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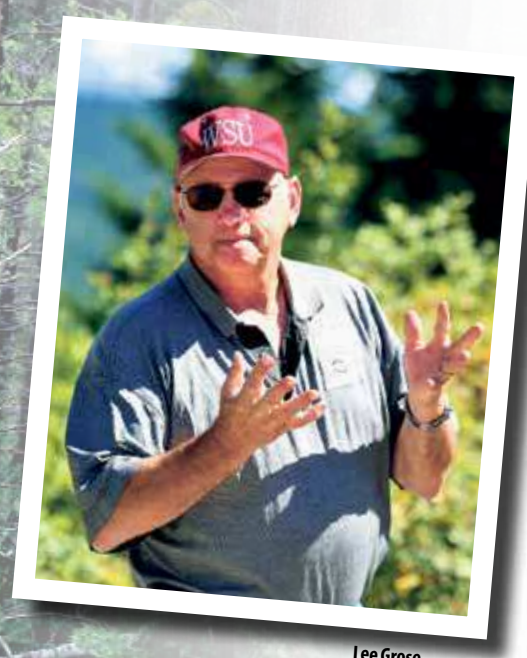
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Lee Grose

*'Any Thought That
Current Federal Land
Management Practices
Could ... Support
Local Government or
Universities Is Folly'*

— Lewis County Commissioner
Lee Grose, Testifying Before
Congress This Week

The Chronicle, file photo

The wire of a high lead logging operation extends down a hillside in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest 26 miles south of Randle in October 2011. Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose testified before Congress this week, saying logging in the Gifford Pinchot and other national forests generates just \$5 per thousand board feet, compared with \$308 per thousand board feet on state-managed lands. "The U.S. Forest Service is woefully behind the state," Grose, a Packwood Republican, told the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Perkins, William John,
89, Centralia
Wharton, Edward
"Eddie," 84,
Rochester
Derango, Lisa A. (Dz-
ingle), 55, Seattle
Shearer, Doris Lucile,
94, Centralia

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Community Calendar

Today

Open mic, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Public Agencies

Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging, Council of Governments, 2 p.m., 4419 Harrison Ave. N.W., Olympia, (360) 664-3162, ext. 112

Libraries

Pizza and Books, for teens, 5-6 p.m., Centralia Timberland Library, refreshments provided, (360) 736-0183

Youth PageTurners, for grades 4-6, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Winlock Timberland Library, "A Wrinkle in Time," by Madeleine L'Engle, pick up featured book before event, (360) 785-3461

Organizations

Bucoda Rebekah Lodge 144, 7 p.m., Bucoda Oddfellows Community Center, 202 S. Main, Bucoda, potluck, (360) 273-9724

Chehalis-Centralia Cribbage Club, 6:30 p.m., Chehalis Moose Lodge, 1400 Grand Ave., Centralia, (360) 485-2852

Support Groups

"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Morton Community Methodist Church, Fourth and Main, Morton, (360) 330-2640

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1209 N. Scheuber Road, Centralia, (360) 736-9268

Senior Centers

- Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061**
Fellowship meeting with Marlene, 10-11 a.m.
Music, 11 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinocle tournament, 1 p.m.
- Morton Senior Center, (360) 496-3230**
Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m.
Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinocle, 10 a.m.
Crafters 10 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
"Hamburgers & Fixins" community lunch, noon, \$5
- Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, (360) 785-4325**
Cook's choice lunch, noon-12:30 p.m.
Bingo, 12:30-2 p.m.
- Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331**
Women's pool, 10 a.m.
Sit & Be Fit, 11 a.m.
Entertainment, presentation or movie, 12:30 p.m.
Quilting project class, 3:30 p.m.
- Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112**
Watercolor class, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Zumba, 6-7 p.m., Toledo Senior Center
Open pool, 9:30 a.m., Toledo Senior Center

Friday, March 1

"There's a New Sheriff in Town," dinner murder mystery in support of Centralia College scholarships, 6-10 p.m., Washington Hotel, Chehalis, \$50, tickets available at Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis, or Heymann's Whinery and Halls Pharmacy in Centralia, sponsored by Twin Cities Rotary

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," 8 p.m., Evergreen Playhouse, 226 W. Center St., Centralia, \$15, tickets available at Santa Lucia and Sterling Bank in Centralia, Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis or online at evergreendream.brownpapertickets.com

Backfire Band, country, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Song Circle, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$2, (360) 740-0492

Organizations

Church Women United, 1 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 247 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis, short program and presentation of Human Rights Award to Jeff Smith, (360) 996-4320

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, hoppedirector@hotmail.com

Life Recovery Group, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Dayspring Baptist Church, 2088 Jackson Highway, Chehalis, (360) 748-3401

Senior Centers

- Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061**
Music with Carlean and Dean, 10-11 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinocle tournament, 1 p.m.,
Dance night, Melodies Recycled, 7-9:30 p.m.
- Morton Senior Center, (360) 496-3230**
Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m.
Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinocle, 10 a.m.
Crafters 10 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
"Hamburgers & Fixins" community lunch, noon, \$5
- Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, (360) 785-4325**
Nutrition lunch, noon-1 p.m.
- Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331**
Coffee klatch, 9 a.m.
Sewing and crafts, 10 a.m.
Pinocle and Scrabble, 12:30 p.m.
- Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112**
Nutrition lunch, noon, suggested

Editor's Best Bet

Medical Experts to Talk About Women's Health Issues

Providers from Providence Medical Group — Southwest Washington will talk about medical issues specifically impacting women 6-7:30 p.m. today at The Aerie in downtown Centralia.

Topics will include:

- What's happening to my body? Changes from 16 to 60 — Dr. Jennifer Scalici, osteopath, obstetrician and gynecologist, Centralia Women's Center
- Why am I tired? Don't let anxiety, stress and fatigue lead to depression — Lisa Mesaros, physician's assistant, Chehalis

Family Medicine

• How can this be? I'm not old enough to have diabetes, hypertension or heart disease — Julie Rice, registered nurse practitioner, Rochester Family Medicine
Providence clinicians specializing in a variety of health areas will be available to answer questions.

Space is limited for this free event. Sign up at www.provregister.org or call (360) 330-8656.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.
The Aerie is located at 219 S. Tower.

donation \$3 for 60 and over, under 60, \$6.74, Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Exercise class, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Open pool, 9:30 a.m., Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Acrylics classes, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Saturday, March 2

Annual Winter Carnival Coming to White Pass This Weekend

The 27th annual White Pass Winter Carnival will be Saturday and Sunday.

The event includes an interactive snow castle, carnival games and races, world-class snow sculptures, fireworks and live music.

The event centerpiece is a gigantic snow castle located in the base area. Admittance to the castle and the surrounding snow sculptures is free and open to the public.

Live music, a torchlight parade and fireworks highlight festivities on Saturday night. Various fundraising games and races support Children's Miracle Network and the White Pass Volunteer Ski Patrol.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," 8 p.m., Evergreen Playhouse, 226 W. Center St., Centralia, \$15, tickets available at Santa

Lucia and Sterling Bank in Centralia, Book 'n' Brush in Chehalis or online at evergreendream.brownpapertickets.com

Dancing, Country Four, 7-10 p.m., South Union Grange, 10030 Tilley Road S., Olympia, (360) 352-2135

Backfire Band, country, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Sean Gaskell and Bret Benraven, Kora and Calabash, 8 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$6, (360) 740-0492

Games Day, traditional and modern board games, card games, 1 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Crab feed, Tenino Firefighters Association, doors open at 3 p.m., crab feed at 4 p.m., Station 12-1, 187 Hodgson St. S., Tenino, "all you can eat" crab, spaghetti, salad, french bread, two beverages, raffle, tickets, \$30, available at door if not sold out, (360) 264-4116

Senior Centers

- Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061**
Game room, 10- a.m.-1 p.m.
Pancake breakfast, 7:30-10 p.m., pancakes and sausage, or biscuits and gravy, juice or coffee, \$5, all you can eat, open to public
Bluegrass jam, 2-9 p.m., open to public, (360) 273-9336
- Morton Senior Center, (360) 496-3230**
Community breakfast, 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m., \$6
- Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331**
Indoor yard sale, Grannies Attic, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., items will include kitchen wares, china, porcelain dolls, knick knacks, antiques, tools, copier machine, furniture and more

The Weather Almanac

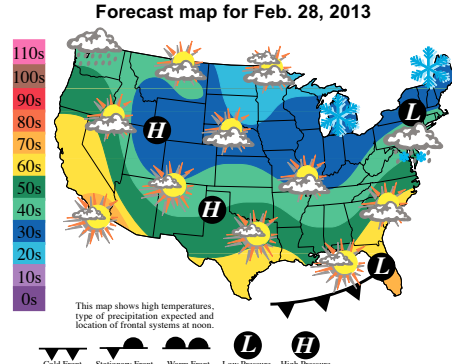
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Rain Likely 51° 43°	Isolated Rain 57° 43°	Mostly Cloudy 50° 41°	Mostly Cloudy 48° 38°	Partly Cloudy 51° 40°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	56.15	65.0 -0.16
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	75.22	85.0 -0.11
Cowlitz at Packwood	1.57	10.5 -0.03
Cowlitz at Randle	5.16	18.0 0.00
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	9.11	--- +0.09

National Map



Centralia

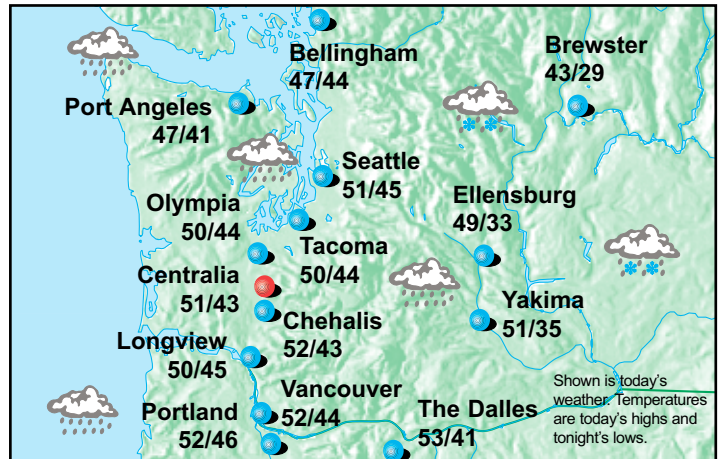
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Temperature
Yesterday's High 48
Yesterday's Low 41
Normal High 54
Normal Low 37
Record High 75 in 1938
Record Low 16 in 1962
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.03"
Month to date 2.56"
Normal month to date . . . 5.35"
Year to date 5.57"
Normal year to date . . . 11.85"

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Regional Weather



Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Fri. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Fri. Hi/Lo Wx
Bremerton	47/44 ra	55/43 ra	Spokane	46/36 rs	50/35 ra
Ocean Shores	51/45 ra	52/46 ra	Tri Cities	54/39 ra	62/37 pc
Olympia	50/44 ra	57/45 ra	Wenatchee	51/37 ra	56/41 mc

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:52 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:57 p.m.
Moonrise	9:46 p.m.
Moonset	7:52 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
3/4	3/11	3/19	3/27

Pollen Forecast

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

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Fri. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Fri. Hi/Lo Wx
Baghdad	77/57 s	71/53 pc	New Delhi	77/51 s	75/52 s
Beijing	43/21 pc	41/21 s	Paris	41/35 cl	47/34 mc
London	46/35 pc	44/36 cl	Rio de Janeiro	83/74 t	85/73 t
Mexico City	84/50 pc	79/47 pc	Rome	57/41 s	59/40 pc
Moscow	38/30 sn	38/14 sn	Sydney	77/65 ra	70/66 ra

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Legislator Profile: Brian Blake

Blake on Unlikely Political Entrance, Being 'Moderate'

19TH DISTRICT: State Representative
Walks Line Between Concerned Citizen and Hopeful Lawmaker

By Lisa Broadt
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Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, made his first political stand in 1997 — five years before he would hold office in Olympia — in order to preserve public access to a prized Grays Harbor County hunting area.

As Blake's colleague, Sen. Brian Hatfield, D-Raymond, remembers it, about 4,000 acres in the Elk River area were in danger of becoming a natural preserve, closed to hunters and recreationalists. But Blake, an environmental specialist for the Department of Corrections and a former logger, wasn't having it. "He was like 'hell no,'" Hatfield said, laughing.

A resident of Hatfield's 19th District, Blake contacted the then-state representative, and the two got to work. Hatfield drafted and helped pass a bill — against the wishes of the state land commissioner — that provided environmental protection to the Elk River Area while still allowing for public access.

"From there, Blake got more and more involved," Hatfield said.

It was the beginning of a career path that Blake, 52, never expected.

"I'm painfully shy, and 20 years ago this never would have crossed my mind," Blake told The Chronicle in an interview on Monday. "But when the lands

bill passed, I thought, 'Wow you can fight city hall.'"

Since taking office in 2002, Blake has walked a fine line between being a concerned citizen fighting the man and a hopeful lawmaker who believes in the system.

"I'm in favor of the government that's necessary to get the job done," he said. "Government has a role to play. I think people want clean water and they want clean air. I think they want the government to work to solve flooding issues."

People also want the government to improve funding for education — and to do it sensibly, according to Blake.

"Education is our paramount duty, but you can't educate children if they are not fed and housed and not afraid," he said. "There's so many parts of the budget that tie into being successful in education. It's that struggle of finding that balance."

Blake also believes, he said, that government must take an active role in positioning the state for economic growth — including investments in infrastructure. The state's investment in improving Interstate 5 south of Olympia, for example, will be "huge in Lewis County's future," according to Blake.

On other issues, Blake is more conservative.

Asked if he believes Washington is over-regulating business, Blake said "in a lot of ways, yes."

One issue of particular concern, Blake said, is an unreasonably high water quality standard that would hurt commercial fishing.

"Business would not have been able to meet that for at least



State Rep. Brian Blake, D-Aberdeen, explains some of his policy goals in the 2013 session at his office in the Legislative Building on the Capitol Campus in Olympia on Monday afternoon.

40 years," he said about one suggested standard.

"We need to recognize we are in a global economy and capital is pretty mobile," said Blake, who sits on the Business and Financial Services Committee and the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. "We're just going to chase these manufacturing jobs offshore."

A hunter and outdoorsman, Blake said he continues to support the preservation of Second Amendment rights, but said that some reforms may be necessary — just not any of the reforms that the Legislature has proposed so far.

"I guess I'm a little disappointed that we aren't focused

more on things that will be effective," he said. "I will never support an assault weapons ban or a high capacity magazine ban, under any circumstances."

This session, Blake — the chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee — has introduced bills that would protect the use of

short-barreled rifles and that would modify the requirements for hunting licenses to better ensure hunter safety.

Blake this session also has introduced legislation concerning water rights, public water systems, salmon hatcheries, the taxation of dairy products and the labeling of seafood.

Police Arrest Two Centralia Men For Graffiti

ANTI-GANG: Both Men Admit to Being Responsible for Graffiti, But Tell Police it Was 'Anti-Gang'

By Stephanie Schendel
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Centralia police arrested two men Friday afternoon who admitted to being responsible for a few "anti-gang" graffiti markings throughout the city.

The men, Jeremy M. Barron, 21, and Jalab L. Browning, 18, both of Centralia, are not believed to be responsible for the entire recent increase in graffiti around the city, said Centralia Police Officer John Panco.

Both men admitted to being responsible for a few incidents, including one on the outdoor pool wall, one on the back of Shop 'n' Kart and a few other markings on North Tower Avenue.

Neither of the men are believed to be involved in gangs, Panco said. Instead, both men allegedly told police they spray painted over existing gang graffiti because they "hate gangs."

Barron allegedly told the of-

ficer, "I hate gangs, because they bring the city down and give it a bad name." He said he had no problem with any particular gang; just gangs in general.

There was no alcohol involved in any of the incidents, Panco said, adding that he explained to the two men that "anti-gang" graffiti was counter-productive and ends up costing people money.

Despite these two arrests, Panco said, it will not solve the graffiti issue in the city. Most of the graffiti is believed to be gang-related between two rival gangs.

Police pegged Barron and Browning as suspects in the graffiti after police began inquiring with local stores that sell spray paint, which led to the identification of multiple suspects, including Barron and Browning, according to a press release from Centralia police. Both men were captured on surveillance camera buying spray paint from an unnamed store.

An off-duty patrol officer spotted Barron and contacted him at about 5 p.m. Friday, according to the release. Barron was transported to the police station where he was inter-

viewed. Browning later turned himself in. Both men were cited and released for third-degree malicious mischief and given a notice to appear in court.

Panco said he will recommend to the city attorney that both men be charged with three counts of third-degree malicious mischief.

Centralia police are still offering a cash reward to people who provide information about suspects responsible for graffiti throughout the city in an attempt to crack down on this visible gang-related activity. The reward can be up to \$250 for information leading to the arrest.

Thurston Co. Weeds Coordinator Wins National Award

By The Chronicle

Thurston County Weeds Coordinator Rick Johnson has received the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Invasive Species Council. The award "recognizes outstanding leadership and achievement over the course of a career in research, prevention and control of invasive species," according to the council.

Johnson, coordinator of the county's Noxious Weed Control Agency for 31 years, has been the lead in a regional, multi-agency effort to remove more than 300,000 pounds of Brazilian eodea from a 67-mile stretch of the Chehalis River. This infestation, which threatens native plant and fish species, has been reduced from a high of 35 acres in 2005 to about an acre in 2013.

Other noxious weeds that have been eradicated or significantly reduced in Thurston County under Johnson's direction include leafy spurge, Spanish broom, giant hogweed, gorse and spotted knapweed.

"I have had the honor of

knowing and working alongside him for 24 years," Laurel Baldwin, the Whatcom County weed coordinator, wrote in her letter nominating Johnson, "and I find him remarkably and shockingly tireless in his work to protect the natural resources not only of Thurston County, but well beyond its borders."

Johnson will receive his award on Tuesday, March 5, in Arlington, Va.

More information on the county's noxious weed control program is available at www.co.thurston.wa.us/tcweeds or by calling the agency at (360) 786-5576.

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Federal Timber Management a 'National Disgrace,' Lewis County Commissioner Tells U.S. Congress

REFORM: State Forest Lands Provide Better Model, According to Commissioner Lee Grose

By Lisa Broadt
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Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose on Tuesday testified before members of the U.S. Congress in Washington, D.C., in favor of more active timber production management on national forest lands.

Adopting a well-managed system based on the state's land trust model would be economically and environmentally beneficial, said Grose, who is a member of the Board of Natural Resources, which oversees the land trust responsibility of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

"The potential to use this model on the federal forest landscape is, I believe, very real and would make the forests financially viable for future generations," the Packwood Republican told members of the House Natural Resources Committee on Tuesday.

Currently, the state's model

is astronomically more effective in both timber production and dollars generated, Grose said.

According to the commissioner, Washington's Department of Natural Resources is responsible for 2.1 million acres of working forest. In 2011, that land yielded 560 million board feet of timber, which in turn generated \$220 million in revenue. Approximately 75 percent of that money was returned to the various trusts — most notably, education — and the balance was used for the administration of the program.

The 9.3 million acres of national forest lands in Washington, on the other hand, yielded 129 million board feet, which in turn generated \$638,000, Grose said on Tuesday.

The difference in efficiency is striking: State trust timber lands produced 500 percent more revenue on less than one quarter the land base and generated \$308 per thousand board feet as opposed to \$5 per thousand board feet, Grose told the committee.

"The U.S. Forest Service is woefully behind the state," he said.

And its local governments

that are among the hardest hit — particularly because starting this year, they will no longer receive money from the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, a federal measure that for 12 years provided assistance to rural counties affected by the decline in revenue from timber harvests on federal lands.

Enacted in 2006, the law expired in 2006 but was renewed for one year in 2007, for four more years in 2008 and one year in 2012, though each renewal provided less money.

Lewis County in 2008 received \$4.4 million from the Rural Schools Act. That number dropped to \$4 million in 2009, \$3.6 million in 2010, \$2.3 million in 2011 and \$2.2 million in 2012, according to information provided by the Lewis County budget department.

TIMBER HARVESTING on state lands is conducted in an environmentally responsible way, Grose said on Tuesday. The Washington Department of Natural Resources complies with the same environmental laws as the federal forests, and the state land is managed with

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best practices, he said.

The threat to old growth timber — an oft-cited concern — is no longer relevant, according to Grose.

"First, no one wants to go through the ensuing inevitable litigation that would occur," he said. "Second, there are few mills in the Northwest that could even cut trees of that size."

According to Grose, the state is cognizant of its responsibility to replace what has been harvested, and have, accordingly, implemented a replanting scheme that allows for sustainable harvesting.

"We continue to think of our timber as a renewable cash crop," he said.

The county commissioner,

who owns a small tree farm near the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, was introduced on Tuesday by U.S. Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas.

Speaking after the hearing, Grose said he felt confident the House of Representatives would this year draft legislation that reforms national forest management.

"The big task will be getting it through the Senate," he said.

Matt Jensen of the American Loggers Council, and Silas Whitman, the Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe, also testified on Tuesday. Jensen advocated for state management of federal land, while Whitman voiced concerns about infringements on tribal rights.

Toledo School District to Propose a New Bond to Voters

RENOVATION: Toledo High School Needs Work on Failing Inside Infrastructure

By Amy Nile
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TOLEDO — Toledo High School needs a little work, according to Superintendent Sharon Bower.

The Toledo School Board decided last week to start the process of proposing a new bond to voters, which would pay for remodeling the building.

"Toledo High School is structurally in great shape," Bower said. "But inside all the infra-

structure is failing."

The state Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in 2010 completed a survey and study of the school, which was built in 1974, and recommended a long list of repairs.

"It just goes on and on," Bower said. "This isn't neglect. This is an aging issue."

Bower said the school needs to replace the interior walls and single-pane windows. Additionally, she said, the water system is failing, the school doesn't have the electrical capacity needed for today's technology and the science labs need updating.

Though Toledo voters in February approved a two-year

levy of \$995,000 annually, the district paid off its last bond on Dec. 12.

"So it's almost like a replacement bond," said Toledo School Board member Heidi Buswell.

Bower said voters often get confused about the difference between a levy and a bond.

"Bonds are for building," she said. "Levies are for learning."

While levies support everyday learning in the classroom,

Bower said, bonds pay for larger building projects and are longer term debt, much like a home mortgage. Unlike a levy, a bond requires a 60 percent supermajority to pass.

Bower said the need for the bond isn't new, but the board has held off asking voters to increase their taxes.

"We've been sympathetic to economic times, but we can't hold off anymore," she said.

School board member Bill Moore said the district should take advantage of the current low construction prices.

"The most bang for the buck is right now," he said.

The board will move forward by gathering community input to put a bond on the ballot next year.

"There'll be times everybody won't agree, but it's all for a good cause," Bower said.

Lewis County Salary Commission Will Reconvene

MONEY: Group of Citizens Sets Salary for County Commission

By Lisa Broadt
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The Lewis County Salary Commission will reconvene this March, according to Human Resources Administrator Archie Smith. The salary commission — which sets the salaries for the County Commission — has been on hiatus for the last four years, due to the economic downturn, Smith said.

"When we quit doing increases in benefits or COLAs (cost of living adjustments) for employees, we quit having the salary commission meet," Commissioner Bill Schulte said on Tuesday. "If they had met and they recommended a salary increase, in the current climate, we would have been inclined to say no." The County Commission — which sets the salaries for the other elected officials (excluding the prosecutor and judges) — would have simply extended that no.

"If we say no, it's no for the elected officials," Schulte said. "We just would have irritated every elected official in the county."

Now, for procedural reasons, the salary commission must be reinstated — though the group of citizens who meet this March will have little resemblance to the group who last met, Smith said. Eight of the 10 previous members have served the maximum of two four-year terms and must be replaced.

Members of the salary commission are chosen to include a variety of professions. Some are selected via a lottery, similar to that used in jury selection, while others are appointed.

LEWIS COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS' 2013 SALARIES

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- Auditor, Gary Zandell: \$71,536
- Clerk, Kathy Brack: \$71,536
- Coroner (half-time position), Warren McLeod: \$35,768
- County Commissioners, Lee Grose, Bill Schulte, Edna Fund: \$78,690
- Prosecutor, Jonathan Meyer: \$130,428 (half reimbursed to the county by the state)
- Treasurer, Rose Bowman: \$71,536
- Sheriff, Steve Mansfield: \$86,328

The salary commission will consider a variety of factors, including comparisons to other, similar counties, in making a decision, according to Smith.

"It's not necessarily always based on the ability to pay," he said.

Elected officials in Lewis County have not received a wage increase since Jan. 1, 2009. County employees, as well, have not seen increases to benefits or COLAs since 2009. Employees have, however, continued to receive step increases.

Currently, the three elected county commissioners make \$78,690 a year, according to information provided by the county budget office.

Commissioner Edna Fund on Wednesday said it was still too early to say whether the County Commission would approve an increase.

"There are a lot of things to consider before we get to that point," she said. "It's tough to talk about an increase when employees haven't had COLAs in a while."

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Hub City Community Gardens Considers Dissolving

INVOLVEMENT:

Community Garden Continues to Seek Support by Mid-March

By Kyle Spurr

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Due to a lack of volunteer support and funding, the non-profit Hub City Community Garden is considering disbanding by mid-March, according to volunteer board member Colleen Stewart.

The community garden — which broke ground late in the growing season last June on an empty 2.66-acre lot at 1209 Woodland Ave. in Centralia — lost four volunteer board members from the group of seven for various personal reasons.

“We cannot go forward with only three members,” the board wrote on the community garden’s Facebook page. “We have published several meeting times and we have had no response. Several messages have been published on our Facebook asking for people to get involved with no response.”

The community garden board planned to make this spring the first full season for locals to use the city-owned plot on the south end of Centralia.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Contact Hub City Community Gardens:

Call (206) 484-8445 or visit www.facebook.com/hubcitycommunitygardens

If the community garden continues this year, Stewart said, the garden needs volunteers, three to five new board members and sponsors to raise funding.

“We put the call out, several people have talked to us, but nobody has stepped up yet,” Stewart said.

Former Mayor Bill Moeller, who dug the ceremonial shovel into the dirt during groundbreaking in June, brought up the community garden idea three decades ago, but got no response at the time.

However, after he brought up the idea last winter in his Chronicle column, the concept took root.

The nonprofit community garden, the first to break ground in Centralia, started last year with a goal to raise a \$5,000 budget from sponsorship and fundraising, which never materialized.

The community garden signed a lease agreement with the city of Centralia last May to use the lot on Woodland Avenue.

The lease agreement states



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Roger Stewart passes the ceremonial shovel to his wife, Colleen, during the Hub City Community Garden groundbreaking on June 16, 2012. The garden, on Woodland Avenue in Centralia, could shut down this year if more volunteers don't join the effort, Colleen Stewart said.

the community garden must pay any water bills, other utility bills, maintain the property and follow other agreements to keep the garden safe and clean.

Stewart said the board is also

discussing changing the location of the garden to bring it closer to downtown Centralia and make it more convenient for people, but the availability of empty land is limited.

“My highest hopes are that like-minded people will say, ‘Let’s do this,’ and see if other are interested,” Stewart said. “But right now unless I hear something, I’ll give it until the middle of March.”

News in Brief

Chehalis City Council Extends Medical Marijuana Moratorium for Another Year

By The Chronicle

The Chehalis City Council agreed to extend its moratorium on medical marijuana facilities for an additional year on Monday night to allow time for state and federal lawmakers to give direction on growing and distributing medical marijuana.

“To date there has been no change made to the application of the state law that’s currently in place regarding medical marijuana collective gardens and medical marijuana dispensaries,” City Attorney Bill Hillier said.

The current six-month moratorium on medical marijuana in Chehalis expires March 12, at which point the new moratorium will go into effect until March 12, 2014.

The city council will continue to consider three alternatives, which include: adopting the Lewis County plan; declaring a citywide probation; and creating city zoning, permitting and regulations to approve growing operations in the city or extend the moratorium.

The alternatives were presented to the council in February last year by Hillier.

The council originally passed a six-month moratorium, or suspension of action, on Sept. 12, 2011, for medical marijuana collective gardens and medical marijuana dispensaries.

Car Fire on Haywire Road



Fire District 5, courtesy photo

Fire District 5 firefighters respond to a vehicle fire at the end of Haywire Road near Pleasant Valley Road west of Napavine Monday morning. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the flames. The driver escaped the vehicle with no injuries.

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Toledo Telephone Pushing to Keep Rural Telephone Subsidies

HELP FOR RURAL RESIDENTS: Small Telecom Companies May Charge More For Phone and Broadband Services if Legislators Don't Act Soon

By Amy Nile
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Dale Merten has had his fill of politicians. The ToledoTel chief operating officer has traveled to Olympia on several occasions and flown to Washington, D.C., at least a dozen times in the last four years to try to keep telephone, cable and Internet rates low for his Toledo-area customers.

"It's interesting that we're fighting so hard to not raise our rates," the 37-year industry veteran said.

Still, the 2,000 customers and 100 businesses the company serves may soon see rates increase if politicians in Olympia don't pass new legislation, Merten said.

"If the state doesn't act, people are going to see rates double, triple, quadruple," the ToledoTel executive of nine years said.

In November 2011, the Federal Communications Commission changed the universal services fund, which subsidizes small companies like ToledoTel to ensure customers have similar access to telephone and internet services at comparable rates, regardless of whether they live in rural or urban areas.

"We need people to live in rural areas because that's where the farms and natural resources are," Merten said. "People shouldn't have to pay a premium because they live in a bad Zip Code."

The FCC is now pushing these small telephone companies — including the Tenino Telephone Company and 13 others in Washington — to rely more heavily on revenue from customers and state funding, rather than federal dollars.

Merten said Washington is one of the few states that does not subsidize small telephone companies that serve less than 44,000 customers.

Merten testified at the Legislature last week in support of a bill that would have set up such state funding, but it did not make it out of committee. A new bill was introduced Monday, but Merten said it also has little hope of passing.

"It's going to be pretty tough because of the economy and the state's financial situation," he said.

But, Merten said, if the state doesn't act soon, customers could see rates as high as \$200 a month or more for phone and internet — the same services



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ToledoTel technician Greg Ockerman places a splice case into a telephone vault on the corner of Coal and Second Street in Toledo on Tuesday afternoon. The case holds ethernet connections. It will connect to dozens of residents along the block who access the Internet, allowing ToledoTel customers to access the Internet at nearly 20 times the speed that Comcast offers, according to Toledo Tel CEO Dale Merten.

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Number of Employees: 21
Address: 183 Plomondon Road, Toledo
Phone: (360) 864-4552
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that currently cost about \$100.

In addition to phone and internet, ToledoTel provides service to the cell towers in the area.

"But businesses can't operate on cellphones alone," Merten said.

And neither can a school district, said Toledo School District Superintendent Sharon Bower, one of ToledoTel's clients.

Bower testified on the company's behalf at the Legislature last week.

"My message was by not helping these small telephone companies, you would cost the school district \$200,000 to \$250,000," she said.

Additionally, Bower said, larger companies do not provide the same high level of customer service as ToledoTel.

Because the company, which has served the area for nearly 100 years, is a carrier of last resort, it will provide services to any rural



ToledoTel CEO Dale Merten explains how his company can compete with Comcast and CenturyLink as technician Greg Ockerman, left, closes up a street vault where he just finished placing a splice box near downtown Toledo on Tuesday.

address regardless of the cost. Larger companies such as Comcast can deny customers access to services when it is not cost-effective.

"They call it cherry picking," Merten said. "We serve everybody."

Merten said he hopes more of his clients will get engaged

in the issue so legislators see the importance of connecting rural populations to services.

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Business in Brief

Michael Wagar Resigns From TransAlta to Lead Nisqually Valley News

By The Nisqually Valley News

As the Nisqually Valley News' new publisher and editor, Michael Wagar knows he has big shoes to fill. But, with a 10.5 shoe size, he's up for the challenge.

The former executive editor of the NVN's sister paper, The Chronicle, started his new job last week.

"I was impressed with the staff's enthusiasm for both the Nisqually Valley News and the greater Yelm area," he said.

Wagar will report to Christine Fossett, president and chief operating officer of Lafromboise Communications, Inc., the parent company of the NVN, The Chronicle and the Battleground Reflector.

"He has a proven track record for producing quality local news

that represents and informs the community," Fossett said. "The readers of the paper will appreciate his progressive style and his innovative ideas."

Wagar and Fossett worked together for more than a decade at The Chronicle. Part of the attraction of coming to the NVN, Wagar said, is its ownership by the Lafromboise family.

Wagar resigned from his position as a communications advisor for TransAlta, a multinational power company with an electrical generating plant in Centralia, to take the position.

"I will give it my all to continue in the fine tradition of community journalism built up by this staff and its former publisher Keven Graves."

Graves, publisher of the Nisqually Valley News since 1999, resigned last month taking the publisher position for the Whidbey Newspaper Group, which includes three weekly newspapers and a monthly military edition.



Michael Wagar
publisher and editor of NVN

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUGET SOUND ENERGY ELECTRICITY AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS ABOUT PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

Puget Sound Energy on Feb. 1, 2013 filed a request with the state Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to change rates for electric and natural gas service. This proposal, filed under electric and natural gas Schedules 141, requests to recover the costs of past PSE investments in utility operations. The filing proposes an effective date of April 1, 2013.

If the requested rate change is approved by the UTC, the cost for electric service will increase an overall average of 1.59 percent and the cost for natural gas service will decrease by 0.1 percent (1 tenth of 1 percent).

A residential electric customer who uses an average of 1,000 kWh per month will pay 1.7 percent, or \$1.65, more per month for service. A residential natural gas customer who uses an average of 68 therms per month will see a 0.1 percent, or 10-cent, decrease in the monthly gas bill.

The overall average rate changes for customers are as follows:

TYPE OF ELECTRIC SERVICE/SCHEDULES	PERCENT INCREASE
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Commercial & Industrial (Schedules 24, 25, 26, 26P, 7A, 29).....	1.53
Commercial & Industrial (Schedules 31, 35, 43).....	1.43
Commercial Rate (Schedule 40).....	0.76
High Voltage (Schedules 46, 49).....	0.58
Choice/Retail Wheeling (Schedules 448, 449).....	2.90
Lighting (Schedules 50-59).....	2.91
TYPE OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE	PERCENT DECREASE
Natural Gas Service for schedules including cost of gas.....	0.1
Natural Gas Transportation Service and Rental schedules.....	0.3

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from PSE's request, either higher or lower or structured differently depending on the results of its review.

Comments or questions on proposal: PSE customers may submit comments to the UTC about this proposal by using the online comment form at www.utc.wa.gov/comment; by email to comments@utc.wa.gov; by fax to 360-664-4291; by phone to 1-888-333-9882; or mailing your comments to the UTC at: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504. If you write, include your name and mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and Docket No. UE-130137 (electric) or Docket No. UG-130138 (natural gas). You may also ask questions of the UTC and request that the UTC notify you of the open meeting at which this proposal will be considered by the Commission. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

The public, including residential and small business customers, is represented by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's office. You can reach the Public Counsel Section by writing to Public Counsel, Assistant Attorney General, 800 5th Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA 98104-3188, or by email at utility@atg.wa.gov.

If you have questions or comments for PSE about this proposal, you may submit them by writing to PSE at: Puget Sound Energy, ATTN: Customer Service, P.O. Box 97034, Bellevue, WA 98009-9734, by email at customer@pse.com or by telephone at 1-888-225-5773. Additional information about the filing is available at www.pse.com.

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Jason Mattson, of Centralia, holds up a picture from 1977 of the wooden yard bird statue that sits on the west end of the Yard Birds parking lot on Wednesday in Chehalis. Mattson is nearing the end of a years-long effort to raise money to refurbish the large wooden Yard Birds figure. The sign needs just \$1,000 more to complete the repairs to the 42-year-old structure that was originally used as a helicopter hangar.

Yard Bird Renovation Nears Goal

LEWIS COUNTY LANDMARK:
Yard Birds Mall Owner Donates \$6,000 Toward Restoration Effort

By Amy Nile
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One man's trash is another man's treasure. The old adage remains true for one Lewis County landmark — the iconic Yard Bird.

As the 1970s structure deteriorated, the bird's owner decided to tear it down.

"It was just an eyesore," said Darris McDaniel, who owns the structure along with the Yard Birds Mall and Shop-N-Kart. "It's crumbling from inside."

That's when Centralia native Jason Mattson stepped in to save the bird.

"Growing up around here it's been part of my life," the 36-year-old said. "It's just something unique and cool about our town."

Mattson has been working for the last four years to raise money to restore the bird. With just \$8,000 left to go, good news came this weekend when McDaniel announced he'd donate \$6,000 and an additional \$1,000 came in for the cause through the recent Miss Yard Bird Pageant.



Darris McDaniel donated \$6,000 for restoration



Decals of the locally famous Yard Birds mascot are visible around Jason Mattson's car Wednesday as he holds a paper mache statue he made of an earlier version of the Yard Bird. Mattson, of Centralia, is raising money to refurbish the large wooden Yard Birds figure on the west side of the Yard Birds Mall.

Community members can contribute to the remaining \$1,000 at a Security State Bank location or through the Yard Bird Facebook page, which has also become a hit with nearly 5,000 friends and more than 1,200 followers.

"It turned out to be an online museum of Yard Bird memories," said Mattson, the page's creator. "So many people grew up with Yard Birds."

Mattson will start renovations on the bird in the next few weeks. He will strip the old fi-

berglass and replace it, restore the framework and reshape the structure with plywood.

Originally, the bird's tail feathers opened to house a helicopter. The hangar sat on the east side of the mall's parking lot from 1971 until 1976, when the 60-foot standing bird burned to the ground and the Yard Bird was moved into the current location to replace it.

The 40-foot-tall structure withstood floods and changes in ownership over the last four decades before becoming the two-

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time winner of Seattle King 5's No. 1 roadside attraction.

"It's a big, crazy sculpture in our town," said Mattson, who has a tattoo of the bird on his forearm. "It's our roadside attraction."

Timberland Libraries Starting Annual Read-Aloud Program

By The Chronicle

Pack up a sack of books and head to the kitchen, the living room and laundry room — even the bathroom and garage — and read some of your favorite stories aloud as a family. It's time for the annual Timberland Regional Library Family Read-Aloud, running from Saturday (Dr. Seuss's birthday) through Friday, April 12 (Beverly Cleary's birthday).

The program, now in its 12th year, centers on the activity of families reading aloud together in different areas of their homes. As an early learning program, the Read-Aloud focuses on children from infancy to grade 3, though all of a family's children are encouraged to join in the fun.

"It's no coincidence that we begin our read-aloud with the celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss and close with the celebration of the birthday of Beverly Cleary. Characters from books written by these beloved authors have become part of cherished childhood memories for many generations," said Ellen Duffy, TRL's youth services coordinator.

Families, as well as classrooms and child care providers, may pick up a Read Aloud Castle Start-up Kit at any Timberland library beginning Saturday, enter for chances to win prizes, and proceed to read in rooms all around their homes.

The more rooms and spaces, the merrier. The kit includes a Read Aloud Castle on cardstock to color, a set of stickers, a Dr. Seuss bookmark, a door hanger and a prize drawing entry form.

Booklists in the kits, all developed by TRL Youth Services staff, include "100 Toddler Favorites," which includes books and music, and "Books to Read Aloud," the revised edition, featuring high appeal read-alouds for ages 3 to 12.

Each Timberland library will award a grand prize: a backpack filled with books selected especially for the winning family or classroom. Many libraries will also have local drawings for books and other prizes during the program. Friends of the Library groups throughout the library system have generously provided many hundreds of books. Families may enjoy reading the gift book plates to see the variety of Friends groups that donated the books and their associated libraries.

Complete details will be in libraries and online at www.TRL.org no later than Saturday, the date when kits will be at all Timberland libraries.

Many Timberland libraries have also planned special family events and activities during the Read-Aloud. All Timberland libraries invite library visitors to bring canned and other non-perishable food items to

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• March 2, 2-3:30 p.m., grade 1-6, Seuss-a-bration! party
• March 22, 2-3:30 p.m., grade 1-6, Library Movie Matinee: The Lorax
• March 23, 2-2:45 p.m., age 3-6, Harmonica Pocket's "A is for Apple" interactive performance
• April 6-April 20, It's Raining Cats and Dogs Guessing Jar

Chehalis, (360) 748-3301
• March 9, 11-11:45 a.m., The Mimic Clinic with Charlie the Noise Guy, sound impersonator

Mountain View (Randle), (360) 497-2665
• March 16, 11-11:45 a.m., The Mimic Clinic with Charlie the Noise Guy, sound impersonator

Oakville, (360) 273-5305
• March 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Packwood, (360) 494-5111
• March 25, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Books & Blankets, Location: White Pass Country Historical Society Museum, 12990 U.S. Highway 12, Packwood

Salkum, (360) 985-2148
• March 16, 2-2:45 p.m., The Mimic Clinic with Charlie the Noise Guy, sound impersonator

Tenino, (360) 264-2369
• March 2, 10-10:45 a.m., Eric Ode: The Doctor's in the House! Songs and silliness celebrating Seuss
• March 2, 11:30 a.m. 3 p.m., Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash!
• April 3, 10:20-10:50 a.m., Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Winlock, (360) 785-3461
• March 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!
• March 9, 2-2:45 p.m., The Mimic Clinic with Charlie the Noise Guy, sound impersonator
• March 20, 12:30-4 p.m., Wacky Wednesday
• April 2, 3 and 4, 1-3 p.m., Paint Like Eric Carle!
• April 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m., grade 1-3, Junior PageTurners: The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Register in advance)

the library during Family Read-Aloud. Libraries will deliver the items to local food banks.

Programs listed below are for families and children of all ages unless ages are specified. Where

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Bipartisan Outlook Helps in State Senate

At its best, politics is the art of cooperation for the benefit of the whole — looking to balance the best interests of your constituents with the greater good, all while standing up for your convictions in a respectful way. This is difficult in the best of circumstances. When your party is in the majority, it's easy to overlook the perspective of the minority. And when you're out of power, it's hard to do much more than complain from the sidelines. That's why the shared power situation in the state Senate this year is so fascinating and presents such strong opportunities

for true statesmanship. Democratic Sen. Brian Hatfield, a longtime legislator who newly represents southwest Lewis County, is showing us that he understands the need to work with those across the aisle in this unique bipartisan balance that exists in Olympia's upper chamber. Hatfield, of Raymond, is one of the few Democrats who have crossed the aisle and joined up with the bipartisan Senate Majority Coalition, taking the Republicans and two maverick Democratic leaders up on their

offer of full chairmanships to Democrats. The establishment Democratic leaders refused to play ball, saying if they couldn't have full power, they weren't interested in cooperation. Fortunately, Hatfield decided that he would buck his own party's position and take up the chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The Chronicle Editorial Board had urged Hatfield to move in this direction, helping lead our state from the center. Hatfield has claimed this ground before, as part of the so-called "Roadkill Caucus"

of moderate Democrats. That group tried to pull the liberal Seattle base of the Democratic party toward a centrist outlook on a few bills, but was facing a seriously uphill battle when the left wing of the party ran the show. Taking up a chairmanship under a Republican-led majority coalition is a much more effective way to be a truly bipartisan leader, and we applaud Hatfield for taking that step. Sen. Rodney Tom, the Bellevue Democrat who leads the Senate in cooperation with Mason County Democrat Tim Sheldon and the entire Repub-

lican caucus, said Hatfield and fellow Democrat Steve Hobbs have shown public-spirited leadership by chairing committees under the bipartisan shared power arrangement of the Majority Caucus Coalition. The other Lewis County-area senator, Centralia Republican John Braun, is also doing yeoman's work. He's only been on the job two months, but Braun is leading the way on bills to make this state a place where businesses can get the job done for their workers and customers. Braun might only be a freshman senator, but he is showing himself to be a strong leader.

COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking ...

A Memory of Wonderful Times at Evergreen Playhouse

There's an event coming up this Saturday that I'm not going to let anything short of the crematorium keep me from attending. It's a gathering at the Evergreen Playhouse to honor the original founders of the group more than a half century ago. It's scheduled for 6:30, and will be followed by a performance of "A Midsummer's Night Dream." I can't claim to be a member of that original group (although I'm certainly old enough to have been) because I was working afternoons and nights at KELA, but in 1972 I switched to a daytime position and immediately joined up, just as it — the group — was contemplating the purchase of the present playhouse building.

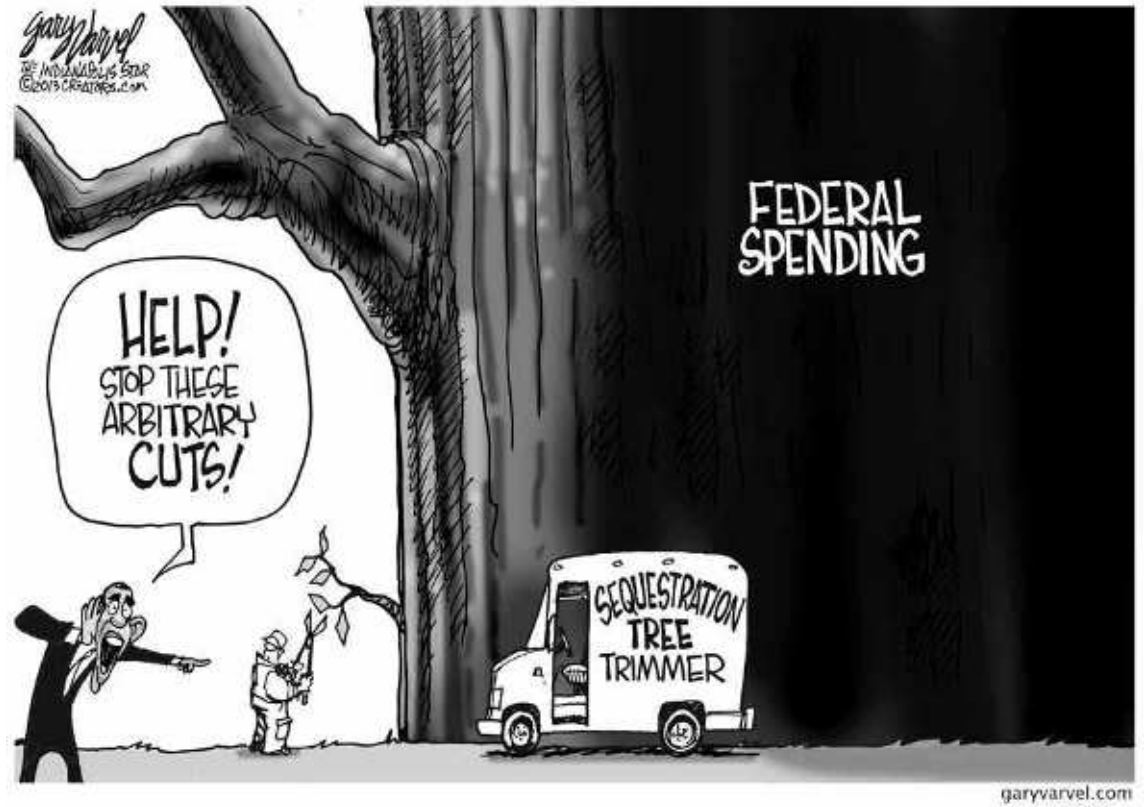


By Bill Moeller

As I remember, the purchase price was \$16,000, which was a terrific gamble to undertake back "in those days." My timing was such that I was able to participate in an auction to dispose of a number of church pews which came with the building. That auction subsequently became the biennial event called CAFTA, which has been the support of many art-related endeavors ever since. Then there was our first play in the building, a classic called "Our Town," directed by Frank Rosa in which I had the first of many roles I played in succeeding years. I hope you won't mind if I brag just a little bit here. All right, more than a little bit, but there were some great times over the years, both as an actor and a director. I've lost track, but I know there were more than a dozen examples in each category. How can I have any memories more pleasant than directing two of the founders of the playhouse, Margaret Oliver and Ann Caldwell, playing a pair of murderous spinster sisters who deal with any problem by slipping the offending person a poisonous glass of elderberry

wine in "Arsenic and Old Lace." By the way, that play was completely sold out for every performance. So was another favorite, "Bullshot Crumond," a deliberately obvious cheap production featuring such things as a car chase on stage, an actor, Ed Jeffries, having a conversation as two different characters, changing both character and costume in the time it took him to walk behind a small screen and come out the other side, and another actor, Douglas Lukascik, playing six different characters. As far as roles I've played, two favorites stand out. One is the aging father, Norman, who tries to hide the fact that his memory is failing, and that he isn't really as cantankerous as he tries to appear, in "On Golden Pond."

Incidentally, the recent head of the Chamber of Commerce, Jim Valley, played my 12- or 13-year-old nephew in that one, so you get an idea of how long ago THAT was. The other favorite was my final appearance at the playhouse, a warm Neil Simon comedy about another cantankerous old man, Willie Clark, embittered by the breakup of his partnership in a long ago vaudeville team called Lewis and Clark, "The Sunshine Boys." Oh, occasionally, there have been urges to get in front of or behind the footlights again, but then I remind myself of the old show biz adage, "Always leave the audience wanting more." There isn't enough space to list all the wonderful people I met and worked with at the Evergreen Playhouse over the years, or the great times (and cast parties) we had together. If you have similar experiences, please come to the get-together this Saturday at 6:30 (but don't feel offended if I can't immediately remember your name.) Thank you for indulging an old man's memories. ... Bill Moeller is a former entertainer, mayor, bookstore owner, city council member, paratrooper and pilot living in Centralia. He can be reached at bookmaven321@comcast.net.



Letters to the Editor

Right to Appeals Protects Poor People

To the editor: A recent column, "Our Legal System Can't Find Someone Guilty and Mean It," (Feb. 9, page Main 10) expressed frustration with the cost of appeals in criminal cases. John McCroskey, former elected sheriff, asked, "I understand paying for a trial attorney — one attorney — to be sure a defendant gets a fair trial ... But once they have their fair trial and are found guilty why do we have to pay for their endless appeals?" The reason defendants can access an appeal is that since 1922, the Washington state Constitution guarantees this right to ensure trials are conducted fairly. In a small percentage of cases, the appeal guarantee extends to additional trials ordered after the first one was found unfair. Our Constitution also establishes that denying the right to appeal to poor defendants would create an unacceptable two-class appellate review system, where only those with money could ensure they received a fair trial. McCroskey legitimately expects efficiency from our appellate review system. We best can increase the efficiency of appeals — and the justice system as a whole — when the trial defense lawyers, prosecutors and judges have appropriate resources and workloads to ensure fair trials. And, as noted, our criminal justice system should not substitute for our mental health system, with unproductive and inefficient results. During the last few years, a number of innocent people have been released from unjustified prison sentences after errors in their trials were discovered on appellate review. Most were

poor. This is the reason our Constitution guarantees the right to appeals. JOANNE MOORE
director
Washington State Office
of Public Defense

We Should Expect More From Our Congress

To the editor: How many members of Congress does it take to screw in a light bulb? How many members of Congress does it take to screw the general public? 535 members, but some credit should go to our President. When Congress couldn't create a budget, what did it do? Congress agreed to the creation of the supercommittee officially titled "The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction," consisting of 12 lawmakers — six from each party and each chamber — who were given nearly unprecedented power to cut projected deficits by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. The committee would need only seven votes to pass its proposal. The rest of Congress would not have the power to amend their plan, obstruct it from coming to a vote, or even filibuster it in the Senate. They would only be able to vote it up or down. This is all because our elected members of Congress couldn't get their job done. Washington state's Sen. Patty Murray was a member of the supercommittee. She is chairwoman for the committee on the budget. She didn't get the job done in either the regular senate or as member of the supercommittee. Former Sen. John Kerry was a member of the supercommittee. Kerry was recently put forward by our president to be the

new secretary of state. Is this a reward for failing to do his job in the Senate? Sequestration — this will be a disaster for the country, or so says the president. The idea for sequestration came from the president and his group of adviser. Now he says first responders, food inspectors, teachers, etc., could lose their jobs. Congress is fighting over the sequestration, trying to get \$85 billion to prevent this disaster. If jobs are lost, it should be the members of Congress, who have become a stagnant, ineffective body of takers. We the people deserve to have our interests represented in Congress, and we deserve to have members who know what honesty and integrity is all about. Remember Hurricane Sandy? No, I don't mean the aid to victims. Congress took billions of dollars in pork barrel spending above the money for the Sandy victims, in states as far away from the hurricane as Alaska. How many faces do the politicians have that they can threaten and scare the voting public by saying we are out of money and we have to cut our military and still demand additional funds in pork barrel spending for pet projects. I managed to work full time, raise two children, attend college to get a four-year degree, maintain a strict household budget and plan for my future. Is it really asking too much to expect the members of Congress to act responsibly create a budget and learn to live within that budget? We the people continue to elect this dysfunctional body of people. As a nation, we should ask and expect more of those we allow to work for us. We the people ... GERRI WOOLF
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First Amendment Center Quote of the Day

"Those who accept freedom of religion as a right are obligated by this acceptance to take the maintenance of freedom of religion as a duty."

Joseph L. Blau
author, philosopher, 1949

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Castle Rock Rallies for Beloved 18-Year-Old Dog

POPULAR CANINE:

Residents Bring Ailing Dog Gifts

By Amy M.E. Fischer
The Daily News

CASTLE ROCK — Bear Dog has a new fishing pole and treats galore.

And when the time comes, the 18-year-old black Lab mix is ensured a peaceful end.

Since The Daily News published an article Sunday about Bear Dog, the popular Castle Rock canine known for frequenting the North County Recreation Sports Complex had received a slew of visitors, gifts and phone calls, owner Don Caulfield said Monday.

"Every time I turn around, there's something," said Caulfield, 62, a retired trucker.

The ink on Bear Dog's article was barely dry when well-wishers began showing up Sunday morning at Caulfield's mobile home on Mosier Road. A woman told Caulfield she'd already arranged with her veterinarian to "adopt" Bear Dog. She would pay for Bear's medical treatment — and, if necessary, the cost of putting the old boy to sleep, Caulfield said, calling her a "wonderful, wonderful lady."

"He'll be well taken care of," Caulfield promised. "I really appreciate everybody offering."

When Caulfield got home from church, people were parked in front of his mobile home, and Bear Dog was look-

"He's soaking this stuff right up. It's like he's making a liar out of me — 'I'm not ready to go yet.'"

Don Caulfield
owner

ing out the window. A man had a new fishing pole for him. Bear, who loved joining fishermen at the Cowlitz River in his younger days, had his own pole until it was stolen a year ago.

Another man brought over a top sirloin steak, a roast and a big tub of dog bones for Bear and Bear's sidekick Tommy, a Dachshund/ yellow Lab mix. Someone else brought over real bear-meat sausage.

Caulfield is thrilled and deeply touched by the attention to his loyal friend. A couple of months ago, he thought it was over for Bear, and Caulfield even started digging a grave.

Bear's back legs suddenly stopped working, and he had to crawl. Because Caulfield couldn't afford the vet's \$150 euthanasia fee, he considered shooting Bear Dog to put him out of his misery. But neither Caulfield nor his friends or children had the stomach to pull the



Bill Wagner / The Daily News

Grizzled and gray, Don Caulfield's black lab mix, Bear Dog, walks along the North County Recreation Sports Complex on Feb. 20 in Castle Rock. Bear Dog, 18 years of age, is a fixture at the complex for many years. Since The Daily News published an article about Bear Dog, the popular Castle Rock canine has received a slew of visitors, gifts and phone calls, Caulfield said Monday.

trigger.

Then Bear Dog fell down the porch steps, tweaked his back — and miraculously regained his ability to walk.

Monday, Bear Dog sat under a cedar tree and groomed himself "all pretty," as if he was preparing for visitors, Caulfield said.

"If you see him right now, he's all soft, furry and clean," he said.

Bear Dog had a big day. A KATU 2 news team from Portland came up to film a segment on him. He greeted kids who were walking by. When Caulfield returned home from Longview, more people were waiting to see Bear Dog, who

barreled onto the porch to meet them.

By late Monday afternoon, a tuckered out Bear Dog was snoring away in front of a heater in Caulfield's living room.

"He's soaking this stuff right up," Caulfield said. "It's like he's making a liar out of me — I'm not ready to go yet."

Coal Companies Hire 'Green' Strategists for Train Proposal

SWITCHING SIDES:

Several Environmental Strategists Now Pushing to Make the Pacific Northwest the Continent's Biggest Coal Exporter

By Brian M. Rosenthal
The Seattle Times

As executive director of Washington Conservation Voters, Bruce Gryniewski helped shape the organization into one of the state's most influential environmental groups.

Five years after leaving for a consulting firm, Gryniewski has resurfaced as a player in one of the biggest environmental battles in the Pacific Northwest in decