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College Suspends 28 Athletes After Party Bust

**BASEBALL TEAM HIT HARDEST: 11
Full Season Suspensions Given
to Baseball Team Members**

By The Chronicle

Centralia College has completed its

investigation of a Jan. 24 party busted by
Centralia Police, who issued 42 minor in
possession citations.

The college conducted dozens of inter-
views this week that revealed 28 Cen-
tralia College athletes attended the party
in the 2200 block of Earl Street. Not all

of the athletes from five different teams
drank at the party, according to a press
release from the college.

Coaches recommended 21 full-season
suspensions and seven suspensions be-
tween one and 10 games. The administra-
tion agreed with the recommendations,

and the suspensions were determined on
a case-by-case basis.

"Each case was different depending on
situations," athletic director Bob Peters
said.

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Expired Meds Meet Fiery Fate With Sheriff's Office



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Stacy Brown, of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, looks at bags of assorted pills collected in January on a conference room table at the Lewis County Sheriff's Department Evidence Office on Friday morning in Chehalis.

**INCINERATED: Disposing
of Drugs Keeps Them
Out of the Wrong
Hands and the
Environment**

By Dameon Pesanti

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You've probably seen them
around the county: those white,
metal containers in the Lewis
County Law and Justice Center,
Packwood and other locations.
They're prescription medica-
tion drop boxes put out by the
Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Maybe you've even used them.
The Lewis County Sheriff's

Office recently announced
more than 1,509 pounds of
prescription drugs and over-
the-counter medications have
been turned in since the Drug
Drop Box program's inception
in 2011.

This January alone, the
public has turned in over 25
pounds worth of pills. But

where do those pills actually
end up?

The pills are collected at
random times during the week
by Sheriff's Office Property Di-
rector Isabelle Williams. Back
at the evidence room, she emp-
ties them out of their original

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Charity Created in Memory of Tenino Toddler

OUT OF TRAGEDY:

*New Charity Comes in
Wake of Rowyn Johnson's
Death in September*

By Dameon Pesanti

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Sometimes beautiful things
can rise out of a disaster.

Last September, 18-month-
old Rowyn Johnson was killed
after she was accidentally struck
by a car in her
family's drive-
way. Her death
sent shockwaves
through Tenino
and the South-
west Washing-
ton community
at large.



Rowyn Johnson
killed in
September

Now, the
Johnson family
and friends have
banded together and created a
charity organization to help fam-
ilies struck by unexpected trag-
edies involving children.

Raise for Rowyn plans on
hosting at least one major event
per year to raise money to help
pay for the medical or funeral ex-
penses after the loss of a child.

"We wanted to do some sort of
charity and talked about a schol-
arship fund, something we could
do every year in Rowyn's honor,"
said Cassie Miller, a friend of the
Johnson family and one of the

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Weather

TONIGHT: Low 38
TOMORROW: High 50
Rain Likely
*see details on page
Main 2*

Weather picture by
Brady Moen, Grand
Mound

Lewis Economic Development Council

**Former
Director
Honored
at Annual
Banquet**
/ Main 7



Deaths

Roughton, Ronnie, 64,
Bellingham
Sellards, Jean B., 82,
Centralia
Thompson, Robert E., 77,
Centralia

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Community Calendar



Editor's Best Bet

Orientation Class on Beekeeping Planned

Interested in beekeeping? A free orientation will be held 2:30-4:30 p.m. today at the Centralia Timberland Library meeting room. Lewis County Beekeepers' Association instructors will cover benefits of beekeeping, "Bee Biology 101," equipment, how to set up an apiary, a year in the life of a beekeeper, getting and managing bees, harvesting honey and more. This overview also previews the organization's spring beginning beekeeping course. Children are welcome. The library is located at 110 S. Silver St. For more information, call LCBA Secretary Susanne Weil, (360) 880-8130, or email her at susanne.beekeeper@gmail.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

If you have an event you would like included in the Community Calendar, please email your information to calendar@chronline.com. Include a daytime telephone number where you can be reached. There is no charge for these listings. For questions about calendar items, call Doug Blosser at The Chronicle, (360) 807-8238.

Today

Club Mom Children's Clothing Bank and Exchange, 1-3 p.m., Chehalis First Christian Church, 111 NW Prindle St., (360) 269-0587 or (360) 748-3702
 Funaddicts, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, 21 and up, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301
 Tyler Carson, 6-8 p.m., Jeremy's Farm to Table Restaurant, 576 W. Main St., Chehalis
 Boistfort Lions Club Hamburger Feed, 2-7 p.m., Baw Faw Grange, 995 Boistfort Road, Curtis, all you can eat, \$8 per person, in conjunction with Boistfort Valley youth baseball singups, (360) 269-4478
 Auction, to benefit Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, doors open at 7 p.m., Mackinaw's Restaurant, 545 N. Market Blvd, Chehalis, sponsored by Lewis County Fire District 6

Monday, Feb. 2

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146
 Cow sorting and pro-cutter flag, 6 p.m., Happy Trails Arena, 1489 U.S. Highway 12, Ethel, \$20 per rider, (360) 978-6040 or happytrailsarena@gmail.com
 "Unbroken," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, PG-13, adults \$7, children, students, seniors \$6, (360) 496-5599
 Foghorn String Band, 7:30 p.m., Tiller Arts Center, Morton, adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5, open seating, (360) 496-8975

Public Agencies

Chemical Dependency-Mental Health-Therapeutic Court Sales Tax Advisory Committee, 2:30 p.m., conference room, Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Department, (360) 740-1148
 Lewis County PUD Commission, 9 a.m., 240 Seventh St., Morton, (360) 748-9261 or (800) 562-5612

Libraries

Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 10:30 a.m., Centralia

Public Agencies

Lewis County Commission, 10 a.m., BOCC board room, second floor, Lewis County Courthouse, agenda available at <http://goo.gl/agwWM>, (360) 740-1120
 Lewis County Community Network Board, 3:30-5 p.m., second floor conference room, Lewis County Public Health & Social Services Building, 360 NW North St., Chehalis

Organizations

Lewis County Republican Central Committee, dinner, 5:30-6:30 p.m., meeting, 6:30 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis, (360) 736-4500
 Centralia Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Denny's Restaurant, Centralia, (360) 736-8766
 Centralia Bridge Club, noon, Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com
 Writer's Forum, 7-9 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 262-0525
 Chehalis-Centralia Optimists, 6:30 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 807-4733
 Pinochle, 6 p.m., Chehalis Eagles, 1993 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis, (360) 520-0772

Organizations

NAMI Lewis County educational program, 6-7:30 p.m., Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library, (360) 880-8070 or sherry500us@gmail.com
 Senior Song Birds, 9:50 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, 2545 National Ave., Chehalis, (360) 740-4199
 Southwest Washington Mycological Society, 6 p.m., WSU Lewis County Extension conference room, Lewis County Courthouse, guest speaker Jim Freed, on mycorrhizal relationships between trees and mushrooms, (360) 740-1212
 Centralia Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., Unity Church, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 748-1753, hraj@localaccess.com
 Writer's Forum, 1-3 p.m., 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 262-0525
 Two Town Tuners, 7 p.m., Lewis and Clark Hotel, 117 W. Magnolia St., Centralia, (360) 269-8146 or (360) 748-3521
 Tuesday Quilting Rebels, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oakview Grange, 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 736-4671
 Onalaska Alliance, 6 p.m., Onalaska Community Youth Center, 233 Central Ave., (360) 978-4018

Support Groups

Support for mothers, 9:15-11:15 a.m., Bethel Church, for mothers with children pregnancy through 6 years old, sponsored by Chehalis MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), (360) 520-3841 or (360) 864-2168, email chehalismops@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/chehalismops
 NAMI Lewis County Connections Support Group, 5:30-7 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 880-8070 or sherry500us@gmail.com
 Al-Anon, Fellowship in Unity, 6 p.m., Unity Center, 800 S. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 736-8104 or (360) 736-6439

Sunday, Feb. 1

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis
 Dancing, Jack & the Roadrunners, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, (360) 807-1761, (360) 520-6518
 Community meal, 1-3 p.m., Rotary Riverside Park, Centralia, free, sponsored by Jesus Name Pentecostal Church, Chehalis, (360) 623-9438

Libraries

PAWS to R.E.A.D., for children, bring your child to read a story to a friendly — and specially trained — dog, 11 a.m., Chehalis

Organizations

Men's Fraternity, 6-7:30 p.m., Dayspring Baptist Church, 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 748-3401 or email dayspringbaptistch@gmail.com

The Weather Almanac

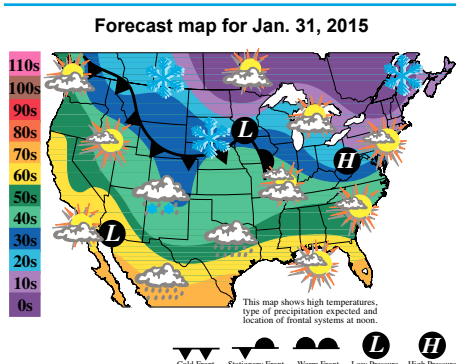
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy 56° 38°	Rain Likely 50° 44°	Rain Likely 52° 43°	Mostly Cloudy 50° 42°	Mostly Cloudy 52° 42°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Height	Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	52.79	65.0	-0.03
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	74.97	85.0	-0.01
Cowlitz at Packwood	3.39	10.5	-0.03
Cowlitz at Randle	7.12	18.0	-0.07
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	10.93	---	+0.06

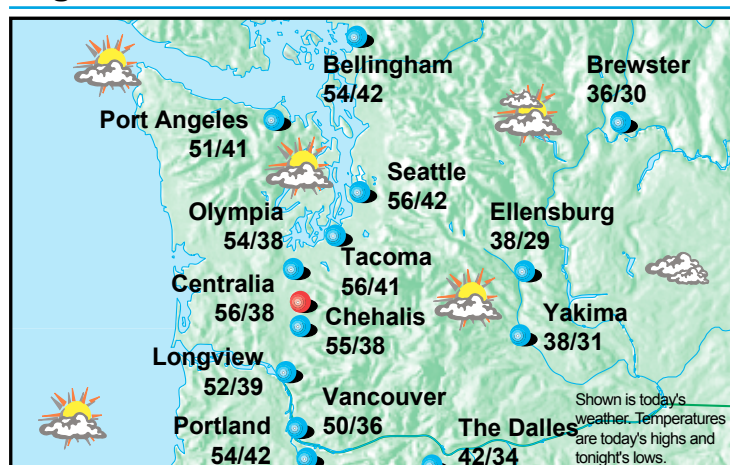
National Map



Almanac

Data reported from Centralia
Temperature
 Yesterday's High 41
 Yesterday's Low 37
 Normal High 49
 Normal Low 36
 Record High 61 in 1995
 Record Low 10 in 1980
Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.00"
 Month to date 5.68"
 Normal month to date 6.30"
 Year to date 5.68"
 Normal year to date 6.30"

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:36 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:14 p.m.
 Moonrise 2:41 p.m.
 Moonset 5:06 a.m.



Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Sunday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo	Today Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo	Sun. Wx
Baghdad	68/48	s	70/46	s
Beijing	37/19	s	39/21	cl
London	43/37	pc	41/36	s
Mexico City	70/41	s	70/41	s
Moscow	37/27	pc	36/34	pc
City	Today Hi/Lo	Today Wx	Sun. Hi/Lo	Sun. Wx
New Delhi	63/45	s	64/46	s
Paris	43/36	pc	41/34	pc
Rio de Janeiro	86/77	ra	86/75	t
Rome	54/41	cl	54/39	pc
Sydney	77/64	s	75/68	pc

We Want Your Photos

Send in your weather-related photographs to The Chronicle for our Voices page. Send them to voices@chronline.com. Include name, date and description of the photograph.

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

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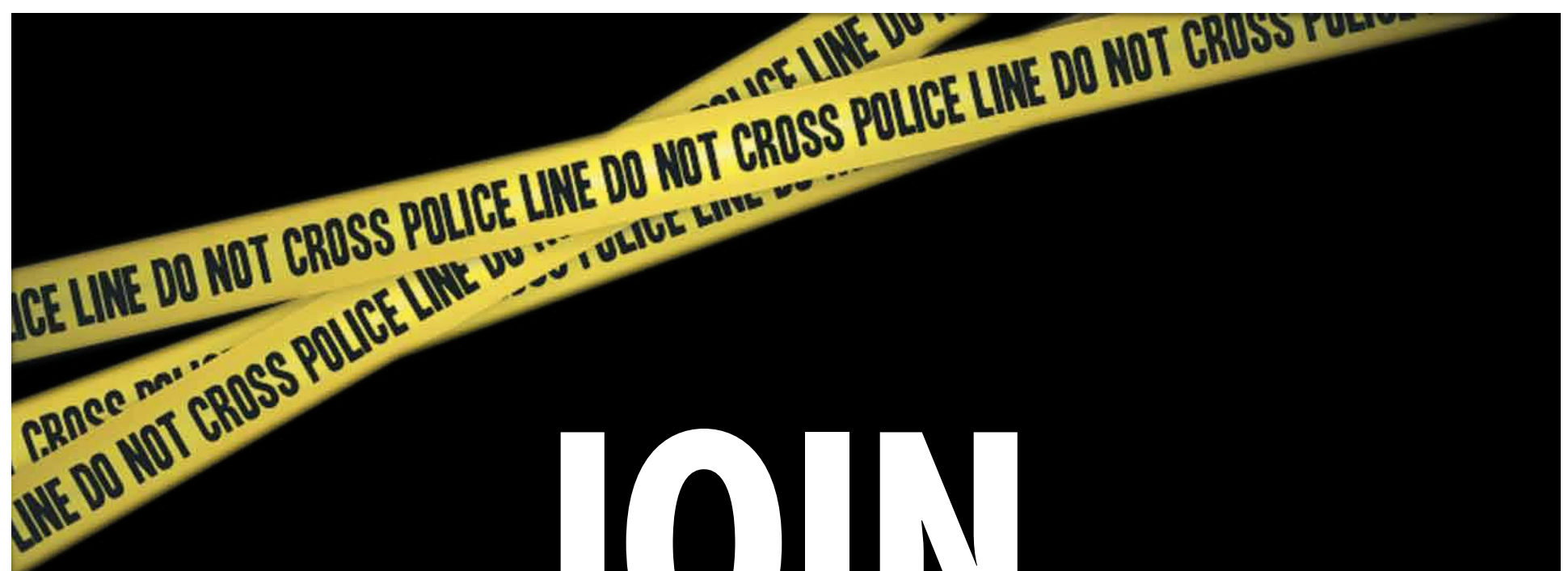
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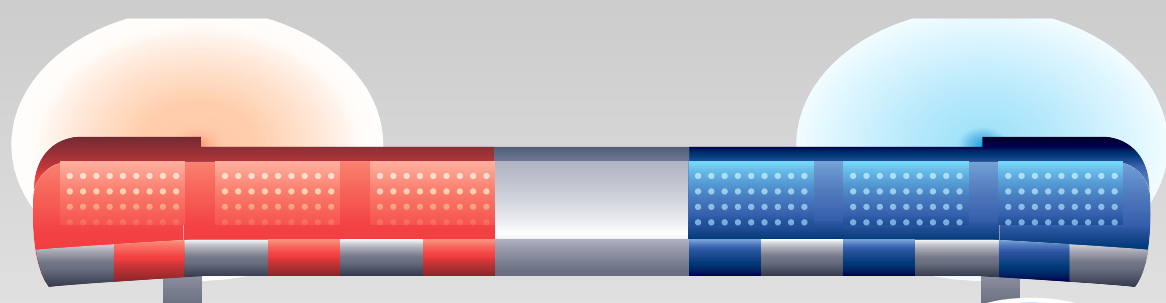
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LEWIS COUNTY WATCH

'Living in the Shadows' Focuses on Volcanoes in Washington

EXHIBIT: *Washington State History Museum Display Opens Today*

By Justyna Tomtas
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A new exhibit at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma depicts a time in the Pacific Northwest and other parts in the world when the Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption spewed ash and debris across the globe.

The time is one many remember, and those alive during that period can typically tell you exactly what they were doing at the time of the explosion. The news spread worldwide, and would help volcanologists with the study of volcanoes for years to come, the area acting as a laboratory for their research.

As one walks into the new exhibit, which opens today, old newspapers depicting headlines from the May eruption greet the visitors. Headlines read "Volcano Rains Death," and "Devil's Snow Rained on Family of Four." The iconic photos and headlines aim to draw attendees in, linking them to a time of great historical importance.

The exhibit titled "Living in the Shadows: Volcanoes of Washington," focuses on the historic explosion as well as the other four active volcanoes situated close by: Rainier, Baker, Adams and Glacier Peak.

The artifact-heavy exhibit focuses on what it's like for Washingtonians to live in the backyard of these volcanoes and aims to educate people on the dangers, and how to prepare for them.

As viewers of the exhibit move farther into the approximate 4,800-square-foot gallery, they walk into a "time capsule" of a living room fashioned with 1980s memorabilia. A slightly edited newscast loops through the events of the day, showing film of the eruption taking place.

"It's fun to look back and either reflect on where you were or it also starts the conversation with folks that weren't around at the time," Joan Martin, co-curator of the exhibit, said.

Co-curator Gwen Whiting, who was approximately 3 at the time of the eruption, remembers the day vividly despite her young age.

"I remember seeing all this snow and I wanted to build a snowman," she said. "I was not allowed to play in it and of course it wasn't snow, it was volcanic ash."

The materials and research for the exhibit took over 10 years to collect, and partners like the U.S. Geological Survey, and Washington State Parks and Rec-



Joan Martin, co-curator of the Living in the Shadows: Volcanoes of Washington exhibit, shows off a living room that was designed to depict one from the 1980s. A real newscast from the time loops through the day's events and shows video of the eruption.

reation Committee helped contribute to the information and the artifacts on display.

Around the corner a "spider" is on display, a piece of monitoring equipment loaned by the USGS, which is dropped by helicopter in locations that are unstable or hard to access. The fully operational equipment may not be there for the entire exhibit. If seismic activity or a catastrophic event occurs, the USGS will take back the equipment for their use.

From there, a volcanic observatory full of gear is set up to show off equipment used at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Washington. The room is filled with equipment donated from USGS, including field logs, papers and books among some of the equipment used.

The exhibit, which runs until May 17, incorporates Native Americans and their attachment to the mountains, as well as archeological evidence of people living in the Mount Rainier area. The mountain, which has erupted 11 times in the last 3,000 years, also has a role in the exhibit as do the effects of climate change on volcanoes and the highlights of famous mountaineers who trekked up the mountainsides.

Another important aspect of the exhibit is how you can prepare for a volcanic eruption and the dangers of lahars, otherwise known as mud flows.

"The thing that really sticks with me from this exhibit is the section to do with emergency preparedness," Martin said. "Here is a chance to get ready for whatever natural disaster. If you have your kit together, you can



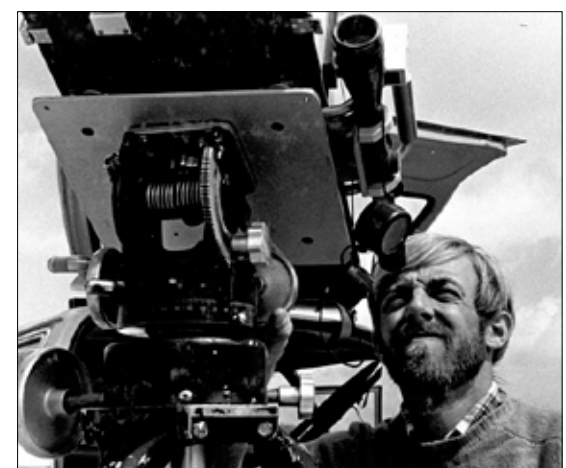
Asahel Curtis took this photograph during his 1907-1908 Mount Baker expedition with a group of mountaineers.

be prepared." Kim Ketcham, marketing and communications director, said the exhibit was approximately 90 percent historical context, while 10 percent focuses on preparing for the future in a positive way.

"Although it's typically not at the forefront of our minds, Washingtonians live with volcanoes in our backyard, with the ever-present risk of an eruption," Jennifer Kilmer, director of the Washington State Historical Society, said in a press release. "This exhibit will help visitors understand the inner workings of volcanoes, learn how humans have lived and benefited from them, view cautionary tales of why we should be wary of these beautiful, yet deadly masses and learn how to prepare ourselves for an eruption."



Above left: Mount St. Helens is seen erupting on May 18, 1980, from this vantage point in Skamania County.



Above right: The late Dr. David Johnston, U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist, is seen using a correlation spectrometer, which measures ultra-violet radiation as an indicator of the sulphur dioxide content of gases ejected from Mount St. Helens. Johnston was one of those who died in the 1980 eruption of the mountain.

News in Brief

Lewis County Auditor's Office: New Voter Registrations Close Monday

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Auditor's Office wants to remind prospective voters who have not yet registered for the Feb. 10 special election that Monday will be the last day to do so.

People who aren't registered to vote in Washington State can register in person up to eight days before the election, but they must do so in person and only at the Lewis County Auditor's Office.

The office, located on the first floor of the Lewis County Courthouse at 351 NW North St. in Chehalis, will be open Monday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Staff at the office also stand

ready to help people with disabilities and the elderly for registration and voting.

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LIVING IN THE SHADOWS SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Exhibit Opening — 11 a.m. today: Join the American Red Cross and Pierce County Department of Emergency Management to explore disaster planning, local resources and response methods. ShelterBox will also be on hand to demonstrate a deployed ShelterBox and share experiences of recent disaster relief missions.

History Speaks — noon Feb. 24: Join Carolyn Driedger, United States Geological Survey specialist, for an investigation of the history of volcano study in Washington.

Ring of Fire Family Camp — 10:30 a.m. April 1: Hands-on volcano activities will be available for visitors who will have the opportunity to hear legend of the volcanoes with Native American storyteller Harvest Moon Howell.

The Year of the Volcano — 11 a.m. May 16: Come listen to atlatl expert Larry Nelson, Andre Stepankowsky, who will recount his experience as a reporter covering the Mount St. Helens eruption and his investigative reporting on the recovery efforts and process that followed, and also listen to John Ewert, scientist-in-charge at the USGS - Cascades Volcano Observatory as he delivers a State of the Washington Cascades Address. An open forum will follow the presentation and refreshments will be available.



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Chehalis, WA — In recognition of outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored Greg Lund, of CENTURY 21 Lund, Realtors, with the CENTURY 21® President's Producer Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn the Century 21 CENTURION® award and the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award in the same calendar year.

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"We are thrilled to recognize Greg's work for this momentous achievement," said Rick Davidson, president and chief executive officer, Century 21 Real Estate LLC. "This is an outstanding honor since only a small percentage of affiliated agents in the United States received this award for sales."

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Arrest Warrant Issued for Woman Who Allegedly Stabbed Herself and Accused Man

ALLEGATIONS: Defendant Faces Charges of Malicious Prosecution, Threat to Kill

By Kaylee Osowski
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A warrant has been issued for a woman facing charges for allegedly stabbing herself and then trying to blame it on a man. The warrant was filed after Amy D. Moore failed to appear for an arraignment and trial setting hearing Thursday in Lewis County Superior Court. The Tumwater woman faces one count of malicious prosecution and one count of harassment, threat to kill.

Malicious prosecution carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The harassment charge is punishable with up to five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine. According to court documents filed Jan. 2, Centralia police received a report of a stabbing on Nov. 17, 2014. Authorities spoke to Moore at Capital Medical Center in Olympia. The 31-year-old woman told officers she had been in a physical fight with Michael Dobbs, who she said stabbed her in the chest three times. One of the wounds punctured a lung. She told police she was handling the incident herself. Police arrested Dobbs while

he was leaving after visiting Moore. Dobbs told officers that Moore found him in bed with another woman, got angry, grabbed two or three steak knives and began cutting her own hair. At one point Moore stabbed herself in the chest, he told officers. Court documents do not specify how Moore and Dobbs knew each other. Dobbs showed officers the clothing Moore had been wearing when she allegedly stabbed herself, the hair she cut and Facebook messages between himself and Moore. The messages and angles of the wounds indicated Moore stabbed herself. According to court documents, the medical staff believed Moore

stabbed herself because she told them she did, but she continued to blame Dobbs when talking to officers. She said that Dobbs would likely say Moore injured herself. The woman who was in bed with Dobbs did not see the incident, but said Moore returned to the residence about an hour after she allegedly stabbed herself. The woman said Moore was wearing nice clothes and makeup when she came back. On Nov. 18, Dobbs told police a note indicating he was going to die was written on a piece of wood on his front step. Shortly after Dobbs received the note, a friend of his received threatening text messages, allegedly from Moore.

Former Sexton Arrested for Allegedly Violating Protection Order at Centralia's Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery

MORE TROUBLE: Centralia Police Arrested Jennifer Duncan Thursday Afternoon on Suspicion of Violating Order

By Christopher Brewer
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A former caretaker for Greenwood Memorial Park in Centralia is in trouble again, having been arrested Thursday at the cemetery she used to oversee. Jennifer L. Duncan, 61, was arrested Thursday evening by Centralia police at the cemetery in the 1900 block of Johnson Road for an alleged violation of a protection order issued by Lewis County Superior Court.



Jennifer Duncan, a former caretaker at Greenwood Memorial Park, shows trash in an open concrete burial plot on at the Centralia cemetery in April 2014. She was arrested for violating a restraining order by being at the cemetery Thursday.

Centralia Police Sgt. Jim Shannon told The Chronicle Friday that Duncan was arrested for being on the cemetery property, which constituted a violation of a 1,000-foot protection order granted to a family that has a family member buried on the property. Police received a call just after 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon that Duncan had been chopping wood on the property, and the department sent an officer to investigate. Duncan was arrested at about 4:11 p.m., according to an online Centralia police incident report. "We have to treat all protection orders the same," Shannon said. "Protection orders are very strict orders for us because we have to follow the letter in enforcing them."

cemetery funds and authorized investments. The charges stated that Duncan used \$6,000 of the cemetery's endowment money to buy a lawnmower in October 2010, and that she also moved a granite base from one gravesite to another earlier that year. Duncan most recently had come up on the losing end of a Superior Court ruling in a lawsuit brought forward by Elaine Clark, whose husband Robert is buried at the cemetery, and her son Ernie. The Clarks alleged that Duncan continued to defy a state-imposed order that prohibited her from operating the cemetery. The lawsuit alleged that Duncan continued to oversee burials and collect fees, and that she was logging trees on the prop-

erty "apparently in an effort to generate funds to pay the fines imposed on her by the Cemetery Board's order," according to the wording of the lawsuit filed in June 2014. The lawsuit also alleged that Duncan had accused the Clarks of stealing a plaque on Robert

Clark's gravesite and that a granite stone had also been moved from the grave. A Dec. 19 ruling issued by Judge James Lawler gave the Clarks permission to exhume Robert Clark's remains and reinter them elsewhere. A confidentiality agreement prevents the Clarks from disclosing exactly how the costs will be covered. Duncan was ordered during the court proceedings to surrender all the cemetery's funds to the court, which would then be deposited with the Washington State Funeral and Cemetery Board for future needs at Greenwood Memorial Park. The board has since ordered Duncan from owning or operating the cemetery for 25 years, an order that was also previously issued to property owner John Baker. Baker and Duncan have a history of legal battles between them, which ended with Baker pleading guilty to stalking Duncan as well as criminal trespassing and violation of an anti-harassment order.

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According to jail records, Duncan posted bond and was released at 10:53 Thursday night. Members of the state Funeral and Cemetery Board had charged Duncan in February 2014 with violations of state laws regarding use and care of

Senate OKs Earlier Revenue Forecast

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Senate has unanimously passed a bill that would move the state revenue forecast up a month earlier during legislative sessions when lawmakers must craft a two-year budget. The measure, which passed Friday, was sponsored by Republican Sen. Andy Hill, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The plan would move the forecast from March 20 to February 20 in odd-numbered years. Hill says the goal is to expedite the budget-writing process so that lawmakers can finish their work on time.



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Supplemental Budget Passes Washington House

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Washington state House on Thursday agreed to spend nearly \$300 million on a supplemental budget for expenses from last year's wildfires and the deadly Oso landslide to social-services spending on child abuse and mental-health cases.

The supplemental budget bill passed the Democratic-controlled House on a bipartisan 83-15 vote. It now moves to the Sen-

ate, where Republicans lead the majority caucus, before going to Gov. Jay Inslee for approval. The money will cover a range of state programs, with the largest share going toward expenses from responding to natural disasters, including the mudslide and multiple wildfires in the eastern half of the state last summer.

"It's a little unusual to do a supplemental budget this early in a legislative session, but last

year was an unusual year," Rep. Ross Hunter, D-Medina, said in a prepared statement.

Other money in the bill addresses lawsuits the state lost last year over the treatment of mentally ill patients and in-home care workers. The amount to pay off the caregiver lawsuit grows by \$20,000 in interest each day, several lawmakers noted, which makes paying it off now better than waiting months for the Leg-

islature to approve its full two-year budget later in the legislative session.

"We know we're going to pay it in two to three months anyway," said Rep. Bruce Chandler, R-Granger, who voted for the bill.

Rep. David Taylor, R-Moxee, voted against it and said the money to combat wildfires didn't properly address a "complete and utter lack of management of public lands" that caused the fires to

be so damaging.

"We're doing nothing to take care of the issue," Taylor said. "We're just throwing more money at it, over and over."

The same bill also moves up this year's deadline for the state's economic and revenue forecast to Feb. 20 in hopes of expediting a budget agreement in a year where lawmakers are trying to address a projected shortfall of more than \$2 billion.



Rachel La Corte / AP Photo

State Republican Sen. Joe Fain, standing right, speaks on the Senate floor in support of a resolution honoring the Seattle Seahawks Friday in Olympia. The chamber was decorated with team flags ahead of the NFL Super Bowl XLIX between the Seahawks and the New England Patriots on Sunday.

Wearing Seahawks Gear, Lawmakers Support Fantasy Football

SPORTS: Lawmakers Say Activity is Legal Game of Skill

OLYMPIA (AP) — On the last weekday before the Super Bowl, legislators wearing Seattle Seahawks gear made noise over a bill to allow Washington state residents to legally play fantasy football.

The activity has become increasingly popular in recent years with an estimated 40 million players participating each NFL season, often for money.

There has been debate, however, over whether it should be considered illegal gambling, based on luck, or a game of skill,

which rewards knowledge.

Fantasy sports leagues invite players to compete against one another by selecting athletes from a league-wide pool and tracking how well they play. If Seattle's Marshawn Lynch has a big game, the fantasy football team manager who selected him will get a boost.

The federal government and 45 other states consider fantasy sports as legal games of skill. Washington, Louisiana, Montana, Iowa and Arizona — site of Super Bowl 49, where the defending champion Seahawks will face the New England Patriots on Sunday — all consider fantasy sports illegal.

Bills that would legalize the

practice are pending in Iowa and Montana. And on Friday, Washington state Sen. Pam Roach asked her legislative colleagues to support a plan to join the larger group.

Wearing a blue and green Seahawks scarf, Roach told the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee that her bill would formally define fantasy sports as games of skill. She supported the position, saying fantasy football is based on understanding factors including a player's abilities and individual matchups.

"We don't want to expand gambling," said Roach, a Republican from Auburn. "That's not what this bill is about."

Committee chairman Michal

Baumgartner, a Spokane Republican, said he was surprised by the complexity of the debate around "what we thought was going to be a pretty simple bill."

Officials from the state Gambling Control Board and a lobbyist for fantasy sports leagues turned up for the hearing to describe the issues involved.

A key topic of debate is whether season-long fantasy leagues should be regulated the same way as day-to-day leagues, which are popular online partly because of their money-earning potential.

The daily games have "all the same aspects of a game of skill" as longer leagues, Fantasy Sports Trade Association lobbyist Noah

Reandeau said. "It's not like there is a random number generator."

State Sen. Steve Conway, a Tacoma Democrat, was skeptical. "For many of us, it's hard to understand how a daily game is a fantasy league game," he said.

Baumgartner said he expects the issue to require more work before the committee can decide whether to advance the bill, which would face several more legislative hurdles before it could become law.

"We certainly are hoping that fantasies come true this weekend," he said at the end of the hearing. He later added that he'd be putting on a Seahawks necktie for the rest of the day.

House Passes Judicial Review of Mental Health Decisions

By Rachel La Corte

The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — The Washington state House on Thursday unanimously passed a bill allowing family members to ask a judge to step in if a mental health professional will not involuntarily commit a relative they believe could be suicidal or a danger to others.

"This is the first step to solv-

ing a mental health crisis in our state," said Rep. Brady Walkinshaw, a Democrat from Seattle who was the prime sponsor of the bill.

Before the vote, lawmakers approved an amendment to officially name House Bill 1258 "Joel's Law" for Joel Reuter, who was suicidal when Seattle police shot and killed him during a standoff in 2013.

Doug Reuter, Joel's father,

said that he and his wife watched Thursday's vote live online from their home in Dallas.

"We're just elated," he said by phone.

He and wife Nancy Reuter traveled to Olympia last week to testify in support of a similar bill before a Senate committee. They told lawmakers they repeatedly tried to get the state to force their son into treatment but were turned away.

The measure now heads to the Senate for consideration. A similar bill passed the House unanimously last year but did not get out of the Senate. Doug Reuter said he believes this year will be different.

"This is the year to make pretty strong, large strides in solving part of the mental health problems in the state of Washington," he said.

While speaking in support

of the bill on the House floor, Rep. Jay Rodne, a Republican from Snoqualmie who was a co-sponsor of the bill, cited the Reuters' work in continuing to seek changes to state law.

He said that "the status quo is unacceptable."

"This bill is not going to restore their loss or the tragedy that befell them," he said. "But it will save lives going forward."

News in Brief

Governors Announce Super Bowl Food Bank Donations

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks-New England Patriots Super Bowl matchup is bringing cross-country donations into the food banks of each team's home state.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan announced Thursday morning they're each sending win-or-lose donations to food pantries to help celebrate the game.

For Inslee, that means sending 1,000 cups of chowder donated by Seattle restaurant chain Ivar's across the country to food pantries in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Washington food banks will get Boston

cream pie cupcakes from the Koffee Kup Bakery in Springfield, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire bacon.

The lieutenant governors of each team's home state have also announced a wager. If the Seahawks win, Washington Lt. Gov. Brad Owen will collect beer and cannoli from Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. If the Patriots win, Owen will send east a magnum of wine, smoked salmon, apples and Quinault Indian Nation souvenirs.

State Temporarily Renaming Ferries for Seahawks Players

SEATTLE (AP) — If your Super Bowl plans on Sunday include travel on Washington state ferries, you can step aboard the

"M/V Russell Wilson" or possibly the "M/V Marshawn Lynch."

Gov. Jay Inslee has directed that the ferries be temporarily renamed in honor of the Seattle Seahawks.

Ferry system director Lynne Griffith says fans appreciated last year's "symbolic renaming of the fleet." And she notes the team went on to win that big game.

The state Transportation Department has 24 vessels in its fleet. On Sunday, each will be renamed for a Seahawks team member.

Washington Lawmakers Celebrate Seahawks Ahead of Super Bowl

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Washington state Senate passed a resolution honoring the Seattle

Seahawks as they prepare to play the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX.

The resolution was passed Friday, and many lawmakers on the floor were wearing Seahawks jerseys, scarves and hats. At least two lawmakers are attending the game in Phoenix, Democratic Sen. Mark Mullet and Republican Sen. Joe Fain. Both wore jerseys under their suit jackets on the Senate floor.

In addition to citing the team's accomplishments and dramatic comeback win during the NFC championship game, the resolution proclaimed that Washington would be renamed Hawkington until Monday.

Outside the building, Gov. Jay Inslee led a cheering crowd on the Capitol steps in a "moment of loudness." Inslee is traveling to Arizona this weekend to attend the game with his wife, Trudi.

EDC Honors Lotto, Pinchot Partners at Annual Banquet

RECOGNITION: Longtime EDC Director, Advocacy Group Recognized for Positive Contributions in Their Respective Fields

By Christopher Brewer

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A longtime director of the Lewis Economic Development Council and a group advocating for jobs and forest habitat preservation were honored at the Lewis Economic Development Council's annual banquet at the Hotel Washington in Chehalis Thursday.

More than 100 community members, including business leaders, elected officials and family members of the honorees, came together for the banquet in which the EDC shares an annual progress report and honors community members who invest significantly in economic development and stewardship of the county's natural resources.

Bill Lotto, who served as chairman of the Lewis Economic Development Council for more than 15 years and retired in 2009, received the Gail and Carolyn Shaw Industry Award, with EDC board member Frank DeVaul presenting. DeVaul noted this is the first year in many that the awards' namesakes were not present, as Gail Shaw died last year.

"We miss Gail's presence, but he's here in spirit. We can rest assured he's had several breakfast meetings with God already," DeVaul said to chuckles from the crowd, an allusion to Shaw's affinity for meeting with area business leaders over a morning meal.

DeVaul praised Lotto for his involvement not only with the Economic Development Council,



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Bill Lotto, former executive director of the Lewis Economic Development Council and chief operating officer of the Industrial Park at TransAlta, speaks to the crowd at the Washington Hotel after accepting the Lewis EDC's Gail and Carolyn Shaw Industry Award Thursday evening.

but for his work on several legislative issues affecting area businesses. Lotto had a hand in bringing several businesses to the area that are now well-established, DeVaul said.

"He helped the EDC get its identity," DeVaul said. "He was successful in recruiting several new businesses, including Hardsel, Cresline and Cardinal Glass. ... We can think of many other businesses that came here as a result of his efforts."

Once Lotto retired from the EDC, he slid into a new role as a part-time chief operating officer of the Industrial Park at TransAlta, only recently retiring from

that role as the IPAT board of directors has hired former Chehalis-Centralia Airport director Allyn Roe to the position.

In brief remarks after accepting the award, Lotto recalled a pertinent conversation he had with Shaw about what it takes to be considered a native of Lewis County. Shaw's answer, while simple, seemed difficult to achieve at first, Lotto said.

"Gail said, 'Three generations or be adopted by a family who qualifies.' I've been adopted by many families," Lotto said. "I don't know how the Lord led me here, but I do know it was the right move for me."

Pinchot Partners, a collaborative group representing a variety of interests that primarily advocates for forestry jobs in East Lewis County communities and restoration of habitat in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, received the Russ Mohny Recreation Resource Stewardship Award. Christine Fossett, CEO of The Chronicle's parent company Lafromboise Communications and chair of the EDC Board of Directors, presented the award to chairperson Taylor Aalvik.

Aalvik pointed to the group's partnership with the U.S. Forest Service as the reason for its success, much of which has been

brought to fruition recently with three stewardship timber sales since 2012 that have and will serve to benefit the timber industry in East Lewis County while thinning areas of the Gifford Pinchot that need it severely.

"Much of that will go to the Hampton mill in Morton," Aalvik said.

Aalvik also said the Partners are working to restore 600 acres of huckleberry habitat in the near future.

"We're appreciative of the positive working relationship with the Forest Service, and I can see much more activity in the future," Aalvik said.

Herrera Beutler Joins U.S. House in Voting for Bills to Curb Sex Trafficking

By The Chronicle

Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, has voted along with a majority of her colleagues in the House of Representatives to pass 12 bills confronting the sex trafficking industry.

The House passed the bills earlier this week, which range from closing legal loopholes for predatory websites to combating sex tourism.

The Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation Act aims to make it illegal for Backpage.com and similar websites to knowingly advertise sex with minors, while

giving courts tools to prosecute people who use online marketplaces for sex trafficking.

Other bills passed this week in the House are as follows:

- House Resolution 514, which elevates the Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons to a bureau and puts pressure on other nations to combat sex trafficking;

- House Resolution 515, which combats sex tourism by directing Homeland Security to notify foreign governments when U.S. citizens that are confirmed sex offenders travel to other countries;

- House Resolution 357, which requires training for federal personnel who come into contact with trafficking;

- House Resolution 468, which allows the Department of Health and Human Services to use street outreach programs to identify and help homeless youth and move them off the streets;

- House Resolution 469, which ensures each state has updated child welfare policies and trains child welfare workers to better identify and assess victims of trafficking;

- House Resolution 246, which aims to change language

used in reporting categories of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to include child sex trafficking;

- House Resolution 398, which hopes to educate and equip health care professionals to recognize signs of human trafficking so they can intercede on patients' behalf;

- House Resolution 460, which directs training for the Department of Homeland Security to deter, detect, disrupt and prevent human trafficking;

- House Resolution 350, which allows existing Department of Justice grants to be used

for emergency housing for trafficking victims;

- House Resolution 159, which encourages states to pass safe-harbor laws that treat minors involved in child sex trafficking as victims rather than criminals, and also increases federal, state and local cooperation in investigating trafficking cases and going after buyers and pimps;

- House Resolution 181, which ensures additional resources go to victims of human trafficking and authorizes grants for law enforcement training, deterrence programs and restorative care for victims.

Meds

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containers and into Ziploc bags that resemble plastic throw pillows stuffed with colorful candies.

When one hears the word "prescription drugs," the average person may think of the painkillers prescribed by doctors, and while they are in the mix of medications turned over to the sheriff's office, many of the pills the office handles are as innocuous as herbal supplements and antacids — even the occasional bottle of cough medicine appears.

The pills are kept in evidence for about a year until they can be incinerated at an undisclosed private facility somewhere within the county.

One of the Drug Drop Box program's major goals is to keep medications out of the hands of people that shouldn't be using them. Part of the benefit is keeping them out of the water supply.

It would be easier to just dump the pills down the drain, but doing so doesn't actually destroy the compounds in the medications; incineration completely

destroys the drugs.

"De minimis, I think, is the legal term," Williams said. "The EPA said we could stand over the smoke stacks and nothing would register."

Indeed, a 2008 investigation by The Associated Press found that pharmaceuticals ranging from antibiotics, mood stabilizers and sex hormones have been found in the drinking water supplies of at least 41 million Americans.

The concentrations are measured in parts per billion or trillion, too low to affect people, but the dissolved medications do impact wildlife.

In some instances, scientists have observed male fish become feminized and create egg proteins — a process usually limited to females — and females develop male genital organs.

The medications found in water have passed through humans before winding up in the water, but turning over your medications to the authorities is a good way to limit the amount that makes it to the drinking supply.

"The medications don't go into the groundwater. They stay out of the wrong hands. It's best on all levels," said Williams.

Toddler

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charity creators. "But the more we talked about it we (decided to) do these events at least once a year where all the money raised will go to families in our surrounding communities to help when something like this happens."

The inspiration came from the outpouring of support the community showed in the wake of Rowyn's death. Shortly after she died an account in her name was created at the website gofundme.com, which brought in

more than \$30,000.

The charity created a website to help get the word out and sell fundraising merchandise.

To celebrate Rowyn's birthday the group is preparing a 5k walk/run to be held on April 18. The race is open to all ages and isn't timed. The run will feature a bounce house, the Tacoma Rainiers mascot Rhubarb the Reindeer and a petting zoo.

The group is also taking donations and preparing for a dinner and silent auction to be held for adults after the run that evening.

Raise for Rowyn plans to make the run and dinner auction annual events, and is considering

adding more events. The need is out there, Miller said. The organization has been contacted by families trying to make sense of things after losing a child.

"I feel like constantly in the news, especially locally hear tragic stories of kids ... but there's stuff going on all the time. We want to be able to help (those families). We want to be able to send \$1,000 to the funeral home to help pay for that casket," she said.



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Athletes


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Full-season suspensions include one women's basketball player, two men's basketball players, two volleyball players, five softball players and 11 baseball players. All athletes must also complete an alcohol assessment, participate in alcohol abatement education and complete 10 hours of community service.

"We take situations like this very seriously," Robert Cox, vice president of student services, was quoted as saying in the release. "We hope that during the time of the suspensions the athletes will move ahead with a renewed focus on academics, athletics and most importantly positive citizenship."


Two people got in a fight and one of them was a college athlete, according to the release.

College staff members including Peters and Shelley Bannish, director of student life and involvement, completed the investigation.



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Government Demands on Businesses Harmful, Misguided

Our Views

David Boe is the only member of the Tacoma City Council who owns and operates his own business.

So, it should come as no surprise that he was the only one of nine city councilors who voted against a proposal to mandate that businesses provide paid sick leave to employees.

The ordinance passed 8-1 this week, highlighting an ongoing trend of liberal governments imposing their wills on the men and women who worked hard to build their businesses and expend even more effort fighting against increasing government involvement when it comes to

payrolls.

Yes, paid sick leave is a fantastic benefit offered by many companies. It allows workers to bring home full paychecks despite occasional unforeseen emergencies.

No one is debating the value of the offering.

But it's simply not the government's job to reach into the books of local businesses and dictate how workers are compensated to an extent that all power is taken away from the individuals who worked hard to

create the enterprises to begin with.

Another example of this breed of governance is playing out in the state Legislature, where momentum is growing for legislation that would bring the state's minimum wage up to \$12 an hour over four years.

The state already has the highest minimum wage in the country, but supporters point to a perceived gap in income equality as reason for government intervention.

In an Associated Press story published in Tuesday's edition of *The Chronicle*, state Rep. Graham Hunt, R-Orting, said

the hike would only lead to an increase in retail prices to cover higher worker pay. Wholesalers would do the same, he said, with the end result being a spike in inflation that harms the very individuals the legislation claims to help.

"All the other costs are going to go up, just perpetuating the problem," Hunt said.

Life is far from perfect in the greater Lewis County area. We struggle with budget shortfalls, a double-digit unemployment rate and many other realities that combine to make things difficult for a portion of the population.

The answer, though, is

not heaping more oppressive requirements on businesses already struggling to stay open and make a profit.

We're pleased that such far-reaching and invasive measures have not been so much as discussed in the chambers of our own local government bodies.

The more populated, liberal influences to the north often seem to cast a critical eye on Lewis County, whether its for development near the floodplain or conservative fiscal and social stances.

In this case, though, it's cities such as Tacoma that have it backward.

COMMENTARY: Forks in the Road

The 13th Fan Anxiously Awaiting the Fireworks

I hate bandwagon Seattle Seahawks fans.

You know who you are. You're the ones who hid all the Green Bay Packers garb you've accumulated over the years ahead of the NFC Championship game, only to pull it back out when they extended their lead in the fourth quarter.

You're the same fans who hastily crammed the green and gold clothing back into the closet when the Seahawks staged an incredible comeback, defeating the Packers



By Eric Schwartz

and stamping a ticket to the Super Bowl for the second straight year. Have you no shame?

Well, yes, I have a little bit of shame. The above scenario is one that unfolded in the living room of my Centralia home two weeks ago.

My professional football allegiances are about as stable as a two-legged elephant on a greased tightrope this year.

But, c'mon, can you blame me?

These Seattle Seahawks are 12 degrees cooler than the other side of the pillow.

The Packers were a childhood flame for me, forged through my youthful love of the game and the fact that North Carolina had no professional football team during my formative years in the South. Brett Favre, with his gun-slinging style and competitive spirit, was a magnet for athletic affection.

The Seahawks are, well, much cooler.

Russell Wilson speaks with the conviction of an athletic zealot who knows his destiny with certainty. Richard Sherman talks to the media with the tone and volume of a professional wrestler. Marshawn Lynch runs like a brakeless logging truck with quadruple axles and a full load of California redwoods. Kam Chancellor's bone-rattling hits on opposing players make me cover my eyes in dismay while peeking through my fingers to reluctantly witness the carnage.

As much as I wanted to re-

main loyal to my inner child during the NFC Championship game, I couldn't bring myself to cheer against the wave of blue that has swept across the Pacific Northwest these past two years.

But, c'mon, can you blame me?

Maybe it's all in the atmosphere.

There's something to be said for the collective joy and anticipation the Seahawks have injected into the region, even here in Lewis County.

On my normally quiet street in Centralia, each of the team's victories this year have been followed in quick succession by the booming sounds of fireworks. During games, the city's streets seem all but abandoned, if not for echoing cheers escaping from the homes of Hawk fans watching the excitement unfold in their living rooms.

After the NFC Championship game, my home was caught between the intermittent verbal volleys of two Seahawks hotbeds more than three blocks apart.

"SEA!" shouted the dozen or so fans at a home on Iron Street.

"HAWKS!" replied an equal number of revelers at a home more than a quarter mile away.

It's all but impossible not to absorb that kind of atmosphere.

It's all but impossible not to envy a neighbor who joyfully dons his 12th Man jersey, hangs his 12th Man flag and chugs his 12th beer while hooting from the depths of his lungs from his front porch after a Seahawks playoff victory.

Call me the 13th man, the one who crawled on to the bandwagon and hid under a seat somewhere in the back to escape criticism for my wishy-washy ways.

This Sunday, I'll be cheering on the Seahawks with all the fervor of a lifelong supporter and none of the memories of losses and unsuccessful seasons gone by.

If they win, I'll stand on my porch and soak in the revelry, listening to the sounds of a local fan base with less questionable allegiances.

C'mon, can you blame me?

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First Amendment Center Quote of the Day

"I'm not interested in censorship. I like the First Amendment very much."

Henry Rollins
musician



Letters

Snaza, Meyer Ignore Law on Gun Measure

I would like to thank the Lewis County commissioners for their continued response in not passing a resolution to back Sheriff Rob Snaza's and Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Meyer's views regarding the new gun control law as passed by the citizens of the state of Washington.

Both Snaza and Meyer have publicly stated their opposition to the law. They have also said they will selectively enforce the law as they interpret it. This smacks of sheriff and prosecutor activism as they make subjective decisions based on personal or political considerations rather than on existing law. What other laws will they decide to not enforce?

Judicial activism has had a long history of being controversial, and now we have the same process in Lewis County with our top two law enforcement officials embracing activism that damages the rule of law and democracy.

As I see it, passing a resolution agreeing with those who would not enforce the law would place the commissioners on the wrong side of the debate.

PAUL CROWNER
Centralia

Declaration Notes Our Liberty Comes From God

The Founding Fathers signed a Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, not from God. They acknowledged their dependence upon God and acknowledged his favor in the creation of our nation.

The Declaration (our nation's birth certificate) is the "who we are" (or were) and "what we stand for" (or did at one time) proclamation of America(ns).

Our Declaration acknowledges that our rights, our very lives as well as liberty and happiness all come from God. The one true God of the Bible.

The Declaration echoes the truths of the Ten Commandments. To deny this and allow satanic prayer and Islamic prayer in America's public offices is an offense to every clear-thinking and patriotic American, and undermines the foundation of this nation as well as the blood, sweat and tears of our Founding Fathers, who died and gave all for her birth.

John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration, said, "Those, who pay no regard to (the Christian) religion and sobriety in the persons whom they (vote for) send to the legislature of any state are guilty of the greatest absurdity and will pay dear for their folly."

Charles G. Finney, a leader in America's Second Great Awakening, said this on Dec. 4, 1843: "Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral discernment, the pulpit is responsible for it."

"If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion (the Christian faith), the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it." Romans 1:28 says, "And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper."

God's patience and mercy

with America appears to have come to an end. Corruption and godlessness is rampant throughout every aspect of American life and as God's word declares: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man (nation) soweth that shall he (they) also reap." Galatians 6:7

DICK KNOLLS
Centralia

Duct Tape Would Solve Our 'Gas' Problem

Obama's environmentalists are deeply outraged by the emission of "methane gas" by America's farm and ranch animals — horses, cows, sheep and chickens, etc.

For the edification of those in Washington, D.C., and New York City, the environmentalists are alarmed by flatulencing (farting) cows. Obama's environmentalists are not worried about Muslim terrorists murdering and beheading Americans, but rather they are worried about farm animal gases emanating from rural America.

Well, miraculously the deadly methane gas threat can be resolved for a de minimis amount of \$2, the cost of a roll of duct tape.

The solution to this concocted methane gas crisis is simply to tape President Barack Obama's and Vice President John Kerry's mouths shut. With Obama's and Kerry's mouths duct taped, closed 97 percent of all methane gas emissions will disappear.

The methane problem is not caused by rural America's farmers and ranchers but is the result of huge amounts of methane gas gushing from the mouths of Washington, D.C., politicians.

RICHARD BLOCK
Centralia

Editorial Mission Statement

We will strive to be the voice of reason for the peaceful settlement of conflict and contention on key local issues. We will work to be fair at all times and to provide a balance of opinions. We will make our opinion pages available for public discussion of vital issues and events affecting the quality of life in Lewis County and adjoining regions. When necessary, we will be willing to take a tough, definitive stance on a controversial issue.

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Pioneer Built Houses of Compassion With Tireless Hands

Quiz time. Which woman is the hardworking patron saint of Twin Cities health care and is also the physical embodiment of Washington state in our nation's Capitol?

The answer is Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, who led the Sisters of Providence as they brought compassionate health care to the wild west of the Oregon Territory 150 years ago.

Between the time she arrived in the Northwest in 1856 as a 23-year-old who spoke only French to her death almost 50 years later, Mother Joseph made it her mission to serve the hurting and orphans in the name of Jesus' sacred heart.

Taught by her father, a cabinet maker, she was perhaps the first architect in the Northwest. Wearing her long black cloth



By Brian Mittge

habit, Mother Joseph led construction of dozens of buildings, bouncing on wooden beams to test their strength and climbing onto roofs to rebuild chimneys she deemed inadequate. According to a biography maintained by the present-day Providence Health & Services, "the heart of each of her buildings was a beautiful chapel, the altar carved, gilded and adorned with her loving touch."

She led construction of the Pacific Northwest's first permanent hospital (in Vancouver), its first nursing school (in Portland) and her sisters went on to nearly 30 schools, hospitals, orphanages and places of refuge for the poor and hurting.

She led begging tours of gold mining camps as far away as Colorado and Montana to raise money for the Sisters' charitable works. Stories abound of their adventures, including run-ins with stagecoach robbers, fierce

storms, wolves and a grizzly bear.

She also created what might be the region's first medical insurance program. The Sisters sold \$10 tickets that could be used for medical care in any of their hospitals.

Such is her fame and renown that in 1980 our state commissioned a statue of Mother Joseph to be placed in the U.S. Capitol as an embodiment of what is best about our heritage. A similar statue also greets visitors to the state Capitol in Olympia.

I've been thinking about Mother Joseph this week as I begin service on the Providence Centralia Hospital Community Ministry Board, a volunteer group that provides guidance at the Lewis County hospital that bears the name of the group she led in this region 150 years ago: the Sisters of Providence.

Mother Joseph of the Sacred



Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart is seen in this historical photograph.

Heart died peacefully 113 years ago this month. These are remembered as her final words: "My dear sisters, allow me to recommend to you the care of the poor in our houses, as well as those without. Take good care of them; have no fear of them; assist them receive them. Then, you will have no regrets. Do not say: ah! this does not concern me, let others see to them. My

sisters, whatever concerns the poor is always our affair."

Keeping Love Alive

With Valentine's Day approaching, I'd be interested in hearing from couples with advice for a successful marriage. How have you stayed together through life's shakes, rattles and rolls?

So many couples feel that they alone struggle, and many conclude that their marriages can't continue.

I know that a great many couples have learned otherwise. Through determination, they discover ways that even serious problems can become the groundwork for a more stable and valuable union.

I'd appreciate anyone willing to drop me a line and share your story. I'll pass along the best advice and insights I hear.

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Brian Mittge lives outside Chehalis with his wife and three children. Drop him a line at brianmittge@hotmail.com or on Twitter @bmittge.

GUEST COMMENTARY: About the Port

Your Port of Chehalis 'RePort' for 2015

In mid-2014, I was hired by the Port of Chehalis commissioners to lead our port.

Since then, much of my work has been focused on getting oriented to the port's operations and the condition of our organization.

With the start of the new year, that focus has shifted from analysis to action. Here is a brief report on what we're doing.

First, what do you know about ports?

Public port districts are a unique form of government. We are owned by you, the public, and we even levy a small tax on all property in the port district. How small? If your property taxes were \$2,000 then our port's share would have been about \$75. Yet, we also have a profit motive, and most ports derive most of their income from their lines of business.

At the Port of Chehalis, our traditional lines of business have been the sale and leasing of property, all with the goal of bringing jobs to the area. And unlike a business, all of our profits are reinvested right here in community projects.

The more successful we are, the more work we can do for the community.

For me, my role model is the Port of Kalama, located 40 miles south of us.

That port has built a thriving business enterprise, so much so that it has completely eliminated its property tax levy and is fully self-supporting. Today, it is building a brand new athletic field facility for the community using about \$5 million of their profits, on top of the many other investments in parks, roads, water and sewer facilities it has made locally.

And recently it began work on a new project that will employ over 200 people and will almost double the amount of funding received by local schools.

This is the kind of transformative work that a port can do in their community, and the kind of work I want to do here at the Port of Chehalis.

We can do it, but it won't happen overnight.

Just like the Port of Kalama took 75 years of work and investment to build such a high-

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By Randy Mueller

performing organization, our port will require the same of us in order to benefit our children and future generations.

Our port has an excellent portfolio of properties thanks to wise choices made previously by leaders at the port and by our partners at the Industrial Commission.

Now we must invest the time and money to make those properties ready for development.

Over the next year, you'll see new initiatives proposed by the port: new investments in infrastructure to make properties development ready, as well as new activity in lines of business that the port has not previously been engaged in.

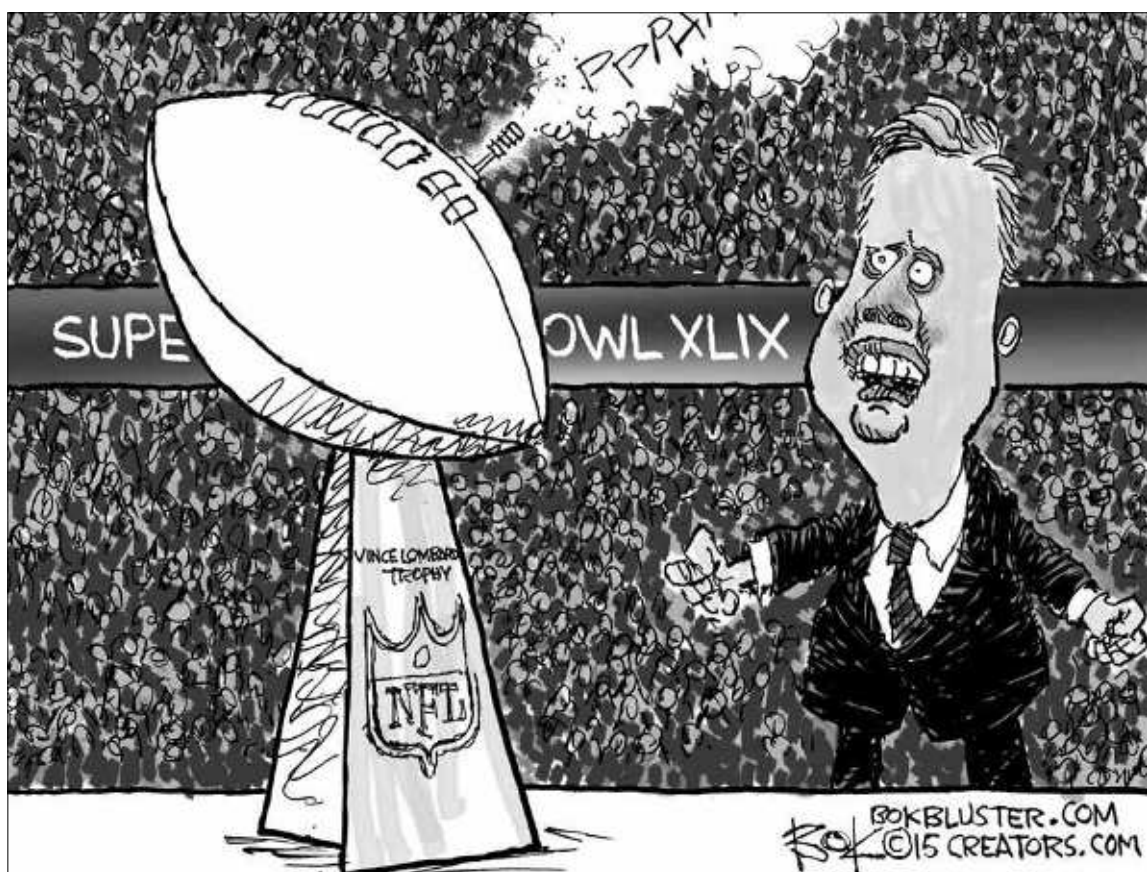
In today's modern world, successful organizations must be innovative and receptive to change; otherwise they soon become obsolete and irrelevant. Growing the port requires doing new things, as well as doing more of the good things that we already do.

As recipients of your hard-earned tax dollars, you rightfully expect us to give it everything we've got, and we intend to do so.

Please feel free to contact me by telephone or email at any time. The port always welcomes input from the public who owns their community port.

We also encourage attendance at our public port commission meetings, held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 11 a.m. in the port offices.

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COMMENTARY: Back to Business

It's Time to Move Beyond the Gasoline Tax in Washington

With gas prices plummeting to less than \$2 a gallon, some politicians think this is the ideal time to increase state and federal gas taxes. The theory is when gasoline is expensive, voters vehemently oppose higher gas taxes; but when the price drops, motorists don't pay as much attention. They just fill up and drive off, thankful for the savings.

The flaw in that theory is that gas prices will inevitably climb again. But a larger concern is that the debate over fuel taxes distracts us from the real question: What is the best way to pay for road projects and bridge maintenance and reduce highway congestion?

The real issue is how taxes are collected and distributed for transportation projects.

Today, the federal gasoline tax is 18.4 cents per gallon and 24.4 cents for diesel. Washington's gas and diesel taxes are among the nation's highest at 37.5 cents.

Therefore, truckers in our state are taxed 62 cents a gallon for diesel and car owners fork over nearly 56 cents per gallon in taxes.

And there's more to come. Although not a direct fuel tax increase, Gov. Jay Inslee's cap-and-trade program and his proposed low carbon fuel standard will both raise fuel costs.

The cap-and-trade program would cap industrial carbon emissions at a certain level, and facilities that exceed the cap would have to pay money to the state. Inslee estimates the program will bring in \$1 billion a year, \$400 million of which would pay for road and bridge

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projects.

Presumably, the refineries and fuel shippers covered by the program will pass their added costs on to consumers in the form of higher fuel prices. And analysts for the state's climate change task force estimated his low carbon fuel standard would increase gas prices 93 cents to \$1.17 per gallon.

Here's the problem. Depending solely on gas taxes and carbon-based fuels to pay for transportation may have worked in the past, but it ignores modern realities.

When President Dwight D. Eisenhower set up the federal Highway Trust Fund in 1956, the proceeds from the original three-cent gas tax built the interstate highway system. As the system was expanded and upgraded over the decades, the tax was increased in 1982, 1990 and 1993.

That system worked pretty well when the price of a gallon was less than 30 cents a gallon and when the only electric vehicles in Seattle were the electrified trolley buses. But the 1973 Arab oil embargo changed all that.

Overnight, the price of a barrel of oil quadrupled. President Richard M. Nixon responded by rationing gasoline and imposing a 55 mph speed limit. As Congress got involved, the auto industry began shifting to cars that got better mileage.

Now, President Barack

Obama wants cars to average 54.4 miles per gallon by 2025. More fuel-efficient cars and the growing popularity of hybrids and electric cars means less gas is sold, which generates less gas tax revenue for transportation projects.

The formula for funding highway and bridge construction must change; state and federal fuel taxes are no longer sufficient.

Carbon fuels can no longer bear the brunt of funding our transportation system.

Congestion-based funding, tolls, licensing and fees on all vehicles, including electric and alternative fuel cars, will have to pick up a greater share of the costs.

Recently, the Wall Street Journal editorialized that the time has come to abolish the federal gas tax, saying the costs of transportation can reasonably be borne by the people who enjoy the benefits — a user fee of sorts.

While it seems highly unlikely that Congress will repeal the gas tax, elected officials need to look at the core issues with transportation and shift away from reflexively raising fuel taxes.

That just won't work anymore.

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Don Brunell, retired as president of the Association of Washington Business, is a business analyst, writer, and columnist.

SEEKING GUEST EDITORIALS

The Chronicle is always looking to highlight the views of community members who wish to discuss an issue of importance.

Those interested in submitting a guest editorial such as the one above should contact Chronicle Editor Eric Schwartz

at (360) 807-8224 or eschwartz@chronline.com to discuss the potential topic of the proposed commentary.

Guest submissions should generally focus on a topic of local importance and contain 650 words or less.

Records Sirens, Court Records, Lotteries, Commodities

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Indecent Exposure

• An adult man was seen exposing himself to a couple children. The incident, in correlation with the 2000 block of Borst Avenue, was reported at 1:07 p.m. Thursday. Police are investigating the incident.

Thirsty Thursday

• Police cited James C. Weatherford, 45, of Centralia for third-degree theft after he allegedly stole a bottle of beer in the 600 block of South Tower Avenue in Centralia at 10:45 p.m. Thursday.

Honda Stolen

• A 1992 Honda Accord was reported stolen at 12:40 p.m. Thursday in the 200 block of West Hanson Street in Centralia.

Prowler Flees After Homeowner Confronts Him

• A homeowner in the 500 block of Jefferson Street in Centralia saw a man inside her vehicle going through her property at 1:24 a.m. Friday. When the owner confronted the man, he fled without taking anything.

Minor in Possession

• Police arrested and booked

Sirens

Brandon L. Jones, 19, of Centralia, for minor in possession of alcohol. He was contacted in the 600 block of Woodland Avenue in Centralia at 12:38 a.m. Friday. A juvenile was also contacted by authorities.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Man Allegedly Flees Hit and Run; Witness Tracks Him

• Deputies cited a Centralia man who allegedly fled a hit and run collision at 7:36 a.m. Thursday. Pedro Banales, 18, was cited for hit and run, attended, and driving without liability insurance after he allegedly rear-ended a 17-year-old Cen-

tralia driver and left the scene in the 1600 block of West Reynolds Avenue in Centralia. The 17-year-old boy was stopped in a 1999 Chevrolet Metro behind a school bus that was waiting at a railroad crossing when Banales hit the Metro with his 1993 Toyota Camry. The 17-year-old's car bumped another vehicle, but didn't cause damage. The vehicles involved pulled over and Banales allegedly fled. A witness followed him to the Centralia High School parking lot and waited for authorities to arrive.

7:40 a.m. Thursday from the 1800 block of Bishop Road in Chehalis. A deputy responded to the report at 8:16 a.m. When the deputy left after speaking to the victim and was nearing the intersection of Bishop Road and Rush Road, he saw the pickup. The vehicle was unoccupied and was not damaged. It was recovered, but a wallet with \$500 cash that had been in the pickup at the time of the theft was still missing.

By The Chronicle Staff

Stolen Pickup Recovered

• A 1997 Toyota pickup was reported stolen between 4 and

Please call news reporter Kaylee Osowski with news tips. She can be reached at 807-8237 or kosowski@chronline.com.

Accused Chehalis Bank Robber Pleads Not Guilty

By The Chronicle

A 52-year-old man accused of robbing Chase Bank in Chehalis Monday pleaded not guilty to two charges in Lewis County Superior Court Thursday.

Larry "Skip" Bailey is charged with first-degree robbery and possession of methamphetamine.

Judge Nelson Hunt scheduled a trial for the week of March 23.

Bailey allegedly convinced bank employees to take him into the vault. He collected \$36,000 and fled on foot. Authorities later found him on a bicycle, which he crashed. He was caught while trying to scale a fence.

The money and a glass smoking pipe, which tested positive for meth, were found in a backpack he had on him.

Bailey's bail is set at \$250,000.



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Larry Bailey waits to make an appearance in Lewis County Superior Court on Wednesday afternoon at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis.

First-degree robbery carries a maximum sentence of life in jail and a \$50,000 fine. Posses-

sion of a controlled substance is punishable with up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Death Notices

• **RONNIE ROUGHTON**, 64, Bellingham, formerly of Pe Ell, died Thursday, Jan. 8, at home. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Snoqualmie Valley Alliance, Fall City. Arrangements are under the direction of Flintofts Funeral Home and Crematory, Issaquah.

• **JEAN B. SELLARDS**, 82, Centralia, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Liberty Country Place, Centralia. A funeral service will be at noon Thursday at Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's.

• **ROBERT E. THOMPSON**, 77, Centralia, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, at home. No services have been planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

Lotteries

Washington's Thursday Games

- Powerball:
Next jackpot: \$289 million
- Mega Millions:
Next jackpot: \$32 million
- Lotto:
Next jackpot: \$3.9 million
- Hit 5:
Next cashpot: \$340,000
- Match 4: 02-20-22-23
- Daily Game: 8-2-0
- Keno: 06-08-09-10-11-20-21-25-26-34-37-52-54-55-60-62-66-70-73-78

Commodities

- Gas in Washington — \$2.135 (AAA of Washington)
- Crude Oil — \$47.85 per barrel (CME Group)
- Gold — \$1,283 (Monex)
- Silver — \$17.26 (Monex)

Corrections

• A story in Thursday's edition about an upcoming Charlie Albright concert at Corbet Theatre specified the incorrect day. The concert will take place Saturday, Feb. 7, with tickets on sale through Wednesday or at the door if tickets remain.

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The Chronicle seeks to be accurate and fair in all its reporting. If you find an error or believe a news item is incorrect, please call the newsroom as soon as possible at 807-8224, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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In Remembrance

RUTH JOSEPHINE MACY

Ruth Josephine Macy, 93, passed away quietly at home in Centralia on Nov. 9, 2014. She was born in Seattle on Nov. 20, 1920. Ruth spent most of her life in Seattle, graduating from Roosevelt High School in 1938. She went on to attend the University of Washington where she met and married the love of her life, Paul T. Macy.

Several years of Ruth's life were spent as a stay-at-home mom. She later returned to the workforce as a claims processor for Farmers Insurance, receiving the Superior Service Award. Ruth was very active in her church, serving as a Deacon, Elder and President of Women's Association.

Ruth's hobbies were reading, handiwork and traveling. She was very proud of her Norwegian heritage. A highlight of her life was traveling to Norway where she found the birthplace home of her father near Oslo. Ruth was known for her quick wit, leadership skills and excellence in all her endeavors. She was dearly loved and will be missed by many.

Ruth is survived by a daughter, Gail (John) Stilmer of Centralia; a son, Paul A. Macy of Rochester; granddaughters, Kirsten, Marin and Michele; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Seattle on Jan. 17, 2015.

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

Sticklin Funeral Chapel

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Centralia, WA 98531
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Condolences may be offered at www.sticklinfuneralchapel.com

In Loving Memory Of

Timothy Lynn Hehn

Timothy Lynn Hehn surrendered to our heavenly father on Jan. 20, 2015 at Hospice in Longview, Washington due to Alzheimer's at the age of 68. He was born in Centralia, Washington on Jan. 10, 1947 to parents, Marceil and Ernie Hehn.

Tim was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Marcia. He is survived by his brother, Thad Hehn of Kalama, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Tim was born with dwarfism, a condition that never hindered his lifestyle. He overcame any obstacle with persistence and determination. His family was very proud of his many accomplishments. Tim attended grade school through high school in Centralia, Washington, then moved to Waldport, Oregon and graduated from there. Tim then, went to Portland State University and received his Master's Degree.

After moving to Eugene, Oregon, he began his career at the University of Oregon, school of law for 34 years until retirement.

During Tim's years, he loved swimming pool parties at his family home, Hot Rods, rock-n-roll and photography. Tim was a huge Ducks fan, he lived very close to the stadium where he would climb up on his roof, drink beer and listen to the game with friends.

Tim often described one of his best accomplishments was winning the "short people" contest at Kash Radio in Eugene on the "shortest day of the year" and he won a "short vacation" to the coast. Tim never lacked for affection or a good punch line like "Hello Larry".

Tim's greatest love was for his cat, Bojo who will miss him along with his family.

A private funeral service was held by the family.

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



In Remembrance

EVALYN MAY PARKER



Evalyn May Parker, 81, of Rainier, Oregon, departed in peace on Jan. 26, 2015. She was born in Chehalis, Washington on Oct. 7, 1933 to John and Elizabeth (Graham) Coleman. She spent her childhood in Silver Creek, dreaming of a country music career on the Nashville stage.

Evalyn moved to Chehalis, where she met and married A. Ray Parker in 1952. The couple raised three children and ran a logging and road construction business together. Over the course of her life, Evalyn also worked as a banker, a real estate agent, a bookkeeper and a restaurateur.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and also by the love of her life, Ray, who died on Sept. 13, 1996.

Always a voracious reader, Evalyn completed the Daily News crossword each morning. She also enjoyed baking and tending to her garden. Over the last 15 years, Evalyn and her companion, Gary Holcomb, have shared a mutual love of travel.

Above all else, she cherished family--boasting 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren! In her final days, Evalyn's nieces, nephews, children, grandchildren and friends surrounded her with love and support.

She is survived by a daughter, Peggins LaGra; two sons, Fred and Greg Parker; siblings, Joe Coleman and Sue Layman.

The family wishes to sincerely thank the staff at St. John's Medical Center and Hospice for their loving care of Evalyn.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Evalyn's name to: Community Home Health and Hospice, 1035 11th Ave Longview, WA 98632.

A graveside service, coordinated by Cattermole Funeral Home, will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Doss Cemetery in Mossyrock, WA.

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

Nation/World

Nation in Brief

Oil Soars on Signs U.S. Oil Companies Curtail Production

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of oil is up 7 percent on indications that production in the U.S. has slowed following the big drop in prices since last June.

U.S. oil surged \$3.18 to \$47.71 a barrel.

Baker Hughes reported that the number of rigs drilling for oil in the U.S. fell by 94 in the past week to 1,223. That's down 199 from this time last year.

The price of oil plummeted about 60 percent since June as global supplies grew faster than demand. OPEC has declined to cut back on its production, putting pressure on U.S. companies to curtail drilling as oil prices fall to a level that makes some production unprofitable.

Futures prices for wholesale gasoline and heating oil also rose sharply, up more than 5 percent.

Rap Music Mogul 'Suge' Knight Arrested in Fatal Hit-and-Run

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marion "Suge" Knight, the impresario of gangster rap, has long been a perpetrator and victim of the violent life he promoted in song.

On Friday, he was portrayed as both.

Sheriff's deputies booked the former hip-hop music mogul on suspicion of murder after they said he hit and killed a man with his pickup truck, seriously injured another and then fled. His lawyer said he was an innocent victim who accidentally ran over his friend as he tried to escape a group of attacking thugs.

The incident was the latest in a long line of brushes with death and the law for the 49-year-old founder of Death Row Records, one of the genre's leading labels.

More Measles Cases Found in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More measles cases have been found in California, health officials said Friday.

Figures released by the California Department of Public Health showed there are now 91 confirmed cases in the state, up from 79 on Wednesday.

Of those, 58 infections have been linked to visits to Disneyland or contact with a sick person who went there.

Mexico and at least six other U.S. states — Utah, Washington, Colorado, Oregon, Nebraska and Arizona — also have recorded measles cases connected to Disneyland.

The outbreak, which originated at Disney theme parks last month, is spreading to the broader community.

Measles, which is spread through the air, is highly contagious. Symptoms include fever, runny nose and a blotchy rash.

Most young children are vaccinated against measles. But outbreaks still occur in the United States, usually when travelers pick up the virus abroad and then spread it among unvaccinated people here.

Obama Calls for Spending Surge, Buoyed by Rising Economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring an end to "mindless austerity," President Barack Obama called for a surge in government spending Thursday, and asked Congress to throw out the sweeping budget cuts both parties agreed to four years ago when deficits were spiraling out of control.

Obama's proposed \$74 billion in added spending — about 7 percent — would be split about evenly between defense programs and the domestic side of the budget. Although he's sought before to reverse the "sequester" spending cuts, Obama's pitch in this year's budget comes with the added oomph of an improving economy and big recent declines in federal deficits.

Romney Pulls Out of Presidential Contest

TOP PROSPECTS: Jeb Bush, Chris Christie Seem to Move to Forefront With Romney Out of Picture

By Steve Peoples

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney ended his rollercoaster return to presidential politics on Friday, declaring his party would be better served by the "next generation of Republican leaders" and concluding his unlikely comeback as suddenly as it began.

Aides said it was a deeply personal and even painful decision for the 2012 Republican presidential nominee. He insisted he could win the next election if he ran, but his announcement followed a three-week fact-finding effort that revealed significant resistance to a third campaign.

"I BELIEVE THAT one of our next generation of Republican leaders, one who may not be as well-known as I am today, one who has not yet taken their message across the country, one who is just getting started, may well emerge as being better able to defeat the Democrat nominee," Romney told supporters on a conference call. "In fact, I expect and hope that to be the case."

The remark was both a recognition of his own limitations

and an indirect swipe at the man who created the urgency behind Romney's brief flirtation with a third presidential campaign. That is former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the son and brother of former presidents, who is speeding toward a campaign of his own.

Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would have served as Romney's most likely rivals for the support of the GOP establishment, and both men felt an immediate impact. The announcement sparked a rush of activity by Romney loyalists — operatives and donors alike — suddenly freed to support another White House hopeful as the crowded 2016 field begins to take shape.

Devoted Romney supporter Bill Kunkler, part of Chicago's wealthy Crown family, said he was disappointed by Friday's news but now was all-in for Bush.

"I'll work for Jeb. Period. And no one else," Kunkler said, noting that he planned to attend a Feb. 18 Chicago fundraiser for Bush hosted by former Romney backers.

Bobbie Kilberg, a top GOP fundraiser based in Virginia, quickly settled on Christie.

"We had long and deep ties and friendship with Mitt," she said. "That has changed obviously, at 11 o'clock this morning."

Romney's aides insist there was no specific incident that

caused Friday's abrupt announcement, which came during a late morning conference call with close supporters and former staffers.

The former Massachusetts governor, who is 67, shocked the political world three weeks earlier, when signaled interest in a third presidential run during a private meeting with former donors in New York.

That followed what aides describe as several months of strong encouragement from Republicans as he toured the country raising money and energy for GOP colleagues.

"NO ONE ASKED McCain to run again," said longtime Romney aide Ron Kaufman, a reference to 2008 nominee John McCain. "Thousands of people asked Mitt to run again."

The surprise announcement of Romney's interest three weeks ago in the office of New York Jets owner Woody Johnson was the first public step in a fact-finding mission meant to assess the 2016 outlook. Romney, a longtime business executive, has typically followed a scientific approach to challenges — political and otherwise — and demanded data before making a decision.

He and his most trusted advisers plunged into phone calls and personal visits with key GOP officials and activists across the country.

World in Brief

Jordan Awaits Proof Hostage Is Alive After Swap Deadline

TOKYO (AP) — The fates of a Japanese journalist and Jordanian military pilot were unknown Friday, a day after the latest purported deadline for a possible prisoner swap passed with no further word from the Islamic State group holding them captive.

Jordan has said it will only release an al-Qaida prisoner, Sajida al-Rishawi, from death row if it gets proof of the pilot, Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh, is alive and so far has received no such evidence from the hostage-takers.

At the same time, the government is under domestic pressure to win the release of al-Kaseasbeh, the first foreign pilot to be captured by Islamic State militants since a U.S.-led military coalition began carrying out air strikes against IS-controlled areas of Iraq and Syria in September. Jordan is part of the coalition.

5 May Face Preliminary Charges Over Jihadi Network in France

PARIS (AP) — Five people have appeared before a French judge and could face preliminary charges over a jihadi recruiting network in a small southern town from where several youths went to fight in Syria and Iraq.

Friday's move comes after three days of police questioning of the five after security forces detained them in connection with the network in southern Lunel. Authorities say at least six people from the town died in Iraq and Syria in recent months.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve has said Tuesday's raids dismantled a jihadi network.

France says about 3,000 citizens have links to extremist fighters in Syria and Iraq, with important contingents in both the Islamic State group and al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front.

Bomb Blast at Shiite Muslim Mosque in Pakistan Kills 56

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A bomb blast ripped through a Shiite mosque in southern Pakistan as worshippers gathered for Friday prayers, killing at least 56 people and wounding dozens more, in the deadliest act of anti-Shiite violence in two years.

The attack compounds Pakistan's security challenge to contain a surge in militancy following last month's killing of 150 people, mostly children, at a Peshawar school.

The militant Sunni group Jundullah claimed responsibility for Friday's bombing in the city of Shikarpur in Sindh province, 310 miles north of the port city of Karachi.

That area of Pakistan has suffered comparatively little violence in contrast to the northwestern tribal areas bordering Afghanistan and in Karachi. Friday's bloodshed raised fears that extremists could be gaining a foothold in the region.

Russian Military to Get 50 Intercontinental Missiles This Year

MOSCOW (AP) — The chief of Russia's General Staff says the military will receive 50 intercontinental ballistic missiles this year, maintaining a high tempo of modernization despite the nation's economic downturn.

Gen. Valery Gerasimov's statement Friday comes amid spiraling Russia-West tensions over Ukraine, where fighting between pro-Russian rebels and government forces flared up anew this month after a period of relative calm.

Gerasimov said weapons modernization should prevent the U.S. and NATO from achieving military superiority over Russia.

He said the development of strategic nuclear forces is the top priority, adding that Russia will counter NATO's U.S.-led missile defense system by deploying weapons capable of penetrating the shield.



Pilots, from left, Troy Bradley of Albuquerque, N.M., and Leonid Tiukhtyaev of Russia, are shown Jan. 8 before they lift off in a gas balloon in Saga, Japan. The Two Eagles pilots have traveled farther and longer in a gas balloon than anyone in history.

American and Russian Balloon Pilots Make History Crossing Pacific Ocean

By Susan Montoya Bryan

The Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A pair of American and Russian pilots has traveled farther and longer in a gas balloon than anyone in history, trying to eliminate any remaining debate over a century of records in long-distance ballooning.

The Two Eagles pilots surpassed the distance and duration records that have held since the 1970s and 1980s, and were aiming Friday for a safe landing somewhere on a beach in Mexico's Baja California peninsula.

Troy Bradley of Albuquerque and Leonid Tiukhtyaev of Russia lifted off from Japan Sunday morning, and by Friday, they beat what's considered the "holy grail" of ballooning achievements, the 137-hour duration record set in 1978 by the Double Eagle crew of Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman in the first balloon flight across the Atlantic.

By Friday afternoon, the Two Eagles team had been in the air more than 143 hours and was smashing the distance record,

having traveled more than 6,000 miles across the Pacific Ocean.

"The technology has improved so much in the last couple of years. I don't think there's going to be any question about the records," said Katie Griggs, a regional director with the nonprofit Balloon Federation of America.

The world has been tracking their progress online and through social media sites. Still, the official distance and time of the Two Eagles flight must be confirmed by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, which requires staying aloft 1 percent longer and farther than the previous record.

The balloon is outfitted with an array of monitors and other instruments that are tracking its course and compiling the data, using technology that didn't exist in decades past, leaving some claims unproven.

Their first target was the official distance record of 5,209 miles set by the Double Eagle V team during the first trans-Pacific flight in 1981. They surpassed that on Thursday.

The journey has been tough

on the pilots, who have been on oxygen for days; high altitude can take a physical toll. But they've been managing to crack jokes when checking in with mission control and their families.

The flight's mission control director, Steve Shope, said their priority now is getting the balloon to a safe landing after bad weather along the U.S. West Coast forced them to make a sharp right turn toward Mexico.

"Right now we have a big job ahead of us to get this balloon down," Shope said.

A chase crew of volunteers and members of the mission were en route Friday to record their arrival, help tether their craft and gather the balloon.

The pilots plan to come in low and drop thick trailing ropes into the ocean to help slow the balloon before setting down on some dunes in Baja California. Once they reach the sand, they will have traveled more than 6,800 miles.

"We're very excited. The pilots are excited. I think they're ready to land," Shope said.

Crime By the Numbers: Sheriff's Office, Twin Cities Police Discuss 2014 Data

SIRENS AND LIGHTS: Law Enforcement Agency Leaders Look at the Statistics — Some More Than Others

By Kaylee Osowski
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Bob Berg
Centralia police chief



Glenn Schaffer
Chehalis police chief

Preliminary crime statistics for local law enforcement agencies for last year have been tallied and totaled, giving authorities a by-the-numbers look at the area's reported crimes and the rate at which officials are able to clear those crimes.

But how much the leaders of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office and the Centralia and Chehalis police departments consider the statistics for their agencies varies.



Rob Snaza
sheriff

Sheriff Rob Snaza said statistics have value, but whether sheriff's office employees are making a difference in less tangible ways needs to be noted as well.

Chehalis Chief Glenn Schaffer said unless he notices large fluctuations in numbers up or down, he pays more attention to reports, day-by-day activity and officers' efforts to clear cases.

"I think if there's drastic changes in numbers, it's something to look at, but ... statistics don't really give a great picture of what's happening," Schaffer said. "There's too many variables and too many ways that statistics can be interpreted."

Individual statistics can contain many anomalies, but looking at numbers over time, Centralia Chief Bob Berg said, the figures can be informative.

Berg's biggest takeaway from his department's crime statistics for 2014 is the continual rate of decline of crime in Centralia. Since 2010, the agency has seen a decrease in crime with a 6.67 percent reduction in all offenses between 2013 and 2014.

However, Berg said he's not sure it will drop much lower because every community will always have a certain rate of crime. Given the high unemployment and poverty rates and high alcohol and drug abuse rates of Centralia, he thinks the city crime rate may be close to bottoming out.

He said there is always a chance that crime has been un-

derreported in recent years, but he thinks, based on 10 years of data, the community hasn't suddenly decided to stop reporting offenses.

FRAUD, THEFT, PROPERTY damage and burglary have the lowest clearance rates for the sheriff's office, Centralia and Chehalis police departments.

Berg said with burglaries down 17 percent and thefts down 11 percent from 2013 to 2014, policing efforts are working in those areas.

The sheriff's office has seen a decrease of 13 percent in thefts, but burglaries only saw a 5 percent decrease, Sheriff Rob Snaza said.

However, motor vehicle thefts in Lewis County were up 22 percent from 2013 to 2014.

Snaza said he thinks property crimes need to be taken more seriously and more jail time needs to be imposed for offenders.

"I guarantee you if they're doing more time on property crimes, the likelihood of them reoffending will be (lower)," Snaza said.

CHEHALIS HAD 64 total burglaries and 465 larceny or theft offenses. The majority of those were shoplifting crimes.

While other types of offenses have decreased in Centralia, the number of aggravated assaults has increased from 36 in 2013 to 54 in 2014.

"We just cannot seem to get down and keep down our felony assault rate," Berg said.

However, the sheriff's office saw an 18 percent decrease in assaults, Snaza said.

Chehalis recorded 130 assault offenses in 2014.

When it comes to forcible sex crimes, agencies are seeing the lowest clearance rates in reports of fondling. Chehalis cleared three out of eight fondling offenses with arrests. The sheriff's office has a clear rate of about 82 percent. Centralia cleared five out of 23 offenses. Fondling was also the most common forcible sex offense for the agencies.

Sex offenses for the sheriff's office were up 42 percent between 2013 and 2014.

"I think a lot more people are reporting incidents than they have in the past and that's why we're seeing this," Snaza said about the increase in sex crimes.

Drug offenses were down 2 percent for the sheriff's office, and it's an area Snaza plans to focus on this year.

"We're going to take a more aggressive stance," Snaza said. "We're going to be working with our schools. We're going to be working with our local communities on what we can do to combat drug abuse in our communities."

Looking at the numbers for 2014, Schaffer said the figures were pretty standard for the agency.

He said the department saw a couple weeks with a high number of vehicle prowls, but that anomaly subsided and the numbers averaged out for the year.

Based on observations by officers, the number of fraud and scams, especially against elderly people, is concerning. Schaffer said it is something the agency plans to work toward decreasing through public education.

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News in Brief

Dance Festival Northwest Coming to Corbet Theatre in March

By The Chronicle

The Southwest Washington Dance Center will host the 23rd annual Dance Festival Northwest at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

Dance Festival Northwest brings dance companies from around the Pacific Northwest to the Centralia/Chehalis area. The dancers attend master dance classes together as a group, and then each individual company performs dance pieces they have prepared.

There will be diverse forms of dance performed, from contemporary ballet, modern/contemporary dance and jazz.

The host company, under the direction of Danielle Brosco, is Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble, Chehalis.

Visiting companies this year include Ballet Northwest, Olympia; Harbor Dance Ballet Company, Gig Harbor; Olympia Dance Center, Olympia; Studio West Dance Theatre, Olympia; and Washington Contemporary Ballet, University Place.

Tickets are available at www.swwdance.org; at the Southwest Washington Dance Center, 455 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis; and at the door. Admission is \$15 for adults, and \$10 for seniors, students and children. For more information, call the Dance Center 748-4789.



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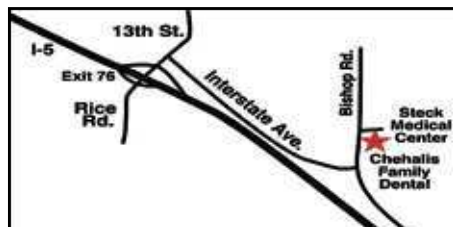
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Winlock Set to Host Super Weekend Madden Tournament

DOZENS OF PARTICIPANTS:

Registrants Include People from Across Washington State, Organizer Says

By Christopher Brewer
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Super Bowl weekend could be grand not only for the Seattle Seahawks, but for one video gamer who could take home \$1,000 and a trophy of his or her own.

The Gamers World League will host its first-ever Madden tournament at Winlock Elementary School today, with doors opening at 8:30 for about 80 players vying for the title. The tournament, which starts at 9 a.m., will pay out prizes for the

“We’re hoping that the Hawks win the trophy, and we’re happy to be giving out one of our own.”

Tim White
organizer

top three places and function as a weekend-long gathering for football fanatics.

“We’re hoping that the Hawks win the trophy, and we’re happy to be giving out one of our own,” event organizer Tim White said. “We’re hoping for a big turnout.”

Since first announcing the tournament in early December, White has launched a website

at www.gamersworldleague.com for people to register for the tournament and another to be held Feb. 28 to March 1, this time involving teams playing Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare.” Registrations for the Madden tournament will be accepted at the door, with \$40 and two cans of food to be donated to the Winlock Food Bank.

Each participant is guaranteed at least two full games as the tournament is set up as a double-elimination format. For those who don’t want to join the action but simply want to watch, \$10 and two cans of food are good enough for entry to see it all go down Saturday and Sunday.

White said registrations have come in from people as far away as Everett and Portland, all converging on Winlock with their eyes on a replica Super Bowl trophy.

“We think it’s going to be a pretty cool event. My wife and I have spent a lot of money on this,” White said. “From what we’re hearing, there are still people telling us they’re coming to play.”

White added that several big-screen TVs will showcase the Super Bowl itself on Sunday, and

several events such as a Sunday morning flag football game and a bounce house for children will cater to those who prefer not to immerse themselves in virtual football.

It’s the first event for the Gamers World League, a gaming federation White has set up that hopes to hold tournaments focusing on different video games once per month. Anyone who wants to join the league for a full year can do so on the league’s website for \$65.

Former NFL player David Richie is expected to attend the event.



David Richie
former NFL player

News in Brief

Federal Disaster Loans Available for January Flood Victims

By The Chronicle

Disaster loans are available to homeowners and renters who were impacted by flooding on Jan. 5 in Lewis County.

Low-interest federal disaster loans for homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate are available for up to \$200,000. Homeowners and renters looking to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property are eligible for loans up to \$40,000.

The loans are from a disaster declaration of the Small Business Administration. Interest rates can be as low as 4 percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations and 1.938 percent for homeowners and renters. The Small Business Administration determines loan amounts and terms based on applicants financial conditions.

Applicants can apply online on the administration’s website, disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Additional information and application forms are also available by calling (800) 659-2955 or emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Hearing impaired individuals can call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline for applications is March 30.

For additional information, call Lewis County Emergency Management at (360) 740-1151.

Spanish-Language Interpreter Hired at Centralia School District

By The Chronicle

A part-time Spanish-language interpreter has joined the Centralia School District.

Laura Martinez, who will be based at Jefferson-Lincoln Elementary, will serve the entire district. The position is funded through Title 1 and allows Martinez, a Spanish instructor at Centralia College, to work three hours per day at the district.

“Nearly 31 percent of our student population is Hispanic,” Steve Warren, interim superintendent, said. “Many of those students live in households where Spanish, not English, is the primary language. This creates a huge need for us to be able to provide documents, publications, and other services in Spanish for those families.”

Shelley Habenicht, director of special programs, said Martinez would spend her time translating district documents when not needed for oral interpretations.

The district previously received interpretation services on a per-need basis from contracted translators. Warren said the demand showed the services needed to be brought in-house.

“Given the amount of information that we communicate to students and parents every day, it just makes sense to have someone with us who can handle it,” he said.

Martinez said she is thrilled to be a part of the district and said the reception from both staff and families has been welcoming thus far.

“I look forward to meeting more of our Spanish speaking families and helping them to connect with their children’s schools,” she said.



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Voices

Columns, Celebrations,
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Voice of the People

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

Readers reminisce along with a Chronicle article about the Seahawks drafting Steve Largent in 1976:

Edna Murphy: One of my favorite NFL players!

Sue Hickman: Loved to watch him play.

Chronline Comments

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

• Story: Former Sexton Arrested for Violating Protection Order at Centralia Cemetery

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Do you think she will ever learn that she does not own or operate the cemetery anymore? That she does not belong in the cemetery for no reason? She has no relation there. I am sure this will not be the last time.

Judge Sets Bail at \$250,000 for Accused Chehalis Bank Robber

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Olympic Kids Create a 12th Man



Photograph submitted by Tammi Meister, Chehalis

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Olympic Elementary in Chehalis show their support for the Seattle Seahawks by forming a number 12, for the 12th Man, outside the school. The Seahawks play the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl Sunday.

Honor Rolls

NAPAVINE HIGH SCHOOL

Following are members of the Napavine High School first-semester honor roll:

4.0 Grade Point Average

Seniors: Cody Filley, Nicole Sorensen
Juniors: Olivia Alvord
Sophomores: Adam Barnhart, Skylar Harmon, Jadelyne Wheeler
Freshmen: Randy Kinswa, Cole Van Wyck

Superintendent's List (3.51-4.00 GPA)

Seniors: Sage Atkins, Charlotta Duren, Brittnee Goodman, Diana Hernandez Leon, Kylie Krause, Byron Perz, Layce Shannon, Chance Sherwood

Juniors: Rebecca Adams, Joseph Cole, Alique Fulleton, Temp Prince Gibbons, Logan Guenther, Grace Hamre, Jordan Lewis, Krystal Routon, Raenna Snaza, Sara Swayze, Rylee White, Svetlana Zhikhor,

Sophomores: Samuel Fagerness, Kenya Lorton, Maribel Le Gro, Ashlie Oxford, Lexee Pope, Joel Rotter, Samuel Smith, Ruth Anne Steadham, Brandy Steffen, Wyatt Suter, Casey Talley,

Freshmen: Lauryn Bailey, Noah Cole, Aydan Costin, Haily Durham, Samuel Johnson, Tahlia Lopez, Abbigal Music, Mollie Olson, Stasha Pinion, Laura Sandoval Amador, Cole Scott, Jenna Sisson, Isaac Subitch, Courtney Teitzel

Principal's List (3.25-3.50 GPA)

Seniors: Kaylee Barada, Teara Cook, Jarrod Manes Jr., Janell McPeake, Chelsea Oster, Alix Ripper, Stephanie Shumaker

Juniors: Owen Anderson, Katie Christie, Haily Dickinson, Alicia Frank, Jacob Johnston, Kambill Matzko, Erika Potter, Bryanna Squibb, Wyatt Wheeler

Sophomores: Seth Brossard, McLean Fagerness, Austin Filley, Wyatt Stanley

Freshmen: Eric Hays, Melissa Lee, Hannah Manes, Alaina Matson, Cortney Oster, Wade Sabbin, Evelyn Sevilla, Madelynn Thompson, Nellie Zhikhor

Honorable Mention (3.0-3.24 GPA)

Seniors: Mecacla Chapman, Makayla Dailey, Cole Doughy, Brandon Guenther, Joseph Hickey, Sean Hollinger, Jordan Holmes, Elizabeth Johnson, Trista Mitchell, Kevin Sandoval, Danielle Witke, Daniel Zhikhor

Juniors: Bradley Francis, Angeloyse Parker, Chase Van Wyck

Sophomores: Yesica Mendez-Reyes, Garrhet Neely

Freshmen: Noah Lantz, Reagan Norman, Peyton Stanley

Births

• **JAMIE WILSON AND DAVID BIRD**, Oakville, a girl, Sadie Lee Bird, Jan. 17, 6 pounds, 6 ounces, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.

• **SHANTELL BOWMAN AND JEREMY GOLDNER**, Centralia, a girl, Amiah Ann Goldner, Jan. 19, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital.

• **SASHA STARR**, Centralia, **AND SAMUEL WRIGHT**, Oakville, a boy, Jaxon Amil Starr, Jan. 20, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Beverly and Amil Starr Jr., Oakville, and Harvey and Edna Bruce, both deceased. Great-grandparents are Annie Jones, Oakville, and Amil Starr Sr., Oakville.

• **BRENDEE ARNOLD AND BRADY CARROLL**, Chehalis, a boy, Mason James Carroll, Jan. 21, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Nicolette and Jim Arnold, Seward, Alaska, and Larenna Nelson, Centralia.

• **KELLY AND JASON SCHEND**, Napavine, a boy, Henry August Schend, Jan. 23, 9 pounds, 14 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Nancy and Bryan Hoog, Lake Stevens, and Colleen and David Schend, Spokane.

• **STEVIE SNIDER AND BLAKE BENNETT**, Chehalis, a boy, Grayson Steven Bennett, Jan. 23, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Jim and Milissia Snider, Centralia; Steve Bennett, Onalaska; and Debra and Roland Erickson, Waitsburg. Great-grandparents are Noel and Dedra Wade, Chehalis; Karen Snider, Centralia; Jim and Maryann Bennett, Cathlamet; and Joe and Pat Basta, Walla Walla.

• **SHANNA BICE AND DAVID AHRENS**, Chehalis, a girl, Jezamae Nikole Marie Ahrens, Jan. 25, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Terri Gillard, Onalaska; Ona and Richard Ahrens, Kapaa, Hawaii; Ken Bice, Goldendale; and Beverly Wright, Toppenish.

• **SKYE AND ELIJAH MAXWELL**, Centralia, a boy, Erik Niyol Maxwell, 8 pounds, 1 ounce, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are John and Karen Maxwell, Centralia, and Alan and Ilene Calhoun, Yelm. Great-grandparents are John and Gerri Maxwell, Netarts, Oregon; Don and Carol Robbins, Lacey; Charles and Ruby Burgeson, Tacoma; and Adrian and the late Flora Calhoun, Choteau, Montana.

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Left: Douglas Schofield, of Centralia, has his hair cut by Centralia Beauty College student Rylie Blair, of Onalaska, during a Homeless Connect event at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds on Thursday afternoon. **Right:** An attendee of Thursday's Homeless Connect event sorts through piles of clothes as a volunteer refolds sweatshirts at the 4-H Building at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in Chehalis.

Counting and Helping the Homeless in Chehalis

PROJECT HOMELESS

CONNECT: Event Connects Homeless With Services, Free Food, Haircuts and Supplies

By Justyna Tomtas
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Adrian Gillespie, who has been homeless on and off for three years, said he is working to turn his life around after a traumatic event caused a disruption in his plans.

"My mom passed away and I had nowhere else to go. She died in my arms and it was very traumatic," he said. "It kind of threw me for a while, and right now I'm taking medication trying to get elevated so I can move on with life and stop blaming myself for my mom's death."

Gillespie, 43, is one of the many homeless individuals who attended Project Homeless Connect on Thursday to benefit from the variety of services available at the event.

He said he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and has utilized the services offered at the annual event to help propel himself in the right direction. His first goal is to mentally make progress.

After that he hopes to find a job, secure an income and maybe even attend college to further his education.

"I come to an event like this for supplies. I'm on the streets and they help me with a sleeping bag. I just won a tent and got clothing; everything I may need in order to get by," he said.

He said the services provided have also been a great help and he said the event was more than he could ask for.

"Everyone goes out of their way and it's a wonderful thing," he said. "I hope it continues and helps hundreds of thousands of people."

Project Homeless Connect aims to help the homeless and also uses the opportunity to conduct the annual homeless count, a federal mandate.

"I think a lot of people aren't aware of what resources are available to them and some people just kind of get into a rough spot."

Katrina Cole
volunteer

Ruth Gutierrez, executive director of the Housing Resource Center of Lewis County, said the count provides the county with a snapshot of the homeless in the area. She said the event was an important one to have and maintain.

"It gets information out and people can come in that don't usually come and get services," she said.

Last year, the homeless count was 174, according to Michaelle Sorlie, of Lewis County Public Health and Social Services. That number did not include people who were staying with family and friends. She said the event sees a pretty even mix of the two types of homeless people, and stated the increase in demand now seems to be higher than ever.

"(The turnout), it gets better

every year, which is sad because that means the need isn't getting any less," she said.

Numbers of this year's count will not be available until sometime in May.

Megan Pickus, an organizer of the event, said more people seemed to be in attendance than at last year's event. She noticed an increase in older men, between the ages of 50 to 65, as well as individuals in their 30s.

One of the most popular attractions was free haircuts offered by Centralia Beauty College and a "store" that let those in attendance browse through a selection of donated clothes and supplies, which were free to those who needed it.

A new feature at the event allowed people to get their photos taken after their transformation.

"I don't think a lot of the people have the opportunity to get their photos taken," Johnna Carlo, a volunteer manning the booth, said. "They really have enjoyed it so far."

Katrina Cole, a volunteer with the Department of Social and Health Services, said this year's event was much more organized than last year's. A new area to check in helped catch those who came into the building and also gave volunteers the opportunity to point the individuals to the services they needed.

"I think a lot of people aren't aware of what resources are

available to them and some people just kind of get into a rough spot," she said, stating the event helps connect those individuals with the services they truly need.

The 4-H Building at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds was packed full, as people filtered in from as far as East Lewis County. A shuttle service helped ensure everyone had a way to get to the event.

"All the homeless are welcome here," Sorlie said.

HOW TO HELP

Anyone who wants to donate or volunteer for the upcoming Homeless Connect summer event can contact Megan Pickus at (360) 740-3803 or Cathy Pickus at (360) 740-3855. The event will most likely take place in July or August.

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2B Boys Basketball

MWP Widens C2BL Lead With Win Over Second-Place Pirates



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MWP's Zach Walton turns to the hoop against Adna Friday night in Adna.

STILL UNDEFEATED: Timberwolves Win 15th League Victory

By The Chronicle

ADNA — The Timberwolves made their move in the second quarter, outscoring Adna 18-8, and stayed undefeated on the season with a 65-38 Central 2B League victory here on Friday night. Zach Walton led the No. 1

team in the state with 21 points while Kolby Dunlap backed that up with 19, keeping the Timberwolves atop the league standings with a win over the second-place team in the league.

"They're good defensively and they made it tough for us," Adna coach Casey Dotson said. "They took us out of our offense and what we wanted to do. They played good physical man-to-man and it bothered us."

That defensive pressure from Morton-White Pass affected Adna's execution and the Pirates finished the game shooting 30 percent from the field. Garrett Trotter paced Adna with 8 points while Jordan Richardson added 7.

"We're a better team than what we showed tonight," Dotson said. "With Morton-White

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Thursday's 2A Wrestling



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Centralia's Kyzer Bailey (left) and W.F. West's Allan McClure (right) feel each other out during the 195-pound match Thursday night during the Bearcats' Evergreen 2A Conference dual matchup with the Tigers in Centralia. McClure won, 14-10.

McClure Over Bailey Highlights Rivalry Match

ROUND TWO: Rematch Between Two of State's Top 195-Pounders Lives Up to Its Billing; W.F. West Tops Tigers, 42-27

By Aaron VanTuyl
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It wasn't the first time they'd wrestled, and no one believes it'll be the last.

On Thursday, though, the 195-pound match was still the must-see bout in the annual Centralia-W.F. West Evergreen 2A Conference dual wrestling meet — and by no means did it disappoint.

W.F. West's Allan McClure outdueled Centralia's Kyzer Bailey, 14-10, in the marquee bout, evening the season standings between the two seniors at one apiece and setting the stage for

a few more postseason meetings. "That was an awesome match," McClure said. "It was fun wrestling Kyzer. I was happy to come back and beat him this time."

Bailey, the top-ranked 195-pounder in the washington-wrestlingreport.com's 2A rankings, beat McClure, 9-5, in the finals at the Bearcat Invite in Chehalis on Jan. 10.

On Thursday, however, Bai-

ley picked up a takedown and a pair of reversals and led 6-4 after the first period. McClure pulled a 3-point near-fall in the second period to lead 10-8, and Bailey was assessed a technical violation for leaving the mat between the second and third periods, putting McClure up 11-8 to start the finale.

With a minute left to wrestle Bailey notched a takedown, but McClure's escape gave the

Bearcat a two-point cushion, and he added takedown in the final seconds.

"I was feeling kind of down this week. I just wasn't feeling wrestling," McClure said. "But once I got on the mat I was energized and really excited to wrestle."

It showed in the end, as he improved to 23-1 on the season.

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2A/1A Boys Basketball

Peterson, Beavers Score Double-Overtime Win Over Rochester, 62-54

THRILLER: Beavers Rally From Down 17 in Third Quarter for Rivalry Win

By Aaron VanTuyl
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TENINO — A white-out theme for the Beaver student section, senior night festivities, an 18th-birthday celebration and playoff implications all made for an exciting evening here Friday night.

The double-overtime rivalry win just happened to be icing on the cake.

Nihls Peterson capped a big night with 7 points in the second extra period, and Tenino overcame a sluggish first half and a 17-point third-quarter deficit to

beat rival Rochester, 62-54, in Evergreen 2A/1A League boys hoops action.

Peterson hit a pair of free throws with 4 seconds left in regulation to force overtime, but missed a tough contested jumper with a few seconds left in the first extra frame that sent it into double overtime.

He opened the final overtime with a bucket, knocked down a jumper midway through to put Tenino up 58-52, and scored on a putback with 35 seconds left that kept the lead at 6 points.

"We played horrible in the first half," Peterson, a 6-foot-4 junior, said. "We don't play like that. That wasn't us. But we came out and got it done, and that's all that matters."

Peterson finished with 26

points and eight rebounds, with 16 in the second half and overtime.

"It's actually a really big win for us," he said. "I thought we would have come out with more energy at the beginning, but that's all that matters. We got the win."

The Beavers trailed 23-16 at halftime, after shooting 7 of 26 from the field over the first two quarters. The teams swapped 3-pointers to open the second half — Tanner Nelson dropped one in for Rochester, and Greigh Hill knocked one down for Tenino — before the Warriors went on a 10-0 run to lead 36-19.

Tenino answered with a 13-0 run that stretched into the

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Tenino's Jonathon Jonesnewman (34) grabs a rebound against Rochester during Evergreen 2A/1A Division action Friday night in Tenino.

Takedown

Centralia's Javon Brager takes down W.F. West's Cole Miller during the heavyweight match during an EvCo dual Thursday night in Centralia.



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The Final Word

Carroll Says Decision is Sherman's if Baby Arrives Early

PHOENIX (AP) — Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Friday it will be Richard Sherman's decision whether to play in Sunday's Super Bowl if his pregnant girlfriend goes into labor with the couple's first child sooner than expected.

Carroll said during a joint news conference with Pats coach Bill Belichick that family comes first and "if (Sherman) is faced with that decision, we'll support him."

"He has an opportunity to face a big decision and whenever our players have a personal, family issue that comes up it's always about family first and they can decide what is best for them and I support that," Carroll said. "However he goes with that, if he's faced with that decision we'll support him and we'll see how that goes."

Carroll also added, "I can't wait to see little Petey."

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Wrestling

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"It was just little mistakes that cost Kyzer big points," Tiger coach Scott Phillips said. "But, you know, it's just one match for him, and he knows the post-season's the most important part."

The Bearcat bench was assessed a technical warning at the conclusion of the match for jumping up to congratulate McClure — though the emotion in the Centralia High School gym was hardly limited to the sidelines at that point.

"Our kids got a little too excited, and our kids got a little too close to the mat," Bearcat coach Jamie Rakevich said. "But it's nice to see a little fire for your teammate."

It isn't likely to be the last meeting between the Twin Cities 195-pounders.

"Duane (Bailey, Kyzer's father) and I were talking, and if that's the state finals, it wouldn't surprise me," Rakevich said. "It'd be great, and I hope it is. I'd love it for both the kids. And they'd better have two defibrillators there, for him and me."

The next chance will be at the sub-regional meet, set for Feb. 7.

"I feel like Kyzer's going to come back stronger next time," McClure said, "so I'll have to work really hard in practice, or I'm gonna lose next time, I can tell."

McClure's win gave the Bearcats a 33-6 lead in the dual, which they would go on to win 42-27.

W.F. West's Michael Anderson (132), Beau Dugo (138) and Michael Matagi (145) all won by major decision, while Nolan Camlin picked up a pin over Isidro Cruz in the second period.

Eric Braun, the No. 2-ranked 160-pounder in the state, then recorded his 20th pin of the season in 37 seconds over Fernando Arevalo. The senior is now five shy of the school record, held by former state champion Derek Driscoll, who graduated in 2007.

W.F. West's Brenden Spahr pinned Kaitlyn Whalen in the first period at 170, and Centra-



lia's Joe Finch — wrestling up a weight class — got an 8-2 decision over Braydon Bostwick at 182.

Brayden Andrews (220) and Javon Brager (285) both won by pin for the Tigers, as did Mykka Mcallister at 113.

"I don't know that we wrestled our best match, to be honest," Rakevich said. "I think we had some guys that underperformed a little bit, even in their wins. Centralia came out and battled. It's a rivalry match, so they came out and fought hard."

W.F. West's Roehre Cunningham pinned Tristan Hicks-Avrin with 2 seconds left in the second period of the 106 bout, and, in the final match of the night, the Bearcats' Ethan Lund got a 4-2 win over Andrew Anderson at 120.

"I'm fairly happy, overall, as a team," Phillips said. "We've got six or seven freshmen in the lineup, and some girls in there, and first-year wrestlers. I'm happy with our effort. I'm never happy with kids getting pinned, but overall, we competed."

Centralia (0-3 league) will wrestle at the Rainier Invite this weekend, while W.F. West (3-0 league) is off until the sub-regional tournament next Saturday at Tumwater High School.

Note: Rakevich took exception to the Tigers' use of girls during the varsity match, as Evergreen 2A Conference matches are used to determine postseason seeding, and boys and girls are split up for postseason tournaments.

Centralia's Hailey Huerta won the 126-pound match by forfeit to start Thursday's dual.

"We're going to give our kids a choice. They don't have to wrestle a girl," Rakevich said. "Our 126-pounder decided not to. I don't see any reason to send a state-ranked guy out there to wrestle a girl. The fact that one team's done it over and over again kind of speaks to the programs."

The league had discussed the

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W.F. West's Michael Anderson ties up Centralia's Kadin Heymann-Orr in the 132-pound bout during Evergreen 2A Conference action Thursday on Ron Brown Court in Centralia. Anderson won, 12-3.

idea of limiting girls' participation in boys varsity wrestling, according to EvCo wrestling commissioner — and Tumwater athletic director — Tim Graham. The preseason discussion did not result in the adoption of any new league policies, though it was brought up in regard to the WIAA's policy of separation, hence the separate regional and state tournaments for female wrestlers.

Centralia athletic director Scott Chamberlain said the school has attempted to set up girls dual matches prior to boys duals whenever possible, but even with the recent growth in girls wrestling setting up matches has been difficult.

"Since our league teams do not have that ability, then we continue to put the best lineup together and fill our lineup for our league duals," he wrote in an email, adding that disallowing girls from wrestling in EvCo duals may be considered discriminatory.

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Thursday's 2B Girls Basketball

No. 6 Wahkiakum Slips By No. 10 Napavine, 43-41

By The Chronicle

NAPAVINE — The Mules jumped out to an early lead and managed to hold on, albeit by a slim margin, in a 43-41 win over the Tigers here in a Central 2B League girls basketball battle featuring two state-ranked teams on Thursday.

The No. 6-ranked Mules captured a 29-20 halftime lead, and made it stand up to being outscored 21-14 by Napavine after the break. Peyton Souvenir shouldered the Wahkiakum effort with 18 points and Baylee Olsen added 13 points.

"We just got down and it wasn't a very high scoring game for anybody," Napavine coach Jeremy Landram said. "We couldn't really pair together back-to-back baskets and the rim was not kind to us."

Kenya Lorton and Devanie Kleemeyer led the charge for Napavine with 11 points each. The Tigers went 16 of 59 (27 percent) from the field.

"We are and inexperienced and I give credit to the veteran Wahkiakum team," Landram said. "They did what they had to to finish the game."

The Tigers (12-3 league, 13-4 overall) will host a twinbill with Morton-White Pass tonight.

Lady Pirates Prevail in Randle

RANDLE — Offensive struggles plagued the Timberwolves once more, and the Pirates took full advantage as Adna defeated Morton-White Pass 48-33 in Central 2B League girls hoops action here on Thursday.

The Pirates outscored the T-Wolves 23-12 in the first half behind the efforts of Shanay Dotson and Regyn Gaffney. Dotson finished with 20 points and eight rebounds, and Gafney scored 11.

Haley Kolb collected 9 points and nine rebounds for MWP. The T-Wolves went just 13 of 50 (26 percent) from the field. After outscoring Adna 9-5 in the third frame, the Pirates fired back for a 20-12 final quarter, sealing the win.

"We dug ourselves a hole again with shooting the basketball," Morton-White Pass coach Darin Allen said. "Our second half was a little better and we cut it to 5, but then they were able to hit a couple shots from outside. I did appreciate our effort in the second half, but it is what it is."

The Timberwolves (10-7, 8-7 league) will travel to Napavine tonight. The Pirates (10-7, 9-6 league) play at Toutle Lake tonight.

Ducks Rattle Loggers

ONALASKA — Makala Gardner's presence inside helped the Ducks stay atop the Central 2B League standings and cruise to their fifth-straight win as Toutle Lake defeated Onalaska 49-33 in C2BL girls basketball play here on Thursday.

Gardner notched 17 points and proved to be a dominant force on the inside for Toutle Lake.

Bailey Hockett pitched in 11 points for the Ducks, who shot 17 of 35 (49 percent) from the field.

The Lady Loggers weren't as efficient, going 7 of 29 (24 percent) from the floor. Their efforts were led by Nicolle Duryea with 17 points and four steals. Molly Musick snagged five rebounds for Onalaska.

"They kind of beat us with the 3-point shot the first time around," Onalaska coach Dracy McCoy said. "This time it was on the inside with Gardner. She had a great game and gave us trouble."

The Loggers (8-8, 7-8 league) will host Wahkiakum tonight in a boys-girls twinbill, taking the earlier game with a 5:45 p.m. tipoff.

Vikings Topple Trojans

MOSSYROCK — The Vikings kept their playoff hopes alive and handed Pe Ell a 54-39 C2BL here on Thursday. Calli Hensch notched a double-double with 22 points and 11 rebounds to go along with five blocked shots as Mossyrock picked up its third victory of the season.

Nine different players scored for the Vikings, who led the entire game and jumped out to a 15-7 lead in the first quarter. Mossyrock shot 47 percent from the field and led 28-20 at halftime. Pe Ell hit 22 percent of their shots but was led by a double-double by Alyssa Compton with 17 points and 15 rebounds.

"Alyssa Compton is a beast. She did everything she could," Mossyrock coach Tori Nelson said. "She brought the ball up the court, she posted up. She was tough."

Mossyrock outscored Pe Ell by 7 points in the second half. Kelsie Moorcroft added 11 points and 10 rebounds to the Vikings efforts while Randi-Jo Smith hauled in nine rebounds.

"I was happy with our seniors," Nelson said. "This season is their last hurrah and they wanted it. They went out and got it."

Mossyrock (3-14, 3-12 league) hosts Winlock tonight, while Pe Ell (5-12, 4-11 league) hosts Toledo, also tonight.

Indians Clip Cardinals, 46-30

TOLEDO — The Toledo Indians kept their foot on the pedal, and while they struggled from the field, percentage-wise, they were able to shoot in volume for a 46-30 victory over Winlock in Central 2B League girls basketball play here on Thursday.

Casee Rice led the Indians with 12 points and seven rebounds. Emily Barge and Haley Tauscher added 9 apiece for Toledo. The Indians went 20 for 76 (26 percent) from the field.

Rianna Whitehead put together an 11-point effort for the Cardinals, who shot 12 of 40 (30 percent) from the floor.

"We got some really good shots, but we just struggled to put it in the basket," Toledo coach J.B. Ewers said. "Anytime you can get a win, you'll take it, so we were happy to pull that one out."

The Indians (4-11 league, 5-12 overall) will travel to Pe Ell tonight for the 7 p.m. nightcap in a boys-girls doubleheader. The Cardinals (0-15) will host Mossyrock at 7 p.m. tonight.

Beavers

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fourth quarter, and whittled away at the lead. Peterson converted a 3-point play to cut it to 2 with 2 minutes left, and then drew a foul with 4.8 seconds left in regulation.

"I always thought, being in that position, I thought I'd be really nervous," Peterson said. "But I was able to stay calm and put 'em down."

Forward Tanner Nelson led Rochester with 19 points and added five rebounds, and Jordan McLemore scored 19 points.

"It was a great game, a really good high-school atmosphere. We've struggled a little bit this year, and I'm glad my kids got to experience something like that," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "It would have been a little sweeter to come out on the winning end of it, but hopefully they feel pretty good about tonight, because it was an exciting game for everybody."

Rochester, however, went 5 of 21 from the free-throw line, going 1 of 8 in the second half.

"That was kind of an anomaly tonight, and unfortunately it happened in a game that went to two overtimes," Goldrick said.

The win pushed Tenino to 10-8 overall and 6-6 in league play, two games ahead of Elma for the fourth-place spot in the league standings. The top four teams in the league advance to the District 4 tournament.

"It was a good one. To be honest, we were dead flat, with no defensive energy the whole time, and once we decided to play defense, we decide to play offense," first-year Beaver coach Josef Chirhart said. "Once we determine what we want to do defensively, to go by what we have planned, we're really tough."

Peterson handled the scoring load, and Jonathon Jonesnewman — also 6-foot-4, albeit a burlier 6-4 than Peterson — accounted for 13 points and a whopping 22 rebounds.



Jesse Smith / For The Chronicle

Tenino's Nihls Peterson, left, saves the ball from going out of bounds, while Rochester's Andrew Filmore blocks it Friday evening at Tenino High School.

"He's just a bully down there. He just tears it up," Peterson said of Jonesnewman said. "If you can keep him out of foul trouble, he's pretty good."

Tenino outrebounded the Warriors 46-34, while shooting 23 of 69 (30 percent) from the

field. "They're physical, they're big, and big, and strong inside," Goldrick said of Tenino. "They kind of wore on us a little bit."

Rochester (2-16) will host Hoquiam on Wednesday for its own senior night, and will wrap

up the season next Friday at Eatonville.

Tenino will play at Elma on Wednesday, and will host Aberdeen next Friday.

Note: The Beavers celebrated the careers of seniors Blencoe, Hill, Jonesnewman, Dyllan Spec-

tor and exchange students Oskar Lilja and Marius Schaefer prior to the game. The senior night festivities then gave way to the audience singing "Happy Birthday" to Hill, who was standing at midcourt and turned 18 on Friday night.

2A Girls Basketball

Black Hills Overtakes Centralia in Second Half for 63-45 Win

By The Chronicle

A halftime tie led to the Wolves pulling away in the third quarter, leaving the Lady Tigers behind in a 63-45 Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball victory Friday in Centralia.

The Tiger effort was bolstered by Annmarie Nugent with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Madi Crews scored 9 points. Elie Corwin and Payton Cline added 8 points each, but Centralia couldn't seem to get going beyond that, being outscored in the second half 37-20.

"It was really a two-half deal," Centralia coach Doug Ashmore said. "The first half we played

good basketball. We gave them a lot of extra chances in the second half and we just couldn't really buy a bucket."

The Tigers went just 5 of 27 (19 percent) from the field in the second half. The Wolves went 23 of 43 (54 percent) from the floor through the entire ballgame, led by Shayla Smothers with 15 points and 12 rebounds. Emma Duff dropped in 14 points and Lindsey Nurmi added 12 points for Black Hills, which outrebounded Centralia 48-26 and notched 22 offensive boards.

"Their offensive rebounding killed us," Ashmore said. "For whatever reason, we haven't put a full game together. It no fault

of our girls but we just gave them way too many opportunities and we couldn't find the hoop."

Centralia (1-3 league, 9-9 overall) will host Tumwater on Tuesday evening for the Lady Tigers' senior night.

Bearcats Flourish Behind Performances from Spencer, Parker

TUMWATER — When the guards are going through a slump, W.F. West coach Henri Weeks can hang his hat on the play of his posts — Julie Spencer and Tiana Parker — on the inside. Their respective performances were plenty to lift the

Bearcats over Tumwater, 47-31, to remain undefeated in Evergreen 2A Conference girls hoops play here on Friday.

Spencer finished with 20 points and captured a monster 21 rebounds on the night. The Bearcats shot 14 of 44 (32 percent) from the field, but 16 of 29 (55 percent) free throw shooting helped elevate the lead for Chehalis.

"At times, we looked fluid and disciplined in that first half," Weeks said. "Then we kind of faltered in the second half. We still have to get our guards going. They did do a good job of moving the ball and giving our posts

great looks."

The Bearcats shot just 3 of 10 from beyond the arc, with two treys coming from Kelly Ponya off the bench.

"Kelly did well for us off the bench and that was definitely a bright spot," Weeks said. "We're just not shooting well from the outside right now and we get a little impatient at times. We've just got to clean some things up and everyone will come out of it."

The Thunderbirds were led by a 10-point effort from Mackenzie Bergquist.

The Bearcats (4-0 league, 16-2 overall) will travel to Black Hills on Tuesday.

Prep Softball

MWP's Allen Named WSCA Softball Coach of the Year

By The Chronicle

Morton-White Pass' Darin Allen has been selected the Washington State Coaches Association's 2B Softball Coach of the Year, the WSCA has announced.

This year's honorees will be presented with their awards at a banquet on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the SeaTac DoubleTree Hotel, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Allen has coached Morton-White Pass' softball team the past three seasons, leading the Timberwolves to a fourth-place finish at the state softball tournament in 2013 and a third-place finish last year. He was previously an assistant coach at Mossyrock for four seasons, and is currently in his third season as the MWP girls basketball coach, with state basketball trophies the past two seasons.

Allen will be joined at this year's banquet by fellow coaches of the year Tony Batinovich, from state 4A champion Puyallup; Tim Bisson, from state 3A champion Kamiakin; Rudy Ochoa, from state 2A runner-up Othello; Ron Lepper, from state 1A runner-up Mount Baker; and Gary Dorman, from state 1B runner-up Touchet.



Darin Allen
Morton-White Pass'
Softball Coach



Morton-White Pass' Kaleb Poquette pulls up for a shot during Central 2B action against Adna Friday night on the Pirates' home court.

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Pass, they're a great team and they have guys step up and make plays."

Adna came out with a triangle-and-two defense against the Timberwolves and only trailed 12-8 after the first quarter. Morton-White Pass gained some breathing room for a 30-16 half-time lead, extended that lead by 4 points in the third quarter and went on a 17-8 run in the final stanza.

"The Dunlap kid really stepped up and part of his points was coming off of Walton and (Kaleb) Poquette making plays," Dotson said. "They did a better job making plays."

Adna had come into the game having won nine games in a row and a packed home gym had plenty of energy.

"We just picked a bad time to have an off night," he said. "We had chances to be in the game, but we didn't capitalize and we didn't handle the moment very well."

Turnovers — 21 in all — caused troubles for the Pirates and led to runouts and Morton-White Pass points, Dotson said, and the Timberwolves also had a bevy of offensive boards and second-chance points.

"A team like Morton-White Pass is hard to prepare for on one-day's practice," Dotson said. "They do a lot of things, they're athletic, skilled, and Tony (Gillis) and his staff do a great job with them. We can't replicate what they do in practice."

Adna (14-3, 13-2 league) has little time to think about the loss as they travel to Toutle Lake today in a boys-girls double header. Tipoff for the boys is at 5:45 p.m. Morton-White Pass (17-0, 15-0 league) plays at Napavine today, with the boys taking the early game of a co-ed doubleheader.

Indians Throttle Cardinals, 73-30

TOLEDO — The Cardinals were faced with a difficult match-up, and it didn't help that the Indians were firing on all cylinders as Toledo defeated Winlock 73-30 in Central 2B boys basketball action here on Friday night.

The Indians found their rhythm early and unleashed an abundance of offense, shooting 28 of 53 (53 percent) from the field and 9 of 16 (56 percent) from beyond the 3-point arc. Grant McEwen scored with a game-high 15 points with nine rebounds for the Indians, who notched a total of 24 assists as a team.

Brent Wood added 11 points and Forrest Wallace and Connor Vermilyea dropped 10 points apiece. Donevin Merly scored 7 points and snatched seven re-

bounds in the winning effort.

"I thought we played a real solid game," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "We try to play hard-nosed defense and really move the ball around. Our focus was on executing and I thought we did a good job."

The hard-nosed defense served as yet another detractor for Winlock's offense as the Indians were able to hold the Cardinals beneath double digits for all four frames of action. Shad Coleman led Winlock with 14 points. The Cardinals shot 13 of 44 (30 percent) from the floor.

Fallon also noted the great effort put together by his bench players.

"The guys on the bench were great tonight, especially with rebounding," Fallon said. "They all came in and contributed positively, and that's going to be great for us in the long run."

The Indians (12-3 league, 12-5 overall) will travel to Pe Ell tonight for a boys-girls doubleheader where the boys take the court at 5:45 p.m. The Cardinals (0-15 league, 0-17 overall) will travel to Mossyrock for a doubleheader of their own this evening.

Vikings Survive Trojans

PE ELL — The Vikings trounced on the Trojans early and held on by the skin of their teeth for a 50-48 Central 2B victory here on Friday. Jaron Kirkley notched his usual 26 points for Mossyrock, which led 32-18 at the half but was outscored by 12 after the break.

"We came out in the first half a little flat with our defensive intensity," Pe Ell coach Justin Phelps said. "We had trouble hitting our bunnies on the offensive end and it affected our defense."

Pe Ell was 1 of 12 from the field in the second quarter as Mossyrock went on a 15-5 run. The Trojans came out the necessary intensity in the second half and nearly toppled the Vikings with a 15-7 run in the fourth quarter.

"We had a chance to convert at the end to send into overtime," Phelps said. "Dustin Lusk made a last second shot that was called off. It was a good call, it came about a half-second late."

Mossyrock was 9 of 19 from the 3-point line in the game and outrebounded the Trojans 40-32. Logan Gootgeld led the Vikings with 10 boards and 5 points.

"Hats off to Mossyrock, they came in ready to play and really took it to us in the first half," Phelps said. "We really have to find ourselves down the stretch with three games to go."

The Trojans were led by Kaelin Jurek and Tyler Shepherd, who each had 10 points, while Austin Speck added 9 points and 10 rebounds. Austin Smith also had 9 points.

"Smith really made a spark

off the bench tonight and I was very proud with how he played," Phelps said. "He busted his butt on defense against Kirkley and he got his points but we made him work for it."

Phelps also added he liked the defense that Dalton Toepell played on Kirkley, as well. Pe Ell (8-9, 7-8 league) hosts Toledo tonight, while Mossyrock (8-9, 7-8 league) hosts Winlock.

Stanley's 29 Lifts Tigers Past Wahkiakum

CATHLAMET — Wyatt Stanley scored 29 points as Napavine picked up its tenth league victory of the season with a 66-48 win here on Friday. Stanley also added 19 rebounds to that total and helped crack a Mules defense that was focused on Napavine's Cole Doughty.

"Wyatt had a really nice game," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said. "They basically decided they weren't going to let Doughty beat them so we had to make adjustments. Wyatt did a nice job getting his own points but also being responsible for other people scoring."

Josh Hoyt added 13 points and Austin Filley scored 11 as Napavine ran out to 34-28 lead at halftime.

Napavine outrebounded Wahkiakum 51-33 and shot 41 percent from the field. The Tigers (12-5, 10-5 league) host No. 1-ranked Morton-White Pass at 5:45 p.m. today in a boys-girls doubleheader.

Ducks Hold Off Loggers

ONALASKA — The Loggers

fell behind early and didn't have the offensive firepower to see the light of the lead as the Toutle Lake Ducks earned a wire-to-wire victory, 44-39, over Onalaska in Central 2B League boys basketball play here on Friday.

Toutle outscored the Loggers 14-4 in the first period, something Onalaska could never quite recover from despite winning the second and fourth quarters. Jacob Buck led the Ducks with 17 points and Cam Swanson added 11 points. Radley Risner had 7 points and six rebounds on the night.

"That first quarter just killed us," Onalaska coach Dennis Bower said. "A 10-point deficit for us is like 20 points for other teams. We dug ourselves a hole and spent the whole time playing catchup."

Trenton Neilson notched 13 points for Onalaska while Jacob Modica scored 11 and collected eight boards. The Loggers had difficulty scoring, going 16 of 51 (31 percent) from the field and just 4 of 23 (17 percent) from 3-point land. Onalaska only committed five turnovers.

"We had a lot of good looks, but we just couldn't find the hole," Bower said. "We just haven't found the right formula to make a run, but the kids are playing hard. We're doing the things we need to, but we just can't get over the hump."

The Loggers (4-12 league, 5-16 overall) will host Wahkiakum this evening in a boys-girls doubleheader. The girls will take the floor at 5:45 p.m. and the boys are slated for a 7 p.m. matchup.



Morton-White Pass' Braiden Elledge gets his hand on one of Jerett Latimer's shots during Central 2B action against Adna Friday on the Pirates' home court.

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2A Boys Basketball

Black Hills Takes Out Centralia 57-54

By The Chronicle

TUMWATER — In the eyes of Centralia coach Ron Brown, his team's effort level was satisfactory, but the pendulum didn't swing in the Tigers' favor on just a few occasions as Black Hills defeated Centralia 57-54 in Evergreen 2A Conference boys hoops action here on Friday.

Hodges Bailey scored 16 points and an ill Gavin Kerner put together a 14-point performance. Nolan Wasson grabbed eight rebounds for the Tigers, who went 5 of 17 from beyond the arc.

"The boys played tremendously and worked hard defensively," Brown said. "A couple shots just didn't go our way. It was just a good high school game."

Brown praised Kerner, and Brannic Bailey for being a key contributor as a reserve.

Brannic Bailey finished the night with 9 points.

T.J. Mickelson scored 24 points and Chandler Yount put forth 13 points for Black Hills.

The Wolves were able to outscore the Tigers 40-35 in the second half, including a 23-point final frame to make up the difference and take the lead.

"Our scoring wasn't too balanced but we just kept coming back and staying with them," Brown said. "But it was a tough loss, no doubt about that for us."

The Tigers (1-3 league, 8-10 overall) will travel to Tumwater on Tuesday.

NFL



Matt York / The Associated Press

Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch adjusts his cap during an interview for the NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game, Thursday in Phoenix. The NFL may not like those "Beast Mode" caps Lynch has been wearing during his Super Bowl press appearances, but the fans apparently do. As the league reportedly considers fining Lynch for promoting an unauthorized brand, the New Era Cap Co. is busy making more of the caps after they sold out on Lynch's website.

Seahawks' Lynch a Master of Marketing His Brand

By Mike Baker

The Seattle Times

Marshawn Lynch is one step ahead of everyone.

Lynch turned this week's Super Bowl media circus into a national discussion about his defiance of the NFL's stringent rules. As he protested his required media duties by repeatedly saying "I'm just here so I don't get fined," Lynch was setting himself up for a possible league fine because he was wearing an unapproved hat.

Well, that hat featuring his "Beast Mode" design — available for \$33 — is now sold out on Lynch's website. Meanwhile, the running back has taken the unusual step of establishing a pop-up store near the Super Bowl stadium to sell an entire product line featuring his logo.

It's a design that Lynch filed to trademark just two weeks ago.

While he operates with a reclusive public persona, Lynch is among the NFL's savviest of players when it comes to branding and trademarks. He first filed to trademark the name "Beast Mode" at the end of his rookie season in 2008, long before his famous "Beast Quake" run in the 2011 playoffs. He now owns four trademarks related to the name and is seeking more.

Christopher Bevans, a de-

"He knows exactly what he's doing."

Christopher Bevans,
Designer

signer who has been working with Lynch to develop the "Beast Mode" brand over the past eight months, said the two talk daily about products, fabrications, designs and how to commercialize the whole line. They have plans to build a brand that will stand on its own, sold in department stores and other retailers around the country.

Bevans said Friday he and Lynch didn't discuss the prospect that the NFL would fine Lynch for wearing his hat this week. Bevans also said they don't really care about that issue because "the NFL is going to do what the NFL is going to do." He said Lynch simply wanted to wear the hat — it's his style, after all.

Bevans also scoffed at some of the criticism Lynch has faced for his approach to the NFL's required media sessions.

"He knows exactly what he's doing," Bevans said. "It's well thought out."

So far, Lynch has garnered

some \$2.9 million worth of advertising exposure for his brand this week, aided by the attention he got by not speaking openly at his media sessions, said Eric Smallwood, senior vice president of sports firm Front Row Marketing Services. That financial estimate is based on Front Row's analysis of his national exposure, including on television, through social media and in newspapers.

Smallwood noted that when Lynch appeared with late-night host Conan O'Brien on Thursday, Lynch was wearing a Beast Mode sweatshirt and hat. He also wore his personalized Monster headphones and introduced Skittles into the segment — both products that Lynch is paid to endorse.

While the NFL is reportedly considering fining Lynch for wearing his apparel during his required media appearances, Smallwood said a fine would likely benefit Lynch even more.

"A fine that comes down

will bring even more exposure," Smallwood said.

The Seattle Times reported recently that the Seahawks organization has aggressively worked to control trademarks, including the number 12, the word "boom" and the phrase "Go Hawks." Players, meanwhile, have sought trademarks of their own: Russell Wilson is trying to trademark "No Time 2 Sleep" and other phrases, while Kam Chancellor is looking to trademark the nickname "Bam Bam Kam."

In 2013, Lynch started filing trademark requests for a "B" design composed of two triangles. He filed his new trademark request for a modified version on Jan 16. The trademark request is for a variety of products, from headphones, clothes, watches, gloves, sports drinks and candy.

Before last year's Super Bowl, Lynch summarized his reluctance to do interviews by telling Deion Sanders: "I'm just about that action, boss." Later that year, he filed to trademark the phrase "About That Action Boss" and is now selling apparel featuring the words.

This year's popular comment was "I'm just here so I don't get fined."

Lynch hasn't trademarked that line. Yet.

Prep Basketball

Jeff Seidel: Detroit High School Not Bitter After 80-0 Loss

By Jeff Seidel

Detroit Free Press (MCT)

Detroit Osborn athletic director Lonell Williams stood in the hallway Thursday morning of a high school where there are metal detectors at every entrance and security guards everywhere you turn.

He spotted Sharon Fields, a member of the girls basketball team, which was shut out, 80-0, by Detroit Cass Tech on Wednesday.

"Hey, keep your head up," Williams said. "I heard you fought to the end."

Fields nodded her head. She played the entire game. Played as hard as she could.

"I didn't care about the score," Fields said. "I was just trying to put something up there."

On Thursday morning, nobody at Osborn showed any animosity toward the coaches or players from Cass.

They said that Cass Tech coach Marissa Thrower did everything she could, in a show of sportsmanship, not to run up the score. She pulled her starters. Cass didn't press. And the game went to a running clock in the second half.

"The players from Cass were cool to me," Fields said. "The Cass girls were pulling me aside, encouraging me. They said, 'We know y'all can do it. Just keep playing.' We shook each other's

hands at the end. They said good game, at least you tried. That made me fight to the end. If they are telling me to do this, they make me want to play.

"I support Cass all the way. I want to thank their players, for saying something positive. I appreciate it."

To be blunt, the score could have been way worse.

But how in the world did a team go an entire game without scoring?

"We had chances," Williams said. "I heard we missed some free throws. Some layups."

Fields nodded her head. "We couldn't do anything," she said. "Couldn't inbound the ball. Nothing. I took one shot. It was a brick. It was a 3, but it was a brick."

Williams tried to keep her spirits up, focusing on the future. "At the end, we gotta come back tomorrow and still fight," Williams said. "We got a district to play."

"Right," Fields said. "How many games have we won?" Williams asked.

"Four," she said.

Williams, who coaches the boys basketball team, said that he will help with the girls team for the next few weeks to get them ready for the state tournament. All hands on deck. Just to help.

"We are proud of you," Williams said. "We will bring you

back. We'll get ready for the districts. We will put this behind us. The good thing is, Harper Woods (Mich.) will have their guard down. If we practice hard, these next two weeks, we can beat them. Think about it. We have nothing to lose."

Fields nodded her head.

"We got time to right this ship," Williams said.

A year ago, Osborn was loaded with talent and featured three players who went on to play junior college basketball. But it is an extremely inexperienced team now, filled with kids who had never played basketball.

Williams was the one who encouraged Fields to give up cheerleading to go out for the basketball team. And she has turned into the team's leading re-

bounder, a first-year player who was a cheerleader last year.

"At Cass, I think it's a situation where it's a big gym," Williams said. "You see their fans. It was senior night. We are better than that. You know we are better than that. You see what I'm saying? We gotta put that behind us."

The lopsided score became a hot topic Thursday, everywhere from sports-talk radio to freep.com.

People assumed, incorrectly, that Cass (11-3) ran up the score to bury Osborn. And it sparked questions about sportsmanship. What do you do in a situation like that? After you bench your starters, do you ask your reserves to not play hard? Heck no. Do you institute stall techniques, like passing the ball 10 times before scoring, to stop the onslaught? Perhaps.

"How would you feel if Cass would have let you score to prevent the shutout?" I asked Fields.

She made a disgusted face.

"No!" Fields said. "Cass did what they were supposed to do. They didn't even play their good players, to be honest. If it was the other way around, we would have kept shooting the ball, too."

Yes, she was dejected after the game. She woke up mad. That's the competitor in her.

"This loss doesn't devastate me," Fields said. "It is an embarrassment, but it's an embarrassment we can overcome. We

Goodell: No Lead Horse in the NFL-to-Los Angeles Derby

By Sam Farmer

Los Angeles Times (MCT)

PHOENIX — Even though St. Louis Rams owner Stan Kroenke, the league's second-richest owner to Seattle's Paul Allen, has announced plans for an 80,000-seat football stadium in Hollywood Park, and has the financial and political wherewithal to get it done, the NFL is not ready to name a lead horse in the Los Angeles derby.

In his annual Super Bowl news conference, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said Friday that the league is not at the point to handicap which team or teams might wind up in the nation's second-largest market. The Rams, San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders are all on year-to-year leases, unhappy with their current venues, and mulling a possible relocation to L.A.

"There have been no determinations of us going to Los Angeles, any particular team going to Los Angeles, or going to any particular stadium," Goodell said. "We have several alternatives that we're evaluating, both from a site standpoint; there are teams that are interested but are trying to work their issues out locally, and so as a league we haven't gotten to that stage yet."

"It will all be subject to our relocation policy. There are requirements in that policy, particularly as it relates to cooperation and working to make sure they solve the issues in their local market. But I'm confident all of that will be covered within the relocation policy and with our membership approval."

Asked what the league was prepared to do if an owner decided to go rogue and move without league approval — as has been suggested of Kroenke — Goodell said: "The ownership takes very seriously the obligation to vote on any serious matter, including relocation of a franchise."

Regardless, the league does not have a good track record of stopping an owner who is determined to move. About the only time that has worked in recent memory is when then-owner Ken Behring moved the Seahawks to Anaheim for a week in 1996, but promptly whipped a U-turn when then-commissioner Paul Tagliabue threatened to impose a hefty fine on the club.

can come back like it never happened."

The knee-jerk reaction after a score like that is to blame the other team. To pity the losing one. To blame the playoff system. To think it harmed the losing players.

But consider this: Fields said she learned something about herself in that game, something that she will take with her for the rest of her life. She didn't walk off the court. She didn't quit.

"I learned that no matter how hard it is, I'm not going to give up," said Fields, a senior who has academic scholarships to several schools but wants to study pre-law at Eastern Michigan. "I'm proud. I have a lot of pride in myself. I really tried. I tried my best. I'm not a quitter. No matter how bad the score is, no matter how bad the situation is, I won't give up."

The importance of that lesson cannot be overstated, in a place where violence and drugs can be found right out the front door. Seven athletes from this school have been killed since 2000.

But this school is a safe haven — that's why it has so much security, to keep everybody safe.

Sports is the thing that unites everybody, teaching lessons that will last forever, and the score of a particular game doesn't seem to faze anybody.

NFL

Best Ever?

HISTORIC: Seahawks' D Could Earn Spot in NFL Lore With Super Bowl Win

By Howard Fendrich
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — As it is, a pretty persuasive case could be made that Richard Sherman, Earl Thomas and the rest of the Seattle Seahawks defense is among the very best groups on that side of the ball in NFL history.

The Seahawks are the first team since coach Buddy Ryan's 1985-86 Chicago Bears to give up the fewest points per game and fewest yards per game in back-to-back seasons.

They're also the first team in more than 40 years, since the Minnesota Vikings' "Purple People Eaters" of 1969-71, to lead the league in points allowed for three consecutive seasons.

Where would Seattle rank, though, if it manages to beat Tom Brady and the New England Patriots in Sunday's Super Bowl, a year after overwhelming Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos 43-8 in the championship game?

Not surprisingly, in this age of Twitter's ability to instantly transform a mild boast into motivational material for an opponent, the Seahawks are not quite willing to wade into a debate.

"That would be cool, once you look back 20 or 30 years from now, to see how good you are. I remember the great defenses back in the day. They're still being talked about. Teams from the '70s, from the '80s, they're still being talked about to this day, even," linebacker K.J. Wright said. "So when it gets to 2040, we can look



Seattle Seahawks' Richard Sherman puts his helmet on during a team practice for Super Bowl XLIX on Thursday in Tempe, Ariz. The Seahawks play the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday.

back and just see how good we are. It'll be pretty fun."

Others are ready to assess the Seahawks today.

"Over a two-year period, they're as good as anybody that's played," said Brian Billick, coach of the Ray Lewis-led 2000 Baltimore Ravens that set a league record for fewest points in a season.

Another former NFL head coach, Steve Mariucci, is impressed by the way Seattle has put up strong statistics year after year lately.

"They're in the conversation because of continuity over time," said Mariucci, now an NFL Network analyst. "The Bears were pretty good over time, too, but they didn't win another Super Bowl. They were one-and-done."

Those Chicago teams fea-

tured Hall of Famers, but they also used a never-before-seen scheme that confounded opponents. The Seahawks don't necessarily present creative formations or try to confuse offenses.

Instead, they rely plenty on everyone sticking to their assignments, hard hitting, turnovers and closing speed that helps limit opponents' yards after catches.

To try to avoid fumbling Sunday, the Patriots worked this week on protecting the ball.

"Running with slippery balls. Guys trying to strip the ball from you all practice," receiver Brandon LaFell said, adding that coach Bill Belichick "puts a ton of water on the balls, and we've got the greased balls that are real slick."

Brady calls playing against

the Seahawks "a grind" and "a test of wills."

"You've got to run good routes. You've got to make good throws. You've got to throw into tight windows," Brady said. "They've got a lot of eyes on the quarterback, so you've got to be conscious of those things, and you've still got to be able to play aggressively and play with confidence. You can't let one bad play affect another."

The Seahawks defensive line's ability to fluster Brady and slow burly running back LeGarrette Blount could be key Sunday, and much of that responsibility will fall to Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril.

But Seattle's success really starts in the secondary with the self-styled "Legion of Boom," led

by All-Pros Sherman at cornerback and Thomas at safety. The other safety, Kam Chancellor, gets less recognition, but as Sherman put it: "He doesn't fly under the radar on the field."

Another vital cog is All-Pro middle linebacker Bobby Wagner, whose value became most clear when he was out of the lineup for five games with a toe injury. Since his return, Seattle is 8-0.

If they make that 9-0 with another Super Bowl victory, then maybe even the Seahawks will be ready to rate themselves.

"We can definitely talk about it. We have to win the game first," Wagner said. "But if we win the game, we can talk about it."

Repeat by the Seahawks a Scary Prospect for NFL

PHOENIX (AP) — Here are some scary thoughts for the rest of the NFL:

A win Sunday will stamp the Seahawks as one of the best teams of the Super Bowl era. And, given Seattle's makeup and philosophy, the future for the franchise might be brighter than for any other club.

Rarely has a team with so many key young players been so formidable. The last such group might have been the Jimmy Johnson Cowboys of the early 1990s, when Dallas had the Triplets: future Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith, Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin.

Seattle has its own trio of All-Pros, but on defense: cornerback Richard Sherman, safety Earl Thomas and middle linebacker Bobby Wagner. All are 26 or younger.

They're complemented by young talent all over the lineup, from Kam Chancellor (26) in the secondary to linebacker K.J. Wright (25) to offensive leaders quarterback Russell Wilson (26), receivers Doug Baldwin (26) and Jermaine Kearse (25 next week), tight end Luke Willson (25) and a bunch of twenty-somethings on the line.

All of them already have experienced the ultimate success on the field, and if they can beat New England for a second straight championship, the D word frequently will be thrown around.

"For us to win the Super Bowl back-to-back years, we definitely could be a team that's talked about as a dynasty," Wright says. "I'm glad that the core players of this team are still together. The more we continue to stay around here, the more championships we'll win."

Very possibly. But it's not just the talent coach Pete Carroll and general manager John Schneider have collected, and how quickly Seattle locked up key personnel with contracts; only Wilson and Wagner need to be re-signed among the elite players.

It's the culture the Seahawks have developed.



Seattle Seahawks' head coach Pete Carroll watches his team during a team practice for NFL Super Bowl XLIX football game Friday in Tempe, Ariz. The Seahawks play the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLIX on Sunday.

Unlike the Patriots, who emulate the approach of their reveal-nothing coach and front office, the Seahawks are free-wheeling. In some ways, they resemble a college team, which makes perfect sense: Before turning around the Seahawks, Carroll won two national titles at Southern Cal.

While the methods of Bill Belichick clearly work in New England — no franchise has been more successful overall in the last 15 years — the Patriots last won a championship a decade ago. Although Tom Brady says he hopes to quarterback the team well into his 40s (he's 37), the current roster doesn't strike fear for the future the way Seattle's might.

That's true even if the Patriots win Sunday in a dead-even game: The betting line is pick-em.

"There are a number of kind of tenets you know, but developing a really competitive roster, keeping it young, always trying to upgrade," Carroll says of the program he's installed in Seattle since arriving in 2010. "That mentality is really pervading. It shows up everywhere. The style

of play that we want, that we agreed to, about being a physical team and running the football and playing defense on teams. And with that thought, those are all just kind of the tenets that we've built it on and we've tried to remain uncommonly consistent in that commitment. I think that's at the core of everything."

The Nolls and Landrys and, yes, Belichicks might scoff at the openness. But in the Gen X NFL, letting players "be themselves," as Sherman says, could be the way to go.

In a copycat league, if the Seahawks come through Sunday, who's to say Seattle's approach won't be emulated? Lots of the Seahawks think so, even hope so.

With championships in the bank and money to spend under the salary cap, the Pacific Northwest becomes an even more attractive landing spot. And that will be true even if — as expected — some of Carroll's assistants leave for promotions elsewhere this offseason.

"I know that the guys that are here really want to be here, and want to have the style of coaching," says center Max Unger, a

six-year veteran. "I think that it really just focuses on what you do well and highlighting that within your position. It's just a positive mindset."

And then there's the ultimate attraction: winning rings.

"Man, that's why I stayed because of being able to play in these types of games and just a chance to play on this team," says defensive end Michael Bennett, who left Tampa after four seasons, won a championship last year on a one-season deal, and then re-signed with the Seahawks. "I mean, this team is full of energy, full of superstars, full of everybody who wants to be successful."

"I mean, money can't put a price on winning. I know a lot of guys who have made a lot of money and they are still upset that they can't be in this spotlight. Pro Bowls are one thing, MVP is one thing, but Super Bowl is a whole other atmosphere. When you win a Super Bowl, you get so much notoriety and you get the chance to really be on a great team. Money just can't put a price on that."

Golf

Tiger Woods Posts 82, Highest Score of His Pro Career

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Tiger Woods never shot a score this high in his 1,267 official rounds as a pro.

He never looked more lost on a golf course.

Woods hit wedges fat and thin, but never close. He hit one drive into the water, another into the base of a desert bush. And when he missed a 10-foot par putt on his final hole Friday in the Phoenix Open, he had the worst score of his career — an 11-over 82.

Woods was in last place when he headed home to Florida to try to fix a game in disarray, even behind Arizona club pro Michael Hopper, who had yet to tee off. It was the first time in his career that he missed the cut in consecutive PGA Tour events, the most recent one in August at the PGA Championship.

About the only thing he didn't lose was his sense of humor.

"I'm just doing this so I don't get fined," Woods said with a smile as he faced the media, repeating Marshawn Lynch's only line at Super Bowl media day.

Even so, this round might have been more painful than getting his tooth knocked out last week in Italy.

His previous worst score was an 81 in the third round at Muirfield in the 2002 British Open, where he caught the brunt of whipping rain in 40 mph wind. There was only a light drizzle in the Valley of the Sun, and Woods hit a low point in his career.

"We all have days like this," Woods said. "Unfortunately, mine was in a public forum."

College Basketball

Pangos Sets Record, Zags Down Portland

By Jim Meehan

The Spokesman-Review

Kevin Pangos was just doing what he usually does. He was putting up extra shots Wednesday night in the Martin Centre. Portland was practicing in the McCarthy Athletic Center.

And one of Gonzaga coach Mark Few's son's teams was practicing in a nearby gym. Few stopped the practice and took the youngsters over to watch Pangos go through his shooting routine.

Less than 24 hours later, Pangos drained a 3-pointer that left him alone at the top of Gonzaga's all-time list and sparked perhaps the loudest and longest ovation of the season. It was a memorable offensive highlight in the Zags' defensive-minded 64-46 victory over Portland in front of 6,000 Thursday at the McCarthy Athletic Center.

"There's a reason why this happens," Few said. "He comes down here every single night. He's as dedicated to his craft as anybody we've ever had here."

Pangos took a kick-out pass from Przemek Karnowski with 15:30 left in the first half and connected on his 289th career 3, eclipsing Blake Stepp's 288. Pangos, with 291 3s, ranks fifth in WCC history.

"I wanted to get it over with early and focus on the game," he said. "I'm so glad that first one dropped."

It's not an exaggeration when Few said Pangos is in the gym every night. The only time that's changed during the senior guard's career was last year when toe and ankle injuries kept him from his nightly sessions.

"It's a routine. It feels weird if I don't come down," Pangos said. "Some people go to the gym and lift weights, some people go for a run, some people read. For me, it's going to the gym. It's relaxing, it makes me feel good."

The third-ranked Bulldogs (21-1, 10-0 WCC), who extended the nation's longest home-court winning streak to 37, felt really good about their defense. They held the Pilots (12-10, 3-7) to their lowest point total of the season. Kevin Bailey and Alec Wintering, who combine to average 27 points, were held to six points on 2-of-15 shooting.

No Pilots players reached double figures. "We've had some games where our defense has won it for us already," Few said. "Certainly that was the case tonight."

Gonzaga never found its offensive stride. The Zags' 40.7-percent shooting was their second lowest of the season (39.7 percent vs. Arizona). Subtract Pangos' 3 of 5 and the Zags were 2 of 17 beyond the 3-point line.

"Some nights are like that,"

freshman guard Silas Melson said. "We were just missing easy shots."

Half of Gonzaga's 64 points came in the paint, fueled by Domantas Sabonis' 13 points, Kyle Wiltjer's 11 and Karnowski's 10. Pangos finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

Karnowski and Sabonis both grabbed 11 rebounds, eight at the offensive end. The Zags had a 47-39 advantage on the boards and a 13-8 edge in second-chance points.

"Portland pushed us and pushed us, especially in the first half," Few said. "We didn't move it and share it the way we have this year. In the second half we got back to doing that and I thought our defense was outstanding in the second half."

Volodymyr Gerun's jumper pulled Portland within 35-29 with 17:15 left. The Pilots managed just three free throws before making their next field goal, a Bobby Sharp 3-pointer at the 4:30 mark. By then, Gonzaga had opened up a 27-point lead with a 23-3 run.

"Just effort and attention to detail, guys buying in and swarming around," Few said of the second-half defense. "That's a good offensive team. Portland can score in a lot of ways."



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ABOVE: Gonzaga's Kevin Pangos (4) takes a shot against Portland's Alec Wintering during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Thursday, in Spokane, Wash. Gonzaga won 64-46.



LEFT: Fans in the Gonzaga student section hold signs during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Portland.

Stanford Eases Past Short-Handed Washington, 84-74

SEATTLE (AP) — Two days after Washington dismissed 7-foot center Robert Upshaw for an unspecified team rules violation the Huskies clearly were not prepared to face Stanford Wednesday night.

Not the case for the Cardinal. They were ready.

Anthony Brown scored 23 points and Stanford took advantage of Washington's depleted inside game for an 84-74 victory.

"It was different on the defensive end with them going to the basket," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said. "We had almost been accustomed to, 'Oh, they're going to the basket. We're in good shape.' That's not the case now."

Upshaw, who averaged 10.9 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, was cut from the program Monday. Romar admitted that the team did not have enough practice time without him to adjust the defense.

"We have to tighten up defending the perimeter," he said. "We played with some different lineups. We had not been able to even practice with those lineups."

Stefan Nastic, the Cardinal 7-foot center, exploited the inside in the first half. He scored 15 of his 17 points in the half, hitting 7 of 8 shots from the floor.

"You take what the defense gives you, and it worked out," Nastic said. "The big guy was definitely a factor, he's definitely a very good player, but great teams like Washington, they're always going to find players to step up."

Chasson Randle added 20 points and Marcus Allen had 12 for Stanford (15-5, 6-2 Pac-12).

Nigel Williams-Goss had 17 points to lead Washington (14-6, 3-5). Mike Anderson had 16 points and Quevyn Winters added 13.

Stanford led by 12 points, 36-24, at intermission and Washington could draw no closer until pulling within 10 in the final



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Stanford's Stefan Nastic (4) and Anthony Brown defends Washington's Quevyn Winters during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday in Seattle.

minute. The Huskies trailed by as many as 26 points in the second half.

Nastic, who had been averaging 14.0 points per game, made 7 of 8 attempts in the opening half. The Huskies double-teamed him in the second, holding him to just one basket and he fouled out with six minutes left.

That opened opportunities for Brown, who scored 15 of his 23 in the second half.

"We'd throw it in and if he gets doubled, he kicks it back out," Brown said. "We have some shooters who can put in down."

"I figured, they're kind of doubling on our guy who dominated in the first half, so me and Chasson had to step up in the second half and provide some offense."

The last time these teams met, Jan. 4 in Palo Alto, Stanford won 68-60 in overtime. In that game, the Huskies committed a season-high 19 turnovers. Sloppy play again put the Huskies in a hole early that they never dug out.

Stanford opened with a 7-4 lead by the 17-minute mark before the Huskies turned the ball over on three of their next four possessions and found them-

selves behind 12-5 with 15:02 left. Washington ended a nearly five-minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws by Andrew Andrews at 12:45 left.

The Huskies reduced the deficit to five points, 29-24, at 2:06, but the Cardinal then scored the final seven points — five by Brown — for a 36-24 lead at intermission. The Cardinal shot 55.5 percent in the half.

Cougars Can't Hold on to Late Lead in Losing 76-67 to California

PULLMAN (AP) — Washington State couldn't hold a one-point lead in the final four minutes as the Cougars dropped their fourth consecutive game Thursday.

California's Tyrone Wallace scored 21 of his 26 points in the first half, and backcourt partner Jordan Mathews scored all nine of his points in the final minutes of the Golden Bears' 76-67 victory.

Jabari Bird added 12 points and eight rebounds for the Bears (12-9, 2-6 Pac-12), who snapped a six-game losing streak. Fresh-

man Brandon Chauca scored a season-high 10 points.

DaVonte Lacy, out of Curtis High in University Place, led Washington State (9-11, 3-5) with 24 points. Josh Hawkinson added 18 points and 12 rebounds.

California led 39-37 at the end of a tightly contested first half. An 8-0 run gave the Cougars a 65-64 lead with 3:35 left in the game. That was WSU's first lead since late in the first half, but Mathews — Cal's second-leading scorer behind Wallace this season — scored Cal's next nine points during a 9-2 run that pushed the Bears ahead 73-67.

The first half included nine ties and three lead changes. Cal drew 12 of the 20 fouls called in the first half and 21 of 40 in the game. Mathews played just four minutes in the first half after picking up a quick foul and a technical.

The Bears, who had been struggling on offense, shot 55.2 percent from the field. The Bears had not scored more than 66 points in a game since their six-game losing skid began with a 69-66 home loss to Washington State on Jan. 4.



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Wrapped Up in Love

PROJECT LINUS: Local Group Stitches Blankets for Kids in Need

By Carrina Stanton
 For The Chronicle

It's a Wednesday morning and the Virgil R. Lee Building in Chehalis is filled with sewing machines.

Quilters work away at pieces of what will become blankets for Project Linus, a charity that gives blankets to kids ages 0-18 who need encouragement, help or just a hug.

Locally, this small group donated 847 quilts last year to organizations including: Providence Centralia and Morton General hospitals; Pope's Kids Place respite care and dental; Centralia College Child and Family Studies; SAFE Family Ministries; and Fresh Start in Onalaska. Organizer Theresa Yocom said their work is important because there are always so many needs to be met.

"We always run out of blankets by the end of the year," Yocom said. "There's always more places you could go."

The Lewis, Cowlitz, Pacific and Grays Harbor counties branch of Project Linus, a national organization aimed at getting donated blankets to kids, was started in 2006 by Yocom. Twenty-three years ago, Yocom began sewing blankets for charity. It was a way for her to meld the quilting skills she had learned as a young woman with her passion for giving back.

"And there's only so much you can make for your own house and family," Yocom said.

Originally from South Louisiana, she lived in Texas and traveled the world as an oil company employee until she and her husband, Terry, retired and moved to Chehalis in 2003. She said they chose to retire in the Pacific Northwest because they were drawn to the area's beauty.

"My husband loves national parks, and when we would vacation we'd come to the Northwest," Yocom said. "When we retired, we decided we were ready for an adventure."

Upon moving to Lewis County, Yocom said, she immediately joined a non-profit with similar goals to Project Linus, but soon after the group decided to disband. She helped the remaining group of members who wanted to keep going decide on Project Linus as their official affiliation. Their first year, the local Project Linus group completed 91 quilts to be donated.

Between 30 and 35 local quilters gather once a month in Chehalis and twice a month in Morton to sew quilts for Project Linus. Yocom said all experience levels of sewers are welcome. There are some very experienced quilters who are happy to teach their skills to beginners.

"They all bring their own set of skills," Yocom said. "Everybody gets to do what they like to do."

Some Project Linus members enjoy the camaraderie of the sewing meetups, but Yocom said another 20-30 quilters support the project but prefer to work independently. Finished quilts and fabric can be donated at Sisters quilt shop in Chehalis and Mama Made It in Longview. Yocom said they had about 700-800 yards of donated fabric last year. She uses half of her two-car garage to store all of it.

"The hardest part is keeping it all organized," she said.



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Lynn McCord, of Chehalis, left, Judi Quinn, of Elma, center, and Gladly Vinatieri, of Chehalis, sew quilts at the Fred Hess Kitchen at Recreation Park in Chehalis on Wednesday, Jan. 21. The women are part of a group that are involved in Project Linus, which makes blankets that are donated to local charities such as a homeless shelter. Over a dozen women meet up once a month for work parties where they sew quilts together.



Carol Chatwood, of Olympia, center-left, and Lynda Henry, of Boistfort, right, pack up quilt batting at the Fred Hess Kitchen at Recreation Park in Chehalis on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

At Sisters or at the Chehalis and Morton meetups, quilters who are interested in supporting the cause can also pick up quilt kits they can take home to work on.

"They can take it home, take as long as they like, bring it back and it doesn't matter how long it takes," Yocom said.

While the group's donations are typically kept local they made a special donation last year of 27 blankets following the school shootings at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. They received several notes of thanks saying how much they or their children were helped by the blankets.

"You think it's a simple thing but it's not that simple," Yocom said. "It's something that lets them know some-

one cares for them."

It is these stories of where the blankets go that inspires Clareda Deskins, Rochester, who has been part of the group for about three years, to keep sewing. She said she feels like her life is so blessed she wanted to find a way to give back to her community.

"I've learned so much from her. I've gotten such a passion for it I can't sleep at night because I'm thinking of projects I could make," Deskins said.

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Wash Those Legos, and 36 Other Tips for Better Living in 2015

By the Staff
The News & Observer

It's a new year — with so much promise and so much to do. Here are some ways to make life easier and solve the little problems that crop up around your home and garden this year.

1. Replace the light over your garage door: Choose a bigger, brighter fixture. Garage lighting is often undersized, because builders spend lighting dollars elsewhere. A larger fixture outside over the garage door will enhance your home's appearance — and you'll appreciate the extra light every time you arrive home after dark. <http://nando.com/pv>

2. Start trolling consignment antique stores: You find great used stuff that's cheaper and better than many new products. Like vintage Christmas decorations? You'll score big time.

3. Beat bugs: Have an ant problem? This Old House magazine suggests spreading cinnamon across the path where they're entering the room. They'll avoid it like the plague.

4. Show, don't tell: Have a small repair job that's hard to describe to staff at home stores? Snap a photo with your phone and show it to them. A picture is worth, well, you know

5. Shop museum stores: From books to jewelry to one-of-a-kind art and crafts, unusual decor and gift items aplenty are to be found in museum shops — and many times shopping is tax free! 1000Museums.com is a good starting place, with links to merchandise from museums around the world.

6. Create an outbox and use it: Find a spot where you can stash stuff you might want to get rid of, suggests Apartment Therapy's Maxwell Ryan in Good Housekeeping magazine, then ask yourself: Do I love it? Do I use it? Does my home need it? If any answer is "no," place the item in the outbox for a week. After that, decide whether to keep it or get rid of it. Still unsure? Wait one more week. Once your separation anxiety has passed, it's easy to clear out a space, Maxwell says.

7. Protect your lawnmower: Want to avoid that expensive spring lawnmower tune-up? Invest a few dollars on a spray can of starting fluid. Squirt a few spritzes into the carburetor when you wheel your mower out in the spring, and it should start on the first pull. (Eliminates that trip to the shop — and saves

your aching back, too.) Starting fluid is less than \$5 from makers such as Gunk, Gumout and Valvoline.

8. Add pops of color: Fabric baskets, like throw pillows, are a quick way to add splashes of color to any room. They're affordable and easy to replace when you want a change. And they're handy, too, for stashing everything from magazines to the kids' toys. See an amazing array at <http://nando.com/q3>.

9. Keep toothpicks on hand: Use them to pierce a clogged nozzle on a glue bottle; apply touch-up paint to tiny nicks on furniture; and to clean between the buttons of your remote control. (Dip it in rubbing alcohol first.) This Old House has more clever uses for toothpicks at <http://nando.com/q4>.

10. Foil password thieves: Use an accented letter in your password.

11. Upholster a door: Charlotte, N.C., designer Gray Walker tells Southern Living magazine that doors decked out in fabric and trim — say leather and rivets, for instance — are making a comeback. "Upholstery upgrades doors to a furniture-like status that's really beautiful," she says.

12. Get discounts on meat: Many supermarkets discount their meat late in the evening, says Womansday.com. Ask at the meat counter what time the manager makes markdowns.

13. Save the box: If you're updating your lighting or your bath hardware, save the box and use a section to create a cardboard template. When mounting an overhead fluorescent light fixture, for instance, cut a piece of cardboard the size of the fixture, then poke holes through the cardboard that line up with the mounting holes on the fixture. Use painter's tape to mount the cardboard to the ceiling. Then you'll know exactly where to mark the spots for drilling holes for plastic anchors or toggle bolts.

14. Make a foolproof art wall: Use painter's tape on your wall to mask out an arrangement of art and objects; you'll see right away if you have enough to fill the space and make it "important" looking, Domino magazine suggests. For balance and variety, include both vertical and horizontal works.

15. Keep Legos clean: Put Lego pieces in a mesh laundry bag, zip it closed and toss into the washing machine full of hot

water and a bit of soap, says the toddler-mom who blogs at Gettinby.wordpress.com. When the cycle is over, spread Legos on a towel to dry.

16. Get handier: If you're semi-handy and want to get better, buy one new power tool a year. Black Friday is a great time to get a quality item at a good price. And once you have a tool, you'll find a way to use it. This year, we got a great hammer drill for \$50. If you own a home, you'll need one for drilling into brick or concrete.

17. Bring an outdoor rug inside: Many designs are a good fit for today's casual decor and have the look and softness of cloth. Best of all, you can just wipe — or hose — stains away, making them ideal for a playroom or breakfast nook.

18. Wash those "tiger stripe" aluminum gutters: Your gutters are probably the dirtiest, dingiest surface on your home's exterior. So, if you wash just the gutters, your whole house will look better! Krud Kutter makes a gutter wash that gets decent reviews. It's about \$12 for 32 ounces. Be sure to read and follow directions. Some homeowners swear by whitewall tire cleaner, too.

19. Use a trouser hanger as a kitchen tool: Attach a recipe to the clips and put the hanger on an upper-cabinet knob so cooking directions are at eye-level when you need them. Or detach the clips from the hanger and use them to close opened bags of chips and pretzels.

20. Use free home improvement advice: Thinking about tackling an intimidating home repair? Start Googling videos. You'll learn a lot. Still need advice? On a slow weekday off, go to a home improvement store. You'll find many people working the floor who are former contractors and know how to get the job done. They may offer a solution that's easier than the one you had in mind.

21. Create a magnetic wall: A roll of printed, cut-to-fit magnetic wallpaper makes it easy to turn an odd niche or a closet door into a useful spot to display reminders and kids' school projects. Houzz.com shows thousands of ways to use it.

22. Make a deck box do double-duty: These storage units are affordable, easy to assemble — and truly handy. They keep stored porch cushions dry and can double as seating. Pull the deck box up to the outdoor table if you don't have enough chairs for guests. Ideal for storing gar-

dening and grilling supplies, or the kids' outdoor toys.

23. Get organized: Shoe organizers that hang on doors make great storage for cleaning supplies.

24. Clean a splattered, stained cook top: As soon as the stove has cooled enough to touch, wipe away the mess. Cover dried-on spills with a wet, soapy dish cloth and let it sit, then use the cloth to wipe up the softened spill, Real Simple magazine recommends. For stubborn, neglected messes, make a paste of 3 parts baking soda to 1 part water. Apply to the spill, leave on for 10 minutes, and wipe away with a damp paper towel. You can also use a non-abrasive cleanser.

25. Add an overhead garage shelf for more storage: These innovative devices hang from the ceiling; if your garage ceiling is high enough, you might be able to hang one in the space above the open garage door. Prices start at about \$60.

26. Grill on the cheap: Use a lot of charcoal for grilling? Big box stores have huge markdowns around Memorial and Labor Day. And if you use a Weber kettle, invest in a hinged grill that lets you adjust the coals and drop in smoking wood more easily. Watch for year-end markdowns on charcoal as well.

27. Keep it clean: Real estate agents say dirty, smudged light switch covers are a real turnoff for buyers. (Sorry — couldn't resist.) Clean or replace switch or receptacle covers. Experiment with a different color. Crisp white adds a designer touch. Switch and receptacle covers come in different sizes, too, so you might want to check out larger covers.

28. Collect lidded boxes: Decorative boxes make perfect risers for displaying mementos on a book shelf and provide interest and storage on a side table or nightstand.

29. Add new curtain rods: Especially, Houzz.com says, if you update other hardware such as door and cabinet knobs. Replace simple brass rods with, say, bronze or brushed nickel. Choose something more sculptural, more dramatic. Or go outside-the-box creative and try something like re-purposed electrical conduit or a gnarly tree branch.

30. Fight pet hair: Always shake clothing (preferably outside) before tossing it in the wash, FamilyCircle.com rec-

ommends, and add a couple of yards of nylon net to your dryer to catch pet fuzz. You can use each piece several times.

31. Find new uses for old things: Allyou.com says cutting a few strips of tin foil will keep your scissors sharp; that you can make a koozie by cutting off the ankle portion of a sock and slipping it over a bottled or canned beverage to keep it insulated; and that a dab of white toothpaste can be used to fill small nail holes in a wall.

32. Make over your linen closet: January is prime time for white sales. Toss worn-out bedding and replace with sheets and pillowcases that are color-coordinated to indicate size (blue for king, beige for queen, etc.), Heather Chaddock Hillegas suggests in Southern Living magazine. If space permits, assign a shelf for each bedroom. Hillegas likes keeping towels white but coordinating monograms with each bedroom's color theme.

33. Spray it: If you can spray paint something instead of using a can and brush, do it. It's faster and easier. If you don't have a can of stain-blocking primer, get one.

34. Restore a scratched wooden table: Dip a soft cloth into a mixture of ½ cup vinegar and ½ cup olive oil and rub it onto the wood. The bloggers at Domestic Bliss Squared say scratches will disappear!

35. Update a light fixture: Transform an old brass light fixture or table lamp with Krylon's oil-rubbed bronze spray paint. (Or hammered metal or stone texture spray. You're limited only by your imagination.) Just clean the metal well, and follow the instructions on the can.

36. Make a better BLT: Arrange raw strips of bacon in a basket-weave that will fit on a slice of bread. Cook till crispy. Enjoy with your favorite sandwich fixings. Thanks to Buzzfeed.com for the idea.

37. Freshen your entryway: Paint the railings when you paint your front door. For iron railings, use a wire brush to remove loose rust, coat with rusty metal primer, then finish with a coat of oil-based enamel. For a little more sparkle at your bright new entry, choose the semigloss finish instead of flat. rustoleum.com



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In Defense of the Humble Casserole



By Judy Hevrdejs and Lauren Hill
Chicago Tribune

Step away from the sous-vide machine and microwave. It's time to embrace the casserole, that oven-baked creation, and give it the respect it deserves.

Its legacy is rich, having sustained humans for centuries — no, not the green bean casserole your granny made in the '60s, but some of the culinary world's greatest hits: the pork, sausage and bean cassoulet from France, eggplant and lamb moussaka from Greece and that curly pasta, cheese and sauce lasagna from Italy.

They may not be called casseroles, but they are. That, perhaps, is where the confusion comes in, for the word casserole refers not only to a prepared dish but to the cooking vessel as well.

"There are two histories of casseroles. There's a medieval history and the modern history. The modern history really begins in America," says Clifford A. Wright, author of "Bake Until Bubbly: The Ultimate Casserole Cookbook" and "Hot & Cheesy." "Casserole the cooking vessel, which we usually think of as being rectangular and ceramic, really began to take off in the late 19th century," Wright says. That was thanks to various potteries that were producing a variety of ceramic casseroles that worked well in ovens, coinciding with a time when in-home ovens were becoming more common in America.

Their history reflects our history, helping us stretch foods during tough times (world wars, economic depressions) and incorporating scientific advances (ceramic bakeware, canned foods, frozen foods), Wright notes. They joined us at potlucks and church suppers. Every region in America has one. They show up in movies, TV shows and on YouTube in musical homages. Many have colorful names: Strata. Supper. Supremes. Delights. Hotdish. "There's one called ham medley," Wright says. "It's made of chicken on the bone, with onion, bechamel sauce, ham and Swiss cheese."

He remembers a casserole

his mother made in the '50s. "It was the simplest thing in the world. It was just frankfurters, beer and sauerkraut."

Casseroles proved to be time savers, versatile and very economical for home cooks. Yet, Wright points out, in all those early 20th-century cookbooks or magazines deliciousness or taste was never an issue as long as you get it on the table quickly. "Taste didn't matter because it wasn't about taste. Now they're starting to have a good name because people are starting to pay a lot more attention to food."

BUILD A BETTER CASSEROLE

A well-made casserole often features a mix of textures, sometimes colors and a nice amount of browning, adding another dimension of flavor with that caramelizing. There are some guidelines for building a good one.

First you need to decide its purpose.

Perhaps it's simply a side dish, say a green bean or cauliflower casserole.

"If you're making a casserole as a one-pot dish, in other words, you want to feed your family and you only want to cook one thing — the casserole — then you're going to want some protein, some starch and some vegetable," Wright says.

"You want to pay attention to two things. One, is it balanced and do all the foods in it cook, more or less, at the same time? Let's say you have cubes of potatoes. What are the things that can go in the casserole that will cook in the same amount of time that it takes the potatoes to cook?" asks Wright. "You might want to use pork tenderloin, for example, rather than pork shoulder because it will take about the same amount of time as the potatoes."

"The other thing you've got to remember is it's got to have some kind of moisture to it. If the food itself is not emitting the moisture, what is the moisture going to be? Is it going to be a broth or a little sauce? And then you've got to decide how healthy it should be," Wright adds. "Are you going to put a bechamel

or Mornay sauce on top? Sure makes it delicious but maybe you don't want that much cream and cheese. So you adjust it."

Betty Rosbottom's "Sunday Casseroles: Complete Comfort in One Dish" (Chronicle Books, \$24.95) covers a vast array of recipes, a cassoulet rapide to a turkey and corn tortilla matchup and a baked French toast with apples, apricots and cherries morning dish. As she notes in her book's intro: "A good marriage is like a casserole; only those responsible for it really know what goes into it" — Anonymous.

Among her casserole tips:

Shallower dishes tend to cook more quickly than deeper ones.

Unless there's a lot of braising liquid, butter or oil baking dishes to prevent food from sticking.

Creamy cheeses that melt easily can be used instead of white or cheese sauces; Gorgonzola and mascarpone are good stand-ins.

When cooking pasta for casseroles, make sure to season the water with salt, but do not add oil to the pasta water or rinse the drained cooked pasta — both will prevent sauces from adhering to the pasta.

In addition, or in place of breadcrumb toppings, use toasted nuts (such as almonds, walnuts, pecans).

GREAT MOMENTS IN CASSEROLE HISTORY

1913: Pyrex breaks into cookware. Bessie Littleton needed to bake a cake, but her casserole dish was broken. She asked her Corning Glass Works scientist husband to bring home some glass to use instead. He brought her the sawed-off bottoms of some battery jars. And thus, Pyrex, the glass cookware company, was born.

1943: Spot the silver-lidded casserole dish in Norman Rockwell's classic Thanksgiving family dinner "Freedom from Want" painting.

1940s: Eugenia Japp urges husband Leonard (who founded Jay's Potato Chips) to put a recipe on the chip bags. He used

her version of a tuna fish casserole topped with crushed potato chips.

1947: Harry S. Truman asks Americans to help post-war recovery in Europe through "Meatless Tuesdays" and other efforts in his "Food Conservation Speech." Wife Bess created a casserole recipe (yet another tuna, this one with noodles) as a tasty alternative.

1955: Green bean casserole is born. Campbell Soup Co.'s Dorcas Reilly wanted to create a quick and easy recipe using two common items in American kitchens: green beans and Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup.

1994: Lasagna stars in the TV show "Friends" when Rachel (Jennifer Aniston) loses Barry's engagement ring in Monica's (Courteney Cox) lasagna in "The One with the Sonogram at the End."

2011: A CorningWare casserole dish with its blue cornflower design sits in the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, donated that year by Mrs. Anne L. Bernat, who received a set for her 1967 wedding.

2012: "Cheesecake Casserole" — the movie. Four friends come together on the weekend before college graduation and make a cheesecake casserole. A lot has changed since they met freshmen year, and the girls worry if their friendship will keep them together for years to come.

SOURCES: Campbellkitchen.com; Internet Movie Database; Norman Rockwell Museum (NRM.org); National Park Service Museum Collections; Harry S. Truman (cr.nps.gov); Pyrexware.com; Smithsonian.



BAKED RIGATONI WITH BROCCOLI

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 40 minutes

Makes: 4 servings

Adapted from "Hot & Cheesy" by Clifford A. Wright (Wiley, \$22.99)

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces rigatoni
- 1 ¼ pounds broccoli, stems and florets separated
- 3 tablespoon unsalted butter, plus more for greasing casserole
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups hot whole milk
- ¾ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- ¼ teaspoon salt, about
- Freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 8 ounces mozzarella, diced
- ¼ cup dried breadcrumbs
- Olive oil

please see **CASSEROLES**, page Life 8

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Religion, Church News

Mormon Leaders Call for Measures Protecting Gay Rights and Religious Freedoms

By Brady McCombs and Rachel Zoll
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Mormon church announced a campaign Tuesday for new laws that protect gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people from discrimination while somehow also protecting people who assert their religious beliefs.

“We must find ways to show respect for others whose beliefs, values and behaviors differ from ours while never being forced to deny or abandon our own beliefs, values and behaviors in the process,” a church elder, Jeffrey R. Holland, said in announcing the church’s position.

Mormon leaders did not explain just how it would draw lines between gay rights and religious freedoms, and it’s unclear how much common ground the church will gain with this campaign. The church insists it is making no changes in doctrine, and still believes that sex is against the law of God unless it’s within a marriage between a man and a woman.

But the new approach could profoundly change political calculations in the Mormon strongholds of Utah, Idaho, Nevada and Arizona, where the church and its members play a large civic role.

In Utah, where most state lawmakers are Mormon, the announcement was cheered after years of failed efforts to pass anti-discrimination measures.

“What the LDS church did today was historic,” said Democratic state Sen. Jim Dabakis, who was raised Mormon and is openly gay. “This was a bold, strong, principled statement ... today we are seeing the fruits of civility and respect.”

The gay-rights group Equality Utah also applauded, saying LGBT rights can co-exist with freedoms of religious individuals.

But national advocates on both sides were dismissive.

The Rev. Russell Moore of



Rick Bowmer, / The Associated Press

This Sept. 3, 2014, file photo, shows flowers blooming in front of the Salt Lake Temple in Temple Square, Salt Lake City. Mormon church leaders are making a national appeal for a “balanced approach” in the clash between gay rights and religious freedom. The church is promising to support some housing and job protections for gays and lesbians in exchange for legal protections for believers who object to the behavior of others.

the Southern Baptist Convention called the Mormon leaders “well-intentioned, but naive” about animosity toward religious exemptions. And Sarah Warbelow, legal director for the Human Rights Campaign, called it “deeply flawed.” The First Amendment’s protection of religious freedom “does not give any of us the right to harm others, and that’s what it sounds like the proposal from the Mormon church would do - it would allow a doctor to refuse to care for a lesbian because of his religious beliefs, for example,” said James Esseks, who directs the LGBT project of the American

Civil Liberties Union.

The campaign is the latest example of a shift in tone on gay rights by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which counts 15 million members worldwide. They have moved away from harsh rhetoric and are preaching compassion and acceptance of gays and lesbians now that gay marriage is legal in Washington D.C. and 36 states including Utah.

“Accommodating the rights of all people — including their religious rights — requires wisdom and judgment, compassion and fairness,” said Holland, who appeared at a rare news confer-

ence with two other apostles from the church’s governing Quorum of the Twelve.

“Politically, it certainly requires dedication to the highest level of statesmanship. Nothing is achieved if either side resorts to bullying, political point scoring or accusations of bigotry.”

The Mormon church will back laws that protect “vital religious freedoms for individuals, families, churches and other faith groups while also protecting the rights of our LGBT citizens in such areas as housing, employment and public accommodation in hotels, restaurants and transportation,” said

Dallin H. Oaks, another apostle.

Mormon leaders still want to hire and fire workers based on their religious beliefs as well as behavior standards known as honor codes, which require gays and lesbians to remain celibate or marry someone of the opposite sex. The church also wants legal protections for religious objectors who work in government and health care, such as a physician who refuses to perform an abortion, or provide artificial insemination for a lesbian couple.

“It is one of today’s great ironies that some people who have fought so hard for LGBT rights now try to deny the rights of others to disagree with their public policy proposals,” Oaks said.

Accommodations for religious objectors have factored into every state legislative debate over gay rights. But rights advocates have gained leverage as support for same-sex marriage grows. In some states, such as Arizona, even business leaders are on their side, saying broad religious exemptions hurt a state’s image.

But religious conservatives also mobilized after the U.S. Supreme Court set a broad expansion of gay marriage in motion last year, pressing states to allow some groups, companies and people to refuse some benefits or service for gay spouses. And gay rights groups seeking job and housing protections have faced an uphill battle in the more politically and religiously conservative states.

Much has changed since Mormons led a fight against same-sex unions in California.

Given the “current contentious atmosphere that exists among people of different views on these subjects,” Oaks said, “we wish to promote a more Christian, a more civil and considerate tone.”

After Dove Debacle, Vatican Makes Balloons New Peace Symbol

By Frances D’emilio
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Dove lovers, rejoice.

Balloons, not doves, were released as a gesture of peace Sunday in St. Peter’s Square, a year after an attack by a seagull and a crow on the symbolic birds sparked protests by animal protection groups.

For years children, flanking the pope at a window of the papal studio overlooking the square, set free a pair of doves on the last Sunday in January. The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates January to peace themes.

Last year, the feel-good practice became a public relations disaster. After the children with Pope Francis

tossed a pair of doves from the window, first a seagull and then a crow swept down and attacked the doves. Those doves’ ultimate fate was unknown.

Advocates for animals demanding an end to dove releases swiftly appealed to Francis, the first pontiff to adopt the name of Francis of Assisi, the saint famed for his love for birds and other creatures of the wild.

“Here’s the balloons that mean, ‘peace,’” said Francis when children in the square let go of their balloons.

Gulls nest atop the colonnade of St. Peter’s Square, not far from the Tiber River, and scavenge for garbage. One animal advocacy group likened freeing doves in Rome to issuing a death sentence.

Another saint, Pope John Paul II, began the dove release tradition to draw attention to the need to work for peace in the world. Since then, children have been invited to join pontiffs at the window to release a pair of doves.

Until this year. The Vatican didn’t mention last year’s flap when it said in a statement Sunday that children would release balloons, including a hot-air balloon containing messages of peace. One of the children at the window read a speech about peace.



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Colored balloons released by children fly next to a statue at the end of the noon Angelus prayer recited by Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican Sunday.

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The Daily Chronicle

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Allied Drives Ended

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Command today announced the end of five Allied operations...

Guardsmen, Troops Struggle To Stem Widespread Violence

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Some 61,000 National Guardsmen and Army troops were deployed in the nation's trouble-wracked cities today to curb the spasms of violence that have shaken the urban centers since the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The death brought to 26 the number of known dead in five days of rioting in dozens of cities. All but five of the dead were Negroes. More than 1,400 have been injured and more than 10,000 arrested.

Relative calm existed today in Chicago, Pittsburgh and Washington with heavy troop patrols enforcing the uneasy peace. Arrests for heavy violations soared in the nation's capital.

The nationwide deployment of 61,000 troops was apparently the largest such force ever turned out for a civil emergency in the United States.

Peace Talks U.S., Hanoi Eye Contacts

WASHINGTON, Md. (AP) — President Johnson said today the United States is in touch with North Vietnam about alternative sites which could be convenient to both sides for preliminary peace talks.

Johnson did not disclose what alternative places the United States had suggested to Hanoi in the new U.S. exchange with North Vietnam.

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Grassland Program Ends; New Farm Direction Told

A 15-year program that raised Lewis County's farm income by \$34 million was retired Monday night and replaced with a brand new expanded farm improvement program that will extend to 1973.

The objectives of the new effort call for the encouragement to develop all lands suitable for agriculture and forestry to their highest potential use through good farming practices and best land use requirements.

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Smashup Hurts 3

A Tillamook, Ore., family of three was injured in a one-car accident at 10:15 p.m. Monday on the freeway at the Methan Street interchange in Centralia.

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'Honor Corps' Listed At Pe Ell High School

PE ELL — The "honor corps" of the graduating seniors has been selected at Pe Ell High School, Principal Orville A. Myer announced Tuesday.

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Hooping bowls of strawberries will be served at the annual Rochester Strawberry Festival Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Rochester Grange Hall.

Two Plead Innocent To Narcotics Charge

Two young men pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges of illegal possession of narcotic drugs when arraigned in Lewis County Superior Court before Judge Darwin J. Cunningham.

They were Patrick D. Dybvig, 24, Chehalis, and Robert L. Reeves, 21, Centralia.

CR Bill Cleared

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House earlier Committee reversing its earlier opposition, today cleared the way for the passage of the CR Bill.

The bill passed a crucial test today, however, and its supporters say they have the votes to prevent further delay and send the bill to the White House by Thursday.

Contract Awarded

A \$42,121 contract to widen State Street from Main to West Streets was awarded Monday to the Chehalis City Commission by Pacific Sand and Gravel Company, Centralia.

Twin Cities Holy Week Services Noted

Twin City Holy Week services which started Monday in Chehalis will climax Sunday with a sunrise service at W. F. West High School stadium.

Late News Bulletins

KANSAS CITY (AP) — An estimated 1,000 Negroes converged on City Hall and police headquarters in the heart of Kansas City today but were dispersed by police using tear gas and backed up by 1,000 National Guard troops on standby alert.

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — A 70-year-old man burned to death in his second floor apartment today, the sixth victim since Saturday of Negro "looting." Fire officials identified the dead man as Collie Holton, one of about 10 occupants over a grocery store which had been set afire in West Baltimore.

RAIN Chances of rain tonight. Scattered showers with partial clearing Wednesday. High near 50, low in 40s. Complete weather on page 7.

Hamiltons Bundle Up the Wheat



Submitted by Judy Breen / for Our Hometowns This circa 1911 photo shows Frank and Fred Hamilton, twin sons of William A. and Margaret Gibson Hamilton. The young men are shown bundling wheat as their father, William A. (1851 to 1933) rides the horse-drawn combine. His farm is where the Napavine McDonald's and Bethel church are located today on Kirkland Road.

Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 8.

Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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- 12 Cramped
- 15 Diplomat's need

- 18 Memorable decade
- 20 Written reminder
- 21 VCR button
- 22 Polite cough
- 23 Robin Cook thriller
- 24 Baja Ms.
- 25 Tea holders
- 26 "Fatha" Hines
- 29 Very pale
- 31 A Stooge
- 33 Citrus Bowl city
- 35 Forgoes
- 38 Drum, as fingers
- 40 Borodin prince
- 42 Striped animal
- 43 Exploding star
- 44 Ambler of spy novels
- 46 Ukraine capital
- 47 Icicle site
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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

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 DNHLPNMR. MN K EN RVKSXM DHNP RVL
 TLHMTLGRKJL ND C DCS." — TVCHHLZZ
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SHOALWATER BAY INDIAN TRIBE, is recruiting for an experienced Third Party Biller. Job is located at the Shoalwater Bay Wellness Center, Tokeland, WA. Please visit <http://www.shoalwaterbay-nsn.gov> for instructions on how to apply, to review the job description and more information.

CARE GIVERS NEEDED For Seniors & People With Disabilities.

Starting Wages: \$11.63-\$12.48/hour (depending on experience & certification) \$159/24 hour live-in shift. Additional pay available: \$1.00 more per hour on weekends. Up to \$1.50 more per hour for client specific needs \$0.50 more per hour for nurse delegation clients. Time and a half for most major holidays worked. Paid vacation, Mileage & travel time reimbursement, Excellent Medical, Dental, Vision Benefits, even for part time work. Paid training & WA State Cert/ Exam fees. Must be 18 years of age or older. Must be able to pass federal background check. Reliable vehicle, current driver's license & insurance required. If interested, contact: Chehalis Catholic Community Services: 1570 N National Ave, Suite 211, Chehalis, WA 98532. 360-345-1100 or 800-642-8021. Olympia Catholic Community Services, 129 Decatur St NW, Olympia, WA 98502. 360-586-2960 or 800-783-8193.

TRADES
Engineer Technician II-Survey Division Lewis County -Public Works, Chehalis, WA. Starting Salary \$3,487 to \$3,663 monthly (DOQ) (Top pay \$4,689/Monthly). For job requirements, job description and application go to <http://lewiscountywa.gov/jobs> or pick up an application packet (8AM- 5PM) at the Public Services Building, 2025 NE Kresky Ave, Chehalis. Posting closes @ 4PM, 2/5/2015

FOREST AND CONSERVATION

WORKER Jose's Reforestation is currently offering 35 outdoor positions for qualified forest and conservation workers. Work is seasonal, temporary employment from April 5, 2015 to December 5, 2015. Daily schedule is 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday-Friday. Anticipate 37.5 hours per week with no overtime. Work will occur in public and private forest lands in Lewis, Skagit, King, Mason, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Pacific, Kittitas, Thurston, Kitsap, Whatcom, Stevens, Skamania, Okanogan, Columbia, Chelan, Clallam, Jefferson, Wahkiakum, Snohomish, Clark, Pierce, Yakima, Klickitat, Grant, Garfield, Walla Walla, Asotin, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, San Juan and Island Counties. The worker must, under supervision, perform manual labor necessary to develop, maintain, or protect public and private forest lands. Activities include planting seedlings, trimming brush and over growth. Must have the ability to count, physically able to lift and carry up to 38 pounds, ability to work in varying weather conditions, ability to be on feet for 6-8 hours a day. Hourly wage of \$16.04. Daily transit to work site will be provided. Employer will deduct advances made to workers on off payroll weeks from the next payroll check. Employer will secure housing and deduct rent costs from workers, as well as utility charges. The employer guarantees to offer employment for a total number of work hours equal to at least three-fourths of the workdays in each 12-week period. Applicants should mail resumes to or call: Jose's Reforestation, 634 S Market Blvd, Chehalis, WA 98532, 360-748-4691. Applicants can also contact WorkSource Lewis County, 360-748-2360 reference WA 2764543.

DRIVERS

SORENSEN TRANSPORT IS HIRING LOCAL DRIVERS AND DRIVERS TO RUN THE SEVEN WESTERN STATES. DRIVERS ARE HOME WEEKLY. MUST MEET OUR INSURANCE COMPANY HIRING GUIDELINES. NEED 2 YEARS RECENT OTR EXPERIENCE OR 1 YEAR EXPERIENCE WITH COMPLETION OF TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL. OUR DRIVERS AVERAGED \$60,000 LAST YEAR. WE ALSO FURNISH EXCELLENT MEDICAL-DENTAL-VISION AND LIFE INSURANCE. CALL RON DICK AT 1-800-332-3213, EXTENSION 19.

Washington Cedar & Supply is now hiring! Drivers, Roof Loader wanted for local deliveries. Full benefits, 401K, vacation, Class B CDL required, drug free workplace. Apply at 2001 93rd Ave. SW, Tumwater, WA 98512. 360-534-9496

Scot Industries is hiring a full time OTR driver. Class A CDL, clean driving record

and enhanced license or passport. Home on weekends. We offer competitive pay, profit sharing, insurance, paid holidays and paid vacation. Please apply in person with complete drivers abstract Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at 3020 Foron Rd., Centralia, WA 98531. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

SALES/ADVERTISING

SALES REPRESENTATIVE. The Chronicle seeks a full time advertising sales representative. The position requires 40 hours per week. The main focus of this position will require strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task with little supervision. Strong customer relations is foremost-including the ability to present and share information and products to potential and existing clients in person and over the phone. Must have basic computer knowledge, capable of carrying up to 25 pounds, able to walk up and down stairs and stand for periods of time when visiting clients at their various places of business. Reliable insured transportation and valid drivers license required. To apply please email your resume along with a cover letter attention Brian Watson bwatson@chronline.com or The Chronicle Attention: Sales Director, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531. The

Industrial Electrician- Cascade Hardwood in Chehalis, WA, a leading producer of hardwood lumber,

has an immediate opening in the electrical department for an industrial maintenance electrician. Candidate must have a background in PLC's, motors and motor controls and electrical construction. Computer skills in MS Excel & Word, knowledge of hydraulic and pneumatic systems and a minimum EL-07 Washington State Electrical license desired. Position is responsible for maintaining, troubleshooting, and repairing mill electrical control systems. Minimum three years experience. Shift work is required. We offer a competitive wage package and an opportunity to work for a growing company. Equal Employer Opportunity and a Drug Free Workplace. Send Resume to: Human Resource Department, Cascade Hardwood LLC, Po Box 269, Chehalis, WA 98532. Fax 360-740-5118 or e-mail hr@chwa.com



Casseroles

Continued from page Life 3

Directions:

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Heat a large pot of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add rigatoni; cook, 6 minutes. Cut the broccoli stems into 1-inch pieces. Add stems to the pot with the pasta; cook, 2 minutes. Add florets; cook about 5 minutes longer. (Never cook broccoli longer than 7 minutes.) Drain pasta and broccoli; transfer to a bowl.

2. Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir in flour; cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat; pour in milk slowly, whisking all the time. Return to heat; add Parmesan cheese. Cook until thicker, about 10 minutes. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt, pepper and cayenne. Taste for seasoning, adding more salt if needed.

3. Add the mozzarella and half the sauce to the rigatoni and broccoli; toss. Pour into a buttered 10-inch casserole dish; spread evenly. Spoon remaining sauce on top. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Drizzle with a little olive oil. Bake until golden and crispy on top, about 20 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 695 calories, 31 g fat, 18 g saturated fat, 79 mg cholesterol, 66 g carbohydrates, 36 g protein, 936 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

Ingredients:

- 5 cups water
- 1 1/3 cups whole milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt, plus more to taste
- 1 cup coarse ground polenta
- 2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated (1 cup)
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 8 ounces baby spinach
- 4 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded (1 cup)

Directions:

1. Heat water and milk to a boil in a large saucepan over medium-high heat; stir in 1 teaspoon salt. Very slowly pour polenta into boiling liquid while stirring constantly in a circular motion with a wooden spoon. Reduce heat to a gentle simmer; partially cover and cook, stirring often and making sure to scrape bottom and sides of pot clean. Cook until polenta no longer has a raw cornmeal taste, all liquid has been absorbed and mixture has a smooth uniform consistency but is very loose, about 15 minutes.

2. Remove polenta from heat. Stir in Parmesan cheese and butter; season with salt and pepper to taste. Pour polenta into a 13-by-9-inch baking dish; cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes.

3. While polenta cools, heat oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add onion and 1/2 teaspoon salt; cook until onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Add sausage. Cook, breaking up with a wooden spoon into large chunks, until meat is lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, pepper flakes and tomatoes; cook until fragrant, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in spinach, 1 handful at a time, until wilted. Season with salt and pepper. Cool to room temperature. Spread cooled sausage mixture over cooled polenta. If not baking right away, wrap dish tightly with plastic wrap; refrigerate up to 24 hours.

4. To finish, unwrap dish and cover tightly with greased aluminum foil. Bake in a 400-degree oven until hot throughout and bubbling at edges, about 30 minutes. Remove foil; sprinkle casserole with mozzarella. Bake uncovered until cheese melts, 10-15 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 445 calories, 24 g fat, 11 g saturated fat, 54 mg cholesterol, 36 g carbohydrates, 21 g protein, 1,438 mg sodium, 5 g fiber



RUSTIC POLENTA CASSEROLE WITH SAUSAGE

Prep: 25 minutes
Cool: 30 minutes
Cook: 1 hour, 35 minutes
Makes: 6 to 8 servings

Adapted from "The Make-Ahead Cook" by the editors at America's Test Kitchen (\$26.95). Can be made up to 24 hours ahead.

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Girlfriend Kept in Shadows Begins to See the Light

DEAR ABBY: I am 21 and confused. My boyfriend, "Ethan," and I broke up five months ago, but we recently got back together. The problem is, he hides the fact that we're together. I'm not allowed to put anything on Facebook or even comment or "like" anything on his page. He hardly even talks to me or comes to see me, and when we do talk or see each other, we end up in a fight. We used to be great together, but things are no longer the way they were.



By Abigail Van Buren

Ethan insists he's not cheating on me, but it's hard to believe him, because when we got back together he had been talking to a girl who lives a few miles away from him. I don't want to end our relationship. Ethan says he loves me and doesn't want to leave me, but I don't know what to think anymore. Any advice? — DRIFTING IN OHIO

DEAR DRIFTING: Yes. Wake up, honey. The relationship you cherished with Ethan is over. A man who is in love with a woman sees and talks with her often, and doesn't hide her from the world or get into a fight with her every time he sees her. That he would forbid you to mention that you are back together on Facebook and refuse to permit you to comment on his posts is a huge red flag.

You asked my advice, and here it is: Take a giant step backward and see Ethan for who he is — a person who doesn't tell the truth and is very likely a cheater. If he was sincere, he'd be telling the world the happy news about your reunion.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl and a junior in high school. I love my best friend and we are very close with each other. How

do we maintain a strong friendship when we go to college? We are planning on going to different colleges, possibly in different states. We don't want to lose what we have right now. — GOOD FRIEND ON THE WEST COAST

DEAR GOOD FRIEND: Do it the way everyone else does — through instant messaging and social media. But understand that both of you will have new responsibilities that will occupy your time, and you will be meeting new people and forming additional relationships. It doesn't have to have a negative impact on your close friendship if you both approach it with the right attitude. College is a time for growth and expansion. When you see each other during vacations from school, you can share that with each other.

DEAR ABBY: While driving with my son when he was in fifth or sixth grade, I spotted a bumper sticker on the car ahead of us at a stoplight. It had the "My child is an honor student" message with his school's name on it. I said to him, in a not-too-subtle hint about his grades, "I'd like to have a bumper sticker like that to put on my car, too."

I realized he was developing a wicked sense of humor when he replied, "I'll see if I can steal you one." It's one of my favorite memories. — OH, THE MEMORIES IN LAGRANGE, N.C.

DEAR MEMORIES: Funny! And what has he become? A lawyer, a politician or a comedian?

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Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 7. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Tuesday's paper.

Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "— Vadis?"
- 4 Basin companion
- 8 Santa — winds
- 11 Quartet minus one
- 13 Pita treat
- 14 Stove fuel
- 15 Misfortunes
- 16 Travel guides (2 wds.)
- 18 Lover of Eros
- 20 OPEC country
- 21 Qty.
- 22 Really big tees
- 24 Warning
- 27 Add pepper
- 30 Sudden urges
- 31 Like some juries
- 32 With, to Fritz
- 34 Help-wanted abbr.
- 35 Verdi opera
- 36 Intellect

DOWN

- 37 New York cagers
- 39 Jots
- 40 Peace gesture
- 41 Desktops
- 42 Proficient
- 45 Kohl target
- 49 Urgent
- 53 Hairy humanoid
- 54 Wrestler's coup
- 55 Glitch
- 56 Incites Rover
- 57 Mild brew
- 58 Tense
- 59 Quiet!
- 1 Ear swap (hyph.)
- 2 WWW addresses
- 3 Needing a shampoo
- 4 Leggy bird
- 5 Mont. neighbor

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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- 6 Geologic division
- 7 Fishing gear
- 8 Culture medium
- 9 Vineyard valley
- 10 Org.
- 12 Movie awards
- 17 Overlook
- 19 Muser's sound
- 22 Lawless role
- 23 Fall behind
- 24 Nay opposite
- 25 Onion relative
- 26 Before long
- 27 Lather
- 28 Skip past
- 29 Ricci or Foch
- 31 Go walking
- 33 NFL scores
- 35 Breeze through
- 36 Saunters along
- 38 "Blue Tail Fly" singer
- 39 Sleet-covered
- 41 Holly's "— Sue"
- 42 Client mtg.
- 43 Party tray cheese
- 44 Jazzy — Horne
- 46 Luau welcomes
- 47 Have a rash
- 48 Menu item
- 50 Compass pt.
- 51 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 52 Badger

Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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9	3	1	2	6	7	8	4	5
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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: E equals V

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LY KFZ VZHVTZ ... L XHS'K KFLSA VZHVTZ

UZBTLRZ FHG ALSX SZG OHUA VZHVTZ BUZ."

— ILTT WCUUBO

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: I'm a fan of music, first and foremost. So I do things from the perspective of a fan." — Pharrell Williams

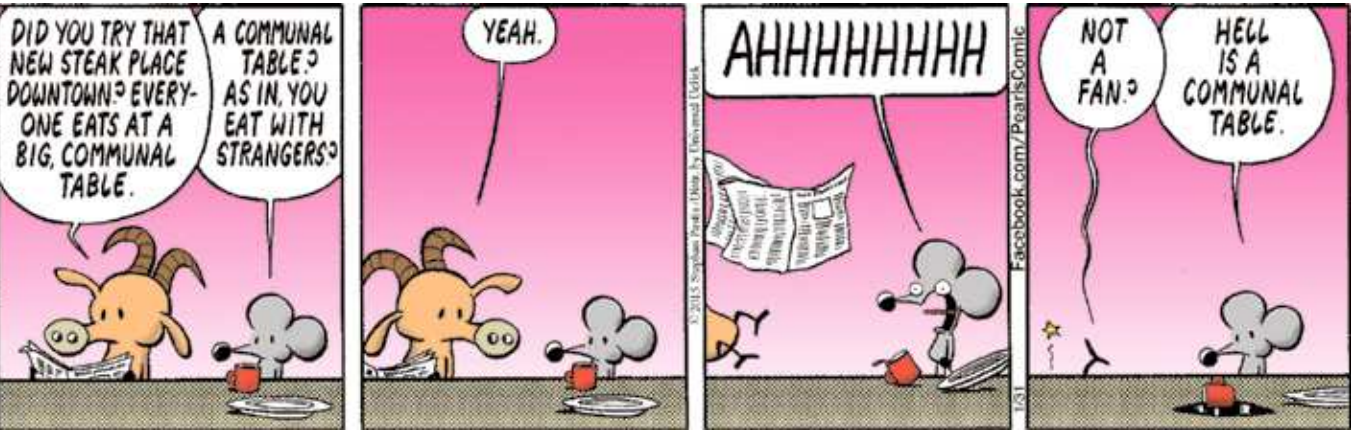
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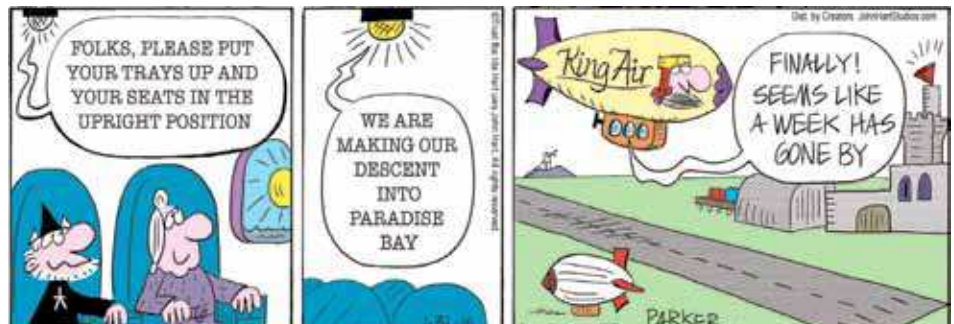
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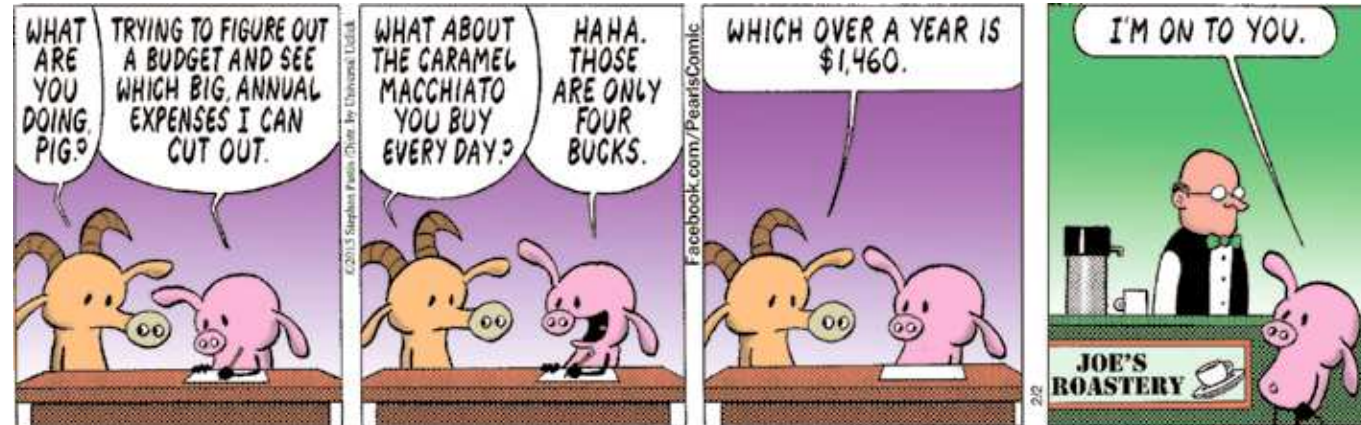
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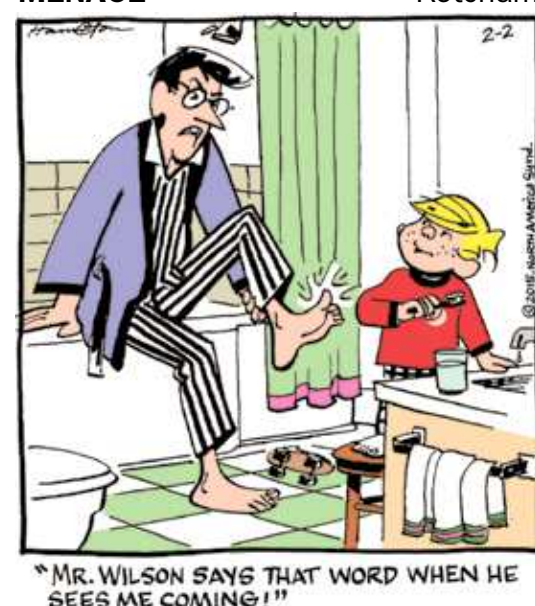
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