elderly.

According to AARP, 57 million seniors and disabled people who rely on Medicare will have their coverage slashed. AARP also finds that 1.2 million seniors will actually have an initial tax increase and eventually 5.7 million elderly Americans will have a tax increase.

In order to try to hide the Congressional theft from the Social Security Trust Fund, they plan to start calling Social Security checks "government benefit checks."

Herrera Beutler voted to leave intact rules that will let Trump write off his personal Boeing 757 jet and the bar tabs of corporate sales agents at resorts like Trump's golf courses.

While I don't have anything good to say about the national Democratic Party, locally we have four people who have thrown their hat in the ring to oppose Herrera Beutler.

Any one of these four would be a vast improvement over JHB. Her corporate sponsors have already given her close to half a million dollars to finance her re-election. It is always difficult to kick out an incumbent, but Lewis County cannot tolerate another two years of Herrera Beutler ignoring the needs and voices of her constituents.

LARRY KERSCHNER  
Centralia

#### A Clarification on Black Hills Audubon's Stance Toward Skookumchuck Wind Project

We at Black Hills Audubon appreciate the generally excellent article in The Chronicle by Jordan Nailon concerning our views and concerns about the proposed Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project.

However, our potential support for the project is conditional, so the headline, "Black Hills Audubon Society Backs Skookumchuck Wind Turbine Project, Notes Concerns," appears to overstate our position.

As the article states later, we are willing to support wind energy projects conditional that sufficient mitigation is provided for the protection of birds and other wildlife.

Black Hills Audubon has not at this point expressed support for the Skookumchuck project, because although RES-Americas is developing a mitigation plan, to our knowledge that has not yet been accomplished.

Furthermore, the National Audubon Society, of which Black Hills is a chapter, has not taken a stand specifically related to the Skookumchuck project.

However, the National Audubon Society also supports properly sited wind power as a renewable energy source that helps reduce the threats posed to birds and people by climate change, while advocating that wind power facilities should be planned, sited, and operated in ways that minimize harm to birds and other wildlife.

SAM MERRILL  
Olympia

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# Tales of Survival During Mount St. Helens Eruption Part of PBS Series

**OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING:** Next Episode Set for Jan. 30

**By Tom Vogt**  
The Columbian

“Don’t waste a miracle.” That’s what Sue Nystrom tells herself when she considers her narrow escape that Sunday morning on Mount St. Helens.

Nystrom and her boyfriend were trudging through a wasteland of volcanic ash and toppled trees, trying to find help for four friends. Suddenly, help dropped from the sky. It was a National Guard helicopter piloted by Mike Cairns.

They were airlifted to Kelso, along with another survivor. Nystrom (she was Sue Ruff back then) has wanted to thank the pilot, which she did when they were reunited this summer at the volcano.

While Mindy Brugman never had a chance to thank David Johnston for saving her life, she was able to share her feelings with his sister.

Those emotional meetings are woven into six episodes of a television series — “We’ll Meet Again” — that begins this month on PBS. It follows the lives of people whose paths intersect during dramatic chapters of history. It is hosted by Emmy-winning journalist Ann Curry, who also is executive producer.

The second episode — “Rescued from Mount St. Helens” — is built around the 1980 volcanic eruption. It will air at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 on Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Nystrom and boyfriend Bruce Nelson were among a group of six friends camping north of Mount St. Helens, outside the restricted zone. Dan Balch and Brian Thomas were seriously injured by the blast. Nystrom and Nelson couldn’t find Karen Varner and Terry Crall among the all-downed trees.

“We called and called and

**“Carolyn and I are the last two people still alive to have spoken to David.”**

Mindy Brugman  
survivor

called,” Nystrom, 58, said. (They learned later that Varner and Crall died when a tree fell on their tent.)

So Nystrom and Nelson headed out on a tortuous trek to find help.

“Our intention was to get to a bigger road or a point of reference where our chances of being seen would go up,” she said by phone from Mexico, where she spends the winter.

Their help came by way of a National Guard training exercise near Yakima. Helicopter pilot Mike Cairns said that his unit was in a morning briefing when the eruption began at 8:32 a.m.

“Phones started to ring off the hook. Somebody from the state said get out of there, we’ll need you to do any type of rescue work or assistance we could do.

“We looked to the west and could see the entire western sky blacker than I’d ever seen it, and it went for miles up into the air. There was lightning, and the leading edge was just ugly. We made a spot decision to take off as ash was falling on our aircraft. Five or six made it out that day.

“We were given quadrants to search, even though we couldn’t see more than 200 yards. It was covered with ash, trees were down; it looked like a moonscape. There was no visibility above us,” said Cairns, who had received a Purple Heart as a gunship pilot during the Vietnam War.

His crew chief spotted tracks that Nystrom and Nelson had left in the ash, and Cairns eventually was able to land the helicopter.

“We had to commit to the landing; we would lose sight of

the ground 50 feet above ground because of the amount of ash,” he said. “We didn’t see the ground until we were two or three feet above it.”

As Nystrom and Nelson were being flown to Kelso, along with a third survivor, the couple had something else in mind. Balch and Thomas, who had a broken hip, had to be rescued too.

“They didn’t want to go back unless we got them,” Cairns said by phone from the Seattle area.

Jesse Hagerman, piloting a smaller helicopter, “made a phenomenal landing on a one-lane bridge” to rescue Thomas.

Another team rescued Balch. “We got back to Kelso about 5 p.m. The fuel light was blinking. We had five to 10 minutes of fuel left,” Cairns said. “It was not a wise decision, but we didn’t have a choice.”

When Nystrom and Cairns were reunited last year at the viewpoint now known as Johnston Ridge Observatory, she had a surprise for the 70-year-old Army and National Guard veteran.

His bravery inspired Nystrom to join the National Guard, she said. She served for 34 years, including a deployment in Afghanistan.

“Not only did he save my life,” Nystrom said, “he inadvertently pushed me into a career.”

**Scientist Saved Others, but Didn’t Survive**

“I really did my utmost to kill myself.”

That’s how Mindy Brugman recalls May 17, 1980.

The glacier researcher was

among a trio of young scientists who were planning to camp overnight at an observation point near Mount St. Helens.

Brugman is alive because of David Johnston.

“He said, ‘You wouldn’t be safe here, and I do think you should go,’” Brugman said.

So Brugman, Carolyn Driedger and Harry Glicken drove back to Vancouver that Saturday night.

Johnston stayed and was among 53 people who died a few hours later in the eruption.

Brugman was studying glaciers on Mount St. Helens as part of her post-graduate work at Caltech. When the volcano started getting active, her adviser thought it was too dangerous, she said. “I had to promise I wouldn’t hurt myself.”

Brugman also made the case that she could contribute to valuable research. She had better instrumentation than the U.S. Geological Survey scientists, she said.

“I was able to confirm that the mountain was moving a meter a day to the north. Their data meter was older and took a number of days to get the result,” Brugman said by phone from Vancouver, B.C.

“In all reality, I didn’t think the mountain would get me,” said Brugman, now a senior researcher with the Meteorological Service of Canada.

Brugman and Driedger, now a hydrologist at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, and geologist Harry Glicken had planned to camp on the mountain Saturday night. (Glicken died in 1991 in a volcanic eruption in Japan.)

They were at the Coldwater II observation point, where Johnston was based as he monitored the volcano.

“We had our tent and sleeping bags out of the car,” Driedger said.

“We didn’t want to drive to Vancouver and come back” the following morning, Brugman said. However, Johnston ex-

plained in detail why they should not be there.

It was an analysis the volcanologist had also shared with former Columbian reporter Tom Ryll, who was filmed for the TV episode. Ryll gave Brugman some information about Johnston’s family in Illinois.

Ryll recalled the warning Johnston issued to reporters during a March 1980 press briefing.

“I have a very distinct memory of that day in a parking lot at Spirit Lake. David Johnston said that it was a very dangerous place to be,” Ryll said. At one point, his footing got a little jiggly.

“David Johnston said, ‘Do you realize that what rolled through is an earthquake?’”

Brugman and Driedger were driving back to their Coldwater II observation point that Sunday morning. They didn’t get far.

“The mountain started erupting when we were in Woodland,” Brugman said. “I called David, and there was no answer; that’s not unusual with a radio.”

She then called the USGS office and was told to return to Vancouver. Brugman and Driedger spent the next couple of days handing out press releases.

“Eventually, things quieted down and I could measure the glacier,” Brugman said. “I did some papers on it.”

Brugman, now 62, said that the passing of 37 years hasn’t erased one aspect of that fateful weekend.

“Carolyn and I are the last two people still alive to have spoken to David,” she said. “I was very disappointed for his loved ones. If I was in their shoes, I would be devastated to lose a brother.”

That’s why Brugman was glad that the TV project brought her together with Pat Ruthenberg, Johnston’s sister and only surviving member of his immediate family.

Ruthenberg wanted to know what Johnston’s last evening was like, Brugman said.

“And Pat wanted to know whether he was happy.”

## Now in the Majority, Washington State Democrats Press for Tighter Gun Laws

**By Joseph O’Sullivan**  
The Seattle Times

OLYMPIA — Ann-Marie Parsons’ daughter Carrie was killed along with 57 others in last fall’s Las Vegas shooting from bullets fired by a rifle modified with a bump stock.

That’s what brought Parsons, 66, from Bainbridge Island on Monday to testify in support of Senate Bill 5992, a bill that would enact a state ban on bump stocks, a type of trigger modification that allows rapid fire.

“If the gun was in the room right now, none of us could run fast enough,” Parsons told lawmakers and others at a Senate Law and Justice Committee hearing attended by hundreds. “This can be prevented.”

Democrats, emboldened by their new one-vote majority in

the state Senate, are pushing forward on proposals they say could reduce gun violence.

Lawmakers Monday also heard comments on SB 6049, which would ban high-capacity ammunition magazines, and SB 5444, which would require enhanced background checks for buying so-called assault rifles, similar to the current requirements for handgun purchases. And they took input on SB 5463, a bill intended to promote the safe storage of firearms at home.

But in Olympia, where little gun legislation has passed in re-

cent years, obstacles await.

Gun-rights advocates remain adamantly opposed to many of the proposals. Only one of the bills heard Monday — the proposed bump-stock ban — has drawn any Republican co-sponsors.

Even as Democrats hold slim majorities in the Legislature, they don’t necessarily have the votes for their proposals.

“They aren’t real popular in my district,” said Sen. Dean Takko, D-Longview.

In recent years, lawmakers have rarely found compromise on gun legislation. Bills to regulate firearms often don’t even get public hearings, much less votes in the House or Senate.

That legislative gridlock has continued even as voters in 2014 approved a ballot measure to expand gun-purchase background

checks and in 2016 voted for an extreme-risk protection order.

Both measures won by large margins.

Supporters of the Alliance for Gun Responsibility, which helped drive the ballot measures to victory, showed up Monday sporting placards demanding that lawmakers take action.

Gun-rights advocates opposed Monday’s proposals, which they consider poorly written, or an infringement against constitutional rights.

More than 100 gun-rights advocates rallied Friday at the Capitol steps to oppose the bills, and many showed up Monday to argue against them.

Alan Gottlieb of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, testified against the bills, including SB 6049, which would ban the sale of new

magazines that carry more than 10 rounds.

“The greater impact on the magazine ban will be on handgun owners,” said Gottlieb, chairman of the Bellevue-based organization, adding later: “The most popular-selling handguns these days almost all have capacity magazines of over 10 rounds.”

Adam Cornell, a deputy prosecuting attorney for Snohomish County, spoke in favor of SB 5444, the bill to add enhanced background checks.

Cornell worked on the case against Allen Christopher Ivanov, who in 2016 pleaded guilty to killing three former classmates in a shooting in Mukilteo. Ivanov bought the rifle he used about a week before the shooting.

“It should not have been so easy for this angry 19-year old to purchase an assault rifle,” said Cornell.

A committee vote is scheduled Tuesday on SB 5992, the proposed bump-stock ban.

Sen. Jamie Pedersen, D-Seattle and chair of the Law and Justice Committee, said he isn’t sure when — or if — the other proposals will get committee votes.

But even if it passes the Senate, the fate of SB 5992 remains unclear in the state House, where Democrats hold a 50-48 majority.

Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, said he opposes the bills heard in Monday’s Senate hearings.

The bump-stock ban bill is written too broadly, said Blake, and could also make illegal unrelated personal modifications to firearms.

As for the enhanced background checks for so-called assault rifles, Blake said existing background checks are good enough.

If the Legislature fails to approve the bills heard Monday, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility will consider bringing some kind of statewide ballot measure this fall, said CEO Renée Hopkins.

“We’re always open to taking things to the ballot,” Hopkins said in a Monday afternoon news conference.

Gov. Jay Inslee also urged lawmakers to act.

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### Crash in Chehalis



Jared Wenzelburger / jwenzelburger@chronline.com

This was the scene at the intersection of NW Louisiana Avenue and NW Chamber of Commerce Way in Chehalis at about 2 p.m. Saturday. Traffic was rerouted through a nearby parking lot. There were no major injuries.



## FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION SCORES: *From the Lewis County Public Health Department*

### Food Establishments With Violations:

	Red	Blue	Total
Azteca, Centralia	10	0	10

Several potentially hazardous foods were cold holding temperatures between 42.2-56.1 degrees Fahrenheit and must be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below at all times. These were transferred to two-inch pans to cool. (Red 10)

Inspection: Dec. 21

Country House Restaurant, Toledo	10	0	10
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Hot holding temperature for sausage gravy was below 135 degrees Fahrenheit. (Red 5)

The consumer advisory is not on all menu pages and does not identify all foods that may be undercooked to order. (Red 5)

Inspection: Dec. 20

Denny's #7541, Centralia	10	0	10
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Several potentially hazardous foods were cold holding temperatures between 48.3-51.2 degrees Fahrenheit and must be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below at all times. These were either discarded or moved to the walk-in based on time and temperature. This is a repeat violation. (Red 10)

Inspection: Dec. 28

El Pulgarcito #4, Centralia	15	0	15
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Onions were not being washed. Also shredded lettuce was still being stored in cold water. These were corrected. (Red 10)

Beans were cold holding at 44.6 degrees Fahrenheit and must be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit at all times. These were uncovered to cool. (Red 5)

Inspection: Dec. 27

Headquarters Tavern, Mineral	15	0	15
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The mens toilet room hand wash sink is equipped with faucets that do not allow free flow handwashing. (Red 10)

Food cold holding temperatures on the prep line were too high, these need to be held at or below 41 degrees Fahrenheit at all times. (Red 5)

Inspection: Dec. 21

Los Agaves, Centralia	10	0	10
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The sink on the cook line did not have dry paper towels available and it had a dirty spoon in it. It also still drains slow and backs up more than it should. Paper towels were provided and spoon was removed. (Red 10)

Several potentially hazardous foods were hot holding at temperatures between 112-120 degrees Fahrenheit and must be kept at 135 degrees Fahrenheit or higher at all times. These were reheated to 165 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. (Red 25)

Inspection: Dec. 28

Tienda Mexicana y Restaurante, Mossyrock	10	0	10
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Food cold holding was too high for salsa. Keep this at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below at all times. This was refrigerated as soon as it was observed. (Red 10)

Inspection: Dec. 28

Wendy's, Chehalis	25	0	25
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The person in charge did not know required food safety procedures, including cooking temperatures, hot holding times or temperatures, cold holding temperature, or cooling requirements for potentially hazardous foods. (Red 5)

Produce washing still does not include a running water rinse. (Red 10)

Several potentially hazardous foods were cold holding at temperatures between 43.3-53.4 degrees Fahrenheit and must be kept at 41 degrees Fahrenheit or below at all times. These were to cool in other refrigerators. (Red 10)

### Perfect Scores:

Airport Depot, Chehalis  
 B & D Market, Centralia  
 Buckwild Espresso, Chehalis  
 Cruiser's Pizza, Packwood  
 J & L Country Market, Randle  
 KC's Espresso, Chehalis  
 Little Crane Cafe, Vader  
 Love's Travel Stop #454, Napavine  
 Pe Ell Nutrition Site, Pe Ell  
 South Pacific Bistro, Chehalis  
 Bucksnot Pub, Morton  
 Olequa Senior Enrichment, Winlock

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**Editor's note:** These figures are derived from inspections conducted by the Lewis County Public Health Department's Food Safety Program.

Red violations are those most likely to cause foodborne illness and must be corrected at the time of inspection. Blue violations relate to overall cleanliness and operational conditions and must be corrected by established deadlines or by the next routine inspection.

Any establishment receiving 40 red points or any red point item repeated within an 18-month period is considered a high risk and must be reinspected. An establishment that receives 75 red points or 100 total points (red and blue) on a routine inspection or 40 red points on a repeat inspection will have their food establishment permit suspended.

## Dennis Company Sold; Employees and Product Lines Won't Change

By The Daily World

RAYMOND — The venerable Dennis Company, a four-generation business with five stores in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties, is being sold to Kansas-based Westlake Ace Hardware, officials from both companies said Thursday.

Each of the Dennis Company's five locations — Aberdeen, Elma, Long Beach, Montesano and Raymond — will retain the Dennis Company name, management, store employees and the same product selections. The five stores employ about 85 people.

Co-owners Brent and Randy Dennis agreed to sell the Dennis Company, which is headquartered and got its start in Raymond, to Westlake Ace Hardware earlier this year. The sale is effective March 26.

The Dennis Company is often lumped into the hardware category, but the stores carry home furnishings, sporting goods, work clothing, kitchen appliances, home and garden products and a wide variety of other items.

Westlake goes back to 1905, coincidentally the same year the Dennis Company got its start. Westlake and Dennis Company are both members of the Ace Hardware cooperative of hardware stores. Westlake is the largest Ace dealer in the country. With the acquisition of the Dennis Company, it will own 121 hardware stores in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Washington. It has been part of the Ace cooperative since 1959.

"We found a really strong company to take us over," said Brent Dennis. "They are not an investment firm" but a company with a long history of service to their customers and communities. He said the companies have similar core values. "The Dennis Company is basically going to be run as it always has been."

"Westlake is a growing and vibrant brand," said Joe Jeffries, president and chief operating officer of Westlake Ace Hardware. "We are excited to welcome The Dennis Company into the Westlake family, expand our relation-

ship within the communities they serve and continue their proud tradition of outstanding customer service."

Brent Dennis said he and his brother Randy each have two children and for several years the company worked on a succession plan to turn it over to the fifth generation, but at a point it became apparent that the best option was to sell the business.

The two brothers will stay on for a few months during the transition and training.

Colleen Nissell, a current Dennis Company executive, will act in the capacity of a regional manager overseeing the five stores.

The Dennis Company has been part of the Ace cooperative since about 2002, but retained its individual branding. Going for-

ward, Brent Dennis said, the Ace logo will be more prevalent and the stores will take advantage of the Ace customer rewards program.

"Very few businesses make it to the fourth generation," said Dennis. "Randy and I have worked together as partners very well. We have different strengths and weaknesses and we work together very well."

## Tumwater's Plan to Tackle One Problem Intersection? Add Three Roundabouts

By Abby Spelman

The Olympian

Tumwater wants to trade in one problem intersection for three new roundabouts in the hopes of easing traffic along Capitol Boulevard at Trosper Road.

The plan is to put a roundabout at the intersection of Capitol and Trosper, another one at the northbound Interstate 5 ramps on Trosper, and a third one on a new north-south street parallel to Capitol.

The work is set to begin in 2020.

Any intersection can only accommodate a certain amount of traffic, said Jay Eaton, Tumwater's public works director. To make the Capitol-Trosper intersection "big enough" to accommodate future traffic would have required adding several lanes or a three-lane roundabout.

"Historically that's what you've seen happening — you have more traffic and things have to get bigger to accommodate that. On this one, it was getting too big," Eaton said. Instead, officials designed a plan to divert traffic from the intersection by providing an alternate route to northbound I-5, which is where many drivers are headed.

Drivers coming from the south would be able to take the new street between Trosper and Lee Street, go around the first roundabout, and access the on-ramp there.

Diverting some of that traffic means traffic through the Cap-

itol-Trosper intersection could be accommodated by a two-lane roundabout.

