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Investigative Report

## Anatomy of a Longstanding Terrorism Claim in Onalaska

How a 2004 Report Fueled a Theory That Refuses to Die

## Whooping Cough Makes Its Way Back to Lewis County

By Christopher Brewer  
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After regressing for two years, pertussis — more commonly known as whooping cough — has crept back into Lewis County.

Local health officials are taking a proactive approach, although only five cases have been reported to Lewis County Public Health so far in 2015.

"We're not on high alert, but we're keeping tabs on the situation," John Abplanalp, community services manager for Lewis County Public Health, said. "It's kind of a boom or bust cycle."

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## Committee Suggests Raises for State Lawmakers

By Jordan Schrader  
The Olympian

State lawmakers could get double-digit raises over the next two years, their first in seven years.

A salary-setting board wants to boost rank-and-file lawmakers' salaries by 11.2 percent in two steps to \$46,839 by September 2016.

The Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials voted 9-5 Tuesday to support the proposal, but won't make its final decision until May.

The commission heard an appeal from Senate minority leader Sharon Nelson to consider an increase so the "best and the brightest" in Washington can afford to serve in the Legislature even if they aren't wealthy.

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A map pointing out Onalaska as a possible terror camp location in a copy of a Nov. 13, 2014, edition of the National Enquirer sits on the counter of Stanley's Store in Onalaska on Wednesday afternoon.

## VIRAL RUMOR: FBI, Sheriff's Office Have Heard the Claims, but no Solid Evidence Exists

By Dameon Pesanti and Eric Schwartz  
The Chronicle

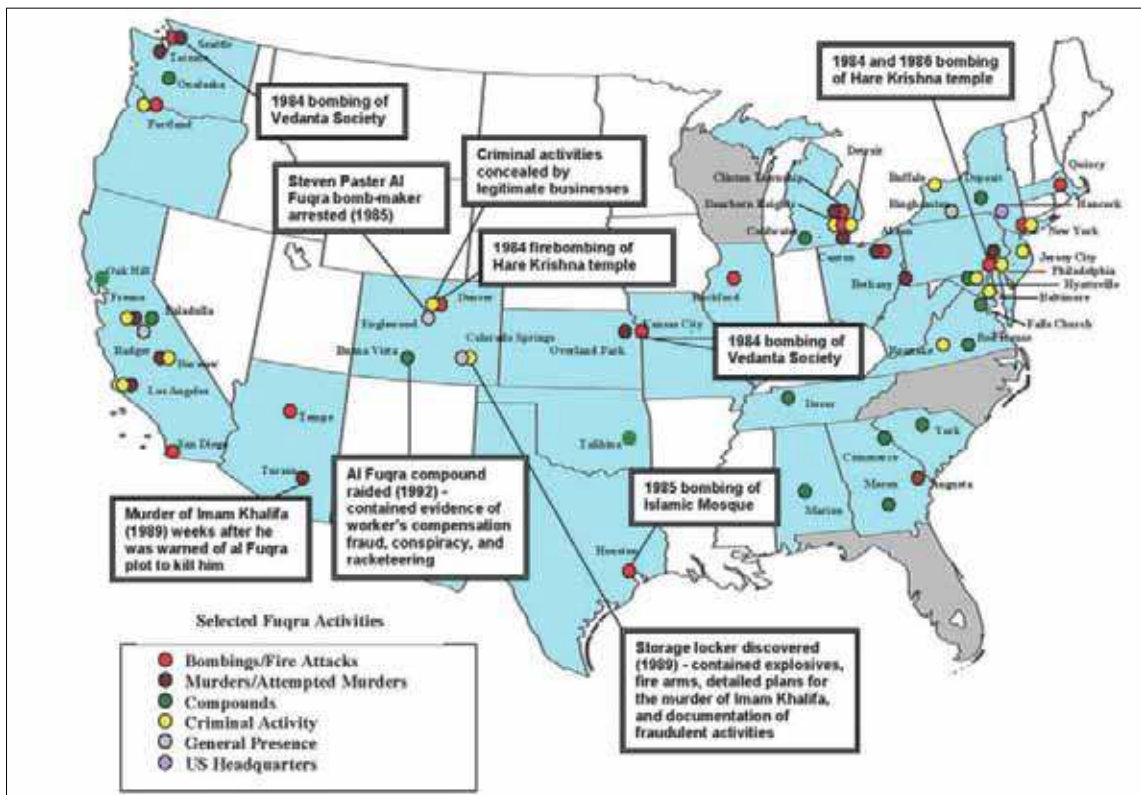
It's been a rumor for years, one largely dismissed by locals but relished and perhaps sensationalized by fringe media outlets and tabloids around the country.

The possibility of a terrorist training camp near Onalaska could be easily dispelled as hearsay, but it has been investigated by local law enforcement officials in the past.

It has also been mentioned in a report funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Indeed, a quick search of "Onalaska terrorist camp" in any Internet search engine reveals more than 25,000 results.

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The map above shows alleged terrorism activity attributed to Jamaat ul-Fuqra in the United States. It was published in a report funded by the U.S. Justice Department in 2004, and is the first known reference to a supposed terrorist training compound in Onalaska.



## Weather

**TONIGHT:** Low 47  
**TOMORROW:** High 53  
**Rain likely**  
see details on page Main 2

Weather picture by Reid Sweatman, Mossyrock

## 20 Years of Crime-Stopping

### County Crime Stoppers Holds Anniversary Event / Main 5



## Deaths

Rice, Delores M., 82, Chehalis  
Janke, Elsie Ruby, 97, Winlock  
Ennis, Joyce (Morton), 85, Centralia

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There is no charge for these listings. For questions about calendar items, call Doug Blosser at The Chronicle, (360) 807-8238.

halis, (360) 740-0492

Murder Mystery Dinner, "Cold War Murder Mystery," 7-10 p.m., Jeremy's Farm to Table, 575 W. Main St., Chehalis, \$75, which includes dinner, benefiting Veterans Memorial Museum and Evergreen Playhouse, tickets available at Book 'n' Brush, Jeremy's and Veterans Memorial Museum, (360) 748-4417

Junebug, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, 21 and up, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301  
 "Wild," 7 p.m., Roxy Theater, Morton, rated R, adults \$8, children, students, seniors \$7, (360) 496-5599

## Libraries

Family Story Time, for all ages, 10 a.m., Salkum Preschool Story Time, for children 3-6 years, 10 a.m., Chehalis  
 Family Story Time, for children, 10:30 a.m., Winlock

## Organizations

Skookumchuck I.O.O.F. Lodge 129, 7:30 p.m., Bucoda Odd Fellows Community Center, 101 E. Seventh St., second floor, Bucoda, (360) 736-6717  
 Lewis County Writers critique session, 5:15-7:15 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, <http://lewis-countywriters.wordpress.com/>

## Support Groups

H.O.P.E., all addictions, 7:30-9 p.m., Heritage Baptist Church of Tenino, 1315 Sussex Ave. E., Tenino, (360) 480-0592, [hopedirector@hotmail.com](mailto:hopedirector@hotmail.com)  
 Life Recovery Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dayspring Baptist Church, 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 748-3401  
 Celebrate Recovery, dinner 6 p.m., large group 7 p.m., small groups 8 p.m., Grace Foursquare Church, 3030 Borst Ave., Centralia, (360) 736-0778, [www.gracefoursquarechurch.com](http://www.gracefoursquarechurch.com)

## Saturday, Jan. 24

### Northwest Wind Symphony Will Highlight Jazz at Winter Concert

The Northwest Wind Symphony will be performing its winter concert at 7 p.m. Saturday at Corbet Theatre on the Centralia College Campus. The theme of this concert is "All That Jazz."

Admission is \$12. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis. For students, admission is free. The symphony will be performing:

- "Shortcut Home," by Dana Wilson
- "Clarinet Concerto," by Artie Shaw
- "All Blues," by Miles Davis
- "Bayou Breakdown," by Grant Karrick
- "Symphonic Dance No. 5," by Clifton Williams
- "Salute to American Jazz," by Sammy Nestico, and
- "Awayday," by Adam Gorb

More information about the concert program is available at <http://goo.gl/RH-wh6l>.

## Editor's Best Bet

### Kington Featured in Comedy Concert

The third annual KACS-TCMN Laugh All Night Comedy Concert, featuring Kenn Kington, will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

There is no admission charge, and seating is first come, first served. Kington has been performing for over 25 years and is one of today's most sought-after comedians and speakers. Kington has appeared on Comedy Central, is one of the most popular comedians on satellite radio (Laugh USA and Blue Collar Radio) and is selling out clean comedy shows nationwide.

As an author, his bestselling books on relationships are in their seventh printing. Kington's comedy projects have been featured on multiple cable networks over the past two decades. His newest DVD (2N Comedy) compilation of comedy has won media recognition and awards.

This event is for the entire family, with a night of fun and clean comedy, and a positive mood boost to the community. All of the comedians who work with Laugh All Night are family-friendly in their performance.

Working with New Missions, radio KACS-KACW and the Lewis County Ministerial Association bring the comedy concert to Southwest Washington for two reasons. First, to bring more laughter and smiles to the lo-



Kenn Kington  
comedian

cal community in mid-winter, and second to help New Missions with its child relief efforts for street children in Haiti.

Audience members are invited to consider sponsoring a child with New Missions, or to give a one-time donation in appreciation for the comedy concert. Neither KACS nor the performers receive any funds from the event.

### Castle Rock Woman to Portray Patsy Cline

Elizabeth Stierle, half of the duo "Buck and Elizabeth," will give voice to country and pop music star Patsy Cline 2-3 p.m. Saturday at the Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library.

Perennially on music industry "best of" lists, Patsy Cline was one of the most acclaimed and influential vocalists of the 20th century. She became the top female country artist and the first to cross over, successfully, to pop music with her 1957 hit "Walking after Midnight."

Later came hits such as "I Fall to Pieces," "She's Got You," "Sweet Dreams," and country gems including "Blue Moon of Kentucky," "San Antonio Rose" and "The Tennessee Waltz." She died at age 30 in a private airplane crash at the height of her career.

Stierle grew up in Oklahoma and lives in Castle Rock. All programs at the Timberland libraries are free and open to the public.

The Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library is located at 400 N. Market Blvd. For information, contact the library at (360) 748-3301 or visit [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org).

### Ballet Academy to Host Stage Combat Workshop

Centralia Ballet Academy will be hosting a stage combat workshop at its studio at 1 p.m. Saturday.

This two-hour class that will be taught by Robert MacDougall, an award-winning fight director, stunt coordinator, movement teacher and martial arts instructor. He recently was martial arts technical consultant on the film "Brush With Danger," and consulted close quarter combat training for motion capture on "Call of Duty," the video game.

He was in consultation with members of the creative staff of "Marvel Universe: Live!" touring action arena show, and advised on European swordplay for the graphic novel "Cimarronin: a Samurai in New Spain."

The cost for this class is \$30, and is open to anyone ages 14 and older.

This is an ideal class for actors, dancers, martial artists, and anyone else who would like to combine creativity, exercise and action. The class is limited to the first 10 students who sign up. For more information, contact Centralia Ballet at 360-623-9010 or email [info@centraliaballet.com](mailto:info@centraliaballet.com).

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## The Weather Almanac

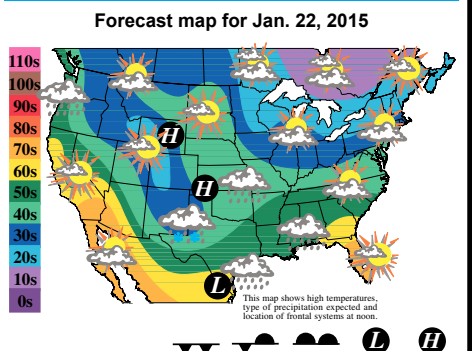
### 5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain Likely 50° 47°	Rain Likely 53° 50°	Scat'd Rain 57° 47°	Partly Cloudy 59° 43°	Mostly Sunny 57° 44°

### River Stages

Gauge	Flood Stage	24 hr. Height Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	65.0	-0.20
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	85.0	-0.02
Cowlitz at Packwood	10.5	M
Cowlitz at Randle	18.0	-0.26
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	---	M

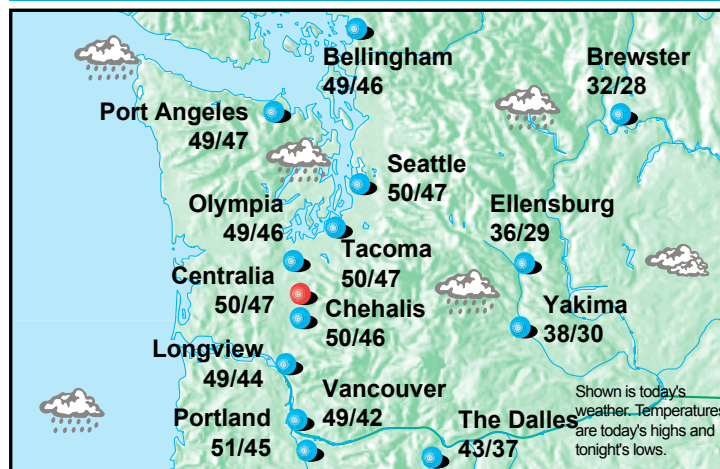
### National Map



### Almanac

Data reported from Centralia  
**Temperature**  
 Yesterday's High ..... 41  
 Yesterday's Low ..... 34  
 Normal High ..... 48  
 Normal Low ..... 35  
 Record High ..... 60 in 1968  
 Record Low ..... 7 in 1962  
**Precipitation**  
 Yesterday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 5.11"  
 Normal month to date ..... 4.46"  
 Year to date ..... 5.11"  
 Normal year to date ..... 4.46"

### Regional Weather



### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:45 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 5:01 p.m.  
 Moonrise ..... 8:51 a.m.  
 Moonset ..... 8:20 p.m.

Phase	Day
First	1/26
Full	2/3
Last	2/11
New	2/18

### Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Friday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

### World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Baghdad	70/45 s	70/46 pc
Beijing	41/21 s	43/23 s
London	43/36 pc	45/36 pc
Mexico City	72/43 s	70/43 pc
Moscow	12/0 pc	16/10 cl

### National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Anchorage	22/19 pc	29/20 sn
Boise	34/25 pc	37/28 s
Boston	34/22 s	34/26 s
Dallas	43/35 ra	49/34 ra
Honolulu	79/73 s	79/68 ra
Las Vegas	61/40 s	64/45 s
Nashville	47/33 mc	40/31 sn
Phoenix	65/43 s	66/43 s
St. Louis	41/28 pc	44/30 s
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# Port of Chehalis Could Eye Airport Ownership

**POSSIBILITY:** Port CEO Randy Mueller to Ask Commissioners for Permission to Approach City Leaders on Possibility of Helping Out Airport

By Christopher Brewer  
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The Port of Chehalis could have its eye on possible future ownership of the Chehalis-Centralia Airport, and the topic of whether or not to move forward with approaching city officials on the idea is on the table for a port commission meeting today.

The airport isn't listed for sale, but port CEO Randy Mueller wants to initiate a discussion on what he hopes the port could do to help out the airport. That discussion is listed on the agenda for today's Port of Chehalis commission meeting, during which port CEO Randy Mueller will ask commissioners Ken Kostick, Mark Giffey and Mark Anders whether such an option should be pursued.

"I think the idea is worth exploring, but I'm not sure if the commissioners have any interest at all. That's why I want to have that discussion," Mueller said. "It's gauging the commission's interest in having this discussion and seeing if there are any possibilities."



A plane takes off from the Chehalis-Centralia Airport in this 2013 file photo.

Pete Caster / pcaster@chronline.com

Mueller said the discussion could entail a wide range of options, from inquiring about ownership of the airport down the line to simply asking if the port can help with retail or real estate development.

The window is certainly open for the talk to take place, Mueller said, because airport manager Allyn Roe will soon lead efforts at the Industrial Park at Trans-Alta, with his last day at the airport Jan. 30. With the need for the airport board to hire a manager, the port could be in a posi-

tion to initiate discussions with stakeholders should the commissioners vote to do so.

Mueller said his interest comes from more of a property development standpoint, as the Chehalis-Centralia Airport owns 350 acres of land that the Twin City Town Center shopping complex and Walmart reside on.

"We're public sector real estate developers, and we could help with the retail development of the airport property," Mueller explained. "Most airports in the state, especially those with commercial activity, are run by ports."

Mueller said he'll likely seek commissioners' permission to initiate preliminary discussions with the city on the possibility, while recognizing the process could take some time if he is given the green light to approach city leaders.

If approved, the direction Mueller hopes to take would be a major change from the discussions at the port nearly a year ago, when port commissioners formally asked the Port of Centralia to consider managing the Port of Chehalis — an offer Centralia port officials politely refused.

## PORT MEETING PREVIEW

The Port of Chehalis will discuss several topics in their Thursday meeting, including consideration of approval for two tenants: AMCE Physicians Group, Inc., and a six-month property lease for Industrial Surplus Liquidators.

Commissioners will also give updates on other items, including the Conrad Industries rail extension, demolition of a barn on port property and other property improvements.

Thursday's meeting is free and open to the public.

The Port of Chehalis would have to contact leadership from the city of Chehalis should it so choose to pursue having a hand in developing airport property. The airport changed hands from joint city-county ownership to full ownership by the city of Chehalis last year.

"I'm asking them for direction to approach the city about it," Mueller said. "It's leading a discussion that's been on the back burner to the front burner now."

Today's Port of Chehalis commission meeting is open to the public and will take place at 11 a.m. at the port's office at 321 Maurin Road.

## Centralia College Diesel Program Receives \$20,000 in Matching Grants

By The Chronicle

The diesel equipment technology program at Centralia College recently received a total of \$20,000 in funds from the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Matching Grant.

The funds acquired came from NC Machinery and Caterpillar.

The \$10,000 from NC Machinery will be used for program expenses within the diesel pro-

gram, said Julie Johnson, director of donor and alumni relations for the Centralia College Foundation. She said the money will go toward buying parts for diesel engines so students can continue to experience hands-on training.

"We have a lot of truck engines and stuff donated, but sometimes you need components to go into that," she said.

Another \$10,000 from Caterpillar will be split toward pro-

gram expenses and diesel scholarships. The foundation works with diesel faculty to identify students, who must apply for the funds, and give recommendations on who should receive the scholarships based on the faculty's experience working with the students.

The matching grant has been awarded to the diesel program

since 2005, and Johnson said the additional \$20,000 since 2005 has significantly helped the program.

The diesel equipment technology program is aimed to prepare students for immediate employment as a technician in the maintenance, overhaul and repair of heavy equipment, including equipment used in con-

struction, logging and mining, as well as agricultural equipment or trucking.

Currently approximately 45 students are enrolled in the associate of arts program, while eight students are enrolled in the bachelor of science diesel program. There are approximately 50 students on the interest list for BASD in the fall of 2015.

## Oakville Considers Chehalis Tribe for Possible Policing

**DISCUSSION PHASE:** City May Switch From Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office to Quicken Response Times

By Justyna Tomtas  
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The city of Oakville has been in discussions with the Chehalis Tribe about the possibility of the tribe policing the area instead of the Grays Harbor Sheriff's Office.

Chief Ralph Wyman, of the Chehalis Tribal Police, was present at the Dec. 8 city council meeting to answer questions about the possible switch.

Oakville Mayor Thomas Sims said the city is currently in the discussion phase, which started toward the end of November and the beginning of December. He said if the change is approved, it would not be in the near future.

Although currently in discussions, Sims said it would be a year after the contract is designed before the switch to the Chehalis Tribe could happen because the city would have to provide the sheriff's office with a year's notice before they canceled its services. Sims said the ultimate goal is for the city to have police coverage close by.

"We are so far out in Grays Harbor, we're the most easterly city in Grays Harbor, away from all the big cities..." he said. "The sheriff's (deputies) are more than likely always down there. We want protection close to home for us."

Sims said the tribe would provide quicker response times, and he said many of the officers already know the community and repeat offenders.

"Most of the officers have dealt with most of our criminals before," he said. "They know the area, our bad people are the same as theirs. Our communities are so intertwined that everyone knows everyone."

The switch would make officers more personable since a con-

**"They know the area, our bad people are the same as theirs. Our communities are so intertwined that everyone knows everyone."**

Thomas Sims  
Oakville mayor

nection would already be established, much like when Oakville had its own police department in the mid-2000s, he said. Budgetary issues forced the city to turn to the sheriff's office for patrols.

Sims said the only disadvantage is people do not believe they have the authority to deal with the Chehalis tribal officers since they are tribal police. However, he said the officers would be deputized as Oakville police officers, erasing that question.

The financial portion of the agreement has yet to be decided, and Sims said either the tribe or the city council may decide they are not interested in the switch in coverage. He hopes to have open meetings for the public once the contract is prepared, although no time frame was given for when it would be completed.

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# 'Most Wanted' Winlock Robbery Suspect Appears in Court

**JAILED: State Says Kyle Rogers Has Violent Criminal Past; He Refused to Attend Court Hearing While Jailed Tuesday**

By Kaylee Osowski  
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Wearing handcuffs and Lewis County Jail-issued scrubs, a Winlock man featured on "Washington's Most Wanted" earlier this month attended his court hearing Wednesday after he refused to go to the hearing on Tuesday.

Superior Court Judge Nelson Hunt kept bail for Kyle E. Rogers, who is accused of second-degree robbery, at \$50,000.

Deputy Prosecutor Eric Eisenberg said Rogers has prior violent offenses and listed off charges of assault, attempting to elude and tampering with a witness, as well as juvenile offenses.

"He has a long criminal history, some of which poses a threat to community safety as does the offense charged here, plus the flight risk indicated. I think \$50,000 is appropriate," Eisenberg said.

Defense attorney Joely O'Rourke asked for bail for the Winlock man to be set at \$25,000,



Kyle Rogers, center, makes an appearance in Lewis County Superior Court on Wednesday afternoon at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis.

noting that he has a "stable" Winlock residence, but was denied a lower bail.

Hunt scheduled arraignment and trial setting for today.

Rogers was arrested Monday

in Winlock after a brief standoff.

According to court documents, the charge comes from a Nov. 4, 2014, incident. A Toledo man was visiting with a friend in his home when some-

one knocked on the door. The visiting man answered the door and two men wearing bandanas burst into the home and demanded valuables.

Rogers was allegedly one of

the two men. He's accused of punching the homeowner in the face. Rogers and his accomplice allegedly stole three computers. As the men were fleeing from the home, they dropped and damaged one of the computers, which the victim recovered.

The report was filed on Dec. 30, 2014, because the victim said he was scared to call the police because he thought the men might return to the home.

He also said Rogers' girlfriend asked him not to press charges.

Lewis County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Rogers at a house in the 900 block of Byham Road in the Winlock area at 11:48 a.m. Monday.

Washington's Most Wanted featured Rogers on Jan. 9 reporting that Rogers broke probation on assault and drug convictions.

Rogers is in custody at the Lewis County Jail.

The maximum sentence for second-degree robbery, a class B felony, is 10 years in jail and a \$20,000 fine.



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## News in Brief

ed. The library is located at 241 Cowlitz St.

For more information, call (360) 864-4247.

## WSU Conference Brings Women in Agriculture Together to Network and Learn

By The Chronicle

The 2015 Women in Agriculture Conference will be offered Feb. 21 at WSU Lewis County Extension in the Lewis County Courthouse.

Women in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska will gather in 28 locations for a one-day event featuring speakers, inspiring stories, networking with other producers and practical advice for learning new skills.

This year's event, "Put Your Best Boot Forward," covers the topic of making sense of market-

The lineup for the day includes a local farmer and marketing specialist. Walla Walla farmer Emily Asmus will showcase how her farm, Welcome Table Farms, keeps its "brand" fresh to build interest and loyalty. She will talk about what tools and techniques are critical to her marketing plan.

Marketing expert Erica Mills, Claxton University, believes every woman can — and should — have a consistently compelling way to describe her farm business. Using proven tools that have been pressure tested by thousands of users, participants will learn a three-step marketing method and create a marketing action plan that gets results.

This conference is designed for women who have been farming for years, as well as new and aspiring farmers. Supporting spouses, students, interns or people who own an agriculture-related business are also welcome.

The conference registration fee is \$30, but those who register by Feb. 13 will receive the early bird special of \$25. The conference registration fee includes the workshop, light breakfast, lunch and conference materials.

Persons with a disability requiring special accommodations while participating in this program may contact Margaret Viebrock at viebrock@wsu.edu.

The conference will be in courthouse meeting room 003, (west entrance). Call (360) 740-1212 for details or directions.

Details about the conference and registration is available at www.womeninag.wsu.edu.

## Want to Learn Spanish? Class Starts Feb. 3 at Centralia Library

By The Chronicle

Instruction in learning Spanish will be offered next month in a class at Centralia Timberland

Library.

The free class, for all ages, will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month starting Feb. 3.

The library is located at 110 S. Silver St.

For more information, call or text Jennifer Ervin, (253) 534-5955.

## Schilling to Teach Gardening Classes

By The Chronicle

Gayle Schilling will again be offering her free "Let's Grow a Garden" classes this year.

The classes will be 10-11:30 a.m. every Thursday morning starting Feb. 19 at 4162 Jackson Highway, Chehalis. Anyone between the ages of 8 and 80 may attend.

For more information, call Schilling at (360) 262-0525.

## Annual Barbershop Show Set for W.F. West Commons

By The Chronicle

The Two Town Tuners barbershop chorus will hold its annual show at 2:02 and 7:02 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the W.F. West High School commons.

Participating will be the Two Town Tuners, Puget Sounders Barbershop Chorus and PrimaChord, from Fire Brigade Four. Also, there will be quartets from the choruses.

Matinee admission is \$7, with children under 12 free. Evening admission is \$10 for all ages. Tickets are available at the Corwin Insurance Agency, 1307 Harrison Ave., Centralia; from Two Town Tuner members; or by calling (360) 748-4765.

For more information, call John Lyttle, (360) 748-4765, or email him at JandJlyttle@aol.com.

## Permit Approved for Next Stormwater Project at Centralia Station

By The Chronicle

The Port of Centralia has received state Department of Ecology approval to build the second portion of its stormwater facility to serve the Centralia Station project.

Port Executive Director Kyle Heaton announced during a



Kyle Heaton  
port director

Wednesday meeting of the port's commissioners that the next portion of the project would go out to bid soon. The first portion of the stormwater facility project began in October

and was completed in December, with the next portion to begin possibly in February or March. Centralia Station is a proposed mixed-use development with space for a major retail anchor tenant and several other commercial ventures, with Centralia College office space in addition. The project site, on land owned by the Port of Centralia, sits just east of the new Mellen Street couplet in Centralia.

Port officials estimate the development could bring more than 500 jobs to Lewis County.

The second phase of the stormwater project will take place on a piece of land to the south of South Street, Heaton said.

## Seth Martin to Give Performance in Toledo With Korean Artist

By The Chronicle

Toledo's Seth Martin will be performing at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Toledo Community Library.

Martin's music will feature mountain songs, traditional Americana and bluegrass and originals.

He will be singing songs about his roots, as well as songs from his travels around the world in recent years, particularly songs from and about Korea, where he has been teaching, hiking and playing music periodically for almost three years.

Martin will be joined by Korean artist Nan Young Lee, who will show over 20 paintings from Korea, Japan, Indonesia and elsewhere.

Martin will be using the Sunday concert as an album release party. His new album, "Halfway Home," features original tunes as well as several old mountain and work songs from Europe, the USA and Korea.

There is no charge, but donations at the door will be accept-

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# Lewis County Crime Stoppers Celebrates 20 Years

**ANNIVERSARY:** In Two Decades, Program Has Led to Arrests of More Than 300 Suspects

By Kaylee Osowski  
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Outside the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis, mug shots of wanted criminals stuck on stand-up boards wearing jailhouse striped T-shirts greeted courthouse-goers Tuesday afternoon.

The propped-up perps were set up for a 20-year open house celebration for Crime Stoppers of Lewis County.

More than 100 people, including local elected officials, members of supportive organizations and past and present board members, wished the organization a happy birthday with cake and refreshments from noon to 6 p.m. in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office training room.

In the training room, stats of solved crimes lined the walls for visitors to read. The volunteers also had the My ID Club station set up, which creates child identification cards.

Crime Stoppers board member Glade Austin said the program actually started in the training room on Jan. 19, 1995.

"We had hopes for it to go well," Glade Austin said about when the program began. "And it has done well."

In the beginning, reward money could be a stressful situation, but now the board only has to raise funds when necessary.



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Volunteers Ross Austin, left, and his brother, Glade Austin, talk about celebrating Crime Stoppers' 20th anniversary during an open house at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis on Tuesday afternoon.

Glade Austin said the community has always been supportive of the organization.

His brother, Ross Austin, is president of the Crime Stoppers board. The duo wore matching denim Crime Stoppers shirts and hats for the celebration.

In the next few years, the Austin brothers said they would like to increase Crime Stoppers' advertising and social media presence. Glade Austin said they are working to implement a tip texting program as well because they think it will be more popular with young people.

Crime Stoppers has also created a student version of the program in Chehalis and Adna school districts, but would like to expand to other districts.

"We hope to have student Crime Stoppers in every school sooner than in (another) 20 years," Glade Austin said.

The program works by receiving anonymous tips and forwards them to the corresponding law enforcement agency. If authorities make an arrest or clear a case, the helpful tipster is

eligible for a cash reward.

Crime Stoppers has led to arrests of more than 333 people, cleared more than 411 cases and recovered more than \$3 million of property and narcotics.

The organization is always looking for volunteers, and Austin said a couple potential volunteers stopped by the celebration Tuesday.

## News in Brief

### Service Calls on the Rise for Riverside and Chehalis

By The Chronicle

Both the Riverside Fire Authority and the Chehalis Fire Department are reporting increased call numbers for 2014 compared to previous years.

RFA received 4,239 total calls in 2014 and Chehalis answered 1,819.

For RFA, its 2014 data represents a 3.26 percent increase in service calls from 2013, according to a press release.

Chehalis received 233 more calls in 2014 than the previous year, a 14.69 percent increase.

The increase for RFA is a continuing trend as the agency has received a record number of calls each year for the past four years. Emergency medical calls are continually on the rise for RFA, but stats for other types of calls fluctuate, according to the release.

In 2014, RFA had 3,680 medical calls. Fire calls accounted for 130 of the total calls. Ten percent of calls were for fire alarms, hazardous conditions and other service calls.

Unlike RFA, Chehalis' service calls have not consistently been increasing.

While 2014 has seen the most calls since 2010, the next highest number of total calls was in 2010 with 1,607.

The lowest was in 2012 with 1,487. In 2011 and 2013, Chehalis' calls numbers reached the high 1,500s.

the latest state affected when state officials confirmed that a Eugene man in his 40s had contracted the disease after visiting a Disney park.

Earlier this month, Washington health officials said a California woman who had visited a California Disney park in December later flew to Seattle, visited family in Snohomish County and flew home, where she was later diagnosed with measles.

### Tim Eyman Files 17 Initiatives, Seeking Washington Voters

OLYMPIA (AP) — The start of the new year is also initiative filing season in Washington.

The secretary of state's office says 37 have been filed so far, led by 17 from initiative activist Tim Eyman.

Some of Eyman's initiatives are called the Taxpayer Protection Act, Tougher on Tolls, Bring Back \$30 Car Tabs and Let the Voters Decide on Red Light Cameras.

Registered voters can file initiatives through July 2. Sponsors need to gather signatures from more than 246,000 registered voters to be placed on the general election ballot.

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### Officials Link Second Washington Measles Case to California Outbreak

SEATTLE (AP) — Health officials have confirmed a second measles case affecting a Washington state resident in an outbreak linked to Disney theme parks in California.

The Seattle Times reported state health officials said Tuesday that an unvaccinated teen boy in Grays Harbor County has been confirmed as having the contagious illness.

He's the brother of an unvaccinated teen girl who contracted the ailment after visiting a Disney park in Orange County, California, in December.

Several dozen measles cases have emerged in California, Washington, Utah, Colorado and Mexico in the outbreak linked to December visits to the parks.

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## Make Fourth DUI a Felony; Pay Raises Now?

Everyone makes mistakes. Sometimes, those personal errors involve climbing behind the wheel of a vehicle after having consumed more than the legal limit of alcohol.

Current laws deal a hefty blow to those caught in the act, with big fines, inconvenient monitoring and even jail time routinely handed down by judges.

The serious punishment is a successful deterrent for most people. Others, though, are unable to successfully fight the urge to drive while intoxicated.

The discipline can sometimes become more severe when

### Our Views

DUI convictions begin to mount for an individual, with current laws dictating that five drunken-driving convictions in a decade constitutes a felony.

A law again being proposed in the state Legislature would take a small but consequential step further to strengthen the regulations that keep our roads safe for all drivers by making the fourth DUI in 10 years a felony.

The bill's author, Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley, says Washington currently has the highest threshold among the 45 states that have laws to make re-

peat DUI offenders felons.

That's a matter that needs to be corrected.

Padden proposed the bill last year, but it ultimately failed over fears that it would add costs and increase the populations of already full prisons, according to a story from The Associated Press.

It's a poor excuse not to enact a small shift in policy that could go a long ways in keeping dangerous drivers off the road.

"I think it's a matter of priorities," Padden said. "... We may need another prison, or to put one that we have in mothballs into operation."

In Oregon and Idaho, a

driver's third DUI conviction is a felony.

Padden's bill deserves broad, bipartisan support.

### Pay Raise

It's an inopportune time to be discussing pay raises for lawmakers as the state scrapes and claws for enough money to fund education, transportation and a number of other vital measures.

Still, a citizen panel is recommending a double-digit raises for legislators over the next two years. The 11 percent increase has been proposed by the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials. The

group won't make its final decision until May.

According to a story by The News Tribune, the move would increase salaries to \$46,839. Lawmakers haven't seen a raise to their base salaries in seven years.

But according to the story, "of 147 Washington lawmakers, 143 make \$42,106, fifth highest in a group of 23 states with similar time commitments."

We'll wait to see if the recommendation gains additional steam in the months ahead, but now does not appear to be the time to increase compensation to a group already toiling with a lack of money.

### COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking

## Here's My Vote for More Laissez Faire

Don't you just hate it when you wake up in the middle of the night — say 3 a.m. — to comply with nature and then find yourself unable to go back to sleep? Your mind races, filled with inconsequential trivia or an occasional rare thought that you think you must write down in the morning, but when morning comes you can't remember what it was.

I've learned to deal with this. I keep several note pads beside the bed, along with a drinking glass containing numerous pens and pencils. I had one of those flashes not too long ago, turned on the light and wrote it down. I was just about to go to sleep again, when a related thought flashed at me and I turned the light back on to jot it down. According to my note pad, this happened five times before I finally dozed off to dream about entering a 5 kilometer run, wearing my heavy steel-toed work boots.

The initial thought that grabbed me was the recent item in The Chronicle about the county revamping rules on music festivals. The gist of it was the county's intention to rewrite the rules permitting such events, which came after a rave was proposed in West Lewis County for last September.

That idea was shut down when the county filed an injunction against it, saying that the organizers had not applied for the necessary permits.

Let's have a show of hands. Will all those who believe the application would have been approved if all the proper papers were filed, please raise your right hand. I thought so. Some small technical excuse would have been found to deny it. Now the rules are to be amended, hopefully making it virtually impossible for such an event to ever be held.

Why? The reasons seem to be that these young people must be protected against themselves, protected against the possibility of harming themselves by partaking of certain despicable substances. I see it differently. I see it as natural selection in action: nature's way of insuring that stupidity is not passed on to yet another generation.

Just because I'm more inclined to vote for the blue candidates instead of the red ones doesn't mean that I'm in favor of unbridled licentiousness. On the other hand, it doesn't mean that anyone with gray in their hair is an old fuddy duddy, either. Remember, anyone who attended one or more of that series of Sky River rock concerts in the late '60s and early '70s is close to, if not past, 60 today.

I attended Sky River 4 near Washougal myself. It was around 1970, I think. I had no marijuana to share with fellow attendees, but that doesn't mean I didn't trade an occasional swig of home made blackberry wine for a toke or two. Does anyone say "toke" anymore?

When I started writing this column I searched for, and found, my old, battered and worn membership card in The Alligator Club. The idea behind that organization was to use the membership money as a down payment on a piece of land where a rock concert could be held, restricted to members only. Memberships could be obtained at the gate. (Wink wink, nudge nudge.)

It was intended to ensure a legal private gathering on private property, something on the order of the Elks Club, or the Eagles or the American Legion.

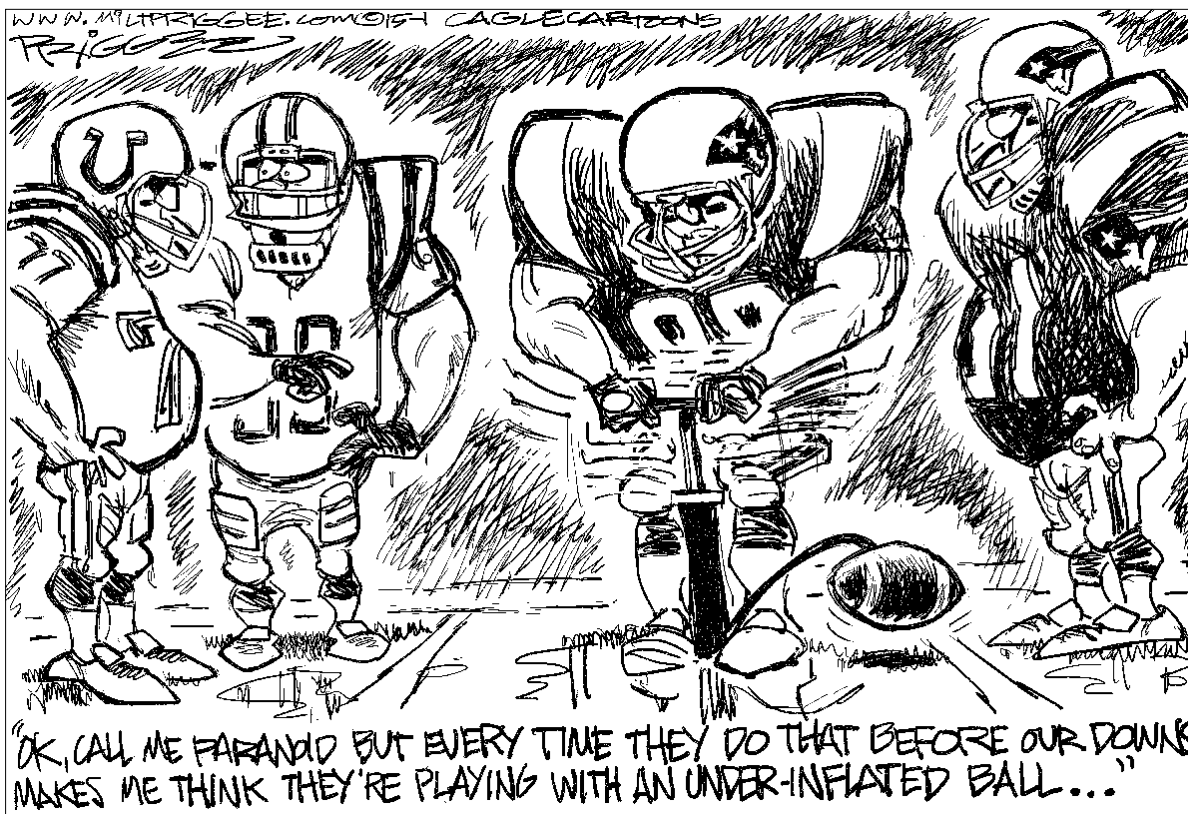
That didn't stop the Thurston County sheriff's department from arriving en masse at the premier event in southern Thurston County, driving everyone away from the scene. Was their action justified? I still don't believe so today.

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By Bill Moeller



### COMMENTARY: VanTuyl's Views

## Lewis County Power Rankings: Poking the Bear (Literally)

The last edition of Power Rankings (prior to my vacation) included a mention of furries, spurred on by the article in The Chronicle's Life section back on Jan. 7.

One Facebook post, forwarded to me by a friend, called the column "only a bunch of options not backed by actual facts" (true!) and stated that I ridiculed the local fursuiters and their comments. "I dont go around calling him (yours truly) a typical overly hyped up on testosterone steroid using jock" the post states, which is perhaps the first time such an assumption has ever been leveled at a veteran newspaperman.

The main complaint was that I insinuated fursuit builders use real fur in their products, which was taken as serious and an offensive remark — never mind that it came a few paragraphs before I insinuated that, in the 1960s, there was no electricity and basketballs were made of wood. You'd think adults that dressed like stuffed animals would have better recognition of what's real and what's not, or at least equip their hobby suits with thicker hides.

**1. THE NUMBER 12.** Holy \$#@% the Seahawks. At halftime I was thinking "Wow, this must be how the Broncos fans felt in the Super Bowl last year," and that didn't really change until the last few minutes of the game. I've never been a major, die-hard Seahawks fan and I'm not going to claim to be one now just to jump on the bandwagon or any-

thing, but that Richard Sherman's pretty entertaining, and Russell Wilson's every bit as efficient and interesting as a coffee machine, and Marshawn Lynch runs like a rhinoceros in heat, and Pete Carroll seems like the type of guy that would tell a joke and laugh so hard at it that even if it wasn't funny ("Rectum? DAMN NEAR KILLED 'EM!") you'd probably start laughing, too, just because he's so charismatic.

So, yeah, it was a lot of fun to watch those guys win, and you've got to imagine any kids that saw that game and are old enough to understand anything about sports in general are going to be Seahawks fans for life now.

And now we get to root against the Patriots? Their coach is basically a real-life version of Gargamel from The Smurfs, their quarterback is married to a supermodel and their fans act like they invented winning. Everyone can find something to dislike about New England! The Super Bowl's going to be great. Again.

**2. TIMELY NAMES.** I was sent a "Get a load of this guy" power rankings tip (which might be the first) to look at last week's Chehalis Basin Flood Authority minutes and check out French Wetmore, the gentleman giving an update on improvements to local floodplain management. Wetmore's an appropriate surname, given his current task (and the first name 'French' will never not be funny; what if his last name were Frye, or Kiss, or Revolution?), although it might not even be the best job/name combo to come out of that meeting.

Grays Harbor County commissioner Vickie Raines was re-elected chair of the CBFA, perhaps based

solely on the number of great campaign slogans she could have pitched, given the opportunity:

"There's No Flood Without Rain, and No Flood Authority Without Raines"

"When You Think Flood, Think Raines"

"Rain Brought the Flood, but Raines Stopped the Flood"

"Raines Brings the Pains" (also works for CBFA pep rallies, Wrestlemania events, etc.)

### 3. GUN-TOTING LEGISLATIVE SPECTATORS.

Lawmakers enacted a ban on spectators open-carrying firearms in the viewing area above the legislative floor last ... week? Wait, it's been perfectly legal to walk into the state Capitol with an assault rifle all this time? That's a bit terrifying, like finding out there's no law against standing naked in a school cafeteria or something. Isn't it kind of a catch-22 that the only people who would feel strongly about their right to pack a gun into the Capitol building would be the exact people you might not want packing a gun into the Capitol building? I'm not about to take a strong stance on gun rights or anything — although, come on, the whole "right to bear arms" thing was written into the Bill of Rights so the colonists could literally keep a musket on hand to fight off the British, at a period in time where slavery was accepted as good business and the concept of women voting was ludicrous — but I hope this one went down pretty easily.

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By Aaron VanTuyl

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# Bill Would Make Fourth-Offense DUI a Felony

**PROPOSAL: Legislation Was Proposed First Last Year, Failed Over Fears of Increased Costs**

By Derrick Nunnally  
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Washington state lawmakers are revisiting an idea to make a driver's fourth drunken-driving conviction within 10 years a felony.

Under current Washington law, a felony DUI charge applies only if a driver already has been convicted of DUI four times in the previous decade. That's the highest threshold among the 45 states that have laws to make repeat DUI offenders felons, said the bill's author, Sen. Mike Padden, R-Spokane Valley.

Padden first proposed the idea last year but said that bill failed because of concerns over the expense of imprisoning more

drunken drivers for felony convictions. He said Wednesday he believes this year's bill has a better chance because a handful of Senate Democrats have signed on as co-sponsors. The measure also has support from Padden's Republican colleagues.

"I think it's a matter of priorities," Padden said. "... We may need another prison, or to put one that we have in mothballs into operation."

He said several victims of car

crashes caused by repeat DUI offenders are scheduled to speak at a public hearing Thursday. Senate Bill 5105 will be before the Senate Law and Justice Committee, of which Padden is the chairman.

Capitol lawmakers have contemplated lowering Washington's threshold for felony DUI from the fifth offense to the fourth offense since 2013, upon the recommendation of a work group created by Gov. Jay Inslee

to toughen impaired-driving laws after a series of fatal wrecks.

Padden said he hopes the cost obstacle can be overcome this year to bring Washington's DUI law closer to those in neighboring states. Both Oregon and Idaho have laws to make a driver's third DUI within a decade a felony, Padden said.

"Everybody says, 'We support the policy, we support the policy,' but if we really support the policy, we'll pass the bill," he said.

# Lawmakers Debate Bill Banning Undercover Videos at Farms

**NOT LIKELY TO ADVANCE: Proposal Draw Criticism in Hearing**

OLYMPIA (AP) — Washington state became the latest battleground in the fight over whether to outlaw the unauthorized recording of farm practices after a bill drew wide-ranging criticism in front of a House committee Tuesday.



Rep. Joe Schmick, a Colfax Republican, said the measure is necessary to prevent animal rights activists from distorting footage of legitimate farm work to "look

**"This bill is incredibly bad policy, and it really does not protect farmers."**

Matthew Dominguez  
Human Society spokesman

like the absolute worst thing ever."

"Every farmer — and I'm speaking as a farmer — is scared to death of misrepresentation when we're doing everything right," Schmick said.

A series of opponents, including labor organizers and animal rights advocates, urged the House Public Safety Committee to kill the bill, saying "ag-gag" measures chill free speech, cover up abuse and deter whistleblow-

ers.

"This bill is incredibly bad policy, and it really does not protect farmers," said Matthew Dominguez, a public policy manager with the Humane Society of the United States. "It only protects bad actors."

The proposal would make it a crime to interfere with agricultural production and would extend "a lot of the same protections you would have in your home" to the state's farmers and

ranchers, Schmick said.

The measure was patterned after an Idaho bill that passed last year. Several other states have enacted similar laws and debated the issue in recent years. Idaho and Utah are involved in protracted legal fights over their legislation.

The opposition was forceful in pushing back, and it's not likely that the bill will advance, Public Safety chairman Roger Goodman, D-Kirkland, said. "After hearing the testimony and discussing it with my colleagues, it's pretty clear that the bill can't move any further," Goodman said.

If the committee fails to advance the bill, it could be revived through legislative maneuvering. But it faces several hurdles before it could become law.

Claire Tonry, a Seattle environmental lawyer, called the

Washington bill "absolutely antithetical to public safety and public health." She said cases of animal abuse and environmental damage would go undetected if it passes.

"The chilling effect that this legislation would have on my clients really can't be overstated," said Tonry, who represents the Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and the Washington Environmental Council.

After the hearing, House Republican Floor Leader J.T. Wilcox, whose family operates Wilcox Family Farms, said he had removed his name from co-sponsorship of the bill. He said he doubted the measure would advance very far.

"It seemed to me the reception was not strong, was not favorable in committee," the Yelm Republican said. "But we'll see."

# Proposal in Olympia Would Cut Legal Pot Taxes

OLYMPIA (AP) — A proposal being introduced in Olympia would cut Washington's heavy taxes on legal marijuana.

The state currently imposes an excise tax of 25 percent at least twice, and up to three times — not including state and local sales taxes. But licensed pot businesses say those taxes are so burdensome that they can't compete with untaxed or lesser-taxed black market or medical marijuana sales.

State Sen. Brian Hatfield, a Democrat from Raymond, is expected to file a bill Thursday to change the tax structure to one 37 percent excise tax levied at the point of sale. That amount would drop to 30 percent in mid-2017 and 25 percent in mid-2019.

Hatfield's co-sponsor on the measure is leading Republican Ann Rivers, of La Center, who has already introduced a bill to overhaul medical marijuana in Washington state.

# Lawmakers Want to Limit Ballot Measures Without Funding Plan

OLYMPIA (AP) — Nearly 40 senators are supporting a proposed constitutional amendment

that would prevent budget-busting ballot initiatives from being filed unless supporters also include a way to pay for it.

Sen. Joe Fain, a Republican from Auburn, says that under the proposed measure he introduced Tuesday, supporters of initiatives that would eliminate specific taxes also wouldn't be allowed to collect signatures if the measure doesn't specify which state programs would be removed or cut.

Senate Joint Resolution 8201, which has a long list of bipartisan co-

sponsors, would apply to all initiatives whose costs were determined to fall outside of the state's four-year balanced budget requirement.

The measure directs the secretary of state, under advice of the attorney general, to determine whether proposed initiatives exceed that budget requirement.

Fain said that the passage of Initiative 1351 in November — a measure that would decrease class sizes and is projected to cost about \$2 billion through the middle of 2017 — was a catalyst for many lawmakers.

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"The citizen initiative process in this state is sacred," he said. "But 1351 provided a very high-profile example that it's not working the way it's intended to. This is a fix that will help the initiative process work better."

To pass a constitutional amendment, the Legislature

must approve the measure by a two-thirds majority and then it goes to the people for a simple majority vote.

Initiative promoter Tim Eymann called the measure "another childish temper tantrum by politicians over the citizen initiative process."



Sen. Brian Hatfield  
D-Raymond



## What was your new year's resolution for 2015?

If you have spent the past year neglecting your health, especially that of your feet, maybe one of your resolutions needs to involve your foot care! The truth is, you only have one pair of feet, and if they are not treated nicely, they may not be able to carry you where you want to go or help you do what you want to do. When feet are squished into uncomfortable footwear or develop an issue that is not treated properly, small problems can arise that could have been prevented, and minor injuries can turn into major ones. Start the New Year off right by taking charge of your foot health and following these easy tips.

First, create a daily foot care routine if you haven't already. This includes washing, moisturizing, checking toenails and looking for any new symptoms that may need attention. This is extremely important if you have diabetes. Second, boost your foot health with some strengthening exercises. These only take a few minutes and can be done while you are watching the morning news. Pick up some marbles one by one with your toes and drop them in a cup, or sit in a chair with a towel under your toes and scrunch the towel towards you. Last, choose your footwear wisely this year. It may be time for a shoe closet overhaul, including getting some great pairs of shoes that fit your foot structure and support them properly. This is particularly important if you love to run or exercise — Your feet need to stay healthy to keep you going!

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# Claim: Lewis County Sheriff's Office Forwarded Information to the FBI in Seattle

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The quantity of content, though, cannot be seen as verification.

Most of the hundreds of websites and media outlets that claim the camp exists are engaged in a constant game of telephone, parroting previous reports that likewise lack verifiable sources.

The story seems to be well known, but not taken seriously, by Onalaska residents.

Many are quick to scoff when asked about the possibility of terrorists practicing paramilitary techniques just outside their sleepy community of just 600 residents in Central Lewis County.

It's a topic that garnered a portion of a centerfold spread of a November issue of the National Enquirer, an admittedly questionable source, while floating to the surface of the Internet during recent terror attacks in France.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office has received many scattered reports over the years, ranging from concerned residents who had learned of the supposed camp online to writers from websites all too willing to further perpetuate the rumor.

There were enough reports to generate the involvement of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**THERE'S NO DEFINITIVE**, readily available proof that the camp ever existed, but there's nothing proving it doesn't, either.

It's the type of informational environment that allows for such a claim to find purchase in the fertile yet unstable grounds of the Internet.

The 2009 documentary "Homegrown Jihad: The Terrorist Camps Around U.S." was produced by PRB films, in association with the Christian Action Network. It's often cited as the factual basis for the hundreds of websites purporting to have discovered knowledge of the camp near Onalaska, along with dozens located in rural areas throughout the country.

The documentary explores domestic terrorist training compounds and the violent acts of a group formerly known as Jamaat ul-Fuqra, a religious sect tied to a Pakistani cleric who established the organization on American soil in the early 1980s. It now operates as Muslims of America, a more innocuous organization that refutes its previous alleged ties to terrorism but still draws the ire of many in conservative media.

At the end of the documentary, an unattributed list of alleged training locations in the United States scrolls across the screen.

Onalaska is the last to be mentioned.

**MARTIN MAWYER**, founder of the Christian Action Network and one of the documentary's producers, says he learned of the alleged site from an investigation in a report funded, but not officially published, by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2004.

The National White Collar Crime Center produced the document titled "Identifying the Links Between White Collar Crime and Terrorism."

Within the pages is a list of suspected Jamaat ul-Fuqra activity, categorized by state. It notes bombings carried out in Seattle and Portland in the 1980s. It lists cities throughout the country, 47 in 26 states to be exact.

There, toward the bottom of the page, is the word "Onalaska" followed, in bold, by "training compound."

In the 91 pages that comprised the report, the town is mentioned only once. No sources are included to help decipher how Onalaska made it into the mix. Calls to the Center were not returned as of press time.

Mawyer is based in Virginia, and said the West Coast locations were too far away for him to attempt to physically investigate while working on the documentary. In an email to The Chronicle, Mawyer wrote, "I have no knowledge whether such a training facility operated by (Jamaat ul-Fuqra) ever truly existed in Onalaska. Though I suspect that at one point it did. By now, the camp may be abandoned."

**"If there were any connection to an ongoing investigation or a past one that hasn't been prosecuted, I wouldn't be able to discuss it."**

Ayn Dietrich  
FBI spokeswoman

For the documentary, the filmmakers were able to visit several other Jamaat ul-Fuqra locations, but the search was exhausted.

"Keep in mind, however, these camps, villages and locations are very difficult to find. It took us eight years to find the village in Coldwater, MI... And we only discovered that camp by an incredible fluke," he wrote.

**AMONG THE PAGES** upon pages of information related to Jamaat ul-Fuqra online, there are very few reputable sources of information.

For the most part, the electronic debate begins with the assumption that Jamaat ul-Fuqra is a "terrorist outfit" with extensive links to al-Qaeda and "is perhaps the most dangerous fundamentalist sect operating in the United States."

Those descriptions were used to set the basis of an October 2008 report by the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point, an article that gives weighty perspective on Jamaat ul-Fuqra and its operations in America.

Citing previous reports, the authors estimate that the organization maintained 20 to 30 compounds in the U.S., with others in Canada and even Trinidad and Tobago. A jama'at, as the compounds are called, can house as many as 300 members.

The authors stress, though, that there are many domestic groups who operate in isolated compounds, even with large arsenals, that do not have violent intentions.

"The camps are physically isolated and not particularly welcome to outsiders," the authors, Farhana Ali and William Rosenau, wrote.

Onalaska, tucked away on state Route 508, a considerable distance from Interstate 5 and surrounded by privately owned timberland, would seem to fit that description, at least in part.

The Center for White Collar Crime report, however, lists the Onalaska site as a training compound, not a community. It's a fact Mawyer finds to be important to the debate.

"(The Onalaska location) could be a place for (Jamaat ul-Fuqra) members to train but not necessarily live," Mawyer wrote. "This was the case in Jessup, Georgia. It is a one-man operation, making it extraordinarily difficult to find. And of course, no one would naturally suspect it would be a training compound for (Jamaat ul-Fuqra)."

**THE REPORT** by the Combating Terrorism Center arrives at the conclusion that Jamaat ul-Fuqra will likely remain an "analytical conundrum." The researchers note the secrecy of the sect, the isolation of its facilities and its relative silence over the past decade as reasons why the potential danger posed is difficult to assess, if it exists at all.

Some prefer to classify the group as a cult rather than a terrorist organization.

As the authors noted, very few cults have practiced "collective implosion" via coordinated attacks.

"Yet, given (Jamaat ul-Fuqra's) history of violence, its access to weapons and the physical isolation of its members, law enforcement and social service agencies should remain alert to any indications that the organization is on a violently self-destructive trajectory," the report concludes.

The present state of the group might be equally difficult to determine, but Jamaat al-Fuqra has been linked to many terrorist attacks in the past, many long before they were accused of operating "covert paramilitary training compounds" by Colorado's attorney general in the wake of the 9/11 attacks.

In the 1980s, the group was pegged for several acts of violence in the Pacific Northwest, including a pair of bombings in

Seattle and Portland.

In July 1983, a member of the group — Stephen Paul Raster — placed a pipe bomb at a Portland hotel. He was later arrested in Colorado and served a prison sentence for the bombing. Many have also linked the group to the bombings of the Integral Yoga Society and Vedanta Society temple in Seattle in 1984, but no one was charged, according to a number of reports.

In the years that followed, the group was loosely linked to various acts of violence across the country, with the website www.satp.org claiming the group's "cadres are suspects in at least 10 unsolved assassinations and 17 firebombing cases between 1979 and 1990."

Members have been linked to several high-profile attacks, though most reports are largely unsubstantiated.

Some have linked the group's leadership to the first World Trade Center bombing, "shoe bomber" Richard Reid and even the decapitation of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

Overall, there is scarce credible evidence of the group.

What is known: Jamaat ul-Fuqra means "community of the impoverished." It is believed to have been founded by Pakistani cleric Sheikh Mubarak Ali Gilani Hashemi in 1980 during a trip to the United States. Most of its attacks have been against rival factions.

What is not known: Was Onalaska the home of some of the sect's members?

**PAUL L. WILLIAMS** wrote about the supposed Onalaska site in his book published in May 22, 2007, titled "The Day of Islam: The Annihilation of America and the Western World."

It's another of the often-cited sources among thousands of online reports.

Williams wrote about the Onalaska site in an article published on May 11, 2007, for the news outlet Canada Free Press titled, "Springtime in Islamberg: Radical Muslim paramilitary compound flourishes in upper New York State."

In the article, Williams claimed to have toured the Islamberg compound outside of Hancock, New York.

The article was meant to be the first of three the Free Press was going to publish about domestic terror cells incubating extremism in a variety of locations around the United States.

Williams article states, "Though primarily based in Lahore, Pakistan, Jamaat ul-Fuqra, which are considered to be above local, state and federal authority. Additional hamaats (compounds) have been established in Hyattsville, Maryland; Red House, Virginia; Falls Church, Virginia; Macon, Georgia; York, South Carolina; Dover, Tennessee; Buena Vista, Colorado; Tahina, Oklahoma; Tulare County, California; Commerce, California, and Onalaska, Washington."

Shortly after the article was published, a Colorado resident wrote to Williams via a letter to the Canada Free Press and said the Colorado location was destroyed in 1992 and that no such facility currently existed. The writer's claims are backed by the media attention focused on the camp in the aftermath of 2001, when it was indeed raided by authorities.

Canada Free Press apparently couldn't verify the existence of the other camps and declined to publish Williams' remaining articles while calling into question many of his other claims.

Williams published the same list in his aforementioned book, but he misspelled the name of the source (Institute for Conflict Management) in the bibliography and provided a dead link to the information. A search of the organization's website also reveals no information on Onalaska.

**"I have no knowledge whether such a training facility operated by (Jamaat ul-Fuqra) ever truly existed in Onalaska. Though I suspect that at one point it did."**

Martin Mawyer  
Christian Action Network founder

**OFFICIALS AT THE** Lewis County Sheriff's Office say they've received many calls over the years from concerned citizens about the camp. Deputies visited the area but found no signs of suspicious activity, or proof of the camp, they say.

"There was never any proof there was an active training camp," said Detective Dan Riordan. "We went out there on several contacts, never saw any thing to raise our flags."

Mawyer said that was a common problem during their investigations of other Jamaat ul-Fuqra locations listed in the National White Collar Crime Center's 2004 report.

"In our many travels trying to find these camps, we found local law enforcement to be the absolute worse (sic) in helping to identify the location of these communities — even when they existed right under their noses."

Riordan said he gave what little information the sheriff's office had over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"They took over the lead," he said.

**WHEN ASKED** about the Onalaska camp, Ayn Dietrich, media coordinator from the FBI's Seattle division, said that some agents were aware of the Onalaska camp rumors, but her colleagues in the Joint Terrorism Task Force had no recollection of anyone prosecuted with any connection to property in Onalaska.

"We couldn't find anything about something where there's a subject we looked at with land in Onalaska," she said.

However, she qualified her statement by saying she could only speak about what was already on public record.

"If there were any connection to an ongoing investigation or a past one that hasn't been prosecuted, I wouldn't be able to discuss it," she said.

Dietrich told The Chronicle that she wasn't surprised to hear of the rumor getting so much circulation.

She saw a similar storm circle around a compound involving several Muslim families in Bly, Oregon.

Earnest James Ujaama tried to start a "Jihad" camp in Bly but failed to secure funding from any terrorist organizations. He was prosecuted in 2003 for conspiring to provide goods and services to the Taliban.

"They wanted to be a terrorist camp, but what it turned out to be was a compound where some Muslim families lived," Dietrich said. "It got spun up by the community."

**TAKEN TOGETHER**, the available facts can be spun into a partial narrative showing how Onalaska became the site of frequent speculation regarding a supposed terrorist training camp.

The 2004 National White Collar Crime Center report named the Onalaska location, that information was repeated by a documentary and a "terrorism expert" in a book and a couple articles, and tabloids and the Internet fringe ran wild through a hall of speculative smoke and mirrors.

Whether the National White Collar Crime Center actually found a terrorist training camp or, in a spate of shoddy reporting, confused it with a meditation center in Onalaska isn't clear.

Whether you believe there is or was a terrorist camp out there, ask an Onalaskan and you're likely to hear an exacerbated reply along the lines of, "You mean that little meditation center out there?"

Dharma Kunja, a vipasana meditation center located on a large plot of land with several outbuildings on Gore Road, teaches 10-day meditation courses to people who come in from around the country.

The facility, founded in 1991, is clearly not a training camp, and has been open to outsiders in the past, welcoming Chronicle journalists to view the exercises that draw people from throughout the United States.

So where did the information come from that ultimately led the White Collar Crime Center to literally put Onalaska on the map as the location of a terrorist training compound?

That remains unknown.

Calls to the Center have not been returned.

## In Remembrance

### JUDITH ANN MOMOT-CRAFT



Judith Ann Momot-Craft, 71, of Chehalis, Washington and a native of Aberdeen, died peacefully with loved ones around her at her home on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015, after a courageous two year battle with cancer.

Judy was born Sept. 5, 1943, at Community Hospital on Simpson Avenue in Aberdeen. She grew up the only child of Edward J. Momot and Arlene B. Wetzel-Momot.

Some of her fondest childhood memories included watching the fish in the pond located in the backyard of her father's parents' house, spending time with her mother's parents at their home in Hoquiam and riding around her Rice Street neighborhood on the Hop-A-Long Cassidy bicycle she got one year for Christmas. She loved roller skating and spent most of her teen years skating with friends at the Harborena

Roller Skating Rink near her home.

Judy graduated from Weatherwax High School in 1961 and lived in Aberdeen until 1972, when she moved to the Chehalis area where she lived out the happiest days of the rest of her life on "THE FARM" with her true love and soul-mate, Charles R. (Chuck) Lister. She always said the most important lesson she learned was the acceptance of life on life's terms.

Judy is survived by two sons, Danny R. Jamieson of Centralia and Jordan R. Craft of Chehalis; two daughters, Vanessa R. Foster-Ballew of Elma and Yvonne M. Craft-Sauter of Moses Lake; two step sons, Charles Kifer of Centralia and Daniel Lister of Rochester; several grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, Troy Foster; and her life partner, Chuck.

A loving mother and friend to all she will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved her.

Judy and Chuck will be inurned together during a private family service in the mausoleum at Fern Hill Cemetery in Aberdeen. A message of condolence or of a memory can be sent to their family at [www.fernhillfuneral.com](http://www.fernhillfuneral.com).

Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Fern Hill Funeral Home in Aberdeen, WA.

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

# Nation/World

## Nation in Brief

### Shy of Votes, House GOP Drops Planned Vote on Abortion Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — With thousands of anti-abortion protesters in town, Republicans are ready to push legislation through the House designed to please them. But it's not the bill an embarrassed GOP was hoping for.

Republican leaders had planned House passage today of legislation criminalizing most abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, an act that would have defied a White House veto threat. But late Wednesday they abruptly postponed that confrontation indefinitely after concluding they were short of votes.

Instead, the House will vote on legislation barring taxpayer funding of abortions — a prohibition that's already largely in place. Republicans say the bill will tighten the restrictions and make sure no funds flow to abortions under President Barack Obama's health care law.

### Cleanup Underway for Nearly 3M-Gallon Saltwater Spill

By The Associated Press

Cleanup is underway after nearly 3 million gallons of brine, a salty, toxic byproduct of oil and natural gas production, leaked from a pipeline in western North Dakota, the largest spill of its kind in the state since the current energy boom began.

The full environmental impact of the spill, which contaminated two creeks, might not be clear for months. Some previous saltwater spills have taken years to clean up. A contractor hired by the pipeline operator will be on site today, assessing the damage.

Operator Summit Midstream Partners LLC detected the pipeline spill on Jan. 6, about 15 miles north of Williston and informed North Dakota officials then. State health officials on Wednesday said they weren't given a full account of the size until Tuesday.

Inspectors have been monitoring the area near Williston, in the heart of North Dakota's oil country, but it will be difficult to assess the effects of the spill until the ice melts, said Dave Glatt, chief of the North Dakota Department of Health's environmental health section.

### Gates Foundation Says Lives of Poor Will Improve in Next 15 Years

NEW YORK (AP) — The \$42 billion Gates Foundation says the lives of poor people around the world will improve more over the next 15 years "than at any time in history."

Bill and Melinda Gates in an interview laid out the vision for the world's largest charitable foundation as they prepared to travel to the World Economic Forum and its annual networking meeting of heads of state and business leaders.

The international community, led by the United Nations, is deciding this year on the most crucial development goals for the next 15 years in defeating poverty, disease and hunger.

### Reports: Google Planning to Sell Wireless Phone Service

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Google is planning to sell wireless phone service directly to consumers using the networks of Sprint and T-Mobile, according to reports published Wednesday.

If everything falls into place, Google Inc. could offer discounted wireless data plans that would pressure other major carriers to offer better deals and services or risk losing customers to a powerful rival.

More affordable plans, in turn, could bring more people online, something that Google is trying to do because it runs the Internet's dominant search engine and largest advertising network.

# House Heads to Vote on Border Security Bill

By Erica Werner

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House is moving toward a vote on a bill aimed at securing the U.S. border with Mexico, as majority Republicans seek to demonstrate that they can chart their own course on immigration — not just oppose President Barack Obama.

The legislation passed the House Committee on Homeland Security late Wednesday on a party-line vote of 18-12 and party leaders said it would come to the floor next week.

"For God's sakes, if we can't unite around border security what can we unite around?" said Rep. Michael McCaul of Texas, the committee's chairman.

But it remained uncertain whether House Republicans would unite around McCaul's bill, as conservatives who have scuttled past attempts by GOP leaders to deal with immigration expressed concerns that the legislation does too little to stem illegal immigration.

Several also groused that leadership was trying to rally support for the border security bill instead of making a strong stand against recent executive actions by Obama granting relief from deportation to millions.

The border bill "is a show horse, not a work horse, and as such it is an effort to convince the American people that we

"For God's sakes, if we can't unite around border security what can we unite around?"

Rep. Michael McCaul

chairman of House Committee on Homeland Security

are doing something substantive to secure the border when in fact nothing substantive is being done," said Rep. Mo Brooks, R-Ala.

Democrats, meanwhile, said the bill was filled with unrealistic mandates that would make it harder for border agents to do their jobs while spending \$10 billion on an array of drones, surveillance systems, radar, fencing and other technologies that might do little real good.

"It is overly prescriptive and it is impossible, operationally, to succeed," said Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas. "This bill militarizes the nation."

The bill would require operational control of high-traffic areas of the border within two years, and operational control of the full border within five years. The bill defines operational control as stopping or turning back all attempted border crossers, which Democrats said was unrealistic. Some past immigration and border bills, including one advanced in the last Congress by McCaul's committee, have sought to block 90 percent of

would-be crossers.

McCaul's earlier border bill won unanimous Democratic support by leaving it up to the administration to come up with a strategy to secure the border. This time he abandoned Democrats to write a bill designed to be tougher and win more GOP support.

It comes as a number of rank-and-file congressional Republicans are eager to advance immigration legislation of their own and hope a border bill will be just a first step. Immigration overhaul legislation stalled in the House in the last Congress because of conservative opposition. Now some Republicans want to show they can offer solutions to the pressing national issue, especially heading into the 2016 presidential election where the Latino vote could be critical.

"It's incredibly frustrating to absorb, continue to absorb, the whacks on doing nothing on the issue," said Rep. Mark Amodei, R-Nev. "I'm just tired of defending nothing, I can't defend nothing."



Michael Ein / The Press of Atlantic City

National Awareness Alliance spokesman Walter Hudson, of Penns Grove, N.J., speaks to the media during a press conference in front of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office in Bridgeton, N.J., Wednesday in response to the Dec. 30 police killing of Jerame C. Reid.

## Video of Man Shot by Police Shows He Was Raising Hands

By Sean Carlin and Geoff Mulvihill

The Associated Press

BRIDGETON, N.J. — A police video of officers confronting and then fatally shooting a black man in southern New Jersey has raised questions and stirred anger over another death at the hands of police.

The video of the Dec. 30 killing of Jerame Reid in Bridgeton, a struggling, mostly minority city of 25,000 people just south of Philadelphia, was released this week.

The nearly two-minute deadly standoff came after the killings of black men in New York and Ferguson, Missouri, triggered months of turbulent protests, violence and calls for a re-examination of police use of force.

Conrad Benedetto, a Philadelphia lawyer, said he has been hired by Reid's wife, Lawanda, to investigate. He said in a statement the footage "raises serious questions as to the legality and/or reasonableness of the officers' actions that night" because Reid was shot as he raised his hands.

With the dashboard camera in their cruiser rolling, police pulled a Jaguar over for running a stop sign on a dark night. But things suddenly turned tense when one of the officers warned his partner that he could see a gun in the glove compartment.

Screaming over and over "Don't you f---ing move!" and "Show me your hands!" at the man in the passenger seat, the officer reached into the car and appeared to remove a silver handgun.

Then, the passenger, despite being warned repeatedly not to move, stepped out of the Jaguar, his hands raised about shoulder level.

The officers opened fire, killing him.

Reid and the man driving the car were black. The Bridgeton officer who spotted the gun, Brahe Days, is black; his partner, Roger Worley, is white. Both officers have been placed on leave while prosecutors investigate.

"The video speaks for itself that at no point was Jerame Reid a

threat and he possessed no weapon on his person," Walter Hudson, chairman and founder of the civil rights group the National Awareness Alliance, said Wednesday. "He complied with the officer and the officer shot him."

Reid, 36, spent about 13 years in prison for shooting at three state troopers when he was a teenager. And Days knew who he was; Days was among the arresting officers last year when Reid was charged with several crimes, including drug possession and obstruction.

In Bridgeton, where two-thirds of the residents are black or Hispanic, the killing has stirred small protests over the past couple of weeks, including a demonstration on Wednesday, a day after the video was made public at the request of two newspapers under the state's open records law.

The Cumberland County prosecutor's office previously said a gun was seized during the stop but would not comment further on the investigation.

## World in Brief

### Indonesian Divers Recover 6 More Bodies From AirAsia Crash

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian divers retrieved today six more bodies from waters around the sunken fuselage of the AirAsia jetliner that crashed last month.

Divers were struggling against strong current and poor visibility to lift the fuselage and what appears to be the plane's cockpit from the seabed at a depth of 100 feet.

So far, 59 bodies have been recovered from AirAsia Flight 8501, which plunged into the Java Sea with 162 people while en route from Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city, to Singapore. Officials believed the rest are still inside the main fuselage.

National Transportation Safety Committee head Tatang Kurniadi on Wednesday ruled out sabotage, as investigators downloaded and began analyzing data from the aircraft's cockpit voice and flight data recorders with advisers from Airbus, the plane's manufacturer.

### U.S., Cuba Address Obstacles to Resuming Diplomatic Ties

HAVANA (AP) — The United States and Cuba are trying to eliminate obstacles to normalizing ties as the highest-level U.S. delegation to the communist island in more than three decades holds a second day of talks with Cuban officials.

U.S. objectives during today's session include the lifting of restrictions on American diplomats in Cuba and assurances that Cubans will have unfettered access to a future U.S. Embassy in Havana. The Americans say the resumption in full diplomatic relations depends on how quickly its requests are met. Cuba is demanding its removal from a U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, which Washington says it is considering.

On Wednesday, the U.S. said it dispatched additional ships to the Florida Straits to halt Cuban rafters but rebuffed demands for broader changes to U.S. migration rules that grant virtually automatic legal residency to any Cuban who touches U.S. soil.

### Japan Agonizes Over Ways to Free Islamic State Hostages

TOKYO (AP) — Lacking strong clout and diplomatic reach in the Middle East, Japan scrambled today for ways to secure the release of two hostages held by the Islamic State group, as two people with contacts there offered to try to negotiate.

The militants threatened in a video message to kill the hostages within 72 hours unless they receive \$200 million. Based on the video's release time, that deadline would expire sometime Friday.

Government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said today that Japan was trying all possible ways to reach those holding the hostages — 47-year-old freelance journalist Kenji Goto, and 42-year-old Haruna Yukawa, the founder of a private security company.

Japan had not received any message from IS since the release of the video, he said.

### U.N. Holds First-Ever Meeting on Anti-Semitism Today

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly is holding its first-ever meeting devoted to anti-Semitism today in response to a global increase in violence against Jews — a meeting scheduled even before the recent attack on a kosher supermarket in Paris.

The daylong informal meeting will feature a keynote address by French philosopher and writer Bernard-Henri Levy and speeches by Canadian, German and French ministers and U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power in the morning. A panel discussion in the afternoon will include U.S. and Canadian lawmakers and several human rights experts including an Israeli professor.

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News in Brief

**Ballot Drop Boxes Open and Ballots Available for Special Election**

By *The Chronicle*  
Ballots for the Feb. 10 special election are available at the Thurston County Auditor's Office, located at 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, building 1, room 118 in Olympia. The Tenino and Yelm school districts both have measures on the ballot.

Voters should receive their ballots by Friday or Saturday. If you are a registered voter and have not received a ballot by Thursday, Jan. 29, you should contact the Thurston County Auditor's Office at (360) 786-5408, email elections@co.thurston.wa.us or come to the Auditor's Office for a replacement ballot.

Eight secure ballot drop boxes have been opened by the Auditor's Office, including one in Tenino and two in Yelm. A list of drop box locations can be found online at [www.ThurstonVotes.org](http://www.ThurstonVotes.org) and are included in mailed ballot materials. The boxes are open 24 hours a day and will close at 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Feb. 10.

For more information, call (360) 786-5408 or visit [www.ThurstonVotes.org](http://www.ThurstonVotes.org).

**Disease Self-Management Workshops to Start in March**

By *The Chronicle*  
A series of workshops in

chronic disease self-management will be starting March 26 at the Twin Cities Senior Center.

The workshops will be held 1-3:30 p.m. every Thursday for six weeks.

For registration and additional information, call the Healthy Communities Foundation, (360) 786-8690, ext. 127, and ask for Living Well. The Twin Cities Senior Center is located at 2545 N. National Ave., Chehalis.

**Lucky Eagle Casino Plans \$40 Million Expansion**

By *The Chronicle*  
The Lucky Eagle Casino and Hotel will embark on a \$40 million expansion project within weeks.

Lucky Eagle officials said in a news release early Thursday morning that the project will expand gaming, food service and support spaces by 41,000 square feet. Plans also call for 8,600 square feet of administrative space expansion and construction of a 120,000 square-foot parking garage.

The project is set to begin Feb. 2, the release said, citing Chehalis Tribe officials.

The expansion will include a new sports bar and grill, players' club and lounge, and increased meeting and entertainment space. The parking garage will sit directly above the expanded casino area.

The project, tabbed at \$40 million, will generate local jobs both during construction and af-

ter the area becomes operational.

Lucky Eagle Casino and Hotel is owned by the Chehalis Tribe, and currently features more than 1,000 slot machines and tables for blackjack, craps, roulette and more. The hotel, connected to the casino, has 171 rooms.

**Travel Now Allowed on State Route 508 South Fork Newaukum River Bridge**

By *The Chronicle*  
Commuters are now able to cross the state Route 508 South Fork Newaukum River Bridge after a temporary closure Sunday, Jan. 11. Maintenance crews for the Washington State Department of Transportation built a temporary single-lane Bailey bridge across the aging structure.

The completion of the Bailey bridge allows freight haulers and drivers to safely cross the Newaukum River Bridge while WSDOT works to finish the design work and construction of the replacement bridge. The construction of the new bridge is expected to begin in late 2016 and be opened to traffic in 2018.

Traffic will alternate directions across the single-lane temporary span and the weight restriction put on the bridge has been lifted. At both ends of the bridge are stop signs along with directions for travelers to allow oncoming traffic to clear before making their way across.

The bridge, which consists of a single 9-foot wide lane, is open

to all legal loads and has a reduced speed limit of 25 mph.

The state Route 508 South Fork Newaukum River Bridge carries approximately 1,400 vehicles a day and is located five miles east of Onalaska.

**Federal Government Gives Washington Health Exchange \$27M**

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Health Benefit Exchange is getting \$27 million from the federal government to improve its customer website.

The exchange had asked for \$42 million but health officials say they'll do their best to meet their goals with less money.

The grant will be used to make Washington Healthfinder more stable and easier to use and add some functions, including new ways to search for doctors and adult dental coverage.

During a meeting Tuesday of the state board that manages the exchange, health officials said they will have to skip some of the "bells and whistles" they were planning to add and they will not be able to afford as much consultant help. They say their top priority remains making the website stable and offering a good customer experience.

**Timber Sale on State Lands on Hold over Landslide Concern**

INDEX (AP) — A timber sale on state lands in Snohom-

ish County has been put on hold after concerns were raised about a potentially unstable landslide zone underneath the harvest area.

State forester Aaron Everett told The Seattle Times that officials concluded they needed a second look.

The Department of Natural Resources is planning additional reviews of the proposed timber sale near the town of Index. They'll determine if the harvest should go ahead as planned, be revised or be canceled.

The Washington Forest Law Center raised concerns that logging could increase groundwater flows into the lower slope and make it less stable.

If the state review finds the area is potentially unstable, then geologists would have to determine whether logging in the bench could increase water flows into the landslide zone.

**Lewis-McChord Unit Trains for Evacuations**

By *The Associated Press*

Whenever and wherever wounded members of the military need a medical evacuation they could find themselves flying with a C-17 crew from Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units support nearly nine out of 10 aeromedical evacuation missions. One of those units is the 446th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Lewis-McChord. It took some reporters and photographers along on a training flight Wednesday.

**Raises**

*Continued from the front page*

"Since there hasn't been that increase since 2008, this step will really help us (ensure) that legislators who are here are representatives of the vast majority of Washingtonians, and that's working-class people," Nelson, a Democrat from Maury Island, said Wednesday on learning of the proposal.

The commission studied a human-resources consultant's research and elected officials' job responsibilities in proposing the increases.

Voting Tuesday and Wednesday, the board proposed giving all state elected officials raises of at least 3 percent this year and 1 percent next year to adjust for

cost of living. That would be the only increase some officials receive, including the governor.

Others would get bigger bumps, with the largest going to the state treasurer, whose pay would go up 7 percent this September and 5 percent a year later, including the cost-of-living change. Lawmakers would see the next-biggest increase, a total of 8 percent this year and 3 percent a year later.

Of 147 Washington lawmakers, 143 make \$42,106, fifth highest in a group of 23 states with similar time commitments.

Drawing on the consultant's research, the salary commission considered lawmakers' duties comparable to those of a tier of nonunion state administrators whose salary range has a midpoint of about \$75,000. Accounting for a legislative schedule

considered about 70 percent of full-time, that comparison puts ideal pay for lawmakers at about \$52,000. The raises would take a step in that direction by raising pay to \$46,839.

Four legislative leaders have higher salaries. The House and Senate minority leaders would make \$51,288 under the proposal, and the House speaker and Senate majority leader would make \$55,738.

Lawmakers shouldn't have to "take an oath of poverty" to serve, said Steve Isaac, a cattle rancher in the Yakima Valley serving his first term on the salary commission, who voted for the proposal.

Commission chairman Dick Walter, the business community's representative on the commission, said he agrees lawmakers' salaries should rise but that he voted against the proposal

over concern about the speed of that increase.

"One of the things you have to think about is the relationship with state employees," Walter said.

Unionized state employees have gone through a drought similar to lawmakers', with no general pay increase since 2008. They even took temporary cuts in pay and hours, which prompted some lawmakers to voluntarily return some of their own pay.

Those state employees, however, receive raises based on longevity. Lawmakers don't — but they do receive daily stipends while in Olympia that rose by a third last year to \$120. That makes them eligible to receive \$19,800 over a two-year term with no special sessions or extra meetings.

Gov. Jay Inslee has negoti-

ated contracts with many state employees that call for raises of 3 percent this July and another 1.8 percent a year later. Lawmakers are considering whether to fund those contracts.

A spokesman for the Washington Federation of State Employees said the union would make sure its members know about the proposed raises as they press lawmakers to approve their own.

"Our members will view this as the Legislature being treated as an elite group, getting a higher pay raise than we had to scrape and claw for months to negotiate," Tim Welch said.

A voter-approved constitutional amendment handed salary-setting authority to the independent commission, which will now take public comment on its proposal.

**Cough**

*Continued from the front page*

Lewis County's last major whooping cough epidemic in 2012 resulted in more than 70 cases reported across the county. The disease is particularly dangerous to infants and young children, posing a threat that could in extreme cases prove fatal.

Abplanalp said the county wants to stay ahead of the disease as best as it possibly can, and one

major source of help comes from health providers, as they are required to report cases of pertussis to the health department.

"We do disease investigation when we get a positive case," Abplanalp said. "We spend extra time focusing on contacts of that person, especially if there are infants or pregnant women."

Pertussis is classified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a highly contagious respiratory disease that can cause bouts of uncontrollable coughing that make it hard

to breathe. It affects infants and young children more than any other age group, according to the CDC.

Locally, the five cases reported to health officials so far in 20 days is nearly half the total number of cases reported in Lewis County in 2014.

According to the Washington State Department of Health, 510 cases were reported across the state in 2014, with 11 in Lewis County. Statewide, the worst recent year for whooping cough was 2012, in which health offi-

cials declared an epidemic as the total number of people affected climbed past 2,000, making it the state's worst epidemic since 1942, according to the CDC.

Health officials urge the public to get vaccinated against the disease, as pertussis is largely controllable by inoculation. Abplanalp said the county is specifically asking people with young children in their families, or those who work closely with young children such as daycare workers, to seek immunization if they have not done so already.

In Lewis County, vaccines for children through age 18 are available for free. Uninsured adults can visit Lewis County Public Health at 360 NW North St. in Chehalis to receive the vaccine as well; hours there are 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"At this point, we don't have enough information to predict whether it's going to be a big year or not," Abplanalp said. "But we're hoping to manage it as well as possible."

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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 weigh in on a proposed bill to make a fourth-offense DUI a felony:

**Jon Gordon:** Should be on the second! I heard a (probably false) story of a guy that had 10 DUI's, and they sent him to jail.

**Raelene Prather:** That would be great since I have been in two car accidents due to drunken drivers.

**Jo Druhot:** Fourth offense? Should be the second offense!

Readers comment on a proposal from the state attorney general to raise the smoking age from 18 to 21:

**Joshua Greene:** Probably a good idea, tobacco kills ... slooowly.

A reader responds to a story on Tim Eyman filing 17 initiatives:

**David Watterson:** I would like to see an initiative that bans Tim Eyman from filing any initiatives.

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## Apex Foundation Gives Vehicle to Pope's Kids Place



Photograph submitted by **Lesa LeDuc**, Pope's Kids Place

Pope's Kids Place recently received this 2010 Toyota Sienna van from Apex Foundation. The vehicle is outfitted to be handi-capped accessible. Standing in front of the vehicle are Frank Millwood, left, executive director of Pope's Kids Place, and Marshall Sana, program officer for the Apex Foundation, which represents the McCaw family. Centralia native Craig McCaw was the founder of McCaw Cellular (now part of AT&T Mobility) and Clearwire Corp. "This is something that Pope's has needed for a long time," said Lesa LeDuc, community liaison at Pope's Kids Place. "We are constantly transporting kids from our Respite Center to doctor appointments, etc. It is a huge chore just getting them in and out of vehicles, and to top it off it is usually in employees' personal vehicles and typically in inclement weather. We also need to shop for the preschool and the respite center." Regarding the Toyota Sienna, LeDuc said, "We are truly blessed!"

## Letter of Thanks

### Thanks Given for Tree Recycling Support

The Master Gardeners and Master Recyclers/Composters would like to thank the community for supporting the Dec. 26-Jan. 12 annual tree recycling event held at the Centralia Transfer Station.

The event, organized by Sherry Pearson, one of our Lewis County Master Gardeners, allowed the community to deliver Christmas trees to be recycled into mulch, thus minimizing the impact on our local landfill and bringing awareness to the people on the importance of recycling.

An estimated 825 people dropped off 900 trees, an increase of 200 trees from last year's event. Volunteers from the Master Gardeners, Master Recyclers/Composters, Lewis County Public Works Department and Lewis County Solid Waste Utility gathered and chipped the trees into approximately 20 tons of chips.

Five tons went to the Borst Demonstration Garden for the use by the public and for usage in the garden.

Ten tons went to the Centralia waste water treatment facility to convert into compost and donate back to the community.

Five tons went immediately back to the community for use in their home gardens and landscaping.

The volunteers thank Pacific Mobile for the donation of the trailer and the city of Centralia for the use of the lot. The volunteers are appreciative of the donations to support ongoing educational programs and workshops.

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## Names in the News

### Morton Man Named to Honor Roll at Bismarck

Gary Heidelberg, Morton, has been named to the President's Honor Roll with a 4.00 grade point average for the fall 2014 semester at Bismarck State College.

"BSC students are great; it is always gratifying when the honor roll comes out and students like Gary get the credit they deserve for their focus and hard work," said Dave Clark, BSC interim president.

Students must maintain a 4.00 grade point while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of classes to receive this distinction.

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**Jesus prayed for unity just before He was crucified:**

*Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word; that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me (John 17:20,21).*

**Notice, the reason Jesus wants unity is that the world may believe. When the religious world is divided, people do not believe in and follow Jesus. The answer to religious division is more simple than many realize. It is simply, go back to the Bible and respect the authority of Jesus Christ and the Scripture.**

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# State Attorney General Wants to Raise Smoking Age to 21

**SMOKE:** Bob Ferguson Says Proposed Move Inspired by Laws in Several Cities Nationwide

By Derrick Nunnally  
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Washington state would become the first in the country to ban tobacco for everyone under age 21 under a plan announced Wednesday by Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

Ferguson and lawmakers from the state House and Senate said bills to raise the state's smoking age from 18 to match the legal ages for consuming alcohol and marijuana were inspired by the effectiveness of smoking bans in several cities nationwide. The first city to do so, Needham, Massachusetts, in 2005, saw a drop of more than 50 percent in its high school smoking rate by 2012, Ferguson said.

Dozens of cities and counties have followed suit, including New York City, Suffolk County on Long Island, New York, and Hawaii County, which encompasses the "Big Island" of its state. However, bills to make the smoking age 21 failed in the last two years in New Jersey, Utah and Colorado.

Four states — Utah, New Jersey, Alabama and Alaska — and Washington, D.C., require tobacco users to be 19 or older.

Officials in Washington state cited several studies showing most adult smokers started as teenagers as justification for the change.

"For me, it's really about helping these kids not have a lifetime of addiction, because that's what they face," said Rep. Tina Orwall, D-Des Moines, the lead House sponsor of the bill in that chamber.

The House version of Ferguson's bill has been referred to the

Senate. Orwall said he expects a tough, possibly multi-year fight getting the change through the Capitol. "This is the start of a conversation," Miloscia said. If the change passed, it would

Health Care and Wellness Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Eileen Cody, D-West Seattle, a co-sponsor of the bill. State Sen. Mark Miloscia, R-Federal Way, lead sponsor of an identical Sen-

ate bill, said he expects a tough, possibly multi-year fight getting the change through the Capitol. "This is the start of a conversation," Miloscia said. If the change passed, it would

cost state government an estimated \$20 million a year in tobacco-tax revenues, Ferguson said. Since tobacco's health effects are largely long-term, any savings to the state's healthcare system from reducing the number of people who take up smoking would take decades to add up. State government spends a fluctuating amount of money each year to fight tobacco use, particularly among teenagers, from tens of millions of dollars when the national tobacco lawsuits of the 1990s flowed into state coffers to no money at all in 2011 after recession-era shortfalls cut

available funds. Last year, the state spent \$3 million on the cause, which is \$40 million short of what a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study recommended for an adequate effort, state Secretary of Health John Wiesman said.

"We obviously don't have that money," Wiesman said, calling the proposal a "fiscally conservative approach to that issue."

An Olympia lobbyist for the Altria Group, a multinational tobacco company, referred calls to a Virginia office that could not be reached Wednesday evening.



Bob Ferguson attorney general

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## News in Brief

### CSD to Host STEM Early Learning Conference

By The Chronicle  
The Centralia School District is inviting parents to attend the Invest in STEM Early Learning Conference 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at Centralia College.

STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. The conference gives parents and early childhood educators an opportunity to network with each other, attend classes with hands-on opportunities, listen to keynote speakers and eat lunch.

The cost of attendance is \$20, and some scholarships are available.

Each class will be 25 minutes long and will be round-robin style. The focus will be on robotics, math, kinesiology, kindergarten transition and other science subjects.

More information can be found at [www.investconference.com](http://www.investconference.com).

### Self-Governance Training Offered

By The Chronicle  
Training on self-governance will be offered 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Napavine City Hall.

The training, which costs \$50, is presented by the Tennessee Center for Self-Governance. This introductory session is titled "Lewis County — Pathway to Self-Governance, Level 1."

According to the center's website, "The Level 1 course is designed to introduce the concepts surrounding self-governance, civic authority and bring everyone up to a common level of knowledge regarding our role in exercising our civic responsibilities and authority."

More information can be found at [www.tncsg.org/about](http://www.tncsg.org/about).

Additional details can be obtained by calling Dan Townsend, (301) 775-1797.

Napavine City Hall is located at 214 Second Ave.

# Sports

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## 2B Girls: Napavine Streaks Past Toledo / Sports 5

### 2B Boys Basketball

# Wallace Sizzles, Toledo Routs Tigers

**KEY WIN:** No. 7 Indians Go 8 of 12 From Long Range in 68-41 Win Over Napavine

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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NAPAVINE — The conversation about Toledo basketball this season typically revolves around Brent Wood and Grant McEwen. Forrest Wallace — a 5-foot-10 senior regularly tasked with checking the opposition's best guard — isn't the focus of anyone's defensive game plan, and he's just fine with that.

After Wednesday, though, his name might pop up on a few locker room whiteboards.

Wallace went 8 of 9 from the field for a game-high 23 points, and Toledo kept the pressure on for four quarters in a 68-41 win over Napavine here in a battle between the No. 3 and 4 teams in the Central 2B League boys basketball standings.

Wood cashed in four 3-pointers to score a relatively quiet 18 points and McEwen added 12, as Toledo went 8 of 12 from long range in the win.

"From last year's performance, Brent and Grant, those are the names everyone knows," Toledo coach Grady Fallon said. "Forrest was a starter on that team as well, and he just didn't score. This is his senior year, and he's been playing a lot of basketball — he's earned those shots, and he's capitalizing."

Napavine trailed by 12 midway through the third quarter, but a 9-0 run by Toledo — highlighted by a pair of back-to-back backcourt steals that led to a layup for Wallace and a 3-pointer for Wood — pushed the lead to 44-23 with 3:41 to turn the game into a rout.



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Toledo's Forrest Wallace lays the ball up against defense from Napavine's Cole Doughty Wednesday night in Central 2B League boys basketball action in Napavine. Wallace led Toledo with 23 points, while Doughty led Napavine with 19.

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## Balanced Trojans Crush Washkiakum, 71-52

By The Chronicle

CATHLAMET — Four Trojans scored in double figures and Pe Ell rolled to a 71-52 win over Washkiakum here Wednesday night in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

Dustin Lusk and Austin Speck led Pe Ell with 19 points apiece, while Kaelin Jurek added 12 and Tyler Shepherd scored 11.

"We shared it real well to-night," Pe Ell coach Justin Phelps said.

Brandon Budd scored 13 of his game-high 26 points in the third quarter for Washkiakum, which was able to trim the deficit to 4 points in that frame. The Trojans, though, were able to stave off their hosts, and turned an 8-point lead in the middle of the fourth quarter into a 19-point win.

"It was closer than 19," Phelps said of the win. "With four minutes left, we started executing and calming ourselves down, and finished the ballgame well."

Point guard Red Arrington added eight assists for Pe Ell, while Speck tallied 12 of the Trojans' 43 rebounds. Austin Smith, Phelps added, played well off the bench.

Pe Ell (7-6, 6-5 league) will host Adna on Friday and will host Toutle Lake in a boys-girls doubleheader on Saturday.

## Big First Half Powers Adna Past Onalaska, 53-39

ONALASKA — The Pirates held Onalaska to just 9 first-half points and cruised to a 53-39 win here Wednesday night in Central 2B League boys hoops action.

"In the first half we didn't show up. It just looked like our kids were listless," Logger coach Dennis Bower said. "To Adna's credit, they came out and jumped on us and hit some big shots. (Adna coach) Casey (Dotson) has got them playing really well."

Jordan Richardson led Adna with 14 points, while Jerett Latimer and Dalton Newman each added 10. Garrett Trotter scored 9 points and nabbed 10 rebounds.

"We played much better in the second half, but the damage was done in the first half," Bower said.

Trenton Neilson paced Onalaska with 13 points. The No. 9-ranked Pirates went 25 of 43 (58 percent) from the field, and led 31-9 at halftime.

Onalaska (4-9, 3-8 league) will host Napavine on Friday and play at Winlock on Saturday. Adna (11-2, 10-1 league) will play at Pe Ell on Friday and host Napavine on Saturday.

## Nelson Leads Vikings Past Toutle Lake, 51-34

MOSSYROCK — The Vikings brought their defense and handed Toutle Lake a 51-34 Central 2B League loss here on Wednesday night. Danny Nelson led Mossyrock with 17 points while Jaron Kirkley added 16.

"We've been stressing defense lately," Mossyrock coach Kelly Ross said. "It seems if we play a hard game of defense we usually play well."

Ross added the Vikings are aiming to turn up their tempo in the second half of the season, something they did against the Ducks en route to a 24-11

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### Tuesday's 2A/1A Boys Basketball

## Tigers Can't Convert Late Chances in Loss to Tumwater

**DROUGHT:** Both Teams Scoreless in Final 5 Minutes of No. 8 T-Birds' 58-57 EvCo Win

By Aaron VanTuyl  
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The Tigers had chances.

Five minutes and four seconds' worth of chances, to be exact, with plenty of action — but no exclamation point.

Centralia held league-leading, No. 8-ranked Tumwater scoreless for the last five minutes, but couldn't make anything happen in that span in a 58-57 Evergreen 2A Conference loss Tuesday night on Ron Brown Court.

"You'd think we could get one to fall," Tiger coach Ron Brown said, "and it wasn't going to do it for us."

Hodges Bailey scored 26 points for Centralia, while Tumwater had four players in double figures, led by 19 from defending EvCo MVP David Cooper. Centralia — giving up between 4 and 8 inches at each starting position — out-rebounded the Thunderbirds, 22-17, and led 33-28 at halftime.

"It really went well all the way, as far as the game was concerned," Brown said. "I thought



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Centralia's Deter Voetberg can't get to a loose ball during Evergreen 2A Conference basketball action against Tumwater Tuesday on Ron Brown Court in Centralia.

our defense was really good, giving up so much size. We just had some opportunities, some missed shots that didn't go, and that was really hard."

Christian Peters buried a long 3-pointer to end a minute-long possession, just as the shot clock expired, to cut Tumwater's lead to 56-55 with 5:30 left in the game, and Cooper answered with a short jumper in traffic for the T-Birds.

Centralia answered quickly, with Bailey scoring on a long outlet pass to make it 58-57 with 5:04 to play.

And from that point on, it was series of missed chances, missed plays and, mostly, missed shots.

The Tigers turned it over in

the backcourt. Bailey was whistled for a charge on a fast-break layup. Tumwater's Spencer Dowers was whistled for a carry. Centralia missed a handful of shots in one possession and finally gave up a defensive rebound. Peters was whistled for a charge on a fast break. Ty

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### Passing On

Napavine's Madie Thompson passes the ball during Central 2B action against Toledo Wednesday in Napavine. —See Story S5



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### The Final Word

## Penguins Hand Trailblazers 92-61 Loss

By The Chronicle

VANCOUVER — Clark College got out to a big lead in the first half and handed Centralia a 92-61 NWAC West Division men's basketball loss here on Wednesday, the Trailblazers' fifth setback in a row. Clark shot 52 percent from the field and out-rebounded Centralia 36-29.

Calvin Edwards led the Trailblazers

with 23 points and 10 rebounds, but his team trailed 53-36 at the break.

Zach Carras added 8 points for Centralia, which shot 34 percent from the field, including 25 percent in the second half.

The Penguins were led by Kendal Brown's 22 points.

Centralia (2-15, 1-5 league) plays at Lower Columbia College on Saturday.

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## Hiking



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In this photo taken on Jan. 1, ice covers part of the Upper Proxy Falls, located near McKenzie Bridge, about 60 miles east of Eugene, Ore. The two waterfalls on this easy hike off McKenzie Pass Highway are among the most frequently photographed in Oregon and often draw a crowd on weekends during summer or autumn. Come back in winter, though, when the highway is closed to vehicles and the preferred mode of transportation is skis or snowshoes, and it's a far different experience.

## Winter is a Special Time to Visit Oregon's Proxy Falls

By Zach Urness  
The Associated Press

MCKENZIE BRIDGE, Ore. — Take a hike on Proxy Falls Trail during summer or autumn, and there's a good chance you'll have company.

The two waterfalls on this easy hike off McKenzie Pass Highway are among the most frequently photographed in Oregon and often draw a crowd on weekends.

Come back in winter, though, when the highway is closed to vehicles and the preferred mode of transportation is skis or snowshoes, and it's a far different experience.

The journey to Proxy Falls is longer, colder and sometimes requires a bit of route-finding during winter.

But it's also more rewarding, offering the chance to travel a highway that becomes a tunnel through snowy forest and experience Upper Proxy Falls (126 feet) and Lower Proxy Falls (226 feet) ornamented by icicles.

The route, which includes stretches of highway and trail, is seven miles out and back with 1,100 feet of climb.

On the right day — after a fresh dose of snow — a winter trip to Proxy Falls Trail is far better than anything you'd experience in summer.

### WAITING FOR SNOW

One of my favorite activities during winter is a sport known as "Winter Waterfall Hunting."

The idea is pretty simple: Visit as many waterfalls as possible covered with ice and snow during the year's coldest months.

The spray of a winter waterfall is so refreshing it clears all the cobwebs from your brain.



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In this photo taken on Jan. 1, Lower Proxy Falls drops through the snow near McKenzie Bridge, about 60 miles east of Eugene, Ore.

It makes a fun scavenger hunt when combined with snowshoeing, skiing or snowmobiling, and for photographers, it creates unique scenes.

The problem last season and the beginning of this year has been crummy snow conditions. Proxy Falls — along with many of Oregon's great waterfalls — sits at the 3,100- to 3,200-foot range, which these past few seasons has been too low for consistent snow.

I planned winter trips to Proxy Falls multiple times last year, only to cancel them when the weather brought rain instead of snow. And so, when a system of mid-elevation snow finally arrived at the end of December, I decided to spend New Year's Day fulfilling my resolution to see Proxy Falls encased by snow and ice on the first day of the year.

### THE JOURNEY

The trip to Proxy Falls during winter is simple enough.

From Highway 126 — coming from either Santiam Junction or Eugene — simply turn onto Highway 242 and follow it until you hit the snow gate. There's a small parking area on the side of the road.

The trick once you arrive is deciding what equipment to bring. The snow gate's elevation is 2,100 feet, but the waterfalls are at 3,200 feet, which means you're likely to pick up a fair amount of snow during the trip.

When snowpack is minimal and there's a good path, all you really need are waterproof boots. In deeper snow — when there's significant coverage at the gate — snowshoes or skis are best.

"Many times the snow line

is not all the way down to the gate, which makes it more like a hike," said Tyson Cross, winter recreation programs manager with Willamette National Forest.

My day started with plenty of snow, so I tossed on snowshoes right away and kept them on the entire time.

From the gate, the route follows the highway for 2.6 miles before you arrive at Proxy Falls Trailhead, marked by signs and a restroom.

The loop trail branches off to both the left and right.

I headed left, the quickest route to the waterfalls, and started breaking trail among forest and lava fields.

The trail isn't marked by blue diamonds, so if you're the first one out after a big snow dump, as I was, staying on the correct route is a challenge. I was also

glad to have snowshoes, since there were many downed trees that would have been a major hassle in skis.

At the first junction (0.4 miles from the Proxy Trailhead), stay left to visit Upper Proxy Falls, a 126-foot cascade. Fed by a spring, this waterfall doesn't thunder but rather slides down mossy tiers into a pool below.

Back to the junction, I headed right and reached a viewpoint of Lower Proxy Falls, a more dramatic 226 feet. It fans out in summer, but was a thin string of silver covered in icicles on my trip.

I made my way carefully down to the base of the falls — the creek had a mostly frozen top — and snapped some pictures, enjoying a winter waterfall that eluded me for over a year.

The cool spray, drifting off icicles into a forest of white was so refreshing that it didn't take long for my brain to feel clean and cobweb-free.

### PROXY FALLS IN WINTER

**General location:** East of McKenzie Bridge, southeast of Santiam Junction

**Elevation:** 2,100 (trailhead) to 3,200 (waterfalls)

**Information:** McKenzie Bridge Ranger District, Oakridge, (541) 822-3381

**Activity:** Snowshoe, cross country ski or hike

**Distance:** 7 miles out and back

**Elevation climb:** 1,100 feet

**Route:** 2.6 miles up closed McKenzie Pass Highway 242, 1.8 miles on Proxy Falls Trail, 2.6 miles back down McKenzie Pass Highway.

**Directions:** From Eugene, follow Highway 126 east, past McKenzie Bridge and Paradise Campground, and turn right onto McKenzie Pass Highway 242. Follow to the gate and park on the right.

## Where Bald Eagles Feed During The Minnesota Winter

By Katy Read  
Star Tribune (MCT)

When Minnesota's bald eagles head south for the winter, they don't go far. Like the hardy Northerners they are, they're content to bask in the less-than-balmy breezes along the Mississippi River in southeastern Minnesota, which on the day these photos were taken had cooled the air, already struggling to reach zero degrees, to a 20-below windchill.

Birds don't migrate for warmth but for food, said Scott Mehus, education director of the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, Minn. And eagles from

northern Minnesota, as well as Wisconsin and even Canada, head toward stretches of open water on the river to enjoy what Mehus calls a "floating buffet line."

It's a buffet of eagle-style sushi: dead fish that float down the Mississippi under the ice and then bob to the surface of a 5-mile stretch of water that always stays open. The main course is tiny gizzard shad — fish "so small you can hardly see them," Mehus said. "The eagles grab them with their feet and eat them on the fly."

Thanks to a blood-chilling mechanism involving the veins in their feet, eagles don't mind

standing for hours on the edge of ice, peering into the water for these tidbits.

Still, Mehus noted, "everybody likes fresh fish" now and then. In winter, eagles get theirs by harassing ducks that dive underwater for live fish. It's basically a mugging; eagles have been known to eat actual ducks, so the ducks are pretty quick to hand over their catches instead.

Eagles can be spotted along the river from Red Wing, where these photos were taken, on south.

Reads Landing near Wabasha is a particularly good viewing area, some days drawing hundreds of eagles, Mehus said.

Even slower days bring 10 or 20.

He's especially grateful for their presence considering how close they came to disappearing altogether.

In the early 1960s, the population of bald eagles in the Lower 48 states had dwindled alarmingly.

By 1968, only one nesting pair remained along more than 300 miles of river from Red Wing to Rock Island, Ill.

"We came very close to losing this bird, this magnificent symbol of our country," Mehus said.

The culprit? DDT, Mehus said. The then-popular insecticide kills bugs but then climbs

the food chain; when it gets to eagles it weakens the shells of their eggs. Mother and father eagles would sit on the eggs (eagles share this parenting duty) and inadvertently crush their offspring.

DDT was banned in 1972. By 2007, the bald eagle came off the endangered species list. Nesting pairs in the Lower 48 states have climbed from 417 in the 1960s to over 10,000.

Minnesota leads with 2,300. As for the stretch of river that once held only one nest, Mehus said, "you could safely say there are over 350 on that same stretch today."



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## Fishing and Hunting Report

## Musing on the Sea Hawk in the Ed Wheeler Outfield

By Jordan Nailon

For The Chronicle

Last week I noticed daffodil shoots poking up over the grass beneath our old slumbering orchard. Those bulbs are leftover regenerations of plantings made by the long departed original homesteaders, and the relatively mild winter has them disregarding convention and looking to bloom in the face of winter.

It has been said that one can never go home again. The world goes round, we grow up, houses fall down, and time goes on. Everything changes and what was once part of our very fabric can no longer be found.

This circumstance is all too literal for Centralia's long loved Ed Wheeler Field osprey. Perched atop an old light pole just beyond the left field fence, where over the years they cobbled together an impressive driftwood nest, the birds have become an icon of the field and knotted in association with America's pastime in the Hub City.

This winter, though, a strong wind storm toppled the old pole and brought the osprey nest crashing down in home run territory.

Centralia College baseball coach Jake LeDuc, who played at Wheeler before coaching there, said he has watched the birds become a beloved fixture of the park. LeDuc, who noted that osprey mate for life, spun tales of the birds flying fish back from the river to feed their chicks in the nest, noting that sometimes fish and less pleasant things were inadvertently dropped on unsuspecting players during games.

Once, LeDuc looked on as the mamma bird snuck up behind a fledgling that had curiously ventured too close to the nest's edge and with a flick of its big beak gave the baby bird its first chance to fly.

"It was like watching a pile of bricks fall for about half the way to the ground," remembered LeDuc. "And then all of a sudden it flapped its wings a couple of times and it was like, 'Hey, I can fly!'"

With baseball season and spring just around the corner, LeDuc said he's heard that a new pole might be erected with the old nest fastened to the top. Will that happen in time, and will the osprey recognize their old home if it does? You know what they say, but that story that has yet to be told.

Other species make an entirely different return home, only to find similarly unfamiliar circumstances. Just before the Seahawk's game last Sunday (although there is no actual 'seahawk' in the wild, scientists refer to osprey as 'sea hawks'), I stopped in front of the roaring fish ladder that connects a short river bound creek with the farm's small pond. It was a spectacular flash of pink and purple on the gray ladder that made me pause, and as I drew closer a hyper-colored coho leapt again to reveal itself in its entire determined splendor.

With a pulsing rhythm the salmon would launch itself up and over a lip of the ladder and then rest at the bottom of that new pool, catching its breath in the turbid water. After a few minutes below the surface the fish would nose up to the upper lip of the ladder and feel out its next path and disappear beneath the bubbles again for a few moments before launching upward bound and over the lip with all of its concerted might once more.

After repeating this process six times the salmon successfully flopped into the pond and played it cool as a cucumber along the silted bottom. The placid water of the pond, with its floating geese and Lily pads, was an alien environment to the well-worn salmon. Born in a rushing stream as an itty bitty small fry, the fish was first pushed into the river before being flushed out to sea. There it battled the lunar-affected earth-shaping tides and navigated untold and unseen dangers for years until it was strong enough to push itself upstream against the gravity fed

current, all while sniffing out its home stream watershed.

Now, for the first time in its life of pulsating change, that salmon finds itself idling in slack waters and yearning for a mate. Home has certainly changed for the salmon.

People come and go, fish grow up, and sea hawks migrate with the seasons, but like those resilient daffodils, things that are seeded from the fertile tilth of the heart are bound to outlast any physical changes or departures.

## FISHIN'

A midwinter's lull has settled heavy on most area rivers. A dearth of fish coupled with dangerous and uninviting waterways has kept some fish crazy anglers home for the last month and a half. But a person can only tie so many flies, cure so many eggs, and smoke so much fish before their inner bobber begins to feel a tug back to the river.

According to Joe Hymer, a fish biologist for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Cowlitz River should be providing the best opportunities for winter steelhead in southwest Washington. Hymer also mentioned the Lewis, Kalama, Grays, Washougal, and Elochoman rivers, as well as Salmon Creek, as worthwhile angling destinations.

At the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator last week 283 adult coho (three jacks), 179 winter-run steelhead, and five cutthroat trout were recovered. Tacoma Power employees also released 49 adult coho (two jacks), 20 winter-run steelhead and five cutthroat trout into the Tilton River, as well as 25 adult coho (one jack), and two winter-run steelhead into Lake Scanewa. River flow at Mayfield Dam on Tuesday was reported at 13,900 cubic feet per second.

Anglers in The Dalles and John Day pools were running into some wild summer-run steelhead and walleye, but sturgeon were the reel draw. In the John Day Pool, boat anglers were outpacing their bank-bound counterparts and taking home a few legal sized sturgeon. The Dalles Pool was not quite as active, but the WDFW did report a, "Light effort and catch."

In big trout news, Kress Lake was the recipient of 105 early winter steelhead last week. Those fish were formerly bound to be stocked in Chambers Creek. Elsewhere, the WDFW has planted nearly 45,000 "catchable sized rainbow" trout in area lakes and ponds since December.

"We want to give area anglers a chance to get outdoors in the wintertime and catch some fish," explained John Weinheimer, WDFW District 9 Fish Biologist, in a press release. "All of these waters can be fished from shore, so you don't need a boat and a lot of gear to get in on the action."

Weinheimer suggested hitting the lake shores around, "midday, when the water warms up, the light is good, and the fish are on the bite."

Fort Borst Park Pond, South Lewis County Park Pond, Kress Lake, Battleground Lake, Kline-line Pond, and Rowland Lake are all excellent options for trout angling.

The damage tally from the early January wind and rain storms continues to pile up in southwest Washington as the WDFW announced that 600,000 coho salmon fry were lost when a water supply line failed during the storm.

Work began on Jan. 12 to replace those dead fish as the WDFW received 90,000 "excess" coho eggs from the Cascade Hatchery (ODFW). Another 351,000 coho eggs were delivered later that week from the Eagle Creek Hatchery (USFWS).

According to Cindy LeFluer, regional WDFW fish manger, the fry suffocated on Jan. 9 from a lack of water after the supply line was damaged in the storm and the emergency alarm system intended to alert WDFW staff to the situation failed. The WDFW acknowledged that the Grays River Hatchery, built in 1960,

regularly experiences problems during "high-water events."

In other small fry news, a Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing has been scheduled for Jan. 28 in order to review salmon and steelhead stock as they consider creating commercial and sport smelt fishing opportunities.

The hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., at the Clark Regional Wastewater District office (8000 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington).

## HUNTIN'

This week marks the end of the winter bird hunting season as ducks and geese come off of the fair game list on Jan. 25.

A fairly mild winter has made for an up and down season of waterfowl hunting so far, and clear, cold weather this week ought to round the season out with an icy whisper.

For those bird hunters looking to capitalize before the close of the season, the Centralia Mine offers some productive prowling lands. Birds can be found in Grays Harbor and in the Chehalis river valleys as well. In Thurston County the lands around the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge and around Henderson, Budd, and Eld Inlets are often some of the best hunting grounds in western Washington.

Adding a tinge of uncertainty to a hunter's quarry is the increasing presence of avian flu in wild birds arriving from the north. The virus does not pose a risk to humans or wild birds but is particularly lethal to domestic poultry and the WDFW is asking for the public's help by reporting any sick or dead birds. To report observations call, 1-800-606-8768.

WDFW employees are also out in the field asking hunters to provide voluntary samples from harvested birds in locations such as the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.

"The sampling procedure takes less than a minute per bird, and will help us determine the prevalence of the disease in wild birds," said Don Kraege, WDFW waterfowl section manager, in a press release.

## CLAMMIN'

A flush of jubilant diggers flooded Moco rocks Beach immediately after the Seahawks clutched a thrilling overtime victory from the claws of defeat on Sunday. Ninja-Turtle ooze green and Wild Waves blue hats and scarves were blowing in the breeze as the celebratory sun peaked out from behind imposing hail and rain stuffed clouds just long enough for leisurely limits to be had by all.

That eight day dig will continue through Saturday, Jan. 24. Digging is approved on the following dates, beaches and low tides:

- Jan. 22, Thursday; 7:56 p.m., -1.1 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors

- Jan. 23, Friday; 8:40 p.m., -0.6 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Moco rocks

- Jan. 24, Saturday; 9:25 p.m., 0.1 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Moco rocks and Copalis

Another set of digging dates, beginning Jan. 30, is still awaiting final approval by the WDFW. That dig is tentatively scheduled on the following dates, beaches and low tides:

- Jan. 30, Friday; 3:43 p.m., 0.5 feet Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Moco rocks

- Jan. 31, Saturday; 4:32 p.m., 0.2 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Moco rocks and Copalis

- Feb. 1, Sunday; 5:15 p.m., 0.0 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Moco rocks

- Feb. 2, Monday; 5:53 p.m., -0.1 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors

- Feb. 3, Tuesday; 6:27 p.m., -0.1 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors

- Feb. 4, Wednesday; 6:59 p.m., 0.0 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors

- Feb. 5, Thursday; 7:30 p.m., 0.2 feet, Long Beach, Twin Har-

bors

- Feb. 6, Friday; 8:00 p.m., 0.5 feet, Long Beach, Twin Harbors

The best digging is usually had about one or two hours before the low tide, so the relatively early tides should allow for some easy pickings daylight digs. No digging is allowed on any beaches before noon.

## POWDER HEADS

Mt. Hood Meadows was sunny and holding steady around freezing temperatures midweek. There was no new snow to report since the weekend but plenty of corduroy hard pack runs were open.

Timberline had about six inches of new snow come down late Sunday but the runs have been frozen over and repeatedly groomed since then. Three lifts were open with two on standby Wednesday.

White Pass was experiencing a string of bluebird days but had no new snow midweek. Temperatures were in the low twenties on the slopes and night skiing resumes on Saturday.

Snoqualmie Summit was dusted with one to two inches of new snow midweek and was operating 14 lifts, with an off-piste advisory due to variable low-snow conditions.

Crystal Mountain is experiencing an upturn in prospects after last weekend's snow fall. No new snow had fallen as of midweek but the manicured runs were reportedly holding up well.

Mt. Baker got in on the snow party last weekend and even more grooming work. Another good dumping of the white stuff would do those slopes a favor, although none is forecasted.

## WILDLIFERS

The influx of avian flu continued its flight from the great white north last week and a new confirmed case was reported in Port Angeles. What began as a red hot rumor at the chicken auction was quickly confirmed by state agencies and a 10-kilometer quarantine radius was imposed around the affected backyard poultry flock. That

ment or transportation of eggs, birds, and poultry products through the area.

The 118 chickens, ducks and geese infected with the H5N2 strain of the virus at the property were destroyed by state workers on Sunday.

Additional cases of avian flu have been confirmed in Whatcom and Benton counties in Washington, and Oregon and British Columbia have also been affected. A total of 700 domestic birds met their demise in the Tri-Cities in early January, and 250,000 chickens and turkeys were destroyed in British Columbia in December.

The WSDA is asking anyone who spots any sick or dead domestic poultry to report their observations at, 1-800-606-3056.

Although the WDFW insists that, "it is extremely unlikely that hunters or people feeding wild birds could contract bird flu," they are still advising folks to take simple measures of precaution, including taking measures to keep domestic birds separate from wild birds.

In other fish and wildlife news, the cubic zirconia encrusted world of reality TV is adding the WDFW to its infamous cast of characters. Dubbed, Rugged Justice, the new documentary series will be featured on Animal Planet.

A press release from the WDFW notes that the show will follow, "WDFW police as they patrol mountains, coasts, and city streets, protecting natural resources and serving the people of Washington."

A review of the debut episode from Jan. 18, noted that the documented encounters included the pursuit a DUI suspect, tracking a bear inside city limits, setting up a dummy bear to catch illegal hunters, and nabbing Seattle salmon poachers.

Outside of the reality TV realm, NPS rangers in the Olympic National Park will be leading guided snowshoe walks at Hurricane Ridge on all weekends and holiday Mondays through Mar. 29. The walks will cover about 1.5 miles and begins at about 2 p.m. each day. A \$5 donation is suggested.

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Toledo's Brent Wood brings the ball up the court during Central 2B League action Wednesday in Napavine, as teammates Forrest Wallace (3) and Grant McEwen (23) and Napavine's Tanner Dekoker head upcourt.

## Toledo

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"Sometimes you just feel like everything goes your way, like tonight," Fallon said. "We had a couple fouls early, and right off the bat a turnover and a foul, but after that it just seemed like the ball just bounced our way, and we made some shots. That was a great team effort."

Wallace scored 14 in the first half, and knocked down a 3-pointer — one of three on the night — to close out the third quarter with Toledo ahead 54-31. "He's just efficient. He doesn't

take bad shots," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said of Wallace. "And if you leave him open, he knocks them down. You talk about a nice luxury to have that as your third guy, and then the 6-7 inside guy (Donevin Merly)? That is a solid club."

The teams played each other just 10 days prior, in a game that had been rescheduled due to the teams' playoff football runs, with Toledo winning 56-52 at home.

"They pretty much gave us the same thing, but for whatever reason, tonight we couldn't do anything," Stanley said. "Give Toledo credit. Even if we did break their pressure, it didn't

seem like we could get into our offense. We were just playing on our heels all night."

Napavine outrebounded Toledo 30-27 the first time around, though Toledo had a 25-15 advantage on the glass Wednesday, led by nine from Merly.

Cole Doughty led Napavine with 19 points.

"It was really close last time. They're a really good program, and they had a really good fourth quarter," Wallace said of the teams' first meeting. "It just felt like things are finally coming together. Everyone's starting to understand their position in the game, and their role."

Wallace, meanwhile, said

he's always enjoyed his role as the Indians' defensive stopper, but had no problem with the limelight on Wednesday after a few off shooting nights.

"I'm a pretty mental kid, and I've just been talking to everyone and putting the time in. Things came together tonight, and it was nice," he said. "Everything kind of felt right, just from the moment I took off."

Toledo (9-4, 9-2 league, ranked No. 7) will play at Toutle Lake on Friday, and host top-ranked Morton-White Pass on Saturday. Napavine (9-4, 7-4 league) will play at Onalaska on Friday and play at Adna on Saturday.

## Centralia

Continued from Sports 1

Gentry bricked a pair of foul shots. Bailey missed a 3 from the corner, then stole a lob pass to Vandenhazel. Tumwater knocked away an inbounds pass. Gavin Kerner missed a short jumper, closely contested by a Thunderbird to whom Kerner was giving up a good 6 inches.

Tumwater snared Kerner's rebound with 38 seconds left, worked the shot clock down and — of course — missed a shot with 6 seconds to play. Nolan Wasson corralled the rebound, and Peters got off a long 3-point attempt with a hand in his face that was off the mark to end a strange final 5 minutes.

Tumwater — with size and talent, primarily from 6-foot-10 forward Weston Vandenhazel, the 6-5 Cooper, and 6-5 Capital transfer Gentry at point guard — entered the game 2-0 in EvCo play (12-2 overall) and riding an 11-game winning streak.

"The big guy, it seemed like those jump-hooks in there were pretty deadly, and Cooper's wonderful, a very good player, and Gentry, those three are good," Brown said. "You have to have everything go your way to win, and it did go our way enough that we could have won, but you've got to get a last bucket."

Vandenhazel finished with 12 points on 6 of 10 shooting and six rebounds. Gentry scored 13 points, and Cade Otton scored 10 on 5 of 6 shooting. All in all, Tumwater went 25 of 48 from the field (52 percent), including shooting 21 of 38 from inside the arc (60 percent).

Deter Voetberg provided a spark off the bench with 7 points and five rebounds — four of fensive — and Peters and Angel Verdusco each added 8 points.

"I've got nothing but praise for my team," Brown said. "We just needed another bucket, and sure, we had some opportunities, that ball rolling around in there and some close ones, and we could not get it to go."

Wasson, at 6-foot-2, played well defensively against Vandenhazel, Brown added, and snared a team-high six rebounds.

Centralia (8-7, 1-2 league) will play at Fort Vancouver in a nonleague game on Friday night.

**Note:** Centralia's JV lost, 47-43, and the Tiger C-team won,



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Centralia's Hodges Bailey puts a shot up under the hoop against Tumwater during Evergreen 2A Conference action Tuesday on Ron Brown Court in Centralia.

53-45. ... Tumwater (13-2, 3-0 league) is the only undefeated squad in the four-team EvCo. The T-Birds continue league play at W.F. West next Friday.

### Bearcats Fall Late to Wolves, 71-53

TUMWATER — The Bearcats keep making strides but still couldn't find a W in a 71-53 Evergreen 2A Conference loss to Black Hills here on Tuesday night.

"We were ahead in the third quarter and played some really good basketball," W.F. West coach Ryan Robertson said. "But it was kind of the same issue where we played well then struggled and they were able to open up against us in the fourth quarter."

Black Hills had a 30-28 advantage at halftime before W.F. West made a run in the third quarter. Heading into the fourth quarter, however, the Wolves led 48-41 and then outscored the Bearcats 23-12 over the final eight minutes.

T.J. Mickelson led Black Hills

with 31 points, despite solid defense from Nolan Hawkins.

"T.J. is going to get his points but what hurt us was the other guys," Robertson said. "We can't have that. Offensively they got their points off of loose balls and offensive rebounds. Those kids are big and have lots of length, and that's where they got us."

Robertson added he liked the defense of Hawkins and the overall guard play of Michael Rose, who was the Bearcats' leading scorer with 16 points. He also added four assists.

"He had the best game of his career," Robertson said. "He was very aggressive and took the ball to the hold. We continue to get better every game, we'd just like to see that turn into a win."

W.F. West also had a season-low 12 turnovers. The Bearcats (0-15) are at home against Columbia River on Friday in a non-league matchup.

### Beavers Take Out Grizzlies, 49-45

HOQUIAM — Wyatt Blencoe hit his only 3-pointer of

the game to put Tenino up by 5 points with 25 seconds left in a 49-45 Evergreen 2A/1A victory over Hoquiam here on Tuesday night.

"It was a great game," Tenino coach Josef Chirhart said. "We battled and it was close the whole way through. I think the biggest lead was 6 points. It was just gritty and we picked up our defense and locked them out."

The Beavers made a point of keeping the Grizzlies out of the key, and while they had the disparity in free throws — 17 attempts by Hoquiam to four by Tenino — they were able to hold on for their fifth league victory. Nihls Peterson led the team with 18 points while Jonathon Jonesnewman added 13.

"Nihls and big John both worked down low and get a double-double for us, usually," Chirhart said. "Our guards took care of the ball and kept the turnovers low."

Tenino trailed by a point at the half, 25-24, and trailed again, 36-35, after three quarters.

"We're really starting to mature and we're starting to learn to finish games," Chirhart said.

Tenino (9-6, 5-4 league) has won seven of its last eight games, and will host Eatonville on Thursday.

### Wednesday's Games

#### Warriors Fall to Montesano, 60-53

ROCHESTER — The Warriors battled through adversity and hung with Montesano, but in the end fell to the Bulldogs, 60-53, here on Wednesday night. Leading scorer Jordan McLemore went down for Rochester with a knee injury after going off for 23 points in the first half.

"The rest of the kids stepped up and stepped out of what they normally do," Rochester coach Mark Goldrick said. "We had to find scoring elsewhere and we were close, you not quite enough."

Rochester led Montesano 33-30 at the half, but Montesano went on a 16-5 run in the third quarter and held on for the win. The Bulldogs hit seven 3-pointers in the game, but Rochester kept pace with six.

Tanner Nelson added 10 points and seven rebounds for the Warriors.

Rochester (2-13, 2-8 league) plays at Elma on Friday.

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halftime lead. Kirkley then scored 10 points in the first four minutes of the second half to put the game well in control. The junior also finished with 10 rebounds.

"They had just three shots in the first quarter and didn't get that other 9 points until about the end of the first half," Ross said. "Defensively everybody played outstanding. They were all on the same page, trusting each other, playing a complete game, and that was nice to have."

Mossyrock (5-6 league, 6-7 overall) will host Morton-White Pass on Friday.

### Morton-White Pass Downs Winlock, 96-11

MORTON — The Timberwolves couldn't miss and dished the ball around in a 96-11 Central 2B League victory over Winlock on Wednesday. Five different Morton-White Pass players scored in double digits and of their 42 buckets, 27 came off their assists.

"We shared and moved the ball around real well tonight and all the kids got involved," Morton-White Pass coach Tony Gillispie said. "Braiden Elledge was really a big spark for us tonight."

Zach Walton led the Timberwolves with 20 points, while Zach Hanson had 16 points and Elledge added 15 points and whopping nine steals. Kaleb Poquette notched 11 points and Kolby Dunlap scored 10. Morton-White Pass shot 65 percent from the field.

The Timberwolves led 55-7 at halftime and went on a 23-3 run in the third quarter. Gillispie added that Rylan Collette and Matt Poquette played quality minutes off the bench.

Morton-White Pass (11-0 league, 13-0 overall) plays at Mossyrock on Friday. Winlock (0-13, 0-11 league) will host Wahkiakum on Friday and Onalaska on Saturday.

## Women's College Basketball

### Lady Blazers Rally Past Clark, 86-58

By The Chronicle

VANCOUVER — The Lady Blazers rallied from a 7-point deficit at halftime and kept on going in an 86-58 victory over Clark College here on Wednesday. Centralia outscored Clark 58-23 in the second half and improved its season record to 17-2.

"I was proud of the kids to come out and have that big run in the second half," Centralia coach Shane Schutz said. "They showed mental toughness, kept fighting, got them to turn the ball over and then hit some big 3s."

In the second half, Centralia was 11 of 14 from the 3-point line. Leading scorer Susan Kenney was 5 of 8 from the 3-point line and finished with 19 points. Kyahri Adams was 5 of 8 from 3-point land as well, notching 17 points. Molly McIntyre also had 17 points and five rebounds.

"Susan and Kyahri really sparked us and Molly had a good overall game," Schutz said.

Centralia finished shooting 49 percent from the field. Clark was 7 of 8 from long range in the first half, but missed all five of its attempts after the intermission.

The Lady Blazers outrebounded the Penguins 34-19 and notched 14 second chance points off of those.

"It was our best shooting night," Schutz said. "All that extra work in practice paid off."

Centralia (6-0 league) will take on Lower Columbia — also unbeaten in West Division play — in Longview on Saturday.

## 2B Girls Basketball

# Lorton, Tigers Romp in 63-31 Win Over Toledo

By The Chronicle

NAPAVINE — The Tigers may have had a bit of a slow start, coming off of a few days' rest following a big win, but it didn't matter by the final buzzer.

Napavine outscored Toledo 44-7 over the two middle quarters en route to a 63-31 win here Wednesday night in Central 2B League girls basketball action.

Kenya Lorton scored 18 points to lead the Tigers, who went on a 22-0 run over the first minutes of the third quarter to push the lead over 40 points and keep the clock running the rest of the way.

"It took us half of the game to kind of figure it out, and then in the third quarter we were able to take advantage of some turnovers, make some lay-ins, and complete some of the extra passes," Napavine coach Jeremy Landram said. "But overall, it was a good game to start the last round of games."

The win moves Napavine to 10-3 overall this season and 9-2 in Central 2B League play. The Tigers were back in action for the first time following Thursday's 57-47 win over then-No. 2 Toutle Lake, and have now won six straight C2BL games.

"They're playing a lot more like they're capable of playing," Landram said. "I think they needed that one big game. They definitely feel like they belong now."

Mollie Olson added 11 points and nine rebounds for Napavine, while Melissa Lee scored 7 with nine boards. Grace Hamre added 7 points, and Rylee White, Devanie Kleemeyer and Becca Snaza scored 6 each.

Anna Tauscher led Toledo with 9 points.

Napavine will host Onalaska tonight, while Toledo (4-9, 3-8 league) will host Toutle Lake tonight.

## Tuesday's Games

### Walton, Timberwolves Down Cardinals

WINLOCK — It came down to easy buckets for the Timberwolves and hard-earned shots for the Cardinals as Morton-White Pass defeated Winlock 51-28 here in Central 2B League girls basketball play on Tuesday.

Jenessa Walton scored 16 points and Sharon Hazen added 10 for the Timberwolves, whose shot attempts mostly consisted of open layups. The T-Wolves



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Napavine's Jenna Sisson drives to the basket during Central 2B action against Toledo Wednesday in Napavine.

went 21 of 45 (47 percent) from the field.

"We started off pretty good, but they had a lot of easy shots," Winlock coach Scott Ashmore said. "They were shooting 2-footers the whole night and they were making us work."

Attempts for Winlock, on the other hand, didn't come as easy. Rianna Whitehead led the Cardinals with 9 points and eight rebounds while the team shot 11 of 43 (26 percent) from the floor as a whole.

"We usually play the first quarter pretty decent and then we kind of just fall flat," Ashmore said. "They put a lot of pressure on us and were really attacking us offensively. You're not going to beat somebody that scores all over the inside."

The Cardinals (0-11 league, 2-11 overall) will travel to Wahkiakum on Thursday. The Timberwolves (7-4 league, 9-4 overall) will host Mossyrock tonight in Morton.

### Ducks Rout Lady Vikings, 67-20

TOUTLE — The Lady Vikings knew they would have a tough matchup against Toutle Lake and the Ducks came prepared as Toutle Lake defeated Mossyrock 67-20 in C2BL girls

basketball action here Tuesday.

Mossyrock shot just 7 of 38 (18 percent) from the field. Paige Moorcroft led the Viks with 5 points while sister Kelsie Moorcroft collected seven rebounds.

The Toutle Lake offense was red hot out of the gate, shooting 28 of 56 (50 percent) with Sam Woodley scoring 21 points and Makala Gardner contributing 20.

"They're good, there is no way around it. We gave them some wide open looks and they took them," Mossyrock coach Tori Nelson said. "We had multiple people score and we shot more free throws than them but I just wasn't happy with the effort. We have to make a serious run here at the end and that wasn't the way to start it."

The Vikings (1-10 league, 1-12 overall) will travel to Morton to face the Timberwolves tonight.

### Pirates Run Past Loggers, 76-44

ADNA — The Pirates had Regyn Gaffney back for the first time all season and even though she didn't score, her speed helped the Pirates reach the tempo they've been aiming for in a 76-44 Central 2B League win over Onalaska here on Tuesday.

"We try to preach that tempo in practice and today was the

first time we played the way we wanted to," Adna coach Chris Bannish said.

Adna jumped out to a 21-11 lead in the first quarter and after some foul trouble in the second quarter went into halftime with a 38-28 advantage. They put the game on ice with a 21-5 run over the Loggers in the third quarter. Staci Vint led Onalaska with 11 points.

Shanay Dotson led the Pirates with 25 points and eight rebounds, while Cheyenne Gilbertson did everything with 11 points, five assists and four steals. Grace Elliott added 13 points and Samantha Rolfe notched 8 points and seven rebounds.

"Cheyenne is just a workhorse for us," Bannish said of Gilbertson. "Grace had one of her better games for us. Sam played another good floor game for us; she's having a good year."

Adna (7-6 overall, 6-5 league) hosts Pe Ell tonight. Onalaska (5-6 league, 6-7 overall) plays at Napavine, also tonight.

### Mules Bounce Trojans, 62-30

PE ELL — The Mules found their groove and stifled the Lady Trojans on the defensive end for a 62-30 win in Central 2B League play here on Tuesday.

Wahkiakum's defense prevented the Trojans from breaking into double-digit scoring in any quarter, while the Mule offense scored 23 in the second quarter to break the game open. Baylee Olsen led the way with 15 points and Peyton Souvenir added 12 points and four rebounds.

"Wahkiakum is an experienced team that creates chaos with their defensive pressure and we were a bit of the victim tonight," Pe Ell coach Chris Phelps said. "That second frame is definitely when they were able to pull away, but even with that, the girls did not give up, effort wise."

Dakota Brooks scored 11 points for the Trojans and Alyssa Compton added 6 points and 12 boards. While the Trojans managed to rebound the Mules 37-28, Pe Ell struggled on the offensive end, going 14 of 51 (28 percent) from the field.

"I was very proud of the girls for continuing to play no matter what the scoreboard said," Phelps said. "I saw a lot of good things out of our girls tonight and it's all in preparation for when we find our consistency."

The Lady Trojans (4-7 league, 5-8 overall) will travel to Adna tonight.

## Tuesday's 2A Girls Basketball

# Bearcats Overcome Slow Start to Stay Perfect in Evergreen 2A Action

By The Chronicle

W.F. West overcame a slow first half to keep its league record flawless on Tuesday night in Chehalis.

The No. 2-ranked Bearcats trailed 28-19 after a half, but blew out the Wolves 41-25 in the second half for a 60-53 Evergreen 2A Conference girls hoops win.

"I credit Black Hills for their game plan and handling the pressure from us," W.F. West coach Henri Weeks said. "We came out a little flat and paid for it. The girls really stepped it up in the second half and played like a team that's been there before."

Tiana Parker led W.F. West with 20 points, and sophomore Shasta Lofgren went 11 of 13 at the foul line to add 16 points.

Shayla Smothers led Black Hills — ranked No. 10 in the latest Associated Press poll, with an 11-5 overall record (2-1 league) — with 19 points, and Lauren Furu added 10.

The game featured 51 free throws, with W.F. West converting 25 of 31. Jessica McKay added 12 points for W.F. West, including a few key 3-pointers late in the game.

"It was a good team effort, and it resulted in a good win for us," Weeks said. "We needed this game to kind of wake us up a little bit."

W.F. West (14-1, 3-0 league) will play a nonleague game at Columbia River on Friday.

### Nugent Big in Tigers' First League Win

TUMWATER — Lone senior Annmarie Nugent owned the paint and the rest of the Lady Ti-



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W.F. West's Shasta Lofgren pushes forward with the ball during Evergreen 2A Conference action against Black Hills Tuesday in Chehalis.

gers were able to hold on for another close victory as Centralia defeated Tumwater, 56-51, in Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball action here on Tuesday.

Nugent erupted for 24 points, going 10 of 16 from the floor, and crashed the glass for 14 rebounds in the win. Madi Crews added 12 points for Centralia.

The Tigers were able to hold on to a slim 29-26 halftime lead

to close out their first EvCo win.

"It was a battle the whole way through," Centralia coach Doug Ashmore said. "I thought we attacked the hoop better than we have all year and, once again, Annmarie's presence down low and keeping the ball alive was huge."

Jessica Armstrong led the Thunderbirds with 18 points. Ashmore also credited Hayden Blaser with doing the little things

down the stretch in the fourth quarter to help lift the Tigers.

"I thought we played really well as a team to get our first league win on the road," Ashmore said. "It was nice to see."

The Tigers (1-2 league, 8-7 overall) will host Fort Vancouver for a nonleague matchup on Friday.

**Note:** Friday's home game for the Tigers will also be a

Breast Cancer Awareness event and will feature a silent auction during the game, with proceeds benefiting former Tiger basketball player Tess Danielson in her battle with cancer. The evening's schedule includes C-squad, JV and varsity games, with C-squad starting at 4:15 p.m. All three games will be played using a pink basketball, which will be sold in the silent auction.



### Prep Football

# Jon Kitna Resigns Coaching, Teaching Job at Lincoln High to Take Job in Texas

By TJ Cotterill

The Tacoma News Tribune

When Jon Kitna was hired as the head coach at Lincoln High School three years ago, he said he wanted to make the team relevant within the state in five years and nationally within 10.

That was cut short Wednesday. He informed the team in a morning meeting that he has accepted a position at Waxahachie High School, a Class 5A school south of Dallas. His last day at Lincoln is Friday.

Officials at Waxahachie declined to comment because the position had not officially been filled, but the school is holding a board meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday with the only action item being its open head coach and athletic director positions.

"When I took this job (at Lincoln), it was a dream job for me," said Kitna, a 1991 graduate of the school. "But as much as it was a dream for me, I will always have to live my life open-handedly and make room for God to do what God is going to do."

"The dream would be to stay here, the comfortable thing would have been to stay here, the ideal thing would have been to stay here. But where God is leading me, I have to follow, and I've always said that."

Kitna, who spent the first four years of his 16-year NFL career with the Seattle Seahawks and the final four with the Dallas Cowboys, said it came down to sustainable positions for his assistant coaches.

At least four assistants will go with him, including brother Matt Kitna. Junior quarterback Jordan Kitna, Jon's son, is going, as is junior tight end Devan Brady, whose father is Lincoln assistant Evan Brady. The other assistants leaving are Casey Kjos, Damola Adeniji and possibly Corey McBride, who had not decided as of Wednesday.

Lincoln had five assistant coaches, with each making almost \$5,000 this year. In the 2013-14 school year, Kitna was paid almost \$40,000 to coach and teach part time at Lincoln. Kitna said the pay for his assistants made it difficult to keep them and that his staff payroll will increase at Waxahachie.

"It's really hard to ask coaches to put in 25-30 hours a week after they work a 40-hour-a-week job," Kitna said. "If you just want to show up for practice, OK, we'll go through our two-hour practice and show up on Friday. That's great. We would be mediocre, we would compete for our league title here every year and stuff."

"But at the end of the day, I can't stand average. I want to be able to compete at the highest level. I just don't think we could sustain it as is, as it is currently constructed."

Lincoln principal Pat Erwin was fully supportive of Kitna's decision.

But Erwin said he is certainly disappointed the school was losing a coach of Kitna's caliber. Kitna led the



Dean J. Koepfler / The Tacoma News Tribune  
Abes coach Jon Kitna celebrates as the defense stopped O'Dea High School in November. The Abes held on to defeat O'Dea in a 35-30 thriller at Lincoln Bowl in Tacoma.

football program to back-to-back 3A Narrows League titles, becoming the first city school to accomplish that since Mount Tahoma in 1979-80; its second state tournament appearance in school history, losing in the quarterfinals to eventual state champion Eastside Catholic, 36-29, at Lincoln Bowl; and helped improve players' grade-point averages from about 1.4 when he entered the program to over 3.0.

"He called me (Sunday) and said, 'This is the phone call I don't want to make,' " Erwin said. "At that moment I was like, 'Oh no.' And he just said, 'I have an opportunity.'"

"I understand why you take the opportunity. But still, I'm disappointed on a professional and personal level. I'm disappointed he's not going to be here. I'm not disappointed in his decision. ... He's become a real close friend of mine. I expect him to do great things. I expect Waxahachie to make national news pretty soon."

Erwin said he emailed the staff and faculty of Kitna's departure and opened the position Wednesday morning. Kitna is also a weight training and conditioning teacher at the school.

No candidates are lined up, but Erwin said he expects that to change quickly.

"It should be a very attractive position because we've benefited greatly from the Kitna family and their generosity," Erwin said. "We have supplies, equipment, a fabulous weight room and a well-stocked team of capable young men. We want to hire in such a manner where we can continue with the philosophy that Jon brought there and focusing on character."

But with Jon Kitna also goes son Jordan, who threw for 3,702 yards and 55 touchdown passes last season.

Jon Kitna requested that Jordan not be made available for comment.

"Jordan was very involved in this decision," Jon Kitna said. "He had the most to give up. He's brothers with these guys. ... It's a tough deal. I wish it was one year later. But, again, I have to separate my emotion from it all and follow where I see God lead."

Jon Kitna said there were players who were saddened and others who appeared upset when he gave them the news of his departure.

"One of the questions asked was, 'Did we do something wrong?' And it's unfortunate that that would be a question," Kitna said. "I couldn't have

asked more from my players during the time that I was here. ... They did everything that we asked them to do. It had nothing to do with the players."

Lincoln senior Dehonta Hayes said he at first didn't understand why Kitna would leave, but that changed after the meeting.

"He was telling us, clearing everything up, that what we had been hearing wasn't true," Hayes said. "He said, 'I'm not leaving because of you guys, I'm leaving because it's my time to go.'"

"I just feel for the guys who are here and don't get that same connection with him. It was already hard enough to get recruited even with Coach Kitna and the types of connections that he has."

Kitna said he believed Lincoln's success wasn't sustainable under the current structure he had with his assistant coaches, though Waxahachie was the seventh school — which included one unnamed college — to contact him in the past two years about a coaching job.

"If it was sustainable, we wouldn't be having this conversation," Kitna said.

"I was contacted on the phone two weeks ago (by Waxahachie) for the first time. I said, 'If you can make it right for my assistants, I know you have the support in place there that makes it sustainable. If you can make it right for my assistants, I feel like that's the direction I need to head.' And he didn't blink, and it was all approved last night at 9 p.m."

"It was hard for me to require (assistants) to do things at a high level to do the things we've done the past three years. I was starting to lose assistants. I had assistants hanging on by a thread, I had assistants that had to stop coaching because they were going to get fired from their real jobs. I was going to lose all my assistants and that's what I'm a product of, those guys."

Kitna said his time at Lincoln "was an absolute blessing."

"I wish I could stay here forever. But it's not the reality. And God doesn't call me to be comfortable. We invested a lot of time and energy and resources into these three years and it was wildly successful beyond anybody's beliefs and dreams. ... Whoever takes over this program is taking over a program that is light years ahead of where it was three years ago."

Staff writer Todd Milles contributed to this report.

### College Football

# Carl Davis Hopes to Go in 1st Round in NFL Draft

By Dave Birkett

Detroit Free Press (MCT)

MOBILE, Ala. — It wasn't long after he learned to walk that Carl Davis started rifling through kitchen cupboards, pulling out every pot and pan he could find.

As a 2-year old, Davis would set his "instruments" up next to his mother's organ and, with the help of a few wooden spoons, make sweet music as she practiced her church hymns.

When he was 7, Davis got his first three-piece drum set for Christmas, and long before he was one of the top defensive tackle prospects in this year's NFL draft, the Iowa product and Detroit native was playing drums next to his mom as part of the church choir.

"He definitely had a gift," Ovella Davis said. "He was amazing because he was really gifted to pick up music, to hear music, and he was amazingly shy, so the fact that he could play drums caused me to position him to be in front of people, which I think kind of helped to distill some of that shyness because he had to get up front and do what he had to do."

Now 6-feet-5 and 315 pounds, Davis is still up front doing what he has to do, just in a different venue.

One of the Big Ten's premier run defenders, Davis and his NFL-ready body and musically-enhanced hands are on display for scouts at the Senior Bowl this week.

He's widely projected to go in the draft's first three rounds, and he said his background away from football is a big reason why.

"Stick placement is just like hand placement," Davis said. "A lot of times I play without looking. You're looking, you got two hands going different ways, you might not be looking everywhere so being able to play and trust your body and play on instinct and just moving your hands fast and knowing where to place (them is important)."

Though scouts laud Davis' quick hands, which allow him to stack and shed blockers at the line of scrimmage, it's the growth he has shown in other areas of his game that have transformed him from little-used reserve to legitimate NFL prospect.

Davis, who led Sterling Heights Stevenson to a 13-1 record and state finals appearance as a senior, showed up at Iowa in 2010 out of shape and overweight at almost 340 pounds.

He redshirted as a true freshman, battled knee injuries his second year, and spent 2012 as a rotational tackle before blossoming last fall with a little help from his former teammate and close friend, Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Mike Daniels.

"He's a guy that mentored me, and I used to always just go over his house and we'd talk and we used to go watch film together and he really kind of took me under his wing and really helped me out," Davis said. "Even still now, he still calls me, I talk to him. He just critiques my game."

"He's a hard-nosed guy. He'll try to tell you something and it might seem harsh, but he's the type of guy you just got to eat the meat and throw the bones away."

Among other things, Davis said Daniels pushed him to be more aggressive on the field, a knock early in his career when many thought he was too finesse for his size.

And as he got in better shape, Davis' quick feet, honed from years of playing backyard basketball, began to show.

"I'd like to attribute all my athletic success to playing backyard basketball," Davis said. "Everybody used to come over to my house after school. We'd just play all day, and even in the summer when we didn't have school, I'd just play morning till night till I couldn't play no more. I feel like that gave me an advantage, now that I look back on it, just being able to play against some competition and just helped me to be able to move well for a guy my size."

At one point, back when he was still beating on the drums at his mother's church, Davis wanted to be the NBA's first 300-pound point guard.

Now, he said the goal is to be a first-round NFL pick, and there's one other piece of his past that has given Ovella reason to believe that will happen.

Close friends and family members have always called Davis by the nickname "Q," which he got the day he was born almost 23 years ago because he was so quick to come out.

Ovella said she gave birth to her second son in the car on the way to the hospital. Her labor, from onset to delivery, lasted less than 90 minutes, and Davis was born somewhere around 6 Mile and Schaefer as his father, Carl, drove to Sinai Grace Hospital while speeding through red lights.

"My husband, he was a basket case," Ovella said. "He was absolutely a basket case. He's like, 'What do you want me to do?' cause I'm screaming. It should have been a movie. I'm like, 'Drive.' And he was driving, it was a red light, he's like, 'Should I stop?' I'm like, 'Drive.' But he came out very healthy."

If the draft process goes half as fast, Ovella will be screaming for other reasons come April.

"First round," she said. "Let's do this quickly. That's what we're praying for."

### NFL

# New England's Browner Excited to See Old Friends

By Don Ruiz

The Tacoma News Tribune

FOXBOROUGH, MASS. — New England Patriots cornerback Brandon Browner didn't get his Super Bowl with the Seattle Seahawks last season, but now he'll get one against them.

Browner played with the Seahawks from 2011-13. However, he was suspended late last season for violation of the league's drug rules and didn't play in Seattle's, 43-8, Super Bowl win over Denver.

In March, he signed with the Patriots as an unrestricted free agent, although still ineligible for the first four games of this season. Once free to play, he moved into the New England lineup and ended the season with nine starts, 25 tackles, six passes defended and one interception.

On Sunday, after watching the Seahawks rallied past Green Bay for the NFC championship, Browner started at right corner as the Patriots took the AFC championship with a 45-7 pounding of the Indianapolis Colts.

The winners will meet in Super Bowl XLIX on Feb. 1 at Glendale, Arizona.

"It means a lot," Browner said. "I missed the one last year. I'm fortunate to be back in that thing the following

year with a good football team. And the bond that I've built with these guys is like the bond that I built with them guys (in Seattle) for the last three years. It's a good feeling."

This will be Browner's first Super Bowl appearance, but not his first championship game. He was part of the Calgary Stampeders' CFL Grey Cup champions in 2008. That was after he had been signed and released by the Denver Broncos in 2006, and before he joined the Seahawks in 2011.

There, as an original member of the Legion of Boom, he tied a Seattle record with interceptions in four consecutive games, set a club single-season record with 220 return yards, and was named to the Pro Bowl.

However, after starting all 16 games in 2011, Browner's playing time decreased to 12 games in 2012 and eight in 2013. The Seahawks let him go after that season, but allowed him to participate in the team's Super Bowl victory celebrations. He owns a Seahawks' Super Bowl ring and said there are no hard feelings.

"Those are like my brothers over there," he said. "Those are my best friends over there. But I'm trying to win. I'm headhunting."

Browner said he foresaw this Super Bowl pairing from the day he switched teams.

"It's crazy, man," he said. "I really had that vision when I signed here — hopefully meeting up with my old boys — and it worked up that way."

It almost didn't. With the Patriots playing in the evening, Browner was able to keep an eye on the Seahawks' NFC Championship Game and wondered if his old team could advance after falling behind Green Bay, 16-0.

"I didn't think they were going to make it," he said. "But it's inevitable. I envisioned us two at the end of the day, and that's what it panned out to be."

The Patriots had a much easier time, taking a 7-0 lead in the first five minutes and leading to the final wire.

Browner and the Patriots secondary did their part, holding Indianapolis quarterback Andrew Luck to 12 completions in 33 attempts for 126 yards, with interceptions from cornerback Darrelle Revis and linebacker Jamie Collins.

"We were ready," Browner said. "Blood in the water; blood in the water. I had fun today, man, it sank in when we were up 24-7, I was kind of like, 'Man, we've got these boys.'"

Now that the Super Bowl pairing is set, Browner doubts that he has a lot of secrets about his former team that will do his current team much good.

NFL

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Elise Amendola / The Associated Press  
New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski (87) spikes the ball after catching a five-yard touchdown pass during the second half of the NFL football AFC Championship game.



Matt Slocum / The Associated Press

In this Sunday photo New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady has a ball tossed to him during warmups before the NFL football AFC Championship game against the Indianapolis Colts in Foxborough, Mass. The NFL says its investigation into whether the New England Patriots used underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game is ongoing after a report Tuesday night. Jan. 20 claimed the league found 11 balls were not properly inflated.

## Report: NFL Found 11 of 12 Patriots Footballs Underinflated

By Barry Wilner  
The Associated Press

The NFL says its investigation into whether the New England Patriots used underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game is ongoing after a report Tuesday night claimed the league found 11 balls were not properly inflated.

Troy Vincent, the NFL's executive vice president for football operations, told The Associated Press that the "investigation is currently underway and we're still awaiting findings."

Vincent was responding to an ESPN report that cited anonymous league sources saying 11 of the Patriots' 12 allotted game footballs were underinflated by 2 pounds per square inch of air. ESPN did not say how that occurred.

Vincent said earlier Tuesday he expected the probe to be concluded by the end of the week. The last thing the NFL wants after a difficult season off the field is a potential cheating scandal that disrupts Super Bowl week. New England faces Seattle on Feb. 1 in Glendale, Arizona.

The Patriots, who beat Indianapolis 45-7 for the AFC title, said they were cooperating with the league, and a Seahawks spokesman said the team would defer to the league on the matter.

The NFL began looking into the issue not only because doctoring the footballs could provide

a competitive advantage, but because it would compromise the integrity of the game.

Deflating a football can change the way it's gripped by a player or the way it travels through the air. Some quarterbacks and receivers prefer balls with less air or more air than the standard.

Under NFL rules, each team provides balls each game for use when its offense is on the field. The balls are inspected before the game by the officiating crew, then handled during the game by personnel provided by the home team.

Social media responses were quick late Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning.

"11 of 12 balls under-inflated can anyone spell cheating!!! #Just Saying" was the tweet from Hall of Fame receiver Jerry Rice.

"So we get to play the game again or nah? ???" tweeted Colts cornerback Darius Butler.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said on ESPN radio in Milwaukee that he didn't like how referees handle the balls. If balls come in over-inflated, the referees take some air out.

"I have a major problem with the way it goes down, to be honest with you," Rodgers said. "The majority of the time, they take air out of the football. I think that, for me, is a disadvantage."

Rodgers said referees have a set range in which they "like to set game balls," and that he always liked the higher end of the range because of his grip.

"I just have a hard time throwing a flat football," Rodgers said.

He thought a slight majority of quarterbacks like footballs on the flatter side.

"My belief is that there should be a minimum air-pressure requirement but not a maximum," Rodgers said. "There's no advantage, in my opinion. We're not kicking the football. There's no advantage in having a pumped-up football."

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said the investigation is the least of his worries. And tight end Rob Gronkowski tweeted a photo of himself spiking the ball with the words: "WARNING GRONKING MAY CAUSE DEFLATION."

Patriots coach Bill Belichick on Tuesday deferred questions about the investigation, saying reporters should ask league officials. Belichick earlier said he wasn't aware there was an issue until Monday morning and promised to "cooperate fully with whatever the league wants us to, whatever questions they ask."

Belichick, of course, was fined \$500,000 in 2007 for having an assistant spy on the New York Jets' defensive signals.

Special teams captain Matthew Slater said the Patriots "try to do things the right way. We work hard at our jobs, our professions, to be successful and it's unfortunate that things like this come up, but that's life, that's the world we live in."

Colts coach Chuck Pagano said he did not notice issues with the football and didn't specify when asked whether the Colts had reported the issue to officials.

"We talk just like they talk to officials (before the game)," he said. "We have an opportunity to talk to the officials about a lot of things."

Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman said the balls didn't feel different than usual.

And defensive tackle Vince Wilfork seemed amused by the matter and didn't shed any light on it.

"I don't know anything about that," he said. "I don't touch footballs. I tackle people."



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### Colts Told NFL About Patriots' Deflated Footballs in November

By Tom Rock  
Newsday (MCT)

The Colts raised concerns to the NFL about the possibility that the Patriots were using deflated footballs in the Nov. 16 regular-season game between the two teams, according to a report from ESPN on Wednesday.

The news comes as the league continues to investigate the use of deflated footballs in Sunday's AFC Championship Game.

The report cites sources saying that Colts safety Mike Adams brought the footballs to the sideline after both of his interceptions off Tom Brady in that game two months ago, giving them both to equipment managers to save as keepsakes.

Both times there were questions about the inflation of the footballs. The Colts notified the NFL, according to the report, and the league was aware of the issue going into the AFC Championship Game.

Unlike Sunday's game, which was played in blustery and rainy conditions at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass. the regular-season game between the teams was played at climate-controlled Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The league has not commented on the situation.

"We are continuing our review and will provide information as soon as possible," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said on Wednesday. NFL executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent said on

Tuesday that the NFL is hoping to conclude its investigation "in the next two or three days."

NFL investigators met with Patriots officials on Tuesday to determine whether the footballs used during New England's 45-7 win over the Colts were not properly inflated, according to a person familiar with the league's handling of the situation.

Former NFL official Gerry Austin said he believes someone purposely let the air out of those footballs. Austin said he never encountered a situation in his officiating career where the pressure of game balls was checked at halftime, but said he believes referee Walt Anderson would have re-inflated the footballs for the second half of play.

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Corrine Longshore shows her stockpiles of dried, canned food in her garage on Monday afternoon at her home in Toledo.

# Toledo Woman Says Prep for Anything, Think of Everything

## FOOD, WATER, PHONE NUMBERS: Top Must Haves for Emergencies

By Carrina Stanton  
 For The Chronicle

It is recommended that in case of emergencies, families have enough supplies in their home to maintain for at least 72 hours.

Coreen Longshore, Toledo, believes her family could live for at least a year off what she has put away. As a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she said her religious teachings have encouraged her to learn to take care of her family in good times or in times following a natural disaster when they may need to rely on themselves.

"I hope I never have to live like that, but if I ever had to, I could," Longshore said.

Retired from the Toledo School District in 2005, Longshore has taught classes both in the school district and within her church and community on preparing basic needs for emergencies. She said much of what she knows came from teachings through the relief society at her church.

"We teach the ladies in our church how to care for their



Sanitized water, chocolate chip brownies and small pans are just a few of the items in Corrine Longshore's large emergency backpack that she keeps in the back of her car at all times.

families if something goes weird," Longshore said.

Chief Civil Deputy Stacy Brown, of the Lewis County Office of Emergency Management, said preparing your home for an emergency is something that's worth doing year round. She noted that while flooding and snowstorms may be mainly a seasonal thing, this area can

**"If I see canned vegetables on sale, I don't buy one can I buy five."**

Louwanna Young,  
 talks about preparing for the worst

experience earthquakes and storms any time of the year. In addition, unforeseen circumstances and man-made disasters can also knock out power or strand people in their homes.

"Something's always going on so it's good it be prepared," Brown said.

And preparing for the worst doesn't always mean a flood or a blizzard. Louwanna Young, Rochester, said several years ago her emergency preparedness paid off in a way she never expected. Her now late husband lost his job and went back to school for two years for retraining. During that time, their family made their meager income work by eating exclusively only out of their home pantry.

"Part of our teachings is we are to be self-reliant and the food storage isn't for emergencies per se but it is an emergency if your husband gets ill and loses his job," Young said.

The general rule of thumb for a home emergency preparedness kit is supplies, food and drinkable water to sustain everyone in your family for at least three days. But if you live farther outside of the city, you should plan to be able to "shelter in place" for closer to a week minimum.

please see **EMERGENCY**, page Life 2

## The Basic Home Emergency Kit

### Here is a list of recommended items for your home emergency kit:

- At least 3 gallons of fresh, drinkable water per person in your home
- Enough non-perishable food to feed your family for at least three days
- Extras of any basic medical necessities and at least five days' worth of any necessary medications
- A first aid kit
- Battery-powered radio and flashlight and extra batteries
- Cash
- A phone that plugs directly into the wall and requires no power source (do not assume cell phones will work)
- A list of important phone numbers, including a contact person who lives out of the area who can serve as a check-in point for family members
- Water and food for any pets
- Water for use for toiletry needs

It is recommended these items be packed in a way so that they can be easily transported if you need to leave your home due to an emergency. For more information on home emergency preparedness kits or preparing your home for emergencies, go to <http://lewiscountywa.gov/em>



# Emergency

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"Lewis County is pretty out in the country and we have to rely on our ingenuity," Longshore said.

Food and drinkable water are the cornerstone of the home emergency preparedness kit. Longshore said she would venture to guess that many families have non-perishable foods already in their pantries but that much fewer likely have drinking water stored. Longshore's family purchased a 1,000-gallon water tank they use for their daily drinking water so it's constantly being replenished with fresh water. But she said much less extreme are food-grade 55-gallon drums that can be purchased fairly inexpensively, filled with water and stored. Even more simple, a 1-liter soda bottle or a quart canning jar can be recycled as water storage receptacles. "You do it little by little," Longshore said. "You don't have to go into debt to do it."

Young has also taught classes in emergency preparedness, and said another important part of stocking up for a rainy day of ten overlooked are items such as soap and toilet paper. As with her pantry food items, Young said she started simply with just a few items and then has watched for sales to stock up on more and more.

"If I see canned vegetables on sale, I don't buy one can I buy five," Young explained.

For Young and Longshore, preparing for the worst doesn't just stop at what they can buy at the store. They said being prepared for anything, whether it be a natural disaster or a lay-off, can be as simple as planting a garden patch and learning to can, freeze and dehydrate your own foods.

"The more you learn, the



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Corrine Longshore stands at the entrance to her emergency food storage area in the garage at her home in Toledo.

more you introduce yourself to, the more knowledge you have to do what you have to do," Longshore said. "We should take a lesson from your grandparents and our great-grandparents. I think it's a wise thing they put away."

An out-of town emergency contact can be a very important resource that is another often overlooked part of emergency preparedness, Brown said. In the aftermath of an emergency, long distance calls are often easier to make than local calls because local phone lines can be jammed. If members of your family are stuck in different parts of the area and need

to check in with one another, it may be easier for them to call a single arranged contact person who lives out of town than one another.

"In February 2001 there was an earthquake here and I tried to call my family in Olympia to see if everybody was OK and you couldn't even get a line out," Brown said.

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## SOME USEFUL TIPS FROM LONGSHORE AND YOUNG

- Think about how you can get things cheaply: watch for sales on nonperishable items at the store; fruits, vegetables and meats near their expiration date will often be deeply discounted and any unblemished parts can still be canned; or consider growing a garden and canning or drying fruits and vegetables from that
- Start with the basics. Put away salt, flour, powdered milk and some sort of sweetener then build off that. Each month, add a few more items. In a year you will be surprised at how much you have put away with no impact on your budget
- Do not store drinking water in milk jugs, which even cleaned contain milk spores that can cause illness. If you want to use recycled containers consider using empty canning jars or soda containers

# Pacific Crest Trail Expects More Hikers Thanks to 'Wild'

By Beth J. Harpaz  
AP Travel Editor

More hikers are expected on the Pacific Crest Trail this year thanks to the movie "Wild," according to the Pacific Crest Trail Association, which preserves and promotes the trail.

The book "Wild," which has been a best-seller for nearly two years, led to a small increase in inquiries about the trail, "but the movie seems to have had a much bigger effect," said Jack Haskel, trail information specialist for the Pacific Crest Trail Association. "This past December, compared to last year, our website traffic went up 300 percent."

Requests have also increased for permits for long-distance hikes on the trail.

The PCT starts near Campo, California, outside San Diego at the Mexican border, and stretches 2,650 miles (4,264 kilometers) through California, Oregon and Washington. It ends in Washington's remote Pasayten Wilderness at the Canadian border.

Since the 1950s, only 3,346 people have reported hiking the entire length of the trail, but that number has been rising each year, even before the book and movie brought more attention to the trail.

When Haskel through-hiked the PCT in 2006, 300 people set off to walk the entire route, and about 120 completed it. In 2014, more than 1,000 hikers attempted a through-hike, and about half made it.

Cheryl Strayed, author of "Wild," hiked 1,100 miles (1,770 kilometers) of the trail as she recovered from drug abuse, divorce and her mother's death. Reese Witherspoon received an Oscar nomination for best actress for her portrayal of Strayed. Laura Dern was nominated for best supporting actress as Strayed's loving, free-spirit mother.

"Wild" is the largest media event ever for the PCT and millions are hearing about it now and are being inspired," Haskel said.

Both the book and film offer a realistic look at the challenges



Jason Bean / The Reno Gazette-Journal

In this Jan. 9, photo, Shawn Forry, left, and Justin Lichter pose for a photo in the Sierra Nevada near Truckee, Calif. They are attempting to become the first people to complete a wintertime through-hike of the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail from Canada to Mexico.

and rewards of the trek. Strayed ran out of drinking water, slogged through snow and rain, and bloodied her feet in hiking boots a size too small. She had a few frightening encounters with people she met along the way, but also experienced kinship and kindness. Ultimately the trail's serenity and natural beauty helped heal her damaged soul.

There are no comprehensive statistics on female PCT hikers, but anecdotal observations suggest more women are hitting the trail, too, from fewer than 10 percent of hikers in past years to 30 percent now, Haskel said.

"There are definitely more women out hiking," Haskel said. "I hear from women who are inspired by 'Wild.' And who knows what this season will bring."

Hikers hoping to do the whole trail typically start in April or May and end in September, walking more than 20 miles (32 kilometers) a day for five months, with a day off now and then to recuperate and re-supply. Timing is critical: Start too early in the spring and you face flood-

ed creeks and snow in the Sierra Nevada mountains. End too late in the season and you'll hit snow in the Northern Cascade mountains.

In addition to endurance and careful planning, long-distance hikers also need to think about money. A through-hike can easily cost \$6,000, including the flight to San Diego, food for five months and gear like maps, backpack, sleeping bag and tent. "People who head out with \$3,000 often find they're running out of money," Haskel said. Through-hikers also typically wear out four or five pairs of trail-running shoes, which are the preferred footwear these days, rather than the boots that caused Strayed agony when she hiked the PCT in 1995.

But you don't have to hike long distances to enjoy the PCT. You can go for a few hours, a day or an overnight. The PCTA website recommends many popular, accessible options, including Mount Baden Powell near Los Angeles; Mount Rainier and Goat Rocks near Seattle; and the

Cascade Locks and Bridge of the Gods near Portland, Oregon, where a scene in the movie was shot.

The PCTA has also launched a campaign, with Strayed's support, using the hashtag #responsiblywild to promote safety and "leave no trace" practices. Those include protecting water quality, burying human waste, packing out trash and building safe campfires.

"There are a whole lot of people that are going to be inspired to hit the PCT because of 'Wild' and we really care about making sure that people are traveling safely," Haskel said.

And stay tuned for Hollywood's next hiking movie when "A Walk in the Woods" comes out later this year starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte. If "Wild" touched your heart, this one may tickle your funny bone: It's based on Bill Bryson's entertaining book about two middle-aged, out-of-shape buddies attempting to walk the 2,189-mile (3,522-kilometer) Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

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# Looking for a New Winter Hobby? Learning to Knit Can Be Easy

By Joyce M. Rosenberg  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When you're stuck inside during a long, cold winter, working on a knitting project can be fun and rewarding. And although sweaters and lacy shawls can seem daunting, knitting is a fairly easy hobby to get started on.

Brand-new knitters have plenty of resources. Yarn stores and crafts retailers like Michaels and Jo-Ann have classes; prices can range widely from \$10 to \$100 per hour. Some YMCAs and community centers have knitting circles that beginners can join for little or no cost. You can take online classes at sites like [www.craftsy.com](http://www.craftsy.com). And a search of the Internet and YouTube will return multiple websites and videos to help rookies.

The beauty of videos is you can play them over and over until you get the hang of basics like casting on, knitting and purling. There's no time pressure as there is in a one-hour class. Still, if you find it more reassuring to have an experienced knitter teach you in person, a class is best.

Books and websites can be great sources of information

about yarns and needles and they also teach stitches and techniques. If you browse books online, look for ones with high ratings from a lot of readers.

Some suggestions to make your first steps at knitting easier:

- Choose a yarn you can handle easily and that allows you to see your stitches. Look for a smooth yarn like one described as "worsted" — not too thin or bulky or made of ribbon or other fancy fibers. Chains like Michaels, Jo-Ann and Walmart have simple yarns for \$5 a ball or less. Independent stores, sometimes called yarn boutiques, tend to have more expensive and exotic yarn.

- Buy yarn in a ball or skein, not what's called a hank; yarn in a hank has to be wound into a ball.

- Choose needles that feel comfortable in your hands. Be sure they're right for the yarn you select. The yarn label will tell you what size needles you need, such as 6, 7 or 8. You might want to start with wooden needles, which help you work more slowly than metal ones.

- Practice by making swatches. If you make mistakes, books and websites can show you how

to fix them.

If you can't wait to start a project, books and websites have easy ones like hats. Or, make a scarf you design yourself. You don't need a complex pattern to make beautiful scarves.

One way is to choose a variegated yarn that has different colors. These yarns are also called self-striping. Even if you use only a plain knit stitch (also known as a garter stitch) throughout, the different colors will make the scarf look more complicated than it really is.

**Another option:** Find simple patterns (usually called stitches, although they're made up of individual knit and purl stitches) in books or online. For example, the moss stitch, made up of alternating knit and purl stitches.

When you've chosen a pattern, decide how long and wide you want the scarf to be. The width will be determined by how many stitches you cast on. As for the length, just keep knitting until your scarf is as long as you want.

When that's done, you can move on to more complex work. The same resources — classes, videos, books and websites — will take you on your way.



Joyce Rosenberg / AP Photo

This 2015 photo shows balls of yarn, knitting needles and a scarf in New York. When you're stuck inside during a long, cold winter, working on a knitting project can be fun and rewarding. And although sweaters and lacy shawls can seem daunting, knitting is a fairly easy hobby to get started on.

## What's for Dinner?

By the editors of Relish Magazine

Do you think "exotic" or "romantic" when you think of beans? Probably not. They'll always be considered peasant fare. But when they're left to stew and simmer in aromatics like onion, garlic, sausage and the like, they're transformed into something rich, yummy and more luxurious than simple legumes. And this recipe for Red Beans and Rice is a great meal to keep warm in a slow cooker and feed to your football fan crowd.

Dried beans are a bit more trouble than canned because of the soaking, but if you get in the habit of soaking a package every weekend, you'll have plenty of beans to use in stews and soups or eat on their own with some cornbread throughout the week.

### Soaking Is a Snap

**Overnight-soak:** Rinse and check beans. Remove any discolored or broken beans. Place in large bowl with cold water and let stand overnight. Use 6 cups of water for 1 pound of beans. Drain and proceed with your recipe.

**Quick-soak:** Rinse and check beans. Remove any discolored or broken beans. Place in large pot with 6 cups cold water. Cover, bring to a boil and boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand, covered, 1 hour. Drain and proceed with your recipe.

Dried beans may be peasant fare, but they're still warming, satisfying and delicious.

### Red Beans and Rice with Kielbasa

#### Ingredients:

1 pound dried red kidney beans  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 pound turkey kielbasa, cut into 1/4-inch thick rounds  
1 cup chopped onion  
2 celery ribs, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley  
¾ teaspoon salt  
1½ teaspoons hot sauce  
2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth  
4 cups hot cooked white rice



By Mark Boughton / Relish Magazine

#### Instructions:

1. Rinse beans. Place beans in a large bowl or Dutch oven. Cover with water by several inches. Let soak overnight.

2. Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add kielbasa and cook until browned on both sides. Add onion, celery and garlic. Cook until onion is tender. Drain beans and add to pan. Add chicken broth and enough water to cover by 2 inches. Add parsley, salt and hot sauce.

3. Cook beans until tender, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours. Add more water if needed. Serve over hot rice. Serves 8.

*Per serving: 390 calories, 6g fat, 30mg chol., 22g prot., 61g carbs., 9g fiber, 790mg sodium.*

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## Police Seek King's Assassin

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — King died in a Memphis hospital less than an hour after he was shot in the neck as he stood on the balcony of his motel. Police searched for a white gunman.

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, newly named to succeed King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called for silent marches Sunday around the nation in King's memory. He said he and other SCLC officials would return Monday to lead a silent march, Memphis Quilt.

Memphis was relatively calm this morning after six hours of looting, arson and shootings set off Thursday night by the slaying. The dusk-to-dawn curfew was lifted this morning and National Guardsmen and police patrolled possible trouble areas.

The Memphis Press-Scimitar said police arrested a short, balding white man this morning as he left a rooming house near the shooting scene. He was reported injured over to the FBI, but the FBI agent in charge, Walter Hogue, said he had no information on the arrest.

King's widow flew to Memphis in a plane chartered by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy to claim the body of her slain husband. She remained aboard the plane at the airport.

No Conspiracy

Clerk told newsmen "there is no evidence at this time of any conspiracy."

President Johnson held a late morning meeting of civil rights leaders in the White House in the convulsive wake of reaction to the death Thursday night of the 39-year-old King.



MARTIN LUTHER KING

The body, in a bronze casket, was put on view and hundreds of Negroes passed to pay their respects. A large crowd was still at the funeral home when the casket was loaded into a hearse to be taken to the airport. An Abernathy closed the funeral on the beach, he said: "Long live the king."

In Washington, Black Power advocate Stokely Carmichael urged Negroes to arm them-

selves with guns and take to the streets in retaliation for the assassination of King. He told a news conference he wants black America to "kill off the real enemy."

**Whites Blamed**

Corneliehl blamed President Johnson and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy along with the rest of the nation's white population for the death of the Nobel Peace Prize-winner.

In the past Corneliehl has advocated that Negroes arm themselves.

Johnson originally had planned to leave for Hawaii Thursday night and postponed it to early today, then postponed it again for the meeting with civil rights leaders, set for 11 a.m.

At the same time, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and three other federal officials were sped here in an Air Force jet.

A Justice Department spokesman in Washington said Clark planned to meet with members of King's family and with his colleagues, including Dr. Ralph Abernathy and Dr. Andrew Young.

**Talk With Officers**

"He also will confer with federal, state and local law enforcement officers concerning last night's assassination," the spokesman said.

Violence, including arson and shooting, broke out in several American cities.

In Tallahassee, Fla., police said a white youth was burned to death after a firebomb went off in blocks from predominantly Negro Florida A. & M. University, where earlier small bands of snipers fired at police. There were no arrests.

Police said a white man was stabbed to death during violence in Washington. A Negro died of stab wounds in Harlem although it was not known if his death was related to disturbances there.

**Policemen Shot**

Police in Memphis shot and critically wounded one man after they said he opened fire on them. Two Detroit police officers were shot and wounded while patrolling in a predominantly Negro neighborhood.

Widespread looting and arson struck Harlem and Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant section. More than 90 persons were arrested and 300 injured.

Angry crowds burned and looted stores in a Negro neighborhood just two miles north of the White House in Washington. Some 50 persons were injured and 137 arrested.



### 'Little Miss Friendly' Becomes Official Symbol Of SWW Fair

A freckle-faced, impish lass with pigtails has joined the Southwest Washington Fair family.

She is "Little Miss Friendly" and has become the official symbol of the SSWW Fair, according to an announcement Friday from Cub Belmont, fair president.

"Little Miss Friendly," as she is known for the time being, will be used in the fair's promotional and advertising material.

"Little Miss Friendly" will appear on billboards, radio and television spots and in many locations in Southwest Washington to carry the fair's message of welcome to all.

She is the brainchild of the fair board's Promotion Affairs committee, which worked on several ideas as a means of promoting the fair through a recognized symbol.

Her "parents" hope "Miss Friendly" also will convey the message that the SSWW Fair is the friendliest fair anywhere for young and old alike.

Fair leaders are currently considering a "Little Miss Friendly" contest for all little girls in Southwest Washington within 11-mile radius who have freckles as young as 5 years old. The winner would rule over the annual fair and have certain official duties at fair time.

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W. F. WEST'S TOP SCHOLARS. The top 10 students of the 1968 graduating class of seniors at W. F. West High School were named Friday by Principal Wallace Mitten. The six girls and four boys, with their parents and colleges of choice follow, from left: Beverly J. Workman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Workman, Centralia College; Jacquelyn G. Kure, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kure, Centralia College; Cynthia G. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Shaw, University of Puget Sound; Myrna L. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gibson, Washington State University; Joyce L. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Wilson, Seattle Pacific College; Ulalversley Jerry G. Lilly, Mr. and Mrs. Glen A. Lilly, Whitman College; Michael D. Cate, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cate, Centralia College; Kenneth D. Mey, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Mey, University of Washington; and Gregory K. Breaux, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford K. Breaux, California Institute of Technology. — Chronicle Staff Photo

### President To Address Congress

**BULLETIN**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson canceled today his plans to fly to Hawaii for a conference with American leaders in Vietnam preliminary to possible peace talks with the North Vietnamese.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson said the nation Friday he plans to address a joint session of Congress, hopefully by Monday night, to deal with the problems stemming from the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Johnson spoke of addressing the arena of 5 p.m. Monday, and House officials promptly began making arrangements for a Senate-House session in the House chamber at that hour.

**America Tested**

Souberly Johnson asserted that "the fiber and the fabric of America" are being tested.

He said he wants to give Congress new recommendations and suggestions for easing the plight of the Negro.

His statement was broadcast nationally by television and radio networks.

Johnson pledged the "nation can and shall and will overcome."

In tribute to Dr. King, shot dead last night in Memphis, Johnson ordered the American flag be flown at half staff throughout the nation and at U.S. installations throughout the world. He declared Sunday a day of national mourning. Delay indicated.

Johnson's announcement of plans to appear before Congress seemed to indicate he may further delay his scheduled trip to Hawaii to confer with U.S. allies on the preliminary to Vietnam peace talks.

The president issued a statement and later went on television and radio, following a hastily summoned meeting at the White House of civil rights leaders, government officials and members of Congress.

He voiced again his sorrow at the death of the Negro apostle of non-violence, assassinated by a hitman Thursday night in Memphis, Tenn.

Johnson immediately lent in observance his plans to fly to Honolulu later in the day for Vietnam peace talks.

The President's statement said:

"The dream of Martin Luther King has not died with him.

"Men who are white-men who are black—must and will join together now as never in the past to do all the forces of division know that America shall not be pulled by the bullet but by the ball of free and just men."

### Claim Nixed In Chehalis

A \$200,000 claim against the city of Chehalis for persons injured stemming from a February shooting incident was rejected Thursday by the city commission.

The claim was filed last week by Mrs. Dorothy C. Colquhoun, 28, who was inadvertently shot by a police officer Feb. 12.

In other business, John R. Edinger, Chehalis, was appointed to a six-year term on the civil service commission. Edinger succeeds Elmer J. Packard whose term had expired.

A plumber's license was awarded to Chehalis by the Washington State Board of Plumbers and Pipefitters. Following a discussion of easements along the gravelly flow water line in the Forest area, the city attorney was instructed to write letters to the various property owners involved and ask for consent right-of-ways at the appraised value.

Because two commission members were out of town, the weekly meeting of the commission was postponed from Monday to Thursday this week.

### Schools Close State Mourns Slain Negro

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Churches were open, schools closed and hearts heavy throughout Washington Friday in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., civil rights leader and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Bishop Edward Palmatier, spiritual leader of 100,000 Methodists in Washington and North Idaho, and the Most Rev. Thomas Coakley, Catholic archbishop of Seattle, joined prelates the world over in prayers for King's family.

All public schools in Seattle were closed at 11 a.m. Prior to that time all classes were devoted to discussion of human relations and "the seriousness of racial conflict in this country," Dr. Forbes Bolton, school superintendent, said.

**Dedication Stressed**

"It is hoped that this act will impress upon all students our dedication to his (King's) non-violent approach to democratic progress," Bolton said.

While some persons expressed fears the assassination might trigger greater violence, others spoke of their confidence in the wisdom of the people, and some vowed to move to positive action.

Arthur Fleckner, 46, Pasco city councilman, and a Hanford executive, said the slaying had prompted him to enter the race for lieutenant governor. The Negro Republican said his decision is part of a general movement among Negro leaders to carry the civil rights cause forward.

**Death Not In Vain?**

Gov. Dan Evans and others said that in death King might accomplish more than in life.

"His death will not have been in vain if it brings to each American citizen the need for compassion and a sense of human dignity in his relationships with every other citizen," Evans said.

Alfred Cowles, executive secretary of the State Board Against Discrimination, joined Sen. Henry Jackson in calling for passage of the civil rights bill now pending in the House.

Jackson said that would be "a manifestation of feeling of American justice." Cowles said it would represent "a permanent memorial for King."

Other comments included:

State Atty. Gen. John O'Connell, candidate for Democratic gubernatorial nomination — "This is one of the great tragedies of our time and I hope that our society will learn from this dreadful, violent death to forget its bigotries and prejudices."

### Americans Siege Of Khe Sanh Lifted

**SAIGON (AP)** — The siege of Khe Sanh was lifted today, U.S. officials said, but spearheads of a big relief force less than a mile away made no attempt to enter the Marine combat base.

The 6,000 Marines at Khe Sanh were still under fire from North Vietnamese gunners, who pounded the base in the northwest corner of Vietnam with 100 rounds. This was one reason for keeping any of the relief forces out of Khe Sanh.

And members of the garrison called out two miles for the first time since the siege began nearly three months ago, as they beat back an attack by 800 North Vietnamese with heavy losses.

With the North Vietnamese force around Khe Sanh base — once estimated at 20,000 — reduced to about 7,000 by official estimate, the possibility of a big, decisive battle went glimmering.

Khe Sanh stands astride one of the invasion routes from Laos. North Vietnamese captives early in the siege said they were told the coming battle for Khe Sanh would be the last battle of the war, if won.

Now that the siege has been declared lifted, the U.S. objective is to seek out the North Vietnamese around Khe Sanh.

"We've moved out and taken territory," a senior officer said. "The basic concept of the enemy besieging Khe Sanh is over."

"There's no particular value in a backup. They're within a kilometer and a half of each other. It would be no effort to march together and to shake hands. The important thing now is that we're moving and we have other objectives."

With the 20,000-man relief force of Marines and air cavalry planes landing down on Khe Sanh from three sides, a 500-man battalion of Marines on Thursday ventured farther outside the two square miles of forces than any Leathernecks had since it was taken under siege 76 days ago.

The Marine battalion occupied a hill two miles southwest of Khe Sanh for the night and then was attacked before dawn by about 450 North Vietnamese. The Leathernecks drove off the attack, repelled the enemy left 63 bodies in the barbed wire around the night camp, and said Marine casualties were extremely light.

It was the heaviest fighting of the five-day-old operation to open Highway 9, the only overland supply route to Khe Sanh, and relieve the base. Most of the enemy dead were killed by dive bombers and artillery.

U.S. headquarters said no Ma-

### Allocation Approved

A state allocation of \$261,640 for 1968-69 operations at Centralia College was approved Thursday in Yakima by the State Board for Community College Education.

The final allocation approved Thursday is the same as the amount tentatively allocated in February, according to Dr. Neil Hanson, Centralia College president.

The state allocation constitutes the bulk of the preliminary budget of \$1,350,154 adopted at the March meeting of the Centralia College trustees.

Additional funds to make up the budget will come from student tuition, some reserves and federal support in vocational education.

The final budget is to be considered for adoption by the trustees at their June meeting.

According to Dr. Hanson, the 1968-69 budget anticipates a fall quarter enrollment of between 1,700 and 1,800 students, compared with 1,607 students enrolled during fall quarter of the current college year.

### Late News Bulletins

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — New violence broke out in the nation's capital today and most units of the District of Columbia National Guard were ordered to report to their armory.

**CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)** — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, mourning the death of Martin Luther King Jr., called today for a "cleansing of our whole society to remove this sickness from our soul."

**RAIN**

Increasing clouds early Saturday, rain likely by afternoon. High in the mid-50s, low 30-35. Complete weather on page 7.

### Chehalis Valley Study Work Is Under Way

Second phase study work on the proposed \$26 million upper Chehalis River valley irrigation project is getting started. Lewis County Extension Agent Rande Proffler said Friday in announcing a Bureau of Reclamation soil scientist, Harry Elliot, has set up work quarters in Centralia.

Elliot is from Spokane, regional headquarters for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Proffler said the soil specialist will be working west from Chehalis up the Chehalis valley and will also do soil study along the Nowaukum River. His studies will be coordinated with land use investigation already completed by county agencies and the Soil Conservation Service.

The first exploratory efforts on the project, its ultimate aim to bring sprinkler irrigation to 50,000 acres of cropland in western Lewis County, were completed in 1965. The reconnaissance study, which cost \$127,000, is being followed by a feasibility study that Congress approved last year and for which it provided \$50,000.

The extension agent said he understands the soil survey will require up to three months. Other parts of the feasibility study involve refining earlier studies, doing core drilling on two tentative dam sites on the Chehalis and Nowaukum Rivers and detailing preliminary land classification work done several years ago.

Announcement that the second study phase was to be done this year was made in January by the water resources committee of the Lewis County Development Council, a county-wide organization that has been pushing the project since 1953. The present chairman of the committee is Ray Mohart of Chehalis.

## WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

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## Cable-Stayed Bridge Over Tacoma's Thea Foss Waterway Opens On January 22, 1997

Tacoma Mayor Karen Vialle. Merritt wanted to see something more interesting than the design planned by the State Department of Transportation. U.S. Representative Norm Dicks was enlisted in the plan for a better design and he helped convince state officials to consider Merritt's idea. Tacoma offered to pay for any additional costs of the new bridge, but the project came in under budget.

The decks of cable-stayed bridges are steadied or even supported by cables hung straight down to the deck from masts or pylons. Cable-stayed bridges differ from suspension



Courtesy Port of Tacoma

concept, but the earliest examples were not built until after World War II.

State Route 509 and the cable-stayed bridge were built to provide an alternate route to East 11th Street, which ran straight through the industrial tideflats across the Blair Waterway Bridge and the Murray Morgan Bridge into downtown Tacoma. The new route more or less loops around the tideflats. It was built so that the Port of Tacoma could develop Blair Waterway, first by taking down the old and too-narrow 1953 Blair Waterway drawbridge, and next by dredging the waterway, which runs par-

allel to Thea Foss Waterway.

Residents of northeast Tacoma were particularly dependent on the Blair Bridge and to settle the years of debate and conflict over demolishing it, WSDOT and the Port of Tacoma agreed that SR 509 and the new cable-stayed bridge would be completed first. The day after the new route opened, construction crews began taking out the Blair Bridge and the dredging of the waterway began soon after. These infrastructural adjustments enabled the Port of Tacoma to undertake major improvements and expansions of port facilities.

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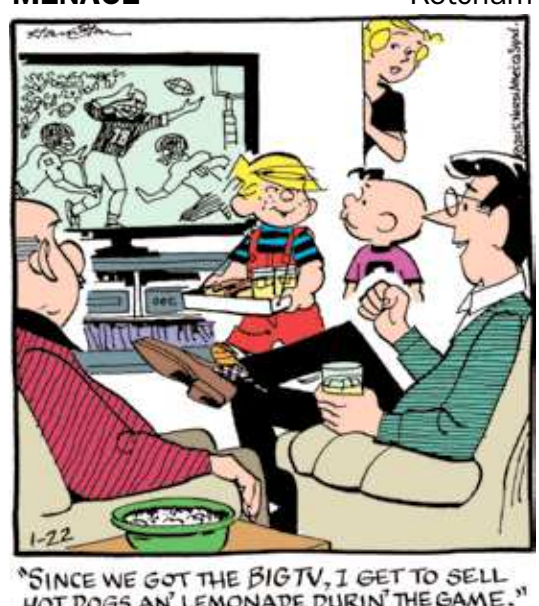
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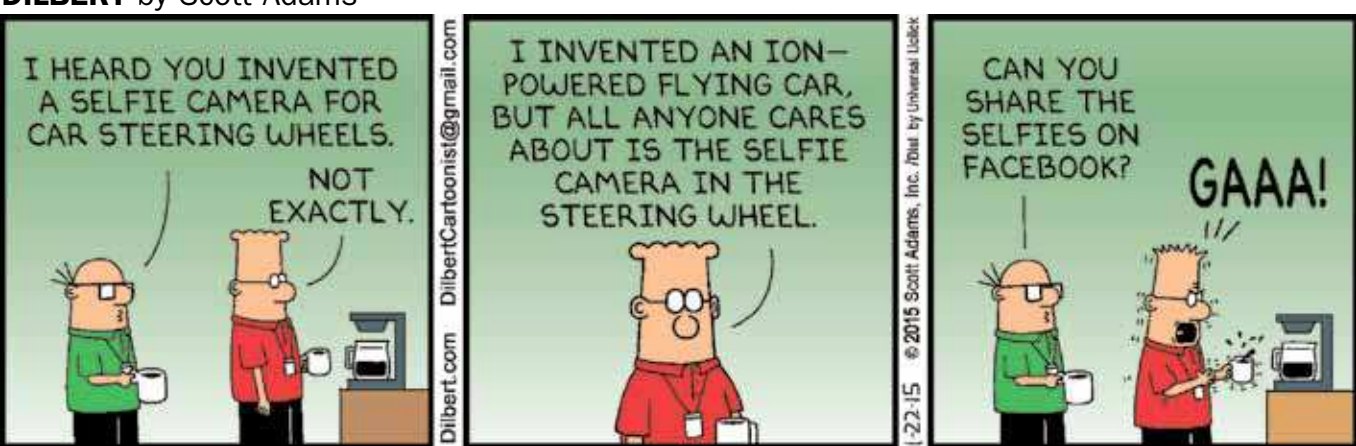
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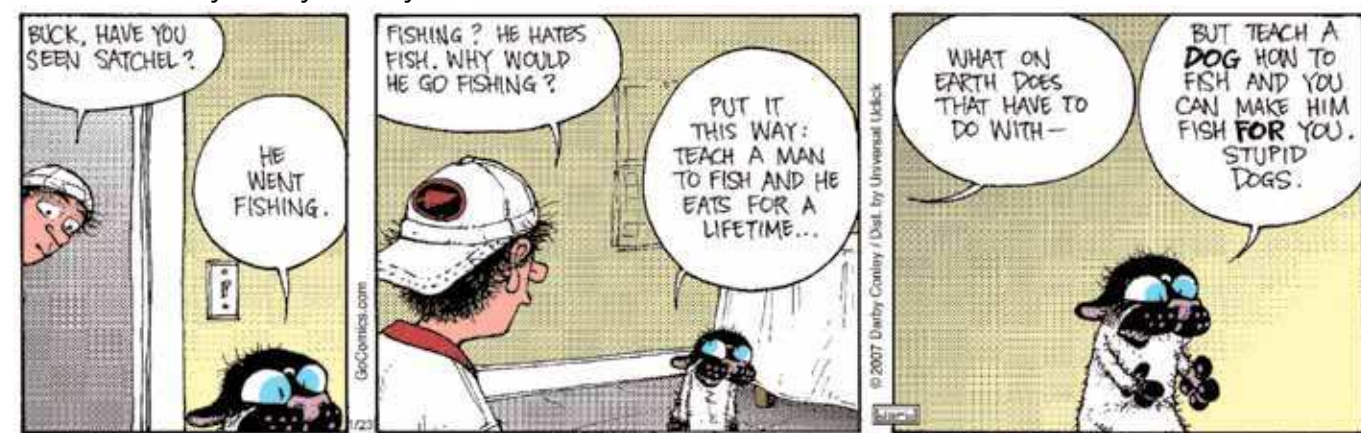
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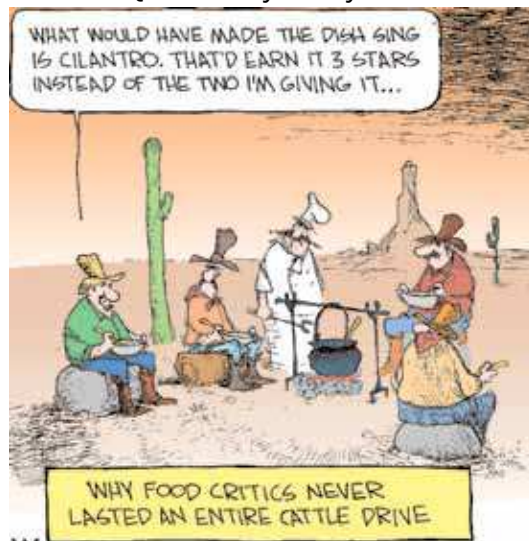
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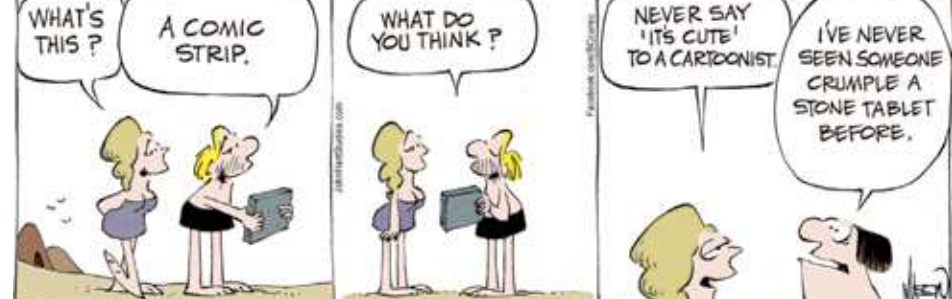
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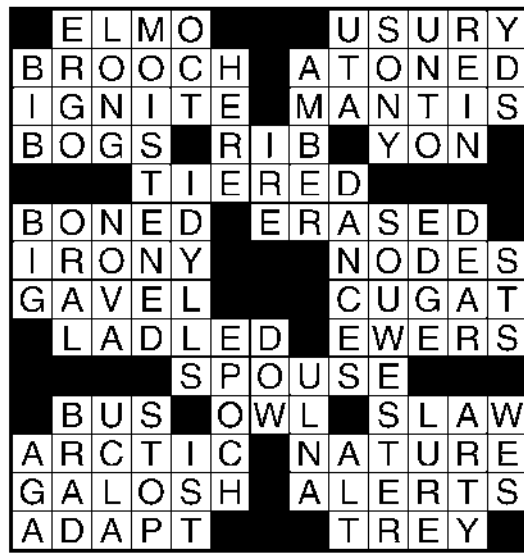
Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Two on page Life 8.

## Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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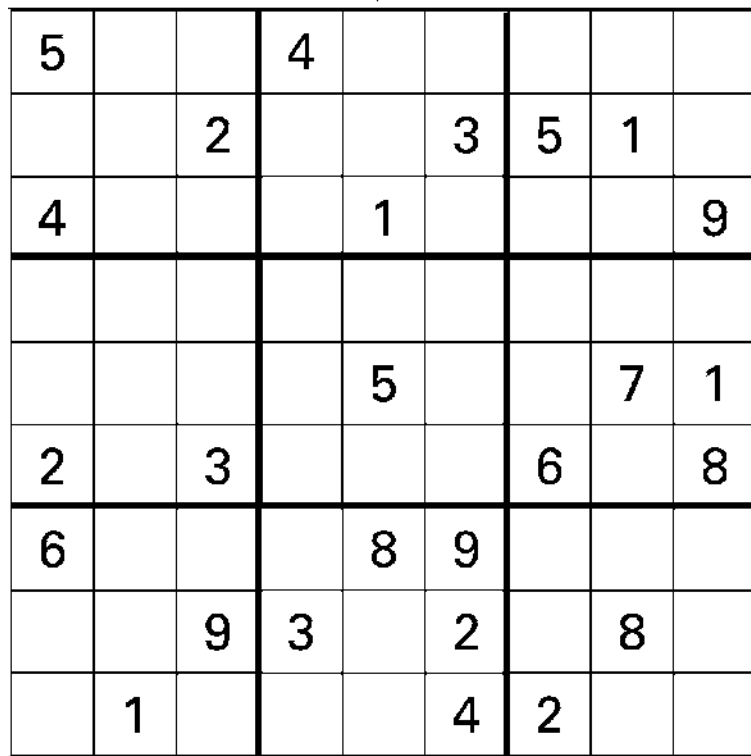
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- 1 Traveler  
— Polo
- 6 Like a lake  
bird?
- 11 Gas up
- 12 Hose holder
- 13 Permit
- 14 Shade-loving  
plants
- 15 Blender  
button
- 16 Two-star  
(hyph.)
- 17 Cakelike  
cookies
- 19 Near
- 23 Sports org.
- 26 Felines
- 28 Open meadow
- 29 Tactless
- 31 Abbot's  
underling
- 33 Earth tone
- 34 False front
- 35 Untruth
- 36 Milky Way unit
- 39 Lemon drink

- 40 — majeste
- 42 Actor  
Gosling
- 44 Comic-book  
heroes (hyph.)
- 46 Popeye's girl
- 51 Topknot doll
- 54 Supplied  
evidence
- 55 Elevator  
stops
- 56 Academy  
Awards
- 57 Kind of call
- 58 Shaggy  
flower
- DOWN**
- 1 Bill of fare
- 2 Long way off
- 3 Naive one
- 4 People  
person?
- 5 Pamplona
- 6 Far East land
- 7 Bean  
or Welles

- 8 Homer-hitter  
Mel
- 9 PBS funder
- 10 Cen. fractions  
shout
- 11 House mem.
- 12 Halloween  
disguise
- 16 Tijuana Mrs.
- 18 Crack pilot
- 20 Homer opus
- 21 Hollow rock
- 22 Rabbit relative
- 23 Mrs.  
Eisenhower
- 24 Grease jobs
- 25 Before yr. 1
- 27 Health resort
- 29 Beach  
scavenger
- 30 Many mins.
- 32 TV brand
- 34 Monk's title
- 37 Park features
- 38 Author  
— Rand
- 41 World fairs
- 43 Vikings
- 45 Deep  
heavy mud
- 47 Crazy
- 48 Dreaded czar
- 49 Exceedingly
- 50 MS readers
- 51 Col. Sanders'  
chain
- 52 Building  
extension
- 53 Wine and dine
- 54 Kind of quiz



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## PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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## HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: G equals V

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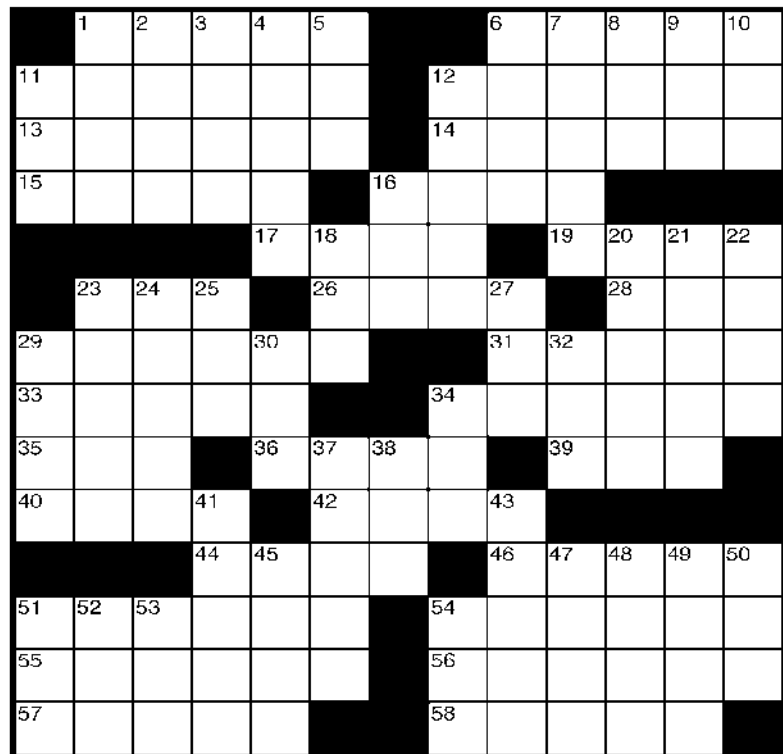
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PNMMAIBMY

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION:** "I can write the saddest poem of all tonight. I loved her, and sometimes she loved me too." — Pablo Neruda

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## 50 Years Later, Ex-Policeman Meets the 'Baby' He Rescued

By Nancy Cambria

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Toni DiPina has been trying to solve the mystery of her unknown family since she was abandoned as a baby.

The reality is DiPina, at 51, still has no clue where she came from. She does not know why one or both of her parents abandoned her at 9 months on May 26, 1963, on a vacant lot in St. Louis. No one has ever come forward. Not then and not in 2008 when the Post-Dispatch first wrote extensively about her.

For decades, the only details she had from a day she was too young to remember came from a typewritten police report based on details provided by St. Louis police Officer named George Leuckel. After the baby was discovered by two boys around 5:30 p.m., Leuckel was called to the lot off Bell Avenue in an ailing area that used to be the city's most exclusive neighborhood, Vandeventer Place.

He found a baby in a blue-checked dress with a pink sweater and cap sitting on a pink blanket amid weeds and rusting cars and appliances dumped on the lot.

The report chronicled the basics: The baby seemed well cared for. There were no witnesses. No one knew the child. Doctors at City Hospital No. 2 estimated her age at 9 months. Officers canvassed the neighborhood but found no leads. Leuckel and a city social worker drove the child to an emergency foster home on Hodiament Avenue on the western edge of the city.

But what Leuckel's report did not convey was the connection forged that day between a white man in his 20s who had grown up in Catholic orphanages, and a black baby also destined to walk the world as an orphan.

Recently, some 50 years after they first locked eyes on the lot, the two reunited for the first time.

If things had been different, if race didn't matter, Leuckel and his wife might have adopt-



Robert Cohen / St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Rev. Toni DiPina and retired St. Louis police officer George Leuckel have their picture taken together during a reunion at Leuckel's home on Saturday, Jan. 3, in Oakville, Mo. Leuckel answered the call and cared for DiPina 51 years ago after two boys found her as a baby, abandoned in a north St. Louis lot. DiPina, who grew up in foster care and is senior pastor at a Massachusetts church, is still searching for her family.

ed DiPina. Instead, she learned, Leuckel prayed for her. Again and again.

## SOMEONE WATCHING

Here is George Leuckel's memory of the day he found the baby — the details that did not make it into the official reports:

He parked his cruiser in front of the sole house on Bell Avenue. He walked up a circular drive that used to be lined with mansions. It was eerily quiet. The baby was in a tiny clearing, sitting upright on the blanket. He knew immediately by the way she was dressed that she had been cared for.

Leuckel looked around and found no one. Only weeds, woods and debris. He had a creepy sensation that someone was hiding and watching him to make sure the baby was found.

The baby stared quietly at

Leuckel. She did not cry.

At the city hospital where he took her to be evaluated, the baby clutched him and would not let go when a nurse approached. At the police station, he typed reports with the girl in one arm, until his sergeant ordered him to put her down.

Leuckel and his three sisters had grown up in St. Louis Catholic orphanages after their parents divorced and his mother became destitute. He knew what it was like to grow up without parents.

Leuckel said he floated the possibility of adopting the child. He and his wife, Barbara, already had three daughters, and another on the way. But the real issue wasn't money or living space. It was 1963 in deeply segregated St. Louis.

"The thought had crossed my mind to take her home, but

there was no way you could do that back then."

Leuckel didn't know the baby's name, nor the name she was given in foster care, Antoinette Baker. But his memory of her never faded.

Some 25 years later at a charity auction, Leuckel spotted a print of a girl walking on a trail flanked by towering trees and populated by gazing forest animals. A translucent angel in a flowing dress, standing nearly as tall as the trees, walked just behind the girl. The angel's arms were outstretched to guide the girl forward. The print was \$75.

By then, the Leuckels had five daughters. One of them — named, by coincidence, Toni — was born with developmental disabilities and required constant care. Leuckel had taken early retirement in 1982 to care

for his grown daughter full time. The family could not afford a \$75 painting. But he told his wife it reassured him that the baby he found on the lot had a guardian angel, so they bought it.

For the next 20 years he whispered a prayer each time he passed the print hanging in his home. Thousands of prayers repeated for that baby.

## BITS OF FORTUNE

One of the few positive influences in DiPina's early life was reading Maya Angelou — her literary hero, whom she resembles. There was also church and a Sunday school teacher who took her to cultural events that gave her a break from abusive foster homes. After she aged out of the system in the early 1980s, she was at times homeless.

But she had odd strokes of luck. In 1987, for example, she answered a classified ad for a nanny for five boys in central Massachusetts. She applied and prayed. The family hired her. They paid her airfare to Boston and gave her use of a red Jeep and free time to take college classes. That opened the door to a new life in New England: a college degree, a career, family and the decision to become a pastor.

In 2008, while she was finishing seminary near Boston, DiPina read a Post-Dispatch story about a newborn boy abandoned and found alive in grass clippings in a Dumpster in the city's West End. As in DiPina's case, no relatives came forward. The city family court declared the child abandoned, and he was placed in foster care. DiPina told her story to a reporter as a way to urge the baby's relatives to claim him. She wanted the child to know his ancestry, the knowledge she yearned for herself.

The Post-Dispatch chronicled DiPina's graduation from seminary.

Before the ceremony, DiPina prayed with her family for the abandoned baby, and for his mother to come forward.

"Give her the strength to seek

please see RESCUE, page Life 6

ADVICE: Dear Abby

# Readers Share Many Reasons for Choosing to Be Cremated

My father, a WWII veteran, had planned to be buried in a national veterans' cemetery. After his death we were informed that the only option currently available was interment in the veterans' wall of honor columbarium, because the cemetery had run out of space for traditional burials. — PROUD DAUGHTER OF WWII VET



By Abigail Van Buren

Second, because of the proliferation of fine mini-urns — which may be used as jewelry — I intend to have a portion of my ashes distributed to a few of the women who have touched my life in various ways over the years. I feel it is not only my right but also my duty to avoid saddling others with the exorbitant costs of today's funeral extravaganzas. — KIFFIN, THE PRAGMATIST

DEAR ABBY: Cremation has a lot going for it. "Green burials" are becoming more popular. You can be wrapped in a shroud and buried in the ground. No chemicals, everything is biodegradable — ashes to ashes, dust to dust. — KEEP IT NATURAL

DEAR ABBY: Being an avid scuba diver, I have instructed my family that I wish to be cremated and my ashes turned into part of the memorial reef by the Neptune Society. This will help to create an underwater reef system not only for fish, but for divers to enjoy. That way, I'll be able to return to nature, give divers a place to enjoy and forever be back in the water that I have always loved. — SCUBA SHELL

DEAR ABBY: I'm opting for cremation when my time comes. I don't want to be dug up in the future for someone's science project, grave robbers or archaeologists. I have "urned" my rest. — RALPHEE IN ALABAMA

DEAR ABBY: A few reasons why I have requested cremation: First, due to modern technology, it is now possible to take a portion of one's cremains and turn them into diamondlike gems, one of which I'd like to leave to my dear mother-in-law to be.

DEAR PROUD DAUGHTER: "Plotting and Planning" guessed one reason was cost, while another might be that we live in a more mobile society. Readers agreed, but offered additional input:

DEAR ABBY: Several people I know prefer cremation because they are claustrophobic. Even the thought of being shut up in a casket gives them the heebie-jeebies. — DAVID IN EAST MOLINE, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: Rather than be buried in a cemetery (\$\$\$) or be cremated (my kids objected), I'm donating my body to medical science. I have degenerative arthritis, asthma and other minor conditions. Perhaps by doing this, I can help one of my own or someone else, contribute to medical science and prolong a few lives. — CAROL IN LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I'm opting for cremation when my time comes. I don't want to be dug up in the future for someone's science project, grave robbers or archaeologists. I have "urned" my rest. — RALPHEE IN ALABAMA

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## Sudoku

Difficulty: 5 (of 5)

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### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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#### HOW TO PLAY:

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## Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: U equals F

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ENR JRIE DYGR OB ENR FKTHS YE FNOVN EK

JR JYS." — Y.Y. GOHBR

**SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7:** "Life is very interesting; in the end some of your greatest pains become your greatest strengths." — Drew Barrymore



Robert Cohen / St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Rev. Toni DiPina says goodbye to retired St. Louis police officer George Leuckel after meeting in his home on Saturday, Jan. 3, in Oakville, Mo. Leuckel answered the call and cared for DiPina 51 years ago after two boys found her as a baby, abandoned in a north St. Louis lot.

## Rescue

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help, Lord. She needs help, and you know it," began the story in the Post-Dispatch.

While researching that story, a reporter learned that Leuckel was living near St. Louis and called him. When he heard the baby he found more than 40 years ago was alive and graduating seminary in Boston, he knew his prayers had been answered.

### A REUNION

The Post-Dispatch story on DiPina ran in June 2008. No blood relatives came forward. Nor did any relatives claim the newborn abandoned in the West End.

DiPina went on with life in Massachusetts. The baby she prayed for was soon adopted by a local family. He is now in elementary school.

DiPina is now a grandmother. She wrote a documentary on Sarah Collins Rudolph, the lone survivor of the 1963 Ku Klux Klan bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. She is an ordained minister with United Church of Christ and leads a congregation in Northbridge, Mass.

Last year, she decided to try again to solve the mystery of her past. She shared her story on Facebook. She consulted a St. Louis private detective. She tracked down one of the boys who found her on the lot; he now lives in California. She tried to run her DNA through state and federal crime computer records to find a match but was told it couldn't be done. And she made her first call to the Leuckels,

who immediately welcomed a visit.

The reunion happened Jan. 3 in the Leuckels' condominium during a pouring rain-storm. DiPina sat with Leuckel, now 79, his wife, Barbara, and their daughter, Toni, near the print of the guardian angel hanging in the dining room.

Leuckel and DiPina happily recounted their lives. Leuckel recalled the details of finding DiPina: her checked dress, the blanket, the weeds and eerie silence, the feeling of being watched, the bond — like a father telling a daughter the story about the day she was born.

Then Leuckel told her about the prayers he whispered for her to the angel in the framed print. DiPina smiled and said she always knew she had a guardian angel.

"You know, George, you're like the oldest person who knows me," she said.

In the early 1980s, the Leuckels had a family portrait taken that still hangs in their living room. It shows the proud parents surrounded by their daughters, then ages 8 to 24. At the time, the family was living in Florissant, Missouri. DiPina was in or likely on her way to Massachusetts.

"Well, if it had been in different times," Leuckel told her, "You might have been in that picture."

While in St. Louis, DiPina had other people and places to visit from her childhood, some with good memories, some not. As she drove her rental car away into the rain, the mystery of her abandonment continued.

But she was certain of one true thing: All her life she had a guardian named George, who prayed to an angel to help guide her on her path.

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 7. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Saturday's paper.

## Crossword

### Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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### ACROSS

- 1 Swallow hard
- 5 Volcanic dust
- 8 Indent key
- 11 Hunter constellation
- 13 Moo goo — pan
- 14 Miscellany
- 15 Relieve
- 16 Kind of penguin
- 18 Attired
- 20 Practical joke
- 21 Impromptu (2 wds.)
- 23 Time period
- 24 Zuider —
- 25 Gists
- 27 Osiris' beloved
- 31 Sooner than
- 32 ER "pronto"
- 33 Sundance Kid's girl
- 34 Dainty drinks
- 36 Makes do with
- 38 Ugh!

### DOWN

- 39 Exam
- 40 Scallion kin
- 41 Amigo of Fidel
- 42 Mr. Orbison
- 44 Dirty
- 46 Faint
- 49 — of Wight
- 50 Concert soloist
- 52 Work with dough
- 56 Heating fuel
- 57 Refinery shipment
- 58 Rathskeller mug
- 59 TV Tarzan
- 60 — de plume
- 61 Ginger ale

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SATURDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

January 24, 2015

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Saturday Evening. Includes shows like 'KOMO 4 News Saturday 6:00pm', 'The Office', 'Jeopardy!', 'Figure Skating U.S. Championships', etc.

WEEKDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

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2015 at the Lewis County Courthouse, commencing at or after 10:00 a.m.

At the hearing, members of the public will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed Ordinance 1257. After the public testimony portion of the hearing has ended, the Commissioners will deliberate and consider proposed Ordinance 1257 along with the public testimony. Proposed Ordinance 1257 may then be adopted with or without modification.

The hearing will address the addition of a new chapter 36 to Lewis County Code Title 10 that has been recommended by the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. The proposed section LCC 10.36.010(A) implements the authority granted by the Legislature to the Board of County Commissioners to adopt exceptions to the general requirement in RCW 46.08.065 that the county mark vehicles used or operated by the county. The proposed, new section authorizes exceptions to marking requirements in accordance with RCW 46.08.065 - .066. Specifi-

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cally, under the proposal, unmarked sheriff's vehicles may be used for general undercover or confidential investigative purposes and traffic control purposes in addition to the existing statutory authorization to use such vehicles for special undercover or confidential investigative purposes. Under the proposal, other unmarked county vehicles may be used for law enforcement purposes and confidential public health work, public assistance fraud or support investigative purposes. Further, under the proposal, vehicles leased by the county on a casual basis for period of less than ninety days will not need to be marked and vehicles granted confidential plates by the Director of Motor Vehicles for necessary personal security of a county officer or employee will not be marked. The proposed section LCC 10.36.010(B) reserves to the Board of County Commissioners the right to determine whether county vehicles are used for purposes listed in the exceptions enacted in LCC 10.36.010.

All persons wishing to be heard on this matter are encouraged to attend. Written comments may be submitted in advance of

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the hearing by mail or at the hearing by delivery in person. Please deliver copies of all written copies to the Clerk of the Board, Lewis County Board of County Commissioners at 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532.

The draft ordinance is available on line at the Lewis County website at <http://lewiscountywa.gov>. Hard copies are available for review at the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office at 345 West Main Street, 2nd Floor, Chehalis, WA 98532.

For questions regarding the above, please contact Glenn Carter, Chief Civil Prosecuting Attorney, at 360-740-2767.

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