The plan had to be approved by the state's Department of Transportation because it impacts I-5. The city received a \$6.6 million state grant for the \$11.8 million project; the rest of the money would come from the city's transportation fund.

Eaton said 35 percent to 40 percent of the project budget will go to acquiring rights of way, including buying buildings to tear them down. At Capitol and Trosper, the Sound Credit Union building will have to come down to make room for the roundabout.

There also is an apartment complex that will have to come down to make room for the new street.

"It's a challenging area. Anytime you try to do improvements in an area that's already built up, it's a challenge," Eaton said.

The city's 2014 Capital Boulevard Corridor Plan, which called for improvements in the area to address traffic and encourage development, highlighted the Trosper intersection as a problem area.

People who work nearby agree the changes are needed.

"That makes me really happy because that intersection is really awful," said Jude Huston, a shift superior at Starbucks on Capitol, less than a block from the Trosper intersection. She said there are often crashes because of drivers trying to turn left off of and onto Capitol from the coffee shop.

## Joshua Lee "Josh" Shepard



Joshua Lee "Josh" Shepard, 42, of Chehalis, Wash., went to be with the Lord, Jan. 9, 2018, after a short battle with cancer. He passed peacefully with his adoring wife in his arms.

Josh was born in Kelso, Wash., April 8, 1975. He attended W. F. West High School

and Centralia College. On Sept. 16, 2017, Josh married the love of his life, Christine Anne (Austin) Shepard. He worked in the construction industry for a number of years, doing carpentry and masonry work.

To know Josh, was to love him. His passion was to create art, in many forms. He loved to get lost in music, while playing his guitar. Josh had a "poet's heart" and would frequently write music lyrics, quotes and poetry. In his lifetime, he created many works of visual art using wood, metal, cardboard or anything else that inspired him. Josh was also a culinary artist, especially with his obsession for barbecue.

He truly cherished the time he spent with his family and friends.

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## Joan Marie Cleary Champlin



Joan Champlin, 63, a resident of Centralia the majority of her life, died at Providence Centralia Hospital Jan. 7, 2018. She was born Aug. 12, 1954, in Centralia, where she grew up. Joan attended St. Mary's grade school and graduated from Centralia High School.

She married Bud Champlin March 15, 1980. They lived in Rochester and Centralia, where they raised their daughter, Lisa. Joan always worked

in positions where she worked with the public. From Norwester' early on, to Country Cousins, then banking, where she worked for West Coast Savings and the last 18 years at Washington State Employees Credit Union. For 14 years, Bud and Joan owned and operated a grocery/penny candy store to the delight of the neighborhood children. She loved working with her customers and it showed through her excellent customer service skills, great sense of humor and "get-it-done" attitude. It showed by how much her customers loved her in return.

Her family was her pride and joy, whether she was attending ball games or entertaining and hosting barbecues and pool parties for her daughter and friends, nephews, JC and Jacob or the real apple of her eye, granddaughter, Leslie Jay.

Joan was preceded in death by both her parents, Rita and Les Cleary.

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She is survived by her husband, Bud Champlin; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Travis Gonia; granddaughter, Leslie Jay; brothers and sisters, Thomas (Tricia) Cleary, Margaret (Carl) Knapp, Theresa (Don) Conners, John (Patty LaFond) Cleary, Ann Cleary and Joe (Julie) Cleary; numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary will be at 6 p.m., at Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. A funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Church in Centralia. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery in Centralia.

A special thanks to all the staff at Centralia Providence Hospital for all the care going above and beyond for Joan.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to St. Joseph School in Chehalis, Joan Champlin Scholarship Fund.

To view the obituary, please go to [chronline.com/obituaries](http://chronline.com/obituaries).

# Nation/World

## Nation in Brief

### 'What Do We Want? Apology!' Hundreds of Haiti Supporters Protest

By Tribune News Services

PALM BEACH, Fla. — About 500 Haitian-Americans and their supporters used the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday to protest derogatory comments President Donald Trump reportedly made about immigrants from majority-black countries.

"What do we want? Apology!" the protesters chanted.

Many wore shirts proclaiming "I love Haiti," while they carried Haitian flags, sang hymns and shouted chants in both English and Haitian Creole, including "Respect."

The protest, held on Southern Boulevard near the Intra-coastal bridge, was in reaction to remarks calling Haiti and some African nations "shithole" countries, which were attributed to the president from a meeting Thursday on immigration.

"If Dr. Martin Luther King were alive today, he'd be here marching with us," said protest organizer James Leger, a local activist and radio show host. "We're going to pray for America and pray for President Trump. People make mistakes. We're not asking for impeachment. We just want an apology."

Phoebe Crane, of Indiana, who is visiting friends in Florida, has a toddler grandson, Joey Fabrice, who was born in Haiti.

He was pictured on a protest sign she held declaring herself a "proud grandparent."

"I had to come out because of the president's incredibly racist, bigoted and depressing remarks," Crane said. "This is just setting our country backward. This is not who we are. It's not what our Founding Fathers intended."

Across the street from the hundreds of Trump protesters were Trump supporters, waving American flags and holding up signs proclaiming "I love Trump" and "Trump 2020."

"I'm here to encourage my president and let him know he's doing a good job, and just because he used a word doesn't change that," said Cindy Levegetto, of Boynton Beach.

Trump, who stayed at his private club Mar-a-Lago, this weekend, went to the Trump International Golf Course on Monday. He looked out the window but did not engage with the protesters as his caravan passed by them on Southern Boulevard on his way to Mar-a-Lago on Monday afternoon.

He left for Washington, D.C., about 4:30 p.m. He has denied making the vulgar remarks.

### Mnuchin's List of Putin 'Oligarchs' Jolts Russia's Elite Class

By Tribune News Services

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Treasury Department is finishing its first official list of "oligarchs" close to President Vladimir Putin's government, setting off a flurry of moves by wealthy Russians to shield their fortunes and reputations.

Some people who think they're likely to land on the list have stress-tested the potential impact on their investments, two people with knowledge of the matter said. Others are liquidating holdings, according to their U.S. advisers.

Russian businessmen have approached former Treasury and State Department officials with experience in sanctions for help staying off the list, said Dan Fried, who previously worked at the State Department and said he turned down such offers. Some Russians sent proxies to Washington in an attempt to avoid lobbying disclosures, according to one person that was contacted.

The report is expected to amount to a blacklist of Russia's elite. It was mandated by a law President Donald Trump reluctantly signed in August intended to penalize the Kremlin for its alleged meddling in the 2016 election.

# Parents Arrested After Children Found Shackled

By Paloma Esquivel, Joel Rubin and Maya Lau

Los Angeles Times

PERRIS, Calif. — The 911 call came in at 6 a.m. Sunday. A teenage girl was on the line with an unsettling tale.

She had managed to escape from her family's home in Perris, where her parents had been holding her captive. Her brothers and sisters were still locked inside — 12 of them. Some were chained to their beds, she said.

Riverside County sheriff's deputies were dispatched to find the 17-year-old girl. When they saw her, they were struck by her small size and emaciated appearance. She looked to be only 10, according to the sheriff's account released Monday.

The nightmarish scene deputies discovered when they entered the house on Muir Woods Road was as bad as the girl had described. They found "several children shackled to their beds with chains and padlocks in dark and foul-smelling surroundings," the statement said.

The parents, David Allen Turpin, 57, and Louise Anna Turpin, 49, "were unable to immediately provide a logical reason why their children were restrained in that manner," deputies wrote. The couple were arrested on suspicion of torture and child endangerment and each was being held Monday night in lieu of \$9 million bail.

The youngest child was 2. At first deputies assumed from their frail and malnourished appearance that all in the group were minors, but they later determined that seven of them were adults ages 18 to 29, the sheriff's statement said.

It was not clear from the statement how many of the children were found locked to their beds.

Deputies provided food and drinks to the children, who "claimed to be starving," before they were admitted to hospitals.

Public records show the couple own the tract house where the children were found. Its address is also listed in a state Department of Education directory as the location of the Sandcastle Day School, a private K-12 campus. David Turpin is listed as the principal.

During the last school year,



David Allen Turpin, 57, and Louise Anna Turpin, 49, were arrested after people were found shackled to beds in their California home Monday.

the school was listed in state records as a nonreligious and co-ed institution. There were six students enrolled — one each in the fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, 10th and 12th grades.

David Turpin's parents, James and Betty Turpin of West Virginia, told ABC News they were "surprised and shocked" at the allegations. They said their grandchildren are home-schooled, and that they had not seen their son and daughter-in-law in four or five years.

Public records indicate the couple have lived at the address for several years and lived in Texas for many years before coming to California. They declared bankruptcy twice, public records show.

Ivan Trahan, an attorney who represented the couple in their latest bankruptcy in 2011, said Monday he was shocked at news of the arrests.

"To me and my wife, Nancy, who was with me during the interviews, we always thought of them as very nice people who spoke highly of their children," the attorney said. "They seemed like very normal people who fell into financial problems."

Trahan said that David Turpin, who worked as an engineer at Northrop Grumman, an aeronautics and defense technology company, had a "relatively high" income, but had trouble keeping up with his expenses because he had so many children.

Bankruptcy documents show David Turpin earned more than \$140,000 in 2011, when the records were filed, but that the family's expenses exceeded his

take-home pay by more than \$1,000 a month. Louise Turpin, listed as a homemaker, had no income, the records show.

A spokesman for Lockheed Martin, another aerospace and defense company, said Turpin worked for the company until 2010, but had no other information.

The neighborhood where the children were found is a development of neat ranch-style homes built in recent years, residents said.

The Turpins' house is the type found in developments all across Southern California — a single-story residence with stucco walls painted a reddish brown and a tile roof. A nativity star was placed in one window, and a van and three newer model Volkswagens were parked in the driveway.

Kimberly Milligan, 50, who lives across the street, said that when she first moved in she would see a woman outside the house with an infant, but eventually stopped seeing the child.

Over the years, Milligan also occasionally saw three children who looked like preteens coming out of the house to get into a car with their parents.

A lot about the family struck her as strange, she said. The children she saw were very pale — an observation several other neighbors made as well. And she often wondered why, if there were so many children in the house, they never came out to play.

"I thought the kids were home-schooled," she said. "You know something is off, but you don't want to think bad of people."

# GOP Sees Possible DACA Deal as Trump Bemoans Sticking Points

By Chris Strohm, Ben Brody and Laura Litvan

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Republican lawmakers held out hope that a deal can be reached allowing young undocumented immigrants to remain in the U.S., despite President Donald Trump saying the effort is "probably dead" amid growing tensions about keeping the government funded past Friday.

Trump told reporters on his way to a dinner Sunday evening that "I don't know if there is going to be a shutdown" at the end of the week.

Heading to dinner at his Palm Beach, Fla., golf club with House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., Trump said that on immigration "we have a lot of sticking points but they are all Democrat sticking points," adding "they don't want security at the border."

Trump escalated his rhetoric on immigration in a pair of early-morning Sunday Twitter messages that appeared to move further away from what just a few days ago seemed to be a potential deal with Democrats and moderate Republicans on legislation to continue the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

"DACA is probably dead because the Democrats don't really want it, they just want to talk and take desperately needed money away from our Military," Trump tweeted.

"I, as President, want people coming into our Country who are going to help us become strong and great again, people coming in through a system based on MERIT. No more Lotteries!" Trump said. His comments followed four tweets on the same topic on Saturday.

The immigration debate involving young undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children and Trump's demand for funding to build a wall on the southern U.S. border is playing out days before a potential government shutdown as soon as the end of this week. Democrats are demanding that deportation protections for 800,000 young immigrants be included in any extension of government spending, with a Jan. 19 shutdown deadline looming.

Shortly after Trump's tweets, he was contradicted by key Senate Republicans and even his own Homeland Security Secretary, Kirstjen Nielsen, who said on "Fox News Sunday" that there's still hope for a solution if Democrats would agree to close immigration loopholes.

"I do not believe DACA is dead," Nielsen said. She said the Trump administration and congressional Republicans want "a security-immigration deal." She also said it would be "completely irresponsible" for Democrats to demand that a deal be tied to keeping the government funded.

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., also expressed optimism on ABC's "This Week" about finding a fix for DACA, but only if "the Democrats get serious about negotiating" on securing U.S. borders and family reunification or "chain migration."

Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, also a Republican, said senators from both parties support a proposed compromise on legislation that he has helped write.

"We're working now to add more Republicans to that list, and we will have more this coming week," Flake said on ABC. He said his bill was the only way to get the 60 votes required for passage in the Senate.

Flake also rejected the president's claim that "Democrats don't really want" a deal. "I've been negotiating and working with the Democrats on immigration for 17 years," he said. "The Democrats are negotiating in good faith."

The immigration debate is taking place against a backdrop of controversy after Trump reportedly called Haiti, El Salvador and African nations "shithole countries" during an Oval Office meeting with senators. Trump denied making the comment in a Twitter posting on Friday, although the White House didn't dispute the quotations after they were widely reported on Thursday. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the second-ranking Democrat, said the denial was "not true."

## World in Brief

### Racist Meghan Markle Texts Lead Right-Wing British Leader to Break Up With Girlfriend

By Tribune News Services

The married leader of Britain's right-wing UKIP announced that he has broken up with his activist girlfriend over racist text messages she sent about the country's future princess.

Henry Bolton, 54, said on BBC's Radio 4 Monday morning that he had split with Jo Marney, the 25-year-old model and journalist whose relationship with the UK Independence Party leader has captivated some corners of the British press in recent weeks.

Text messages published by The Mail on Sunday showed Marney saying that Meghan Markle, the black American actress set to marry Prince Harry in May, would "taint our royal family."

"This is Britain, not Africa," she said, before replying to an assertion that she was racist with "lol so what."

She added that Markle had a "tiny brain" and she would never have sex with "a negro."

Marney was quickly suspended from the party, which made a name for itself by pushing against immigration and rallying support around the "Brexit" departure from the European Union that has had the British economy in turmoil since last summer.

Questions also arose about whether Bolton would be forced out, an exit that would leave UKIP with five leaders in a year and a half.

He told the BBC Monday that he found his girlfriend's comments "appalling and insulting," but had no plans to step down.

UKIP's executive committee will meet next weekend to decide on Bolton's fate.

Bill Etheridge, a member of the European Parliament in Brussels from England's West Midlands, tweeted after Bolton's media appearance that he had resigned from the leader's spokesman's team and would push for him to be removed.

Bolton added in his interview that his wife Tatiana was already living in Vienna with their two young daughters before he started dating Marney in December. He noted that he told her about his new relationship just before the new year.

The pair is not legally separated.

Marney has said her remarks were taken out of context and also apologized for what she called "shocking language."

Some British outlets have also been accused of racism in their coverage of Markle, such as a Daily Mail piece claiming that the Los Angeles native was "(almost) straight outta Compton."

### At Least 27 Killed, 80 Injured in Baghdad Twin Suicide Bombs

By Tribune News Services

BAGHDAD — Twin blasts hit central Baghdad early Monday, killing 27 and injuring more than 80 others, the Baghdad Health Department said.

The blasts struck Sahet al-Tayaran (Aviation Square) in the center of the Iraqi capital, with Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan saying the attack was carried out by two suicide attackers.

There has been no claim of responsibility. Iraqi television put the number of wounded at 95.

Baghdad Health Department head Abdel Ghani al-Saadi said that 20 of the wounded had so far been treated in hospital and discharged.

Witnesses said the blasts took place near a gathering for construction workers. The area is also the site of a transportation station and has a number of shops. Pictures on Iraqi television showed pools of blood on the ground.

The area has been targeted by several similar blasts since 2003.

The bombing is the latest of several attacks to hit Iraq in recent months.

# DUI Suspect Jailed After Friday Night Pearl Street Crash

**JAILED:** Crash Halted Traffic as Centralia Police Tracked Suspect Who Fled From the Scene on Foot

By The Chronicle

A driver was arrested with the help of a police K9 after a crash on North Pearl Street Friday night.

At 5:47 p.m. on Friday, police responded to the 1300 block of North Pearl Street after receiving a report of a vehicle crash. A driver reportedly fled the scene after rolling his vehicle.

Driver Pedro Alvarado-Garcia, 45, of Centralia, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence about two blocks away after being tracked by a police K9.

He will likely be charged with driving under the influence in Lewis County District Court Tuesday.



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A crushed beer can is seen beside the scene of a crash Friday night in Centralia. The driver fled the scene.

# Suspected Arson at Centralia Business Under Investigation

**PERSON OF INTEREST:**

*Police Have Not Made an Arrest But Are Continuing to Investigate Fire at the Panda Inn*

By The Chronicle

A person of interest has been identified in a suspected arson that occurred early Sunday morning at a Centralia business, according to the Centralia Police Department.

The fire was reported at 5:11 a.m. Sunday in the 800 block of Harrison Avenue at Panda Inn. A small fire was reportedly set on two chairs in a covered porch area.

Centralia police units arrived first and were able to extinguish the burning chairs before the fire spread to the building, according to the Riverside Fire Authority.

Damage was contained to scorch marks on the patio. The cost of repairs is estimated at \$300.

An investigation is ongoing, according to the RFA and the police department. A person of interest has been identified but no arrests have been made.



Riverside Fire Authority

The porch where two chairs were set on fire in a suspected arson is seen at the Panda Inn in Centralia.

## News in Brief

### Lewis County to Hold Online Auction for Tax-Defaulted Properties

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Treasurer's Office has scheduled an online auction for properties in tax foreclosure for Jan. 25 at bid4assets.com.

Conducting the sale online exposes the sale to more buyers, according to a news release. Funds generated support essential county services, which can face budget shortfalls when tax bills go unpaid.

"Transitioning our tax sale process online is a natural step for Lewis County," said Treasurer Army Davis in a statement.

"The reality is some of our tax-defaulted properties cannot sell at live auction. Exposing those properties to national buyers online gives the county a significantly better chance of returning them to productive use."

Bidding opens at 8 a.m. Jan. 25 with more than 25 parcels available. Auctions close at staggered times starting 10 a.m. Jan. 26.

Bidders must create an account at Bid4Assets and pay a \$535 deposit before they're able to participate. Deposits are due by Jan. 19.

"We're excited Lewis County has made the decision to take their tax foreclosure process online," said Jesse Loomis, CEO of Bid4Assets. "Online sales are

cheaper and easier, return more properties to tax rolls and generally bring higher prices."

A list of properties is available at Bid4Assets' website. The company conducts online tax foreclosure auctions for Washington counties including Benton, Clark, Cowlitz, Island, King, Kitsap, Pierce, Spokane, Thurston and Yakima counties.

### Aberdeen Hospital Cuts 21 Jobs in Move to Improve Billing Services

By The Olympian

Grays Harbor Community Hospital cut 21 jobs Friday after the Aberdeen hospital announced it was outsourcing

those jobs to a company called AVEC Health Solutions.

The Daily World reports that business is based in Utah. AVEC took over billing services Friday.

"We find ourselves at the point where we need to bring in a more specialized service to effectively attend to our patient's billing concerns," said Grays Harbor Community Hospital CEO Tom Jensen in a statement.

Those concerns: Billing delays and inaccuracies, according to a news release.

Although the move to outsource is considered cost neutral, the hospital expects that once patient billing is processed efficiently and accurately it will increase cash flow to the organization.

Because of the confidential nature of billing work, the 21 employees were walked out of the hospital Friday, according to the Daily World. The employees will be paid for the next nine weeks and also will receive severance based on their years of service.

The Daily World reports AVEC is expected to open an office in Grays Harbor and some of the laid-off workers may have an opportunity to work there. AVEC plans to have five employees stationed at the hospital.

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# Babies of 2017

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# Marriott Hotel in Grand Mound Marks Grand Opening

## FULL TIME WORKFORCE:

*Roughly 45 Employees  
Hired for 88-Room  
Operation*

*By The Chronicle*

Travelers in South Thurston County have a brand new option for overnight stays and suites that the Fairfield Inn and Suites has officially opened in Grand Mound.

A Marriott establishment, the Fairfield Inn and Suites franchise is owned by Chehalis Tribal Enterprises and located on the west side of Exit 88 off of Interstate 5 at the junction of U.S. Highway 12.

Due to its location, the hotel is well positioned to draw a steady stream of travelers, including visitors in town to enjoy the nearby entertainment offerings of the Chehalis Tribe.

"Mainly business travelers and overflow from the Lucky Eagle Casino's Hotel," said manager Ranessa Goddard of the expected clientele. "We had a soft opening on Thursday and we had a lot of good feedback."

The grand opening for the hotel was held on Friday, and Goddard said guests have been pleased with the hotel's offerings so far.

The 88-room facility has room for 352 people as well as a 1,300-square-foot conference room for rent that can seat up to 150 people.

Goddard noted that the ho-



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tel also has free WiFi, an indoor pool, a fitness center, laundry service and fax and copy services, among other amenities.

Day-to-day operations of the

hotel are expected to be handled by InnSight Hotel Management Group based out of Oregon. Goddard estimated that there are 45 employees divided between

housekeeping and desk staff.

"Most of us are full time but we do have a couple of on call positions," said Goddard.

Fairfield Inn & Suites is lo-

cated at 6223 197th Way SW, Rochester. Reservations or questions can be handled online at marriott.com or over the phone at 360-858-5757.

## State Democratic Legislators Consider Proposals to Expand Voting Rights

**LEGISLATURE:** *Lawmakers Seek to Boost Turnout of Young, Low-Income Voters*

*By Taylor McAvoy*

*For The Chronicle*

Voting rights legislation proposed by Democratic lawmakers aims to boost election turnout for young and low-income voters and enhance representation in communities often left out in political affairs.

One bill would allow local governments to change their local election processes without going through court; the other would extend the voter registration period and allow same-day in-person registration. Both bills have versions in the Senate and the House of Representatives. The two bills in the House were heard on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and the two bills in the Senate were heard on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Officials and student group leaders from Yakima showed strong support for two bills at the Senate hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 10 in Olympia.

### Legislature 2018



**"When there isn't diversity at the table there are going to be some people whose experiences are excluded while creating policy."**

**Dulce Gutierrez**  
*deputy mayor of Yakima*

Putting the power in the hands of local government has already proven more equitable in Yakima, said Dulce Gutierrez, deputy mayor of Yakima. In 2014, a federal court ordered the city to change its city council elections to a district-based system rather than an at-large system which the court said disenfranchised Latino voters. Many low-income and often minority voters in Yakima are divided by districts. The district-based voting, Gutierrez said, gave more of a voice to those historically disenfranchised.

Gutierrez said electing city council members by district has also helped more women get elected and emphasized the importance of diversity in leadership roles.

"When there isn't diversity at the table there are going to be some people whose experiences are excluded while creating policy," she said. "I truly believe in having a representative govern-

ment and that means we need to have a balance of all genders, incomes, educational backgrounds, and experiences in life."

At the hearing for the House version of the bill on Tuesday, Jan. 9, Washington Secretary of State, Republican Kim Wyman, expressed reservations. She said components of the bill could result in voters receiving up to four different ballots in general elections. This, she said, would confuse voters and lead to lower overall turnout.

Impoverished communities like some areas in Yakima's District One, where Gutierrez is from, face challenges in turning out voters. She said residents in those communities are often mobile and need to register new addresses often. Many people have difficulty doing so in time to meet the standard 29-day cut off before elections. Often people are more focused on immediate needs of taking care of family, holding jobs, and going to school and they forget to register until

the week or day of the election, Gutierrez said.

The second bill addresses this. It would phase in an extended period of voter registration by mail or electronically up to eight days before an election and authorizes same-day registration in person at the county auditor's office.

"This will increase voter turnout significantly and that will likely be similar throughout the state," Gutierrez said.

Often, young people don't vote until election week or the last minute, according to Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson. She said at Senate hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 10, that her office estimates the bill would lead to a 5 to 10 percent increase in voter turnout on election day.

Wyman voiced her concerns regarding extending the voter registration period during the House hearing. She suggested the online and mail registrations should be submitted 11 days before the election and received by eight days before the election. She also suggested phasing in the changes so that the new voter registration is in place before an election cycle.

Oskar Zambrano, executive director of Progreso, Latino Progress, urged lawmakers to consider the bill's impacts on small communities. He spoke on behalf of Dalia Estevez, a 25-year-old assisted living nurse and student at Yakima Valley

Community College who is involved in Progreso. Zambrano read a statement written by Estevez to the lawmakers.

Estevez said she was originally too concerned with providing for her family and applying to colleges to be active in politics. After three Latino candidates ran for city offices in Yakima, she was able to meet with them during their campaigns.

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*Taylor McAvoy is reporting from the WNP Olympia News Bureau.*

## Woman Gets 14 Months for Theft, Arson at Woodworkers Credit Union in Grays Harbor County

**SENTENCED:** *Krista*

*Stephanie Putman Was Accused of Stealing From Employer, Setting Fire as Investigators Approached*

*By The Daily World*

Krista Stephanie Putman, who pleaded guilty in November to five theft charges stemming from the time she was employed by the Woodworkers Credit Union in Aberdeen, was sentenced to 14 months in prison and will pay fines and fees totaling \$336,758.63, according to the Grays Harbor County Prosecutor's Office.

"In this case, the defendant took full advantage of her position at the credit union to benefit financially," wrote county Prosecutor Katie Svoboda in her sentencing memorandum. "She was trusted and the oversight of her work was minimal."

Putman was charged with stealing more than \$350,000 from the credit union then, the morning of March 29 of last year,

**"In this case, the defendant took full advantage of her position at the credit union to benefit financially."**

**Katie Svoboda**  
*deputy prosecutor*

starting a fire to cover up evidence of her crime. A subsequent investigation also revealed she had stolen \$11,000 from another area business, according to court documents.

"The defendant has agreed to full restitution and sentencing at the top of her standard range," continued Svoboda. "This is appropriate and the state requests it be imposed."

As a result of the thefts, the Woodworkers Credit Union, formed in 1955 to serve loggers and other wood products workers, became a part of the Great Northwest Federal Credit Union, which was formed in the 1950s

as the Shafer Mill Employees Credit Union.

Grays Harbor County Superior Court Judge David Edwards handed out the sentence Jan. 8. Putman started serving her sentence that day.

An auditor from the National Credit Union Administration made a surprise visit to the credit union March 28, 2016, asking to view documents that could illustrate the theft. When the auditor returned the following morning, there was a fire at the credit union while Putman was the only person in the building, according to Aberdeen Police Lt. Kevin Darst. The following investigation by

Aberdeen Police, the credit union and an audit by an independent accounting firm showed that Putman had stolen the \$350,000. A warrant for Putnam's arrest was drafted in mid-July.

According to Svoboda, one credit union member approached Aberdeen Police on Oct. 5, 2016. It was discovered that several withdrawals made were not authorized by the member, ranging from \$400 to \$3,000. The investigation also showed that Putman created five fraudulent loans in the name of another credit union member in order to cover up \$20,000 she had stolen from the member's account.

"The fraud examination team, using transaction registers and bank and investment statements, recreated the credit union's accounting records for the period of July 2014 through March 2016," wrote Svoboda. "As a result of this audit, the examiners were able to identify at least \$219,393 in missing credit union funds. These missing funds were linked to transactions made by the defendant."



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# Voices

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## Voice of the People

Chronicle readers share their thoughts every day through social media, including Facebook, Twitter and the comment section of Chronline.com. Here are some of the recent highlights of conversation.

### Chronline Comments

The following comments were submitted by readers of www.chronline.com. All stories are available for reading online.

#### • Story: State Lawmakers Hear a Proposal to Outlaw Sexual Orientation Conversion Therapy

**USER NAME:** *jeremiad*

Shouldn't it also be illegal for psychiatrists, teachers, and any others to promote transgenderism, being gay, lesbian or bi-sexual. Why is there worry over trying to keep people from becoming these things, or encouraging them to change, when the opposite is fully accepted. LET PEOPLE BE THEMSELVES, it is not anyones business, and that includes mental health professionals or doctors.

#### • Story: New Twin Transit Manager Plans to Further Projects Spearheaded by the Agency

**USER NAME:** *national*

"We are here to serve the people of Lewis County the best we can," he said. "As long as the people of Lewis County don't need to be served after 7PM, on Sundays or whenever it snows?"

#### • Our Views: Inslee Wants You to Pay for His Political Pursuits

**USER NAME:** *karlafred*

I for one, would like to hear less about perceived political motivation and innuendo against the governor, and instead learn something about the actual content of any legislation that might be coming up on the subject(s) at hand. Yes, the governor does come out of King County, but climate issues are universal, as are economic/tax related issues. Let's recognize that there must be a delicate balance of sensitivity in all those areas.

#### • Story: Group Just 131 Signatures Short of Goal to Initiate Home Rule Charter in Lewis County

**USER NAME:** *Cinebarbarian*

Put the list online or somewhere accessible and it will be filled in a week.

**USER NAME:** *Bill M*

There is no way that I can support this initiative. Home Rule holds nobody responsible. Too many hands in the kitchen as the saying goes. The Commissioners are right to not hire a county manager. The money is not there. In fact they should have cut back on several programs such as WSU Extension and Senior Citizens. Neither of these is a mandatory program. So now One Lewis County wants to go to a number of representatives at a grand a month a piece. sorry, Gang, you are going to "break" the budget.

#### Letter: Walmart a Glass Half Full — of Something

**USER NAME:** *sooz24*

I am tired of people in this area bashing Walmart. If it were not here, where would all those employees be working????? Maybe not as many people will leave within 2 years if the starting pay is now at \$11.00. I am over 65 and want a one stop shopping experience. I still go to our local Hardware stores, Drugstores, etc. I think it is a dis-service to all those workers that need that job. Would you rather have them on our Welfare rolls? I, for one, thank all of our local Walmart workers and hope they enjoy the raise and whatever bonus they get. I am happy for them as a taxpayer.

#### Story: Back in the Majority, Senate Democrats Moving Fast to Pass Backlogged Bills

**USER NAME:** *sooz24*

I'll just touch on one issue, equal pay. Theoretically, it's little different from a minimum wage law. It empowers the government to dictate how a business remunerates its employees. It mandates that management pay poor employees the same as good ones. Minimum wage is no different.



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## Five Generations



Here are five generations of a Lewis County family in one photo. Young Grace Shoemaker is seen with Ernie Rose (her great-great grandpa), Linda Rosebrook (her great-grandmother), Karen Shoemaker (her grandmother) and Tyler Shoemaker (her father).

## Girl

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a member for four years. She traveled from Tacoma to attend Friday's practice.

She didn't know anything about guns when she joined, but wanted to try something new. She said the friendships she's made have kept her coming back.

"Everyone's so supportive," she said. "It's like a family."

Baxter, in addition to running the twice-monthly meetings of A Girl & A Gun at the Centralia Rifle Club, coaches both the Centralia and Chehalis rifle teams. She helped start the Chehalis team as a student in the 1980s.

"This has been my life," she said.

Baxter isn't a hunter, but has shot targets with rifles and pistols for much of her life, starting at a young age with her father.

"It's relaxing to me," Baxter said. "I can do a friendly competition against myself and yet I can join a team."

Competitive shooters can compete as high as the Olympics at any age, she said.

The club offers an accepting, judgment-free environment for novices, Baxter said.

"There is a lot of women out there who want to learn how to shoot but men intimidate them," she said. "They fear the men will look at them like they're stupid."

New members do not have to own a gun. Baxter asks members to bring the ammunition size they'd like to learn and said she is able to provide a gun for the training events.

A Girl & A Gun is a nationwide women's shooting league for pistol, rifle and shotgun enthusiasts, according to the group's website.

Until recently, the local chapter was in Onalaska, but when that group disbanded, Baxter was asked by members to reform it in Centralia. The Centralia group officially formed in Octo-



Donna Baxter, founder of the Centralia chapter of 'A Girl and A Gun,' teaches a woman how to properly grip the pistol Friday night in Centralia.



Dolly Hughes, a member of 'A Girl and A Gun,' fires a pistol at a target during a meet Friday night in Centralia.

ber, and now has about 20 members.

Women participate for a variety of reasons, Baxter said, including to learn self defense skills, gain confidence, make friends or to compete in a competitive sport at any age.

"Our ladies are more doing it for self-defense," she said.

A class Friday night focussed primarily on that skill, and included instruction from a retired police officer on how to quickly draw and aim a weapon in a self-defense situation.

Some members already participate in competitions, such as those organized by the Interna-

tional Defensive Pistol Association.

"I'm hoping to get the ladies into doing a competition through A Girl & A Gun," she said.

The Centralia chapter of A Girl & A Gun meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Friday of the month and 1:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at the Centralia Rifle Club. Each night costs \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members, which pays for targets, club rental and other supplies.

Interested women can stop by one of the meetings to watch, or sign up and find more information at [agirlandagun.org](http://agirlandagun.org).



Donna Baxter, founder of the Centralia chapter of 'A Girl and A Gun,' hands a woman a target Friday night in Centralia.

## Statue

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"It's wonderful to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with this great news in support of our community's statue to honor and celebrate our African-American founders," Mittge said in the release. "Centralia and the whole Pacific Northwest should be proud of the pioneer George Washington as one of our Founding Fathers. I'm inspired by his legacy that mixed strong self-sufficiency with generous Christian charity, and I'm excited that we're about to dedicate a statue to help his life shine forth. Thank you to the Smith family for their many donations to our community over the years, and especially for this \$30,000 donations to help preserve the memory of George and Mary Jane Washington."

That donation brings the total fund for the statue up to \$75,000, which represents three-quarters of the way to the total estimated price tag of \$100,000. As recently as Friday, members of the George Washington Bicentennial Committee expressed concern that the project was in jeopardy of stalling, and likely missing the target completion date, due to a lack of funds.

Former Centralia Mayor Bonnie Canaday was the first donor to the campaign when she gifted \$5,000 dollars for the statue last spring, and she has since donated smaller sums on several occasions.

"This isn't about us. It's about Centralia," said Canaday on Monday as she tended an "Our George Washington" display in Tacoma during the day's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.

"When we heard the news, we cried," she said.

Canaday said her inspiration to join the committee was planted in her youth.

"I was born and raised in Centralia and walked across Washington Park all the years that I was in high school. I knew that he was a black pioneer, and to be able to come back and be the mayor in the same city, it was



Jared Wenzelburger / jwenzelburger@chronline.com

The form for the statue is seen in this image taken last Friday in the workshop of Adna artist Jim Stafford.

like a dream... Just like Martin Luther King had a dream, so did I, and now it looks like it is becoming a reality," said Canaday, who was quick to praise the generosity of the project's newest donor, Orin Smith. "All I can do is thank him for helping us to make this dream come true."

Orin Smith is originally from Chehalis. The 1960 W.F. West graduate attended Centralia College, the University of Washington and Harvard Business School before moving on to become CEO and president of Starbucks during the company's most rapid period of expansion. Smith is a longtime philanthropist who was recently named Person of the Year by The Chronicle after his founda-

tion announced a \$10 million endowment to support public education in Chehalis through the Chehalis Foundation's Student Achievement Initiative. Over the years, Smith has also donated extensively to Centralia College, which is located in the middle of George Washington's original 1850s homestead, in addition to other projects, including the Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, which is named for his mother.

"Person of the year, indeed!" wrote Mittge in an email to The Chronicle announcing Smith's donation on Monday.

Aside from Smith and Canaday's donations, many local citizens have contributed to the statue project with the average



Kerry Serl / Courtesy Photo

The form of the Mary Jane Washington part of the statue is seen along with Adna artist Jim Stafford, who is creating the monument.

donation measuring out to \$240. Fundraising efforts are ongoing and any amount raised over the \$100,000 needed for the statue will be placed into a George and Mary Jane Washington scholarship fund that will be awarded to a Centralia student who has demonstrated the same pioneering spirit of community service and ability to overcome obstacles as Centerville's first couple.

Bob Russell, of Chehalis, has been active in organizing and implementing the vast efforts of the committee and he was heartened by the uncommon charity that Smith has displayed. He believes that Smith's actions fall right in line with the principles exemplified by Washington.

"The creation of a statue remembering his family, made possible by the generous contributions of the community and Orin Smith Family Foundation, would likely have put a tear in the corner of his eye (just as it has mine)," noted Russell in a press release.

With work on the statue's form recently completed, the clay creation is set to be shipped to Tacoma to Two Ravens Foundry later this week. There it will be transformed from a pliable

model into a finished bronze casting. When it is completed, the statue, which will feature George and Mary Jane Washington, along with their faithful dog Rockwood, will be put on permanent display in George Washington Park, outside the Centralia Timberland Regional Library.

The statue will be dedicated during the culmination of a year-long bicentennial celebration of Washington's life on Aug. 11, 2018. Additional information on Washington's life story is available online at History-Link.org as well as in the book, Centralia: The First Fifty years, which is available online at bit.ly/GWchapter. Additional information on the George Washington Bicentennial Committee is available online at ourgeorge-washington.com.

Donations to the Our George Washington fund can be made out to The Centralia Community Foundation and sent to the foundation directly at PO Box 1652, Centralia, WA 98531. Be sure to mention "statue" in the memo line. Donations can also be placed online at centraliacf.org/donate-now or at GoFundMe.com/GW200.

## Info

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arrest and deport people.

The Seattle Times first reported the agency's practice Thursday, revealing that DOL was handing over personal information to federal authorities 20 to 30 times a month. The policy was surprising to many, given that Washington is among a minority of states to allow undocumented immigrants to get driver's licenses.

In another major shift announced in a news release Monday, DOL said it would use emergency rule-making to end its practice of collecting "information that isn't mandated and could be misused," specifically information on license applications about where a person was born.

The release did not say whether the application would continue to note the IDs a person used to obtain a license. Those IDs could include a foreign passport or other documents that might signal someone does not have legal status.

The agency also has accepted the resignation of Deputy Director Jeff DeVere. DeVere oversaw compliance with an executive order that Gov. Jay Inslee signed last year, designed to prevent state employees from helping federal officials enforce immigration laws — an attempt to thwart President Donald

Trump's approach to immigration enforcement.

Until questioned by The Seattle Times last week, Inslee's office didn't know the extent of DOL's cooperation with the feds, according to his spokeswoman, Jaime Smith.

The response to the licensing department's policy of cooperating with ICE was swift and furious. The governor ordered DOL to direct future requests from federal immigration officers to his general counsel. State lawmakers pledged to file a bill to ensure the practice was stopped.

Monday's announcement from the department included an apology, and made clear that the offices of the governor and Attorney General Bob Ferguson had a hand in the changes.

"We support the Executive Order, but failed to meet the Governor's intent regarding the protection of this type of information," DOL Director Pat Kohler said in the news release. "We are sorry that our work did not align with our state's values."

She went on to say DOL "did not clearly communicate" the information federal law enforcement was requesting nor seek clarification with the governor's office and the Legislature about how to handle those requests.

The agency also announced it would review its processes and computer systems with the governor's and attorney general's offices; hire a community liaison to ensure DOL practices "meet

the needs of all Washington residents;" start a new hotline to answer questions about the issue; and educate agency staff on all policy and procedural changes and the governor's executive order.

"The recent revelations about our state Department of Licensing's failure to safeguard certain information from federal immigration officials has shaken and

angered many communities," Inslee said in statement Monday. "It has angered me."

He offered no further explanation for why he did not understand what DOL was doing despite his office being briefed on the department's practices after his executive order.

His spokeswoman has said those conversations were not detailed enough.

Smith added the governor's office is now checking with other state agencies to make sure there are no similar problems.

"I understand what's at stake in getting this right, and the ramifications of what it means when we get it wrong," the governor said. "I expect every employee in every one of my state agencies to understand this as well."

## Crisis

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a drug and downplays the risk of addiction, accountability at the top is required. As Gov. Jay Inslee said when Ferguson filed suit against Purdue in September: "Most of our health care professionals want to do the right thing for patients, but some corporations sought to boost their bottom line to peddle opioids on false premises, which, in great part, created this crisis."

At the heart of the issue is a dismissive attitude by the

company. According to the previously redacted documents, a Purdue representative reported to the company in 2008 that the patients of an Everett doctor are "all 20-year-old thugs with diamonds in their ears and \$350 tennis shoes who always pay cash." The suggestion that it is OK for a multibillion-dollar company to prey upon people who fit a certain stereotype is patently offensive.

Washington's opioid crisis has exacted an extreme human and financial toll. Ferguson's effort to demand accountability is warranted.

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### 2A Boys Basketball

## Cooper's Big Night Pushes Bearcats Past Monarchs

**INSIDE:** Cooper Scores 30 Points, Grabs 12 Rebounds in Big Win

By Matt Baide  
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LONGVIEW — The Mark Morris boys basketball team was hoping to end a day full of basketball in the MLK Classic at Lower Columbia College with a win for the hometown fans in attendance.

W.F. West had other ideas, as Bailey Cooper recorded a double-double to help the Bearcats earn a 61-46 win over the Monarchs in

a nonleague basketball game on Monday.

Cooper scored 30 points and grabbed 12 boards for the Bearcats, shooting 10 of 14 from the field and making 10 of 16 free throw attempts.

Jordan Thomas added 17 points on 7 of 11 shooting and added 6 assists.

"This is so huge for our program because Mark Morris is such a talented team and they have such a history of great play," W.F. West coach Chris White said. "It feels good to get the win."

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MATT BAIDE / mbaide@chronline.com  
W.F. West's Bailey Cooper takes a shot while contested by Mark Morris' Tyler Berger during a non-league boys basketball game in the MLK Classic at Lower Columbia College on Monday in Longview.



### Saturday's College Basketball

### Saturday's 2A Girls Basketball

## Brumfield's Boards Help Bearcats Beat White River

By The Chronicle

BUCKLEY — The Bearcats were playing their second game in as many days on the road here Saturday against the No. 4-ranked team in the 2As.

If they showed any fatigue against White River, it was only in the first quarter.

Erika Brumfield grabbed 21 rebounds to go with 15 points, and W.F. West scored 41 over the two middle quarters to break a 12-12 tie and put away White River, 72-55, in a nonleague girls basketball game.

The top-ranked Bearcats shot 12 of 30 from behind the 3-point arc, with Courtney Bennett going 6 of 8 and doing the most damage with a game-high 22 points.

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### Saturday's Prep Wrestling

## Three Tigers Win at Kelso Tourney

By The Chronicle

KELSO — A trio of Centralia wrestlers finished first here Saturday at the Dave Holter Tournament.

Mykka McAllister won at 132 pounds, beating Kelso's Derick Soto 7-4 in the finals after winning his first match with an 18-0 technical fall and winning 7-0 in the semifinals.

Caleb Hylton was first at 160 with a 4-3 decision over Kelso's Jakob Webb win the finals.

Tristan Dickey (170), Aaron Adamo (195) and Izz Almontes (220) were also finalists for Centralia.

Eddie Matias beat teammate Dayvi Gaspar, 5-3, in the third-place match at 120, with Jacob Reyna (106) taking third.

Manny Aguilar (220), Juan Gaspar (113) and Austin Lucht (285) were all fourth, while Trevor Richey (152) was fifth and Porter Harris (113) sixth.

Kelso won the team standings with 307 points. Orting was

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Centralia's Kylie Smith takes the ball up against Lower Columbia's Shanay Dotson (14) as Madi Crews (left) looks on Saturday during NWAC West Region women's basketball action at Michael Smith Gymnasium.

## Lorton Shines in Red Devils' Win

**HOMECOMING:** Lower Columbia Starts Hot in 74-47 Win Over Centralia in Game Full of Local Connections

By Aaron VanTuyll  
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In a game with this many local connections there's bound to be a bit of friendly trash talk, and Kenya Lorton had been hearing it for days.

Lorton, a freshman guard for Lower Columbia, kept her mouth shut when she and Shanay Dotson heard it from former Adna High School teammates Isabella Elwood and Devanie Kleemeyer, both of whom now play for Centralia College. By the time Saturday's game — Lower Columbia at Centralia in an NWAC West Region rivalry match — rolled

around, she was ready. "Honestly, I told my team I was feeling it today, so they knew I was gonna shoot it every time," Lorton said with a laugh. "I was expecting to score a lot, and I was so pumped and had so much adrenaline, I was excited to play. I've been waiting for this game for like two months."

She didn't shoot it every time — she was credited with one assist — but she made her point early on. Lorton scored 11 of her game-high 20 points in the first quarter, helping the Red Devils build a big lead that lasted throughout their 74-47 win at Michael Smith Gymnasium.

"This game, you get the lather going, you get down and you're playing Centralia at their place, and it's a big crowd," LCC coach Chad Meadors said of Lorton. "She quit worrying about things

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Lower Columbia's Kenya Lorton (3) shoots against Centralia on Saturday during an NWAC women's basketball game at Michael Smith Gymnasium.

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Bailey Cooper and Courtney Bennett are the Community First Auto Center Athletes of the Week:  
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### THE SPOKEN WORD

"I told my team I was feeling it today, so they knew I was going to shoot it every time."

**KENYA LORTON**, Lower Columbia guard

# COMMUNITY FIRST AUTO CENTER ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**BAILEY COOPER**  
School: W.F. West (Sr.)  
Sport: Basketball (F)

Cooper scored 20 points on 9 of 12 shooting in a win over Centralia on Friday and had 13 points and 9 rebounds in a win over Aberdeen Tuesday.



**COURTNEY BENNETT**  
School: W.F. West (Jr.)  
Sport: Basketball (G)

Bennett scored 18 in a win over Centralia on Friday and 22 in a win over White River on Saturday.

Winners of the CFAC Athlete of the Week award can stop by the CFAC office (at 1051 NW Louisiana Ave. in Chehalis) to receive their pizza gift card and commemorative hooded sweatshirt. Call the CFAC office at (360) 748-3512 for more information.

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**Preps**  
**Local Prep Schedules**  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 16**  
**Girls Basketball**  
Wahkiakum at Napavine, 7 p.m.  
Winlock at Adna, 7 p.m.  
Toutle Lake at Pe Ell, 7 p.m.  
Kalama at Morton-White Pass, at Randle  
Toledo at Onalaska, 7 p.m.  
Mossyrock at Rainier, 7 p.m.  
Rochester at Black Hills, 7 p.m.  
W.F. West at Tumwater, 7 p.m.  
Aberdeen at Centralia, 7 p.m.  
**Boys Basketball**  
Forks at Tenino, 5:30 p.m.  
**Bowling**  
W.F. West at Ridgefield, 3:15 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17**  
**Men's Basketball**  
Centralia at South Puget Sound, 8 p.m.  
**Women's Basketball**  
Centralia at South Puget Sound, 6 p.m.  
**Boys Basketball**  
Napavine at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Winlock, 7 p.m.  
Pe Ell at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.  
Morton-White Pass at Kalama, 7 p.m.  
Onalaska at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
Rainier at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.  
Rochester at Black Hills, 7 p.m.  
Tumwater at W.F. West, 7 p.m.  
Centralia at Aberdeen, 7 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
W.F. West, Black Hills, Centralia at Tumwater, 5 p.m.  
Aberdeen at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
**Bowling**  
W.F. West at Tumwater, 3:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 18**  
**Girls Basketball**  
Napavine at Mossyrock, 7 p.m.  
Adna at Wahkiakum, 7 p.m.  
Pe Ell at Winlock, 7 p.m.  
Morton-White Pass at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.  
Onalaska at Kalama, 7 p.m.  
Rainier at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
W.F. West at Black Hills, 7 p.m.  
Centralia at Rochester, 7 p.m.  
**Boys Basketball**  
Tenino at Three Rivers Christian, 5:30 p.m.  
Tenino at Three Rivers Christian, 7 p.m.

**Saturday's Results**  
**Men's Basketball**  
**At Centralia**  
**RED DEVILS 79, TRAILBLAZERS 66**  
L. Columbia 37 42 —79  
Centralia 34 32 —66  
**Lower Columbia (79)** — Dennis 1, Cotton 29, Sweet 11, Taylor, Ford 8, Hall 6, Ali 3, Scott 5, Gilbert 16  
FG: 27 of 59 —.458 FT: 19 of 26 —.731 Reb: 40 (Gilbert 11)  
**Centralia (66)** — Curry 14, Clarke 3, Filley 3, Donkor 6, Eiman, Prangley 9, Peppinger, Meadows 10, Gilson 21  
FG: 24 of 61 —.393 FT: 14 of 23 —.609 Reb: 37 (Prangley, Curry 8)

**Women's Basketball**  
**At Centralia**  
**RED DEVILS 74, LADY BLAZERS 47**  
L. Columbia 27 15 23 9 —74  
Centralia 7 18 12 10 —47  
**Lower Columbia (74)** — Dotson 12, Abbott 18, Crews 3, Niles 7, Daugherty 6, Lorton 20, Howard 2, Wheeler 6  
FG: 28 of 61 —.459 FT: 6 of 7 —.857 Reb: 30 (Wheeler 7)  
**Centralia (47)** — Howard 8, Kleemeyer 6, Smith 6, Lancaster 3, Elwood 5, Connally 6, Claybrooks 13  
FG: 16 of 56 —.286 FT: 13 of 20 —.650 Reb: 35 (Elwood 9)

**Girls Basketball**  
**At Buckley**  
**BEARCATS 72, HORNETS 55**  
W.F. West 12 21 20 19 —72  
White River 12 13 17 13 —55  
**W.F. West (72)** — Bennett 22, Johnson 18, Brumfield 15, Waring 12, McCallum 3, Steen 2  
FG: 24 of 63 —.381 FT: 12 of 21 —.571 Reb: 35 (Brumfield 21)  
**White River (55)** — G. Lavinder 18, Marecle 16, Norris 11, S. Lavinder 5, Schmidtk 3, Cash 2  
FG: 17 of 38 —.447 FT: 16 of 27 —.593 Reb: 15 (G. Lavinder 5)

**Monday's Results**  
**Boys Basketball**  
**At Longview**  
**BEARCATS 61, MONARCHS 46**  
W.F. West 14 16 14 17 —61

Mark Morris 12 7 10 17 —46  
**W.F. West (61)** — Yarter 2, Dobyns 2, Wollan 4, Thomas 17, B. White 2, C. White 4, Cooper 30  
FG: 23 of 41 —.561 FT: 15 of 26 —.577 Reb: 29 (Cooper 12)  
**Mark Morris (46)** — Fritz 2, Vaillencourt 5, G. Berger 18, T. Berger 15, McNally 4, Rismoen 2  
FG: 17 of 50 —.340 FT: 8 of 9 —.889 Reb: 28 (McNally 8)

**Local**

**Local Bowling**  
**Jan. 7-13 Results**  
**FAIRWAY LANES**  
**Top 10 Men**  
1. Nick Wright 748; 2. Mike Postlewait 741; 3. Bob Spahr 722; 4. Jim Fueston 716; 5. Dan Staal 708; 6. Shamus Gilligan 706; 7. Ken Marsyla 701; 8. Randy Sanders 700; 9. Jim Abbott 697; 10. Eric Dyson 694; High Game: Mike Postlewait 300 and Shamus Gilligan 300  
**Top 10 Women**  
1. Cassandra Chalmers 695; 2. Janell McPeak 665; 3. Madi Crawford 606; 4. Rachel Norwood 591; 5. Kim Rushton 583; 6. Nikki Postlewait 580; 7. Sahlee Aldrich 554; 8. Kim Mohney 551; 9. Val Krein 543; 10. Dianna Poore 538; High Game: Cassandra Chalmers 248  
**Top 5 Senior Men**  
1. Andy Fuchs 717; 2. Tim Schnitzer 676; 3. Ed Weed 657; 4. Bill Frank 650; 5. Bill Slinkard 632; High Game: Ernie Smith 275  
**Top 5 Senior Women**  
1. Sharon Ellingson 506; 2. Ginny Eddy 499; 3. Alyce Schutte 483; 4. Bertie Dessell 465; 5. Sharon DeBuhr 463; High Game: Sharon Ellingson 203  
**Top 5 Junior Boys**  
1. Ashton Lannoye 599; 2. Isaiah Johnson 514; 3. Shawn Strasser 504; 4. Kaige Miller 466; 5. Chase Sanchez 435; High Game: Ashton Lannoye 208  
**Top 5 Junior Girls**  
1. Leslie Erwin 500; 2. Ashley Werner 465 and Patricia Castillo 465; 3. Ellie Bunker 462; 4. Jessica Loflin 457; 5. Brianna Powe 442; High Game: Leslie Erwin 206  
**Top 5 Special Rec (2 games)**  
1. Cody 360; 2. Joy 310; 3. Charlie 292; 4.

Jim 284; 5. Daryl 270; High Game: Cody 183  
**NFL**  
**Playoff Glance**  
**Wild-card Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 6**  
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21  
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13  
**Sunday, Jan. 7**  
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3  
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26  
**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10  
New England 35, Tennessee 14  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
Minnesota 45, Pittsburgh 42  
Missouri 29, New Orleans 24  
**Sunday, Jan. 21**  
**AFC Championship**  
Jacksonville at New England, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)  
**NFC Championship**  
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Feb. 4**  
**At Minneapolis, Minn.**  
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)

**NBA**

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston Celtics	34	10	.773	-
Toronto Raptors	29	13	.690	4
Philadelphia 76ers	20	20	.500	12
New York Knicks	20	24	.455	14
Brooklyn Nets	16	28	.364	18
Central				
Cleve. Cavaliers	26	17	.605	-
Indiana Pacers	24	20	.545	2.5
Milwaukee Bucks	23	20	.535	3
Detroit Pistons	22	20	.524	3.5
Chicago Bulls	17	27	.386	9.5
Southeast				
Miami Heat	25	18	.581	-
Wash. Wizards	25	19	.568	0.5

Charlotte Hornets	17	25	.405	7.5
Atlanta Hawks	12	31	.279	13
Orlando Magic	12	31	.279	13
Western Conference				
Northwest				
Minn. T-wolves	29	16	.644	-
OKC Thunder	24	20	.545	4.5
Denver Nuggets	22	21	.512	6
Port. Trail Blazers	22	21	.512	6
Utah Jazz	17	26	.395	11
Pacific				
G.S. Warriors	36	9	.800	-
LA Clippers	22	21	.512	13
Phoenix Suns	16	28	.364	19.5
Los Angeles Lakers	15	28	.349	20
Sacramento Kings	13	30	.302	22
Southwest				
Houston Rockets	30	12	.714	-
San Antonio Spurs	29	16	.644	2.5
N.O. Pelicans	22	20	.524	8
Dallas Mavericks	15	29	.341	16
Memphis Grizzlies	14	28	.333	16

**Monday's Results**  
Golden State 118, Cleveland 108  
Charlotte 118, Detroit 107  
Philadelphia 117, Toronto 111  
Milwaukee 104, Washington 95  
Atlanta 102, San Antonio 99  
New York 119, Brooklyn 104  
Chicago 119, Miami 111  
Memphis 123, L.A. Lakers 114  
Oklahoma City 95, Sacramento 88  
Indiana 109, Utah 94  
L.A. Clippers 113, Houston 102

**Tuesday's Games**  
Minnesota at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
New Orleans at Boston, 4:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Denver, 6 p.m.  
Phoenix at Portland, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Washington at Charlotte, 4 p.m.  
New Orleans at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.  
San Antonio at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Chicago, 5 p.m.  
New York at Memphis, 5 p.m.  
Miami at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.  
Utah at Sacramento, 7 p.m.  
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

# SPORTS ON THE AIR

**TUESDAY, Jan. 16**  
**NBA basketball**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
NBA — New Orleans at Boston  
**7 p.m.**  
NBCSNW — Phoenix at Portland  
**NHL hockey**  
**4 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers  
**NCAA men's basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
ROOT — Clemson at North Carolina  
CBSSN — Cincinnati at UCF  
ESPN — Wisconsin at Purdue  
ESPN2 — Louisville at Notre Dame  
ESPN — Georgia at LSU  
**6 p.m.**  
ROOT — Pittsburgh at Syracuse  
CBSSN — UConn at Memphis  
ESPN — Kentucky at South Carolina  
ESPN — Oklahoma at Kansas St.  
**Soccer**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
FS1 — FA Cup, third round  
**Tennis**  
**Midnight**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**6 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open

**5:30 p.m.**  
CBSSN — St. John's at Xavier  
**5:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — Seton Hall at Creighton  
**6 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Arizona at California  
**6 p.m.**  
ROOT — Air Force at Colorado St.  
**6 p.m.**  
ESPN — Iowa St. at TCU  
**7:30 p.m.**  
CBSSN — Nevada at San Jose St.  
**8 p.m.**  
ESPN — Fresno St. at San Diego St.  
**8 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Arizona St. at Stanford  
**NCAA women's basketball**  
**7 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Washington at Washington St.  
**Soccer**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
FS2 — FA Cup, third round  
**Tennis**  
**Midnight**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**6 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**Golf**  
**5 p.m.**  
GOLF — Asian Tour, SMBC Singapore Open  
**7:30 p.m.**  
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship  
**Figure Skating**  
**9 a.m.**  
NBCSN — European Championships, Pairs Short Program  
**11 a.m.**  
NBCSN — European Championships, Men's Short Program

NBCSN — Pittsburgh at Los Angeles  
**NCAA men's basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
CBSSN — Jacksonville St. at Morehead St.  
ESPN — Murray St. at Belmont  
**5 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Washington St. at Colorado  
**5:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — Minnesota at Maryland  
**6 p.m.**  
ESPN — Saint Mary's(Cal) at Gonzaga  
CBSSN — UAB at Western Kentucky  
ESPN2 — USC at Oregon  
**6 p.m.**  
ESPN — UNC-Asheville at Winthrop  
**7 p.m.**  
PAC-12 — Washington at Utah  
**7 p.m.**  
ROOT — Portland at San Diego  
**8 p.m.**  
ESPN — Loyola Marymount at BYU  
FS1 — UCLA at Oregon St.  
**NCAA women's basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
ESPN — Tennessee at Notre Dame  
ROOT — Syracuse at Miami  
**Tennis**  
**Midnight**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**8 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Australian Open  
**Golf**  
**Noon**  
GOLF — PGA Tour, CareerBuilder Challenge  
**4 p.m.**  
GOLF — Champions Tour, Mitsubishi Electric Championship  
**7 p.m.**  
GOLF — Asian Tour, SMBC Singapore Open  
**9 p.m.**  
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship  
**Figure Skating**  
**9 a.m.**  
NBCSN — European Championship, Pairs Free Program  
**11 a.m.**  
NBCSN — European Championships, Ladies' Short Program  
**Winter sports**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Biathlon:IBU World Cup, women's 7.5 km Sprint

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 17**  
**NBA basketball**  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPN — L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City  
**7:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — Denver at L.A. Clippers  
**NHL hockey**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Montreal at Boston  
**7 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Pittsburgh at Anaheim  
**NCAA men's basketball**  
**3 p.m.**  
ESPNEWS — Tulsa at Temple  
**3:30 p.m.**  
CBSSN — Dayton at St. Joseph's  
**3:30 p.m.**  
FS1 — Villanova at Georgetown  
**4 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Arkansas at Florida  
ESPN — SMU at Wichita St.  
**5 p.m.**  
ESPNEWS — Houston at Tulane

**THURSDAY, Jan. 18**  
**NBA basketball**  
**4 p.m.**  
TNT — Philadelphia at Boston  
**6:30 p.m.**  
TNT — Minnesota at Houston  
**7 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Indiana at Portland  
**NHL hockey**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers  
**7 p.m.**

## Wrestling

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second (178.5) and Centralia finished third (163.5).

Centralia wrestles in an Evergreen 2A Conference double dual with Tumwater and Black Hills on Thursday at Tumwater.

## Lancaster, Cohron Win at Lads and Lassies

FIFE — Jayden Lancaster won another championship here Saturday and Riley Cohron added a title for the Warriors at Fife's Lads and Lassies Tournament.

Cohron, at 126 pounds, won his first match 10-2 and won his quarterfinal and semifinal matches with pins before beating Puyallup's Ethan Scheweyen, 13-10, in the finals.

Lancaster, at 145, had a first round bye and pinned his quarterfinal and semifinal opponents to reach the finals. In the championship, he beat Sequim's Ben Newell, 14-1. The sophomore has entered six tournaments this season and finished atop the podium in the last five.

Nate Kilmer (170) was co-

fifth and Eulises Tinoco (182) was co-third for the Warriors, who finished seventh with 93 team points. Auburn (209) was first.

In the girls tournament, Rochester's Elizabeth Ware finished co-third at 140.

Rochester hosts Aberdeen in an Evergreen 2A Conference dual on Wednesday.

## Adna's Dowell Wins at Norton Memorial Tourney

RAINIER — Ashton Dowell picked up a title for Adna here Saturday at Rainier's Sgt. Justin Norton Memorial Wrestling Tournament.

Dowell won the 170-pound classification, getting a pin in the quarterfinals, winning 8-4 in the semifinals and beating Montesano's Kai Olson, 7-2, in the championship match.

Braxton Dowell took second for the Pirates at 152, falling in a tight 4-2 match to Lake Roosevelt's Tony Nichols in the finals.

Adna's Matthew Slape was co-third at 160. Aaron Slape finished co-fifth at 138, Lucas Wellander was co-fifth at 152, and Kameron Perry was co-fifth

at 182.

The Pirates finished eighth as a team with 90.5 points. Forks (204.5) took first in the event, which featured 16-man brackets and wrestlers from over 30 teams.

## Chehalis Boys, Centralia Girls Win at Tiger Tourney

NAPAVINE — The W.F. West boys and the Centralia girls won their respective team titles here Saturday at the Napavine Tiger Wrestling Tournament. The event featured 14 boys teams and 13 girls squads.

**BOYS:** Darren Gray pinned teammate Caden Cunningham in the 106-pound championship to lead a crew of 13 Bearcats finishing in the top four in Napavine. W.F. West won the event with 168 team points. Jake Stepp won at 120, while Bryson Boyd was second at 220 and Aaron Zylstra was second at 132.

Beau Booth (160), Grant VonMoos (195) and Kyler Hulstein (220) all finished third for Chehalis, with Quintin Conwell (113), Calvin Eklund (126), Bryce Laufenberg (145), Austin Pierson (152) and Malachi Sim-

per (195) finishing fourth.

Winlock-Toledo's boys squad finished fourth. David Kinsman pinned Castle Rock's Coleman Darvell in 3:41 in the 160 finals, Ethan Buck finished second at 170 and Dusty Thayer was second at 113. Sam Howsden was third at 113 and Colby Cook was fourth at 120.

Centralia's Jake White won the 126 title and teammate Ivan Eacker took third at 138.

Napavine's Grant Bennett was second at 182, and Adna's Hunter Fields was third at 182.

**GIRLS:** Kupria LaPierre pinned Olympia's Erica Grant in 3:04 to win the 135-pound bracket and headline Centralia's team win.

Ali Silva was third at 120, Alex Hamilton was third at 115, and Taryn Salazar (105), Mariah Taylor (130) and Angie Contreas (140) were all fourth for the Tigers.

Adna's Cheyeann Meyer won the 125 bracket, pinning Centralia's Faith Halseth in 3:29 in the finals. Meyer won all four of her matches via pin, two of which lasted less than 30 seconds. Keaton Dowell finished second at 145 for the Pirates.

W.F. West's Jade Palmer took first at 145, and Xylia Warner

was first at 140 for the Bearcats. Savannah Johnston (125) and Grace Combs (155) were both fourth.

Napavine's Sydney Burdick (135) took third and Pearl Cave (145) was fourth, and Winlock-Toledo's Jeletsa Cuadra (135) finished fourth.

## Bearcats Sixth at Westberg Invite

ELLENSBURG — W.F. West finished sixth as a team here Saturday at the Ray Westberg Wrestling Invitational.

Roehre Cunningham finished second in the 106-pound bracket and Chris Powe was second at 195 for W.F. West.

Levi Walters was co-third at 120, Mason Marones was co-third at 132, and Isaac Reavis was co-third at 220 for the Bearcats, while Caleb Walters (113), Carver Brennan (152) and Ka'imi Henry (160) were co-fifth.

Sunnyside won the team title with 194 points. The Bearcats finished sixth with 141.

W.F. West wrestles in an Evergreen 2A Conference double dual with Tumwater and Black Hills on Thursday at Tumwater.

## Rivals

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and just went out and played, and when she does that she's a heck of a player."

Lorton went 3 of 4 from beyond the arc in the first frame, and Lower Columbia ran out to a 20-3 lead with 4:25 left in the first.

"We played absolutely our best first quarter of the year," LCC coach Chad Meadors said. "We've still got more to give and more to find with this group. We've got some really talented players, and they're learning how to work hard and play together, and once that really hits we could play four quarters like that."

Centralia, meanwhile, went just 2 of 17 from the field in the first.

"I told my girls, if you make five of those, it's a different ballgame," Centralia coach Caleb Sells said. "We got looks, and a big credit to their big kid inside (Hayley Niles), she didn't give us a lot of super clean looks, but I was awfully frustrated with our not finishing inside."

The Lady Blazers' offense picked up in the second quarter, but Lower Columbia didn't let up, pouring in 23 points in the third to help salt away the win.

Majesty Claybrooks led Centralia with 13 points and added eight rebounds, playing what Sells called one of her best games of the season.

Elwood led Centralia with nine rebounds, Kleemeyer scored 6 points, and Blazer point guard Joni Lancaster — a Rochester product — added 3 points and a pair of steals.

"I was proud of Joni," Sells said. "They put some tremendous ball pressure on her tonight, and she handled it a lot better than I would have."

Dotson added 12 points and three rebounds for LCC, taking her average for the season up to 10.3 points a game. The sophomore is also averaging 7 rebounds and 2 assists a night.

Dotson, Meadors said, has been putting in a ton of time working on improving her shot.

"I can't wait for her to see more success on that, but her go-to is defense, and putting



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Centralia's Joni Lancaster (22) lays the ball up against Lower Columbia defenders Shanay Dotson (14) and Kenya Lorton (3) on Saturday during an NWAC West Region women's basketball game in Centralia.

the ball on the ground and getting to the rim and making all the extra plays," he said. "She's a 5-11 guard that can get into you, and she just makes a tremendous amount of plays for us. She makes an impact, whether she scores 15 or scores 5."

Lorton finished 6 of 10 from the 3-point line. The freshman, Meadors said, was stuck playing a bit out of position early on with LCC starter Cherita Daugherty ineligible. She's started 13 of 17 games for the Red Devils, aver-

aging 12.4 points a game.

"She's been inconsistent, as most freshmen are," he said. "She's had some games where she's had 3, 4, 5 points, but she's also put up 27, 28 or 29 on the year, and she had a great game tonight."

With Centralia product Madi Crews in the Devils' starting lineup, the three visiting locals helped swell the crowd for the rivalry game, to the point that the admission line stretched the door and onto

the sidewalk a few minutes before tipoff.

"Centralia and Adna really love those three kids, because they're great people, so we're fortunate enough to get great people," Meadors said. "That's super exciting, to play in front of your home crowd and play in front of people you went to high school with, and it's just two great communities coming out to support their former players."

Centralia (7-8 overall) dropped to 0-2 in league play

with the loss, after opening West Region action with a loss to Grays Harbor on Wednesday.

"I told the girls, it's two games. Five games from now our record's going to look a lot better," he said. "It sucks. It's going to suck today, it's going to suck tomorrow, but by this time next week we hope to be feeling a lot better about ourselves."

The Lady Blazers play at South Puget Sound in Olympia on Wednesday.

## College Football

# Huskies Star Running Back Myles Gaskin Says He Will Return for His Senior Season

By Adam Jude

The Seattle Times

Washington star running back Myles Gaskin will return for his senior season, and he has big plans for 2018.

"The big thing was just finishing what I started," he told The Seattle Times on Sunday evening. "I just want to win some games again and try make another run at a national championship."

The 5-foot-10, 190-pound running back from Lynnwood had given strong consideration to entering the NFL draft. Monday is the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft,

and most projected Gaskin as a Day 3 selection (rounds 4-7) were he to leave UW this year.

Gaskin said he received a fourth-round grade from the NFL Draft Advisory Board.

He said he tried to consider "every possible aspect" before making a decision, writing a "pros" and "cons" list down on paper. He has had two conversations with UW coach Chris Petersen, and more talks with his position coach, Keith Bhonapha.

Ultimately, he decided to remain for a fourth season at UW after heartfelt talks with his parents and his older brother, Ivan.

"The University of Washing-

ton has always been really good to me and there is no reason to just run out as soon as I can," Gaskin said. "I feel like I left some meat on bone, leaving with a loss (in the Fiesta Bowl), and I don't want to go out like that."

Gaskin will enter the 2018 season needing just 51 yards to match Napoleon Kaufman's school rushing record of 4,106 yards. He rushed for 98 yards and two touchdowns in the Huskies' Fiesta Bowl loss to Penn State, moving him past Chris Polk and into second place on UW's career rushing list.

With Gaskin, the Huskies will return in tact the most pro-

ductive backfield in program history. Gaskin holds school records for rushing touchdowns (45) and total touchdowns (49), and he will team with senior QB Jake Browning for a fourth season in the backfield.

"I couldn't leave Jake hanging like that," Gaskin said. "We want to finish strong — finish what we started."

Browning holds the UW record for most touchdown passes, with 78.

In 40 career games at UW, Gaskin has rushed for 4,055 rushing yards on 696 carries, and his average of 5.8 yards per carry is the best in program history.

Gaskin has averaged 101.4 yards rushing per game in his college career, also the best among any Husky running back who has played in at least 18 games.

With Gaskin joining Browning, left tackle Trey Adams, right tackle Kaleb McGary, defensive tackle Greg Gaines and safety JoJo McIntosh all returning for their senior season, the Huskies will enter the 2018 with lofty expectations.

Entering a key opening game against Auburn in Atlanta on Sept. 1, the Huskies are expected to be ranked in the top 10 and a favorite again in the Pac-12 next fall.

Local Bowling Standings

Bearcats

Julia Johnson went 4 of 7 and scored 18 points, while Annika Waring added 12 points and five rebounds for W.F. West. Georgina Lavinder led White River (12-4) with 18 points. Kara Marecle added 16. The Bearcats improved to 12-2 this season with the win, with their only losses coming to 3A Prairie — ranked No. 3 with an 11-2 record — and 4A Camas (9-6). W.F. West returns to Evergreen 2A Conference play on Tuesday when the Bearcats hit the road to play Tumwater.

Soccer Artesians Go Cold in Second Half of 7-2 Loss to Tacoma

OLYMPIA — Matt Stalnik and Tonbra Akpobodor each scored first half goals for the Oly Town Artesians, but that was all the Tacoma Stars Reserves would allow in a 7-2 victory at the Tacoma Soccer Center on Saturday night in Washington Indoor Soccer League action. Stalnik put the Artesians up 1-0 early in the game with a ball just barely snuck past both Stars Reserves goalkeeper Aaron Anderson and the goal line.

Nate Ford got Tacoma going midway through the second quarter and Danny Minniti gave them a 2-1 lead with about two minutes left in the half. But Oly answered when Akpobodor finished in front of the goal off a pass from Josh Dube with just 21.6 seconds left. But the tie was short lived as Minniti scored his second of the game with five seconds left and Tacoma took a 3-2 lead into the locker room. After that, it was all Tacoma. Adrian Correa and JJ Schmeck scored third quarter goals and Ford and Dourado added goals in the fourth to move the Stars Reserves to 4-2-0, just three points behind first-place Bellingham United with two games left to play. With the loss, the Artesians fell to 1-5-0 this season and now face a must win next week when they play host to the Olympic Force on Jan. 27. It's Toyota of Olympia night at The Pavilion and there will be prizes throughout the game. First kick is set for 6:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at www.olytownfc.com/tickets.

College Basketball Gonzaga Women Shut Down San Francisco 74-47 to Remain Perfect in WCC play

Asked to find any flaws in her players' performance Saturday afternoon, Gonzaga women's coach Lisa Fortier had to work harder than they did. Well, there were some defensive lapses late in the first half, Fortier allowed after a 74-47 West Coast Conference win over San Francisco at the McCarthy Athletic Center. Then she paused. "That is being a little nit-picky," Fortier conceded while noting that the Bulldogs led 39-17 at the half in holding the Dons to 21-percent shooting. The Bulldogs did much more than that, all afternoon. They outrebounded USF 50-37, forced 20 turnovers (15 via steals) and played unselfish offense to the tune of 20 assists. Nine of those came from sophomore guard Jessie Loera, who had a career game that also included a team-high 15 points and five rebounds.

Blue Monday Ladies

"This year I've been playing more and I've been getting more comfortable," Loera said. For all of the Bulldogs, this one felt as comfortable as the weather, with GU's 3-point shooting percentage of 37 roughly matched the temperature outside. Even the timing couldn't have been better for the Zags (13-4 overall, 6-0 WCC), who face their toughest WCC game of the season on Thursday at Saint Mary's.

Monday Seniors Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Sunday Nite Mixed Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Friday Sunset Mixed Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Friday Seniors Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Tuesday Fairway Women Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Tuesday Trio Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Wednesday Night Mixed Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Thursday Matinee Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Monday Ladies Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

Thursday Matinee Fairway Lanes. Table with columns for Points, Wins, Losses, Team, and individual player scores.

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Local Bowling Standings

Friday Match Play
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Fairway Lanes
Team Standings In Each Division

Review of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1 -2 -3 -4 Total W/L

Fairway Thursday Seniors
1/11/2018 Week 19 of 33
Fairway Lanes
Important Messages
First Quarter Winner: Team 3, Ida's Crew

Team Standings
Place Team Name Points Team Pins +

Monday Commercial
1/8/2018 Week 17 of 33
Fairway Lanes
Important Messages
First Quarter Winner: Team 3, Adolphsen Real Estate

Local and Bowling Center Awards
Award Score Award Received Name Award Score Award Received

Lucky Eagle All Star
1/9/2018 Week 10 of 33
Fairway Lanes
Important Messages
First Quarter Winner: Team 4, Pure Magic

Art Smalley Industrial
1/11/2018 Week 18 of 33
Fairway Lanes
Important Messages
First Quarter Winner: Team 12, Central Sales



W.F. West's Jordan Thomas dunks on the fastbreak after a steal during a nonleague boys basketball game in the MLK Classic at Lower Columbia College on Monday in Longview.

Bearcats

Continued from Sports 1

Last year, we lost a close one to them. We were real hungry for this one and it feels great."

The Bearcats lost to the Monarchs last season 66-62 in the opening round of the District 4 tournament before W.F. West's season ended in their next game against Columbia River.

The win came by getting the ball inside, especially to Cooper. The Bearcats fired three attempts from behind the arc in the first half and didn't shoot at all from 3-point range in the second half.

The damage was done inside, with the Bearcats shooting 56 percent from the field.

On the defensive end, the Bearcats were locked in, holding the Monarchs to shooting 17 of 50 and only made 4 of 13 attempts from behind the arc.

"We wanted to try to duplicate what we did against Centralia defensively and I think we hit the mark. We're real pleased with that," White said. "We had foul trouble we had to deal with with Colby (White) because he really wreaks havoc out there. The kids answered the call and we had our hands on a lot of balls and it was great."

Garrett Berger scored 18

points to lead the Monarchs and brother Tyler added 15 points.

W.F. West scored first and never trailed in the game. The Bearcats held the Monarchs to 7 points in the second quarter and led 30-19 at halftime.

The Bearcats expanded their lead in the third quarter and led by 17 points at the beginning of the fourth quarter. The Monarchs closed the lead to single digits late in the fourth, but Cooper was able to knock down late free throws to earn the win.

W.F. West (12-2, 4-0) gets back into Evergreen 2A Conference games on Wednesday against Tumwater in Chehalis.

Monday's Prep Boys Basketball

Napavine Falls to Ridgefield

By The Chronicle
LONGVIEW — Napavine fell 63-61 to 2A Ridgefield on Monday in the MLK Classic at

Lower Columbia College.

It was a back-and-forth game throughout as the game was tied at 18 after one quarter and the Spudders led 36-34 at halftime.

Ridgefield expanded the lead to 51-47 going into the fourth quarter. It came down to the

wire with the teams tied at 58, but the Spudders were able to take the lead and make a few free throws to earn the win.

Napavine (11-3, 8-2) travels to Cathlamet on Wednesday to face Wahkiakum in a Central 2B League game.

College Basketball

Gonzaga Turns Full Attention Toward Saint Mary's

By Jim Meehan
The Spokesman-Review

In one corner: Saint Mary's, winners of 12 straight, preseason WCC favorite, conference player of the year favorite Jock Landale.

In the other corner: Gonzaga, winners of six in a row, balanced offense, perennial WCC kingpin picked second in the coaches' preseason poll.

In Johnathan Williams' corner, it's the next game on a schedule that he doesn't have committed to memory.

"I'm not a big guy (for) looking at the schedule," Gonzaga's senior forward said Saturday night following a 75-65 win over San Francisco. "I just come in on Monday and they say we've got Portland or Saint Mary's and we start preparing for them."

"I just know my parents and friends ask me who we play and I'm like, 'I don't know.' I know every Monday."
Josh Perkins is a little busy as Gonzaga's starting point guard, but the WCC All-Academic selec-

tion probably could shift over to the media side after his playing days.

Players and coaches subscribe to the "one game at a time" adage. The media rarely does the same. Perkins had both sides covered as the 15th-ranked Zags steamrolled overmatched WCC opponents.

"I'm not so good about it, to be honest, but I never overlook an opponent," a smiling Perkins said. "It's just tough to not see Saint Mary's on Jan. 18. Just looking forward to the opportunity. It should be fun, real fun."

The Gonzaga-Saint Mary's collision course has been a few weeks in the making with both teams dominating conference foes by double digits. Both are 6-0 heading into Thursday's date at the McCarthy Athletic Center.

Both have stayed on task one-third of the way through the conference's 18-game slate.
The Dons provided Gonzaga's toughest WCC test, pulling within five in the second half and within six in the final minutes. It would have been even more inter-

esting if the Dons hadn't missed six consecutive free throws late in the first half and finished 9 of 19 from the stripe.

Williams banged knees with a Portland player on Thursday and sat out the second half. He did some drills, conditioning and played one-on-one Friday before putting up 17 points and nine boards against the Dons.

"We've been working since it happened, icing, heating it," said Williams, mentioning trainer Josh Therrien's assistance. "I've still got a ways before I get back to 100 percent but it felt pretty good for the most part."

GU (16-3) wasn't flawless but made enough plays late to hold off shorthanded San Francisco.

"We talked about that," coach Mark Few said of being challenged in the closing minutes.

"We needed to execute some things. Kyle (Smith, USF coach) did a good job switching to zone and we got a little tentative. We've been really good against zone thus far this year. That something obviously we can take a look at."

NFL

# Vikings Beat Saints 29-24 in Comeback for the Ages; Diggs Scores as Time Expires

By Ben Goessling

The Star Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — On the brink of another catastrophic playoff loss, the Vikings delivered a moment that will live on in their fans' minds for the rest of their lives.

In a desperate attempt to get into field goal range with 10 seconds left, Case Keenum hit Stefon Diggs in Saints territory. But instead of going out of bounds after making a leaping grab, Diggs turned up the sideline, past a diving Marcus Williams tackle and into Vikings history with a 61-yard touchdown that gave Minnesota a 29-24 win over the New Orleans Saints as time expired.

The Vikings will play the Philadelphia Eagles at Lincoln Financial Field at 5:40 p.m. on Sunday, with the winner advancing to Super Bowl LII at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Vikings built a 17-0 lead at halftime, forcing Drew Brees into two interceptions while limiting the former NFL MVP to 117 yards on 8-of-18 passing. Three drives of seven plays or more — all of them covering at least 55 yards — helped the Vikings build their lead, as noise levels at U.S. Bank Stadium touched 118 decibels.

They appeared on their way to another scoring drive to open the second half, until a stunt on the right side of the Vikings' line led to a Sheldon Rankins sack that took Minnesota out of field goal range.



JEFF WHEELER / Minneapolis Star Tribune

Minnesota Vikings strong safety Andrew Sendejo intercepts a Drew Brees pass intended for New Orleans Saints receiver Ted Ginn Jr. in the first quarter of the NFC divisional playoff on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, Minn. Anthony Barr also had an interception in the second quarter.

Ryan Quigley's punt dropped in the end zone for his first touchback of the season, and the Saints drove 80 yards for a touchdown on their ensuing drive, with Drew Brees hitting Michael Thomas for a three-yard score a play after Thomas' hit knocked safety Andrew Sendejo out of the

game and sent Xavier Rhodes into a frenzy.

Case Keenum's backpedaling interception on the Vikings' next offensive play put the Saints in position to score again, and as New Orleans pulled within three early in the fourth quarter, the raucous crowd drew inward,

silently entertaining its worst nightmares.

The Vikings' next drive led to a Kai Forbath field goal, and on a 3rd-and-1 from their own 36, the Saints opted to have someone other than Drew Brees throw a pass for the first time all season. Brees flipped a screen to wide re-

ceiver Willie Snead, whose pass to Alvin Kamara went just a little too far to go for a touchdown.

But the Vikings' next drive was scuttled by Kyle Rudolph's illegal block in the back, and after former Vikings defensive end George Johnson got a piece of Quigley's punt, former Vikings linebacker Gerald Hodges recovered it, setting up a Saints drive that gave New Orleans the lead on a Brees-to-Kamara touchdown pass.

Improbably, the Vikings would need a late comeback to win a game they led 17-0 at halftime. And they got the big play they needed when Keenum threw a pass off his back foot for Adam Thielen, hitting the receiver for 24 yards in front of the Vikings' bench. Coach Mike Zimmer slapped Thielen on the backside, and after Keenum's deep heave was broken up on third down, Forbath drilled a 53-yard field goal to put the Vikings up 23-21 with 1:29 left.

Brees found tight end Josh Hill for 18 yards, hit Ginn for 11, and on 4th-and-10, the quarterback drilled a sideline throw to Snead for 13 yards, beating Mackensie Alexander to keep the Saints' drive — and their season — alive. Will Lutz's field goal put New Orleans up 24-23 with 29 seconds left, and as Keenum threw two incomplete passes following a 19-yard completion to Diggs, the Vikings were down to one act of desperation.

That act turned into a moment unlike any Vikings fans have ever seen.

# Jaguars Advance to AFC Title Game With 45-42 Upset of Steelers

By Sam Farmer

Los Angeles Times

PITTSBURGH — Rookie Leonard Fournette ran for three touchdowns while quarterback Blake Bortles played well enough to keep the Pittsburgh Steelers at bay, and the Jacksonville Jaguars pulled off a 45-42 upset to secure a spot in their third AFC Championship game.

Thanks in part to their smothering defense, the Jaguars got out to an early lead, took the Heinz Field crowd out of the game and wound up scoring the most points ever by a visitor at Pittsburgh in a postseason game.

The Jaguars also short-circuited a rematch of last season's AFC title game. Instead they are the team looking to topple Tom Brady and the New England Patriots at Gillette Stadium next

weekend.

Fournette, who had to be taken to the locker room during the first half because of an ankle injury, led all rushers with 109 yards in 25 carries.

Ben Roethlisberger threw five touchdown passes, two to receiver Antonio Brown, who missed much of December with a partially torn calf.

It's Jacksonville's third appearance in the conference title game, the first two coming in 1996 (versus New England) and 1999 (vs. Tennessee). The Jaguars were blown out of both of those games, each time at home.

Sunday marked the second time this season the Jaguars won at Pittsburgh. The first game came in Week 5, when Jacksonville picked off five passes by Roethlisberger in a 30-9 victory.

Before the Steelers scrambled back in the second half, the game was on its way to disintegrating into a similar type of blowout.

Although Pittsburgh never led, it was within a touchdown on four separate occasions — 7-0, 28-21, 35-28 and 42-35 — and cut the score to three by game's end. But the Steelers could never quite claw their way completely out of the hole.

The first signs of life for Pittsburgh came toward the end of the first half.

The Steelers breathed some life back into the stadium with 1:55 left in the half when, on fourth-and-11, Roethlisberger dropped a 36-yard touchdown pass into the hands of Martavis Bryant. That cut Jacksonville's lead to 28-14 and gave the stunned home team some sem-

blance of hope heading into the locker room.

To that point, the game had been a thrashing by the Jaguars, who posted a 30-9 victory here earlier this season.

About the only thing to go wrong for Jacksonville was losing Fournette to an ankle injury in the second quarter, although he returned in the third.

On their opening possession, the Jaguars marched 66 yards in eight plays, scoring on a 1-yard dive by Fournette.

Fournette would score again five minutes later with a 17-yard run off right tackle. That one-play drive was set up by a Myles Jack interception deep in Pittsburgh territory.

Heinz Field was quiet as a library when the Jaguars went up 21-0 on a 4-yard run by T.J. Yel-

don early in the second quarter.

But Pittsburgh fans were re-energized on the Steelers possession that followed, when Roethlisberger hit Antonio Brown for a 23-yard touchdown pass.

That enthusiasm didn't last long. With 2:33 left in the half, Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue had a strip-sack of Roethlisberger at midfield. Linebacker Telvin Smith scooped up the ball and ran it back 50 yards for a touchdown, pointing back at a Pittsburgh defender as he ran the final five yards (costing him an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty).

Roethlisberger held the ball for ages in the first half, a problem compounded by the fact the Steelers lost starting right tackle Marcus Gilbert to a concussion in the first half.

# Report: Seahawks to Hire Brian Schottenheimer as Offensive Coordinator

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

The Seahawks are expected to hire Brian Schottenheimer as their new offensive coordinator to replace Darrell Bevell, who was fired on Tuesday in the wake of a 9-7 season that saw Seattle miss the playoffs for the first time since 2011.

That the Seahawks have decided on Schottenheimer was first reported by Adam Schefter of ESPN. The NFL Network's Ian Rapoport also reported that a contract between Schottenheimer and the Seahawks is "expected to get done."

The Seahawks did not confirm the hiring Saturday.

But a source told the Times that Schottenheimer — who has nine years of previous experience in the NFL as an offensive coordinator and spent the last two years as the quarterbacks coach of the Indianapolis Colts — had emerged as the leading candidate to replace Bevell and that it is "anticipated" the team will hire him. The Seahawks could wait to make the hire official until contracts are signed.

Rapoport reported Saturday that Seattle head coach Pete Carroll called Schottenheimer — the son of longtime NFL head coach Marty Schottenheimer — and offered him the job after reporting earlier in the day that Schottenheimer and Philadelphia Eagles QBs John DeFilippo had emerged as the top two candidates.

There had been some thought that the Seahawks would wait to make a decision until they could talk to DeFilippo. But DeFilippo also remains a target of other teams — he has reportedly in-



FILE PHOTO / MCT

New York Jets head coach Rex Ryan, right, talks with Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer during an NFL game against the Baltimore Ravens in East Rutherford, New Jersey on Sept. 13, 2010.

terviewed for the Arizona head coaching position and the New York Giants are also thought likely interested in him as an offensive coordinator if Steve Wilks gets the head coaching job there — and it's unclear how interested DeFilippo would have been in coming to Seattle. And

with the Eagles beating the Falcons on Saturday, the Seahawks would not have been able to interview DeFilippo until after the conference championship game next Sunday.

Those factors may have helped hasten Seattle's decision to offer the job to Schot-

tenheimer, who will now get his third chance to run an NFL offense — he was previously the coordinator for the New York Jets from 2006-11 and the St. Louis Rams from 2012-14.

He also spent a year as the OC at Georgia before returning to the NFL in 2016 with the Colts.

One thought is that the Seahawks liked how Schottenheimer worked this season with Colts quarterback Jacoby Brissett, who was sacked a league-high 52 times but also ran for 260 yards. The Seahawks are thought looking for some new ways to incorporate Russell Wilson's mobility into the offense.

Schottenheimer grew up around football as his father, Marty, was an NFL linebacker for six seasons before turning to coaching, compiling a record of 200-126-1 in 21 seasons as an NFL head coach with the Browns, Chiefs, Washington and Chargers.

Brian Schottenheimer, born Oct. 16, 1973, played quarterback at Florida, where he was the backup to Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel as a senior in 1996. He began his career at Kansas before deciding that his long-term future lay in coaching rather than playing and transferring to Florida where he could learn from then-Gators coach Steve Spurrier.

He entered coaching the next year as an assistant for the Dick Vermeil-coached St. Louis Rams and has been an assistant in the NFL or college ranks ever since. He was tight ends coach at USC for one season, in 2000, the year before Carroll arrived as head coach. He also was quarterbacks coach for Washington when cur-

rent Seahawks general manager John Schneider was the team's vice president of player personnel.

He was the quarterbacks coach of the Chargers from 2002-05 working under his father and earning praise for helping guide the development of Drew Brees.

That led to the OC's job with the Jets in 2006 under Eric Mangini, with Schottenheimer staying on when Mangini was replaced by Rex Ryan in 2009.

The Jets advanced to the AFC Conference title game in 2009 and 2010 with Mark Sanchez as the quarterback and a running game that ranked first in the NFL in 2009 and fourth in 2010 — a background that the Seahawks undoubtedly are drawn to as they attempt to revive their own lagging rushing attack.

Schottenheimer was fired by the Jets following the 2011 season amid a perception that Sanchez had regressed in his third year in the NFL after the Jets went 8-8 and ranked 25 in the NFL in yards but was then quickly hired by the Rams, where he was the OC under Jeff Fisher for the next three seasons.

Asked once what he values in a quarterback, Schottenheimer said: "Toughness. Discipline. Details. And probably passion."

After working with the likes of Brees, Sanchez, Chad Pennington, Andrew Luck and Brissett, Schottenheimer will now coach Wilson, who led the NFL with 34 touchdown passes this season but also was part of an offense that was held to a combined 285 yards in a two-game stretch in late December that influenced the team's decision to fire Bevell and offensive line coach Tom Cable.

NFL

# Eagles Hold Off Falcons to Earn Spot in NFC Title Game

By Zach Berman

*The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News*

PHILADELPHIA — The Eagles defense needed one more stop. They invited the burden all week, yearning to carry the underdog label. So with the Falcons two yards from the end zone on a fourth down in a five-point game, it was the do-or-die moment they desired.

Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan rolled to his right side. Nigel Bradham closed in, forcing Ryan to lob a pass to top receiver Julio Jones. Jones had the size on Jalen Mills, but the pass sailed high with Mills impeding Jones' effort.

The sideline erupted in pandemonium. The crowd followed. They celebrated a 15-10 postseason win over the Atlanta Falcons on a windy evening at Lincoln Financial Field, and scheduled one more home game in Philadelphia.

The Eagles advanced to the NFC Championship Game for the first time since January 2009. They are hosting it for the first time since January 2005. They will play the winner of Sunday's Minnesota Vikings-New Orleans Saints game next week.

The Eagles were the first No. 1 seed to be underdogs in the divisional round, and what they perceived as a lack of respect became a rallying cry within the NovaCare Complex during the week. They fostered an us-against-the-world mentality. But they were confident in their game plan even without star quarterback Carson Wentz. The defense carried the Eagles, holding them to only one touchdown.

The offense did just enough, with Nick Foles actually outplaying Ryan. Foles finished 23 of 30 for 246 yards. Ryan went 22 of 36 for 210 yards and one touchdown, and what mattered most was that he didn't finish with 212 yards and two touchdowns. Jay Ajayi rushed for 54 yards and had one fumble, with LeGarrette Blount rushing for a touchdown. Alshon Jeffery led receivers with four catches for 61 yards.

The Falcons needed a touchdown because of the Eagles' fourth-quarter field goal. Facing a fourth-and-1 at the 3-yard line with just more than six minutes remaining in the game, coach Doug Pederson considering going for the touchdown to make it a two-score game. He called a timeout to further consider his decision before sending his field



CURTIS COMPTON / TNS

Philadelphia Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins (27) reacts to stopping Atlanta Falcons running back Devonta Freeman short of a first down on a fourth-down attempt during the first half of the NFC Divisional Game on Saturday at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia. The Eagles advanced, 15-10.

goal unit onto the field. Jake Elliott nailed a 21-yard field goal to extend the lead to 15-10, trusting a defense that carried the Eagles all season.

Atlanta drove all the way to the two-yard line, but it wasn't enough. Pederson used a challenge to overturn a first-down on a pass from Ryan to Jones on the Falcons' final drive, and Falcons coach Dan Quinn kept his offense on the field for a fourth-and-6 from their 42-yard line. Ryan found Jones for 20 yards, and this time, there was no dispute. That gave Atlanta momentum, but it wasn't enough. Jones had nine catches for 101 yards, but Ryan couldn't connect with him when it mattered most. And the Eagles defense was the reason, even overcoming early blunders from the offense and special teams.

The Eagles' first blunder came on their opening drive. Af-

ter a pass interference on the first offensive play netted the Eagles 42 yards, Ajayi fumbled at the end of a six-yard carry to give Atlanta possession. The defense held the Falcons to a field goal.

Ajayi started to redeem himself on the next drive, rushing for 18 yards to help bring the ball into Falcons territory before Foles took a costly sack to force the Eagles punt. The defense again held Atlanta, and the offense wasn't going to squander their next chance.

Pederson knew it made sense to call on Ajayi. The Eagles handed the ball to Ajayi on three consecutive plays and passed to him once to go 34 yards on the first four plays of the drive. On a third-and-3, Pederson uncovered a new play from the playbook — a jet sweep to Nelson Agholor, who took it 21 yards to Atlanta's three-yard line. The

Eagles almost scored when Foles picked up a third-down fumble on a botched play, but he was stopped at the 1-yard line. Pederson elected to keep his offense on the field, and LeGarrette Blount ran wide for a one-yard touchdown to give the Eagles the lead. Elliott missed the extra point, though, so it was only a three-point margin.

The Eagles had a chance to add to their lead in the second quarter when the defense forced the Falcons to punt. Then came the Eagles' second costly blunder. The Falcons' punt into the wind went short and bounced off Bryan Braman to make it a live ball. The Falcons picked up the fumble at the 18-yard line, and the Eagles offense never could take the field.

For the second time in the first half, Atlanta turned the turnover into points. On a third

down at the six-yard line, Fletcher Cox was about to sack Ryan before Ryan flicked the ball to Devonta Freeman at the last second. Malcolm Jenkins left Freeman to try to close in on Ryan, allowing Freeman to slip free to take a 10-6 lead.

The Eagles kicked a field goal during the final second of the half after an improbable sequence. Pushed back at his own 30-yard line with 22 seconds remaining, Foles lobbed a pass that seemed intended for Falcons safety Keanu Neal. The ball bounced off Neal and into Torrey Smith's hands, who did his best Franco Harris impression to bring the ball to midfield. Foles found Alshon Jeffery along the sideline with one second remaining to set up Elliott's 53-yard field goal, which was the longest in Eagles postseason history.

## Titans No Match for Focused Patriots in 35-14 Divisional Blowout

By Tom Rock

*Newsday*

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The longest-lasting dynasty in NFL history, a reign of dominance that began in 2001 and shows no signs of ending despite a 40-year-old quarterback at the controls of the offense, continued Saturday night with yet another masterful performance from the Patriots.

After a week's worth of controversy in the wake of an ESPN.com story that suggested significant infighting at the highest levels of the organization,

the machine that is this football team churned out a 35-14 win against the overmatched and overwhelmed Titans at Gillette Stadium.

Presumptive MVP Tom Brady, who has seven Super Bowl appearances and five championship rings, led the Patriots to their seventh straight AFC Championship Game, an astounding streak in its own right. New England will host the winner of Sunday's Steelers-Jaguars AFC divisional-round game in next week's conference title game.

Brady was at the center of

the ESPN story, which reported he was relieved by the Patriots' midseason trade of backup quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo to the 49ers. Brady said during the week he had no problems with Garoppolo and chafed at the implication that he was threatened by the backup quarterback's presence. The report also suggested Patriots owner Robert Kraft ordered coach Bill Belichick to trade Garoppolo, something Kraft has vigorously denied.

In the end, the controversy did nothing to derail the Patriots, who have a chance to become the first team to win back-to-back

Super Bowl championships since they did it in 2003-04.

The Titans were coming off a stirring 22-21 comeback win over the Chiefs in last Saturday's AFC wild-card playoffs in Kansas City, as Marcus Mariota rallied Tennessee from a 21-3 halftime deficit with a remarkable second-half performance.

Forget about a repeat in this one.

The only bright moment for the third-year quarterback came on a 95-yard touchdown drive in the first quarter, as he put on a clinic against the Patriots' defense. Mariota hit tight end Dela-

nie Walker on a 36-yard pass to get out of immediate danger on first down from his own 5. He scrambled twice for first downs, including an 11-yard scramble around right end from the Patriots' 30, and then he hit wide receiver Corey Davis on a perfectly placed pass in the left corner of the end zone to finish the drive.

But as the Patriots have done so often during their unprecedented run of success since 2001, they went about their business and dialed up three straight touchdowns to take a 21-7 lead by halftime.

## All Signs Continue to Point to Matt Patricia as Next Lions Coach

By Dave Birkett

*Detroit Free Press*

Matt Patricia has been the favorite to succeed Jim Caldwell as Detroit Lions coach since long before Caldwell was fired.

Now, the Lions could be even closer to making it happen.

ESPN reported Sunday that Patricia "likely" will become the Lions' next head coach once the New England Patriots' season is finished.

This has been the widely held belief in NFL circles for some time, though reports last week suggesting that Patricia would favor the vacant New York Giants' job clouded matters.

Still, all signs continue to point to the Lions hiring Patricia, and this is the strongest indication yet that it will indeed hap-

pen.

The Lions haven't interviewed anyone since Jan. 5, when they flew to New England to sit down with Patricia. They haven't made any moves on their No. 2 choice, Mike Vrabel, even though he's eligible to be hired at any moment. They haven't even brought any of their other candidates in for a second interview.

Patricia cannot be hired and the Lions cannot execute a contract or agree to execute a contract with him until after the Patriots are finished with the playoffs.

New England beat the Tennessee Titans, 35-14, on Saturday night to advance to its seventh straight AFC championship game.

If they advance to their third Super Bowl in four seasons, the Lions could interview Patricia for a second time during the bye week before the game but the soonest they could hire him as head coach would be Feb. 5.

## NFL Briefs

ESPN reported Sunday that "eventually the deal (with the Lions and Patricia) is likely to get done." And once the Giants fill their vacancy — they have reportedly whittled their list down Patricia, Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator Steve Wilks and Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur — the only thing in the way will be finalizing a contract.

## Panthers Offer New Reason for Newton's Stumble After Taking Hit in Playoff Game

By Joseph Person

*The Charlotte Observer*

As the NFL and players union continues their probe of the Carolina Panthers' handling of Cam Newton last weekend, they

have another factor to consider — a knee injury to the Panthers' quarterback.

League and union officials began speaking to Panthers' medical personnel this week about the situation involving Newton, who stumbled near the sideline after taking a hit to the head in the fourth quarter of the Saints' 31-26 wild card victory.

Newton was checked for a concussion in the medical tent behind the Panthers' bench, but was cleared to return. The NFL's enhanced concussion protocol requires players demonstrating vertical instability after a hit to the head to be taken to the locker room to be evaluated.

Newton said after the game his head was fine, but he was having problems with his eye after his helmet slid down following the hit by Saints defensive tackle David Onyemata. Newton did not mention anything about his knee during his postgame press conference.

Carolina interim general manager Marty Hurney said this week Newton was told to take a knee before reaching the sideline so backup quarterback Derek Anderson could get warmed up without the Panthers using a timeout.

But a team source said Saturday that Newton had been dealing with a knee issue that could have contributed to him stumbling to the turf.

Trainers checked out Newton's knee a couple times during the game, although the injury will not require surgery, the source said.

This is the second time the Panthers have drawn scrutiny for their handling of Newton after a big hit to the head. They were cleared last season after the NFL and NFLPA found the Panthers followed protocol after Newton was drilled by a Denver defensive back late in a Week 1 rematch of Super Bowl 50.

Saturday's College Basketball

College Football

# Utah State co-DC Kendrick Shaver to Replace Roy Manning at WSU; Will Mastro Leave for Oregon?

By Stefanie Loh  
The Seattle Times

Utah State co-defensive coordinator Kendrick Shaver is headed to Washington State to join Mike Leach's staff, two sources with knowledge of the situation confirmed to The Seattle Times Sunday morning.

Shaver's potential move was first reported by UStateAggies.com, the Utah State 247Sports fan site.

Shaver has been at Utah State with Matt Wells since 2011, steadily working his way up within the staff. Shaver just finished his second year as the Aggies' co-defensive coordinator, and his first year as the Aggies' outside linebackers coach.

Shaver coached the Utah State secondary in each of his first six seasons in Logan, and in 2012, he was named Co-Defensive Backs National Coach of the Year by Football Scoop.

What position Shaver will coach at WSU has yet to be announced.

He comes to WSU as a replacement for outside linebackers coach Roy Manning, who left to become special teams coordinator at UCLA. However, with defensive coordinator Alex Grinch gone, and Tracy Claeys now in charge of the defense, there's a chance that Claeys might redivide responsibilities among the position coaches. Darcel McBeth, whose hire was announced last week, will likely coach the secondary in some fashion. Shaver has experience with both linebackers and defensive backs.

Shaver is a native of Eufaula, Okla., and he played two seasons at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College before transferring to Missouri State, where he was a safety and cornerback from 2000-01. He also earned a masters in physical education Eastern Kentucky in 2005, and served an NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship with the Oakland Raiders in 2014.

With Shaver's hire, WSU's coaching staff now appears to be complete.

The wild card, however, is WSU running backs coach Jim Mastro, who is being heavily pursued by Oregon. New Oregon head coach Mario Cristobal has offered Mastro a job on his staff, per a source.

Mastro was one of Leach's original hires at WSU in 2012, and in six seasons he's helped to rebrand the way running backs are perceived in the Air Raid, and has been instrumental in WSU's offensive success.

As a group, Mastro's running backs are coming off back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving/1,000-yard rushing seasons — the first time this has ever happened in a Leach-coached offense.

Mastro is known for his recruiting prowess, and he was instrumental in WSU's signing of Pomona (Colo.) running back Max Borghi in December. Borghi picked WSU over a strong late push from Stanford, which he once considered his "dream school." Borghi cited his relationship with Mastro as one of the primary reasons why he chose WSU over Stanford.

Mastro is well-regarded in coaching circles. He helped Chris Ault develop the pistol offense as an assistant at Nevada from 2000-10, and has also worked at UCLA, Idaho, San Jose State and Cal Poly.

Mastro is the second WSU coach Oregon has come after in consecutive years. The Ducks hired WSU defensive line coach Joe Salave'a last offseason and Salave'a opted to stay in Eugene with Cristobal instead of leaving for Florida State with Willie Taggart.

If Mastro does decide to join Cristobal's staff at Oregon, WSU would have to find a replacement fast because recruiting is picking up again as the February signing period nears.



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Lower Columbia coach Chad Meadors (right) talks with point guard Madi Crews (left) in the fourth quarter of the Red Devils' win at Centralia on Saturday.

## LCC's Crews Enjoys Hub City Homecoming

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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Madi Crews' stat line on Saturday was fairly unremarkable — 3 points, four rebounds and two assists in 25 minutes of play.

It's certainly hasn't been the norm this season for the sophomore out of Centralia.

Crews, a 2016 graduate of Centralia High School, has had a breakout year playing point guard for Lower Columbia College, and enjoyed a raucous applause when she was announced prior to tipoff on Saturday at Michael Smith Gymnasium.

"It's always fun. I've had friends and family asking me since September when we're playing at Centralia, so I just had to figure out what day it was," She said. "My mom's been posting on Facebook and all that stuff, so it was fun, just being back home and playing in front of the community."

"She's just a really selfless player."

Chad Meadors  
Lower Columbia women's basketball coach

Crews and the Devils were enjoying themselves Saturday, racing out to a 20-3 lead in their eventual 74-47 West Region win.

"I think that we had the best start we've had all season," Crews said. "We executed things really well. We're really talented and we've had a slow start this season, and I'm really proud of how we played tonight."

Crews is averaging 5.9 assists per game this season, second in the NWAC only to Lane's Amber Lease (6.0). She's also chipping in 8.2 points and 5 rebounds a contest.

"It's going good. I have a lot more confidence this year as a sophomore, I get a lot more playing time, and I just go out every game with a different mindset," she said. "My goal is just to get the ball to my teammates as much as a possible, and I know they can finish it."

Lower Columbia coach Chad Meadors has been impressed with her work.

"She's been very selfless, and I can't wait for the game where she goes and puts up 25 (points) and still gets us 8 or 10 assists," Meadors said. "I think she's try-

ing to distribute and get everybody involved, and sometimes I need her to call her own number a little bit. And she'll get there, she's just a really selfless player."

The biggest improvement, he added, is Crews' defense.

"She's really getting tougher," he said. "She's getting up in to people, and that's something she hasn't done before, so she's been good."

The Red Devils are on a three-game winning streak, with 13 games to go in the regular season — and then, if things go as planned, a trip to the NWAC Tournament. Crews, though, is hoping it won't be the final chapter in her hardwood career.

"I'm trying to play next year. I'm starting to get some schools calling me, but I don't know where I'm going to play yet," she said. "But it's all going to come down to the end of the season, probably."

## Trailblazers Slow Down in Second Half of Loss to Lower Columbia

By The Chronicle

The Blazers kept pace with rival Lower Columbia in the first half, but Brandon Cotton heated up in the second half and helped the Red Devils to a 79-66 win here Saturday in NWAC West Region action.

Cotton scored 16 of his game-high 29 points after the break, and the Red Devils turned a 3-point halftime advantage into a double-digit win.

Marqus Gilson came off the bench to lead Centralia with 21 points and added seven rebounds, scoring 16 in the second half. Austin Curry added 14 points and Tyler Meadors notched 10 for the Blazers.

Wesley Gilbert added 16 for Lower Columbia, with Spencer Sweet pitching in 11.

Centralia took a 54-50 lead on a layup by Jephthah Donkor with just under nine minutes left to play, but the Red Devils went on a 20-4 run to build a 70-58 lead with 2 1/2 minutes to go and closed out the win.

Centralia (5-12, 1-1 region) plays at South Puget Sound on Wednesday.



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Centralia's Collin Prangley lays the ball up during the first half of an NWAC West Region men's basketball game against Lower Columbia on Saturday night in Centralia.



# Life

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## NEW YEAR'S CHALLENGE AT EMBODY TAKES A HOLISTIC APPROACH

Courtesy Photo

Embodiment Movement Studio and Lifestyle Boutique has kicked off its New Years Challenge which provides participants with several way to compete for prizes through classes and nutrition.

**THERE'S STILL TIME:** *The Deadline to Sign Up is March 1, Although Embody Owner Encourages an Early Start*

By Justyna Tomtas  
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For those who are still looking to start off the New Year on the right foot, Embodiment Movement Studio and Lifestyle Boutique in downtown Centralia is offering a holistic health challenge.

Owner Christina Wolf doesn't like to think of the challenge as a New Year's resolution, but instead said it allows participants to establish healthy habits early on that will carry them throughout the rest of the year in a positive way.

"This time of year it's just the natural time when people are reflecting on what changes they want to make in their life, and what I know is that most of us benefit from having some sort of accountability, encouragement and inspiration," she said. "The idea really, the goal and the intent behind the challenge, is to provide support for people when they are already excited about making changes in their lives, but also to support them in a way that helps them establish healthy habits over the first three months of the year."

Embodiment runs two different challenges to kick off the year. They work in tandem, or can be done separately, Wolf said.

The 90-day health challenge runs from Jan. 1 to March 31, but it's not too late for people to get involved and find a holistic approach to wellness.

Participants receive a 30-day passport that allows them to earn points for the amount of classes they attend. Then each week, there is a holistic lifestyle challenge that allows the person to reflect. Sometimes it can be a gratitude journal, or other weeks it can focus on meditation for five minutes at least five times a week.

The earlier a person signs up, the more opportunities they have to win prizes. The deadline to sign



People participate in a class at Embodiment Movement Studio and Lifestyle Boutique.

up is March 1.

"There are benefits to joining early," Wolf said, adding the weekly prizes are donated by members of the wellness coalition. This year there are over \$2,000 in prizes up for grabs.

The studio also runs a nutrition challenge inspired by the Whole30 Program.

"What this includes is 30 days of recipes, shopping lists, and a day-by-day guide on how to move through 30 days to essentially detox the body and recreate a relationship with food," Wolf said.

The nutrition component was added last year, and was a hit with clients.

For Embodiment member Lucy Page, this is the third time she's participated in the challenge. The program has been successful in helping her lose 85 pounds, but she said the benefits reach much further.

"I like that it gives me a focus at the start of the year just to set a really great pattern for the year," she said. "It's been very successful for weight loss, but I also feel more fit than I ever have. I feel strong, I feel healthy, and I feel like I'm really taking care of my body all the way around. It's not just with nutrition and exercise."

The holistic approach is what Page loves about the program. It focuses on a person as a whole, allowing them to find balance in their life and provides the opportunity to nourish the body emotionally, physically and mentally, she said.

"It's great how it's a holistic approach to be a well human," Page said. "After the holidays, it's good to get back into a routine, reset my focus and really work toward maintaining that healthy lifestyle throughout the year and having that longer chal-

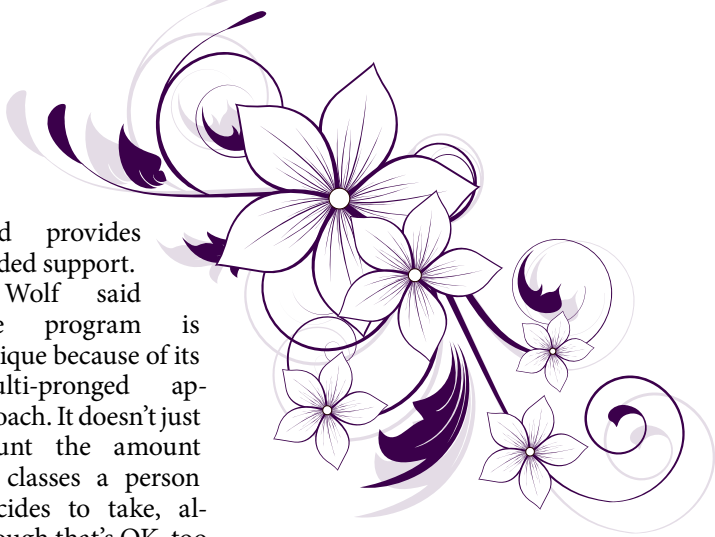
and provides added support. Wolf said the program is unique because of its multi-pronged approach. It doesn't just count the amount of classes a person decides to take, although that's OK, too.

"The biggest thing is what's encompassed in it is more robust," she said. "It covers more aspects of wellness. You can earn points and participate in many other ways besides attending more classes."

Those interested in participating in the challenge have until March 1 to sign up. Wolf said

several packages are available, so there's a right fit for everyone.

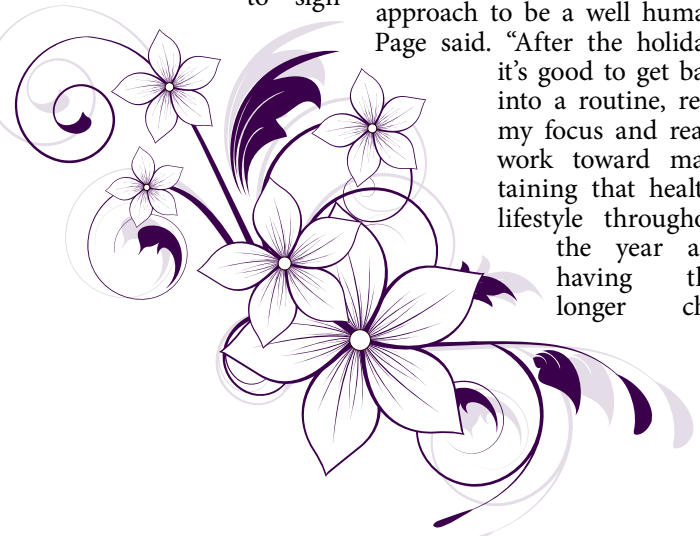
To learn more, go online to [embodimentcentralia.com](http://embodimentcentralia.com), check out their Facebook page, call 360-330-2639, or swing by the studio at 115 S. Tower Ave., Centralia.



Participants meditate during a class offered at Embodiment Movement Studio and Lifestyle Boutique.



Attendees participate in a class at the Embodiment Movement Studio in Centralia.





Regina H. Boone / Detroit Free Press

Mississippi roast.

## Try These Hot and Comforting Foods When the Temperature Nosedives

By Susan Selasky

Detroit Free Press

Need something to fight the brutal cold? Yeah ... us too.

It's time to warm up with soothing comfort food. Nothing beats a bowl of steaming hot chili, soup or stew on frigid days like these.

Here, we're featuring three Test Kitchen recipes to get you through this current cold snap — one soup, one chili and a tasty roast.

Feel free to adjust each recipe to your own taste with seasonings and such.

Test kitchen tips:

— Use a variety of chili powders for your desired spice level. Check ingredient labels on chili powders. Most are a blend of ground chilis, oregano and cumin. If it's pure chili powder you are after, the ingredients should be "ground chili peppers."

— When using whole beef cuts to make chili or stews, freeze the whole piece of meat for about 25 minutes — it will be easier to cut into smaller pieces. Pat the meat dry well with paper towels before sautéing; this helps the meat brown.

— Save Parmesan rinds to drop in soups for added flavor.

### Super Easy Beef Chili

Makes: 8 cups / Preparation time: 10 minutes / Total time: 1 hour

1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 large onion, peeled, chopped

1 ½ pounds ground or diced beef (such as sirloin)

2 cups favorite bloody Mary mix (spicy preferred)

2 cans (14 ounces each) diced tomatoes with green chilies (or 28-ounce can diced tomatoes with juice)

2 cans (14 ounces each) kidney beans, drained and rinsed well

4 tablespoons (or more if you like) favorite chili powder, divided

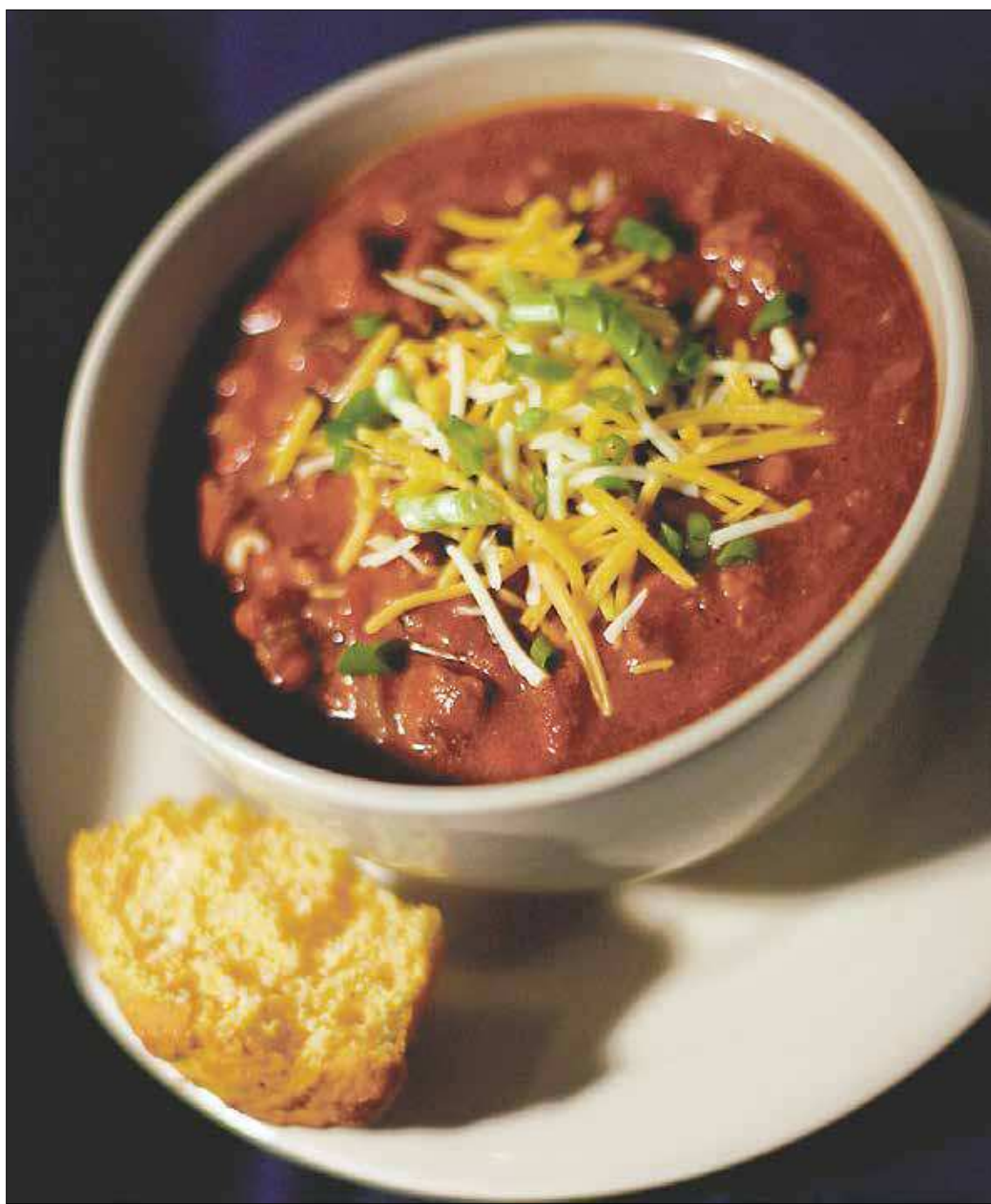
Corn chips  
Shredded cheese  
Sliced green onions  
Sour cream

In a medium pot, heat the oil. Add the onion and sauté about 8 minutes until it becomes lightly golden brown. Add the beef and cook until it browns, breaking it up as it cooks. Stir in the bloody Mary mix and heat on medium-high, stirring and scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan.

Add the tomatoes, beans and 2 tablespoons of the chili powder. Stir well. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to a simmer. Cover slightly and simmer 30 minutes.

Just before serving, stir in the remaining 2 tablespoons of chili powder. Serve with desired toppings.

From and tested by Susan Selasky for the Free Press Test



Amy Leang / Detroit Free Press

Chili garnished with cheese and scallions and served with a side of cornbread is perfect for a cold winter night.

Kitchen.

Analysis based on regular canned diced tomatoes and using lean ground beef:

366 calories (32 percent from fat), 13 g fat (4 g saturated fat), 31 g carbohydrates, 32 g protein, 647 mg sodium, 72 mg cholesterol, 9 g fiber.

### Winter Chicken Vegetable Soup With Spaetzle

Makes: about 8 cups / Prep time: 30 minutes / Total time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

3 tablespoons Better Than Bouillon chicken base

6 cups hot water

1 whole boneless, skinless chicken breast, washed, patted dry, diced

3 tablespoons olive oil

2 medium onions, chopped

3 carrots, peeled, diced

3 celery ribs, washed, diced

1 small turnip, peeled, diced

2 cups shredded green cabbage

1 teaspoon dried thyme

Salt and pepper to taste

2 cups cooked spaetzle (see note) or small bowtie or other small pasta

In a large soup pot, mix to-



Kent Phillips / Detroit Free Press

Winter Chicken Vegetable Soup with Spaetzle.

gether the bouillon and hot water. Bring to a boil. Add the diced chicken, reduce heat to medium and continue cooking. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet. Add the onions, carrots, celery and turnip. Saute until they are lightly browned.

Add them to the broth mixture and simmer, uncovered, 25 minutes. Add the cabbage and thyme and continue cooking 20 minutes longer.

After simmering the soup, season with salt and pepper to taste. Add the spaetzle just be-

fore serving.

Cook's notes: To make spaetzle, lightly beat 1 egg in a medium bowl. Add 1 cup of flour, ¼ cup at a time, until thoroughly incorporated. Add ½ cup of milk and a pinch of nutmeg. If dough is too sticky, add a bit more flour as needed. If using a spaetzle maker, place the dough in the basket of the spaetzle maker over a pot of boiling salted water. Slide basket back and forth to allow dough to drop in small pieces into the boiling water. Or cut the dough in small pieces and drop in the boiling salted water. Spaetzle will rise to the top when they are done. Drain and add to the soup.

184 calories (32 percent from fat), 7 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 18 g carbohydrate, 13 g protein, 827 mg sodium, 24 mg cholesterol, 42 mg calcium, 3 g fiber.

From Sandra Biagini of Clarkston. Tested by Susan Selasky for the Free Press Test Kitchen.

### Mississippi Roast

Serves: 8 / Preparation time: 15 minutes (if searing) / Total time: 8 hours using a slow-cooker

Serve the roast straight for the slow-cooker or pile high on buns for sandwiches.

Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

1 4-pound boneless chuck roast or top or bottom round roast

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 (1-ounce) packet dry ranch dressing seasoning mix

1 (1-ounce) packet dry au jus gravy mix

1 stick unsalted butter

5-6 pepperoncini or more if you like

Cut the roast if needed to fit in the skillet and slow cooker. Season both sides of the roast with salt and pepper to taste.

In a large skillet, heat the oil. When hot, add the roast and sear on both sides.

Transfer the seared roast to the slow-cooker. Sprinkle the ranch seasoning mix on top of the chuck roast, then sprinkle the dry au jus mix and place the stick of butter on top of the roast. Arrange the pepperoncini around the roast.

Cook on low for 8 hours or until the meat is falling apart tender. Shred the roast and serve with gravy juices.

Cook's note: To make this in the oven, preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Sear the roast and place in a baking dish. Sprinkle with the ranch and au jus seasoning. Cut the butter into pieces and arrange all over the roast along with the pepperoncini. Cover tightly with foil and bake for 2 to 3 hours or until meat is fork tender.

Adapted from several recipes on Pinterest and tested by Susan Selasky for the Free Press Test Kitchen. Nutrition information not available.

# Seattle's Love Affair With Ugly Fruits and Vegetables

**By Tan Vinh**  
*The Seattle Times*

SEATTLE — Crooked-neck parsnips with wickedly long whiskers. Double-jointed carrots and knobby spuds. These fruits and veggies never make it to the catwalk of the supermarkets.

Misshapen with skin blemishes, the ugly ducklings end up in landfills or go to food banks.

There's an underworld full of ugly produce, waiting to be gobbled or turned into pie fillings. But who will have them?

Seattle, apparently, has its hand raised.

San Francisco-based Imperfect Produce, which delivers boxes of rejected "ugly" fruits and vegetables to doorsteps in California and in Portland, Ore., tested the Seattle market in late October.



Ellen M. Banner / Seattle Times

Taylor Knutson loads a box of produce into a delivery van as the drivers all help each other load their vans before taking off for their afternoon deliveries at Imperfect Produce in Des Moines, Wash., on December 14, 2017.

The goal was to sign up at least 300 Seattle households by the end of 2017.

The company met that goal weeks before even delivering one pockmarked lime to a Seattle ZIP code. According to administrators at its delivery-dispatch facility near Sea-Tac and at its headquarters in California, more than 2,000 Seattle customers signed up in less than four weeks.

"We had to start a waiting list right away," said Ben Simon, CEO of Imperfect Produce. "We were super happy with that response, surprised in the best possible way."

"As soon as we saw the demand was that high, a week before the launch ... we had to go on a hiring spree."

The delivery service trucks in more than 30,000 pounds of surplus produce to Seattle each week, much of it undersized, bruised or contorted like a Cirque-du-Soleil figurine, imperfect in appearance but perfectly edible.

In 2010, the last count, the nation wasted 131 billion pounds of food, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. That raised concerns about

wasted water, fossil fuels, fertilizer, labor and farmland.

In targeting Seattle, Imperfect Produce believed the food-waste problem would resonate in a city with composting and recycling laws.

While the company claims that its ugly produce is 30 to 50 percent cheaper than supermarket prices, that's not its main sales pitch. It preaches that buying rejected produce saves the environment, such as keeping wasted food from rotting in landfills, which creates greenhouse gas.

Imperfect Produce didn't revolutionize the "ugly-food" concept. It has taken an old-school component of farmers markets to the mainstream.

Across the country, environmentalists and farm advocates have long pushed for grocery chains and the mainstream to embrace ugly produce, much

like they do in Europe.

Five years ago, the Natural Resources Defense Council concluded that Americans waste up to 40 percent of their food, often because the rejected food had the wrong size, shape, color or for other cosmetic reasons. Alarmed, the USDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency set federal targets to cut food waste by 50 percent by 2030.

San Francisco has been the epicenter of the movement. The local supermarket chain Raley's and Whole Foods have sold wonky produce at a discount at their stores around Northern California.

In 2015, Imperfect Produce launched in the Bay Area to take advantage of the large bounty and a demographic tailored for the ugly-food movement. The surplus comes from about 100 different farms across the West



Literature from Imperfect Produce says that it provides affordable fruits and veggies that aren't perfect enough for grocery store standards, and thanks customers for eating ugly.

Coast, as far away as Arizona, said Sara Custer, vice president of operations.

Imperfect Produce expanded to serve households in Los Angeles, Portland and, in late October, Seattle.

The company just started in Chicago, and on the West Coast plans to continue expanding to San Diego and Sacramento this year.

## Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 4.

### Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Converse
  - 5 It did Cleo in
  - 8 Form droplets
  - 12 Gambler's cubes
  - 13 Single digit
  - 14 Fifi's friend
  - 15 Look into (2 wds.)
  - 17 Stick around
  - 18 Have a late meal
  - 19 Badge
  - 21 Stiff winds
  - 24 Answered a judge
  - 25 Caustic substance
  - 26 Tribute
  - 30 Dots in "la mer"
  - 32 Law, to Caesar
  - 33 Goes bad
  - 37 Clam picnic
  - 38 Vane dir.
  - 39 Old Iranian ruler
  - 40 Affront
- DOWN**
- 1 LP successors
  - 2 Scurry along
  - 3 High card
  - 4 Pick on
  - 5 At the summit
  - 6 Old French coin
  - 7 Netster — Sampras
  - 8 Motor mouths
  - 43 Promise to pay
  - 44 Rational
  - 46 Perch
  - 48 Lift, so to speak
  - 50 Droid
  - 51 Perimeter
  - 52 Like a lassie
  - 57 Authentic
  - 58 Belt-maker's tool
  - 59 Failing that
  - 60 Exploited
  - 61 Bird's beak
  - 62 Auto-body woe

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### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 9 Author Zola
- 10 Gave alms
- 11 Consider
- 16 Wild country
- 20 Sticker stat
- 21 Overly smooth
- 22 Jean Auel heroine
- 23 Scallion kin
- 27 Cheers for matadors
- 28 What's cooking
- 29 Skating jump
- 31 Top-rated 1990s sitcom
- 34 Great Lakes state
- 35 New Mexico town
- 36 Barred
- 41 Bridal notice word
- 42 Run slowly
- 44 Fries and slaw
- 45 Seaweeds
- 47 Additional
- 48 Bolivia neighbor
- 49 Meg — of films
- 50 Tulip source
- 53 Feel grateful
- 54 Winter complaint
- 55 — Nimitz
- 56 Permit

## Sudoku

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

### Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: R equals U

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— LRGW GCYFD

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle." — Martin Luther King Jr.



GET FUZZY by Darby Conley



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



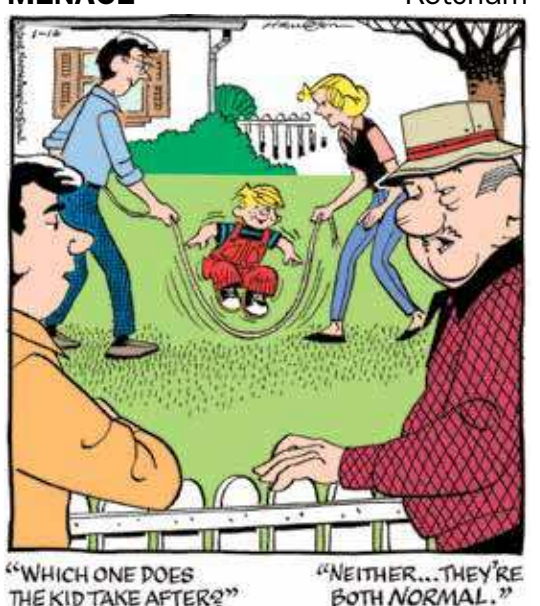
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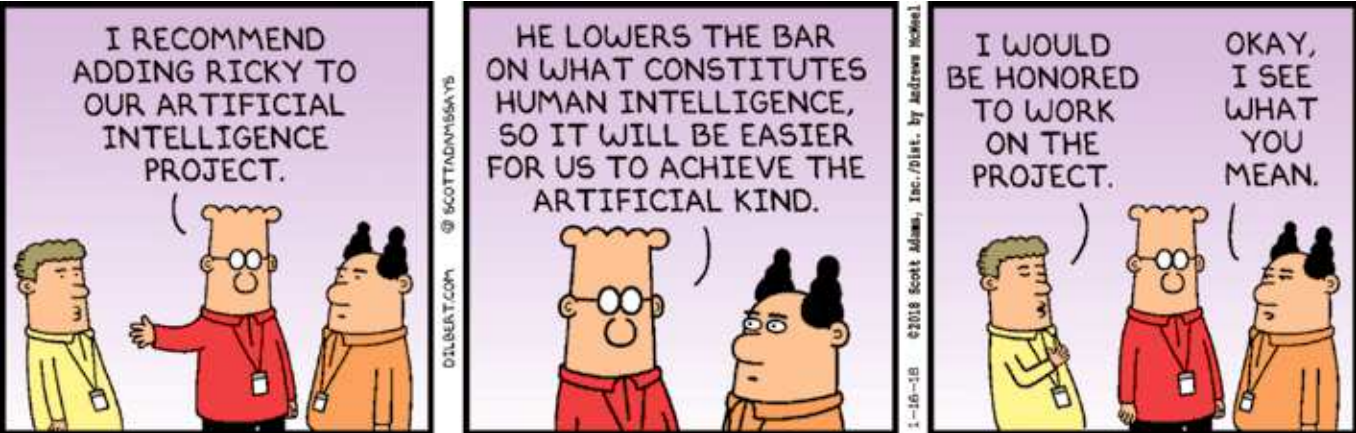
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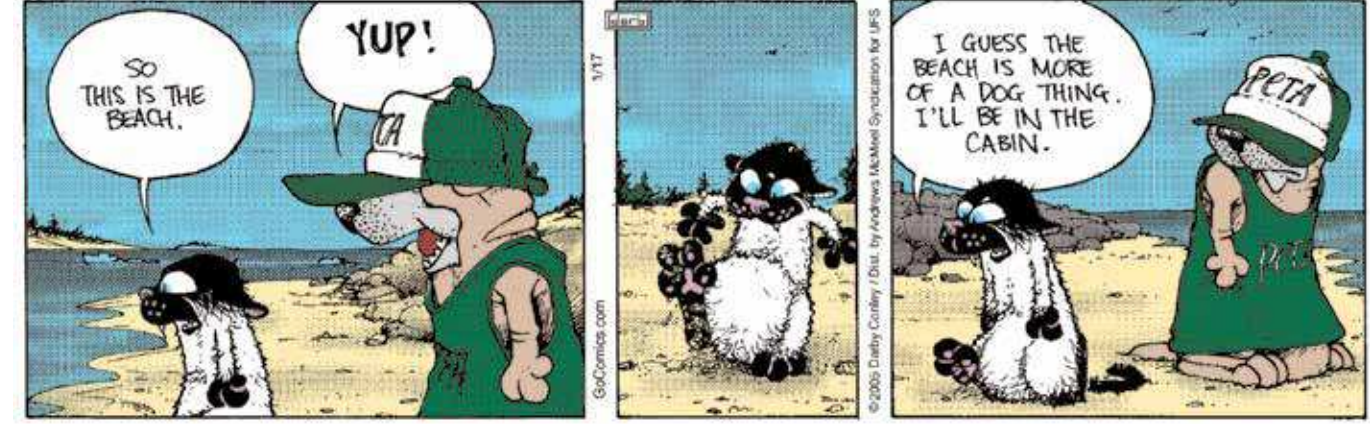
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# Is Pricey 'Raw Water' Trend All Wet? CDC Says Drinking Untreated Water a Health Risk

By Cynthia Billhartz Gregorian  
The Kansas City Star

Here's one of those trends that puts the nut in health nut: drinking untreated — or raw — water that comes with a \$15 a bottle price tag and a host of health warnings.

The “water consciousness movement” — as the trend has been labeled — has also resulted in claims that have health experts worried. The companies that collect, bottle and sell the raw water are making dubious claims about its benefits as well as the dangers of tap water.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has a webpage warning campers and hikers about the perils of drinking untreated water that flows from the earth.

“While the water flowing in the streams and rivers of the back-country may look pure, it can still be contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites, and other contaminants,” it states.

One of the raw water companies, Live Water in Los Angeles, says on its website that filtered and bottled spring waters are sterilized with UV light, ozone gas and filtration systems similar to the way juice and dairy products are pasteurized for shelf stability.

“Unfortunately this sterilization destroys beneficial sources of minerals and probiotics,” whereas “living spring water is the key to unlocking a perfect microbiome balance.”

Live Water's founder Mukhande Singh (aka Christopher Sanborn) also told The New York Times recently that drinking tap water is really bad for you. It's akin, he said, to “drinking toilet water with birth control drugs in them,” and repeated an old conspiracy theory that fluoride “is a mind-control drug that has no benefit to our dental



A new trend has people drinking untreated — or raw — water, at \$15 a bottle. Dreamstime

health.” The New York Times notes in its story that there is “no scientific evidence that fluoride is a mind-control drug, yet plenty to show that it aids dental health.”

The article also notes that the “water consciousness movement” is growing rapidly. Zero Mass Water, which produces a Hydro-panel that makes drinking water from sunlight and air, has raised \$24 million in venture capital.

Rachel Yacobozzi, a holistic health coach in San Clemente, Calif., who describes herself on her Instagram page as “in love with her pup, chocolate and sunshine” might as well add Live Water to that list. She posed holding a big sparkly jug of it stating: “Water. It makes up 70 percent of me so it must be important!” and “Nothing feeds the soul more than filling up water fresh from the womb of the earth ... untouched by hands but touched & blessed by the powers of the Mount Shasta's Mountains.”

One of the problems with drinking untreated water is that animals, and sometimes people, do defecate in the wild. And their waste can make its way to rivers and streams with rainwa-

ter run off. (Talk about drinking toilet water!)

The CDC site lists several types of highly unpleasant gastrointestinal illnesses that can be contracted from drinking contaminated water, including salmonella, rotavirus, norovirus and giardia.

The CDC strongly recommends boiling, filtering or disinfecting water from streams and river before drinking it and calls modern water treatment techniques “One of the Ten Greatest Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century.”

None of the raw water is cheap. Each 2.5 gallons of Live Water, which comes in a glass jug, is \$16. There's a four-jug minimum and you must pay deposits on the jugs. Another company, Tourmaline Spring in Maine, sells 12 one-liter bottles for \$36.

Raw water has its skeptics.

The website Gizmodo wrote an article headlined “Raw Water is Water for Rich Idiots.” It goes on to note that the New York Times story “manages to be unusually irritating even by the Times' rich-people-trendpiece standards.”

## ADVICE: Dear Abby

### Husband's Long Beard is Hard for Wife to Stomach at Dinner

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a long, bushy, ugly beard, and although I don't like it, I realize he's entitled to wear his facial hair any way he likes it. The problem is, when he eats, his beard gets into his plate and in the food, which I find nauseating. — TOO MUCH HAIR IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO MUCH HAIR: If your husband's beard is so long it drags his food off his plate, the first thing you should do is suggest that he sit up straighter when he's eating. However, if he's unwilling — or unable — to do that, perhaps he would consider using one hand to hold his beard aside when he's about to take a forkful, or using hair clips to keep it away from his food.

Readers, if you have suggestions to help this grossed-out Texas wife, I'd love to see them.

her out financially. Should I say nothing and let her disappear? What happens to the people who depend on her? — JUST HER DAUGHTER IN COLORADO

DEAR JUST: What happens to the ADULTS who depend on your mother is they arrange for outside assistance during the time she's in Arizona. And if this is the first time in years that she will have taken a break, you should all wish her well.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers constantly interrupts when I'm having a conversation with other people. It doesn't seem to matter who I am speaking with or what the subject is. She'll interrupt in the middle of the conversation, and everyone must stop and look at her or acknowledge her.

We are in a professional environment, and I feel her behavior is extremely discourteous. The subjects she discusses are things like the sandwiches her husband bought the day before, what they had for dinner that night or whatever is trending at the moment. She never discusses work-related issues.

This happens every day and it's disruptive. Would you kindly share some ideas on how to deal with her interruptions? — BOTHERED OFFICE GUY

DEAR OFFICE GUY: Obviously, your co-worker was never taught that interrupting while others are talking is rude. Because it bothers you, the next time she does it, tell her it's distracting when she breaks into your conversations and to please stop. If she persists, and other co-workers feel as you do about it, bring it to the attention of your supervisor or HR and let that person handle it.

## Puzzle Three

# TOSSED SALAD WORD SEARCH

L B F W A S H G W D A N D E L I O N C K  
W D W U E C B C S T A N G Y S N D T I M  
C T D M T I E G G S G A I M U U B S T D  
U C H T T E M A C H E A V O C L D Y A G  
Y A I T V R A D I C C H I O P C Y O M N  
T R E D I D A E H R E T T U B S H K O G  
A R W R E S O R R E L P M Y P E C S R N  
C O K E N L T O S S E D C D F M S V A I  
G T O V A D B H S I D A R B H E P K M S  
R B S I L L S V C H I C K O R Y N R M S  
E C O D S I K W G E E D B C Y D O F P E  
B P L N R M O G R M D S R S C D T R L R  
E A I E U G L W E L M E L P O Y S I E D  
C L V W P B L N E E T E E T R N O S R F  
I U E O U A O D N A N N T G T A B E Y S  
B G S U B D L L W F U I T I G I H E U P  
H U E G A B B A C D B A U S D P F S T I  
L R C H I C K W E E D M C C D I O S S N  
R A P L C U O K R R F O E K H B I B B B  
E R E B M U C U C P P R H L A O G L G G

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

## WORDS

- AROMATIC
- ARUGULA
- BIBB
- BITTER
- BOSTON
- BUTTERHEAD
- CABBAGE
- CARROT
- CHICKORY
- CHICKWEED
- CUCUMBER
- DANDELION
- DRESSING
- EGGS
- ENDIVE
- FRISEE
- GREEN
- ICEBERG
- LEAF
- LETTUCE
- LOLLO
- MACHE
- MESCLUN
- MILD
- OLIVES
- PURSLANE
- RADICCHIO
- RADISH
- ROMAINE
- SHARP
- SORREL
- SPIN
- TANGY
- TOSSED
- WASH
- WATERCRESS

### CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to racing.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 1 = e)

**A. 7 9 1 18**  
Clue: Gives power

**B. 6 1 19 3 16 18 1**  
Clue: Motorized item

**C. 1 11 12 3 11 1**  
Clue: Moves car

**D. 22 14 26 25 14**  
Clue: Beginning point

Answers: A: fuel B: vehicle C: engine D: start

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to salad.

**B C A N O**

Answer: Bacon

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Answer: Steve Carell

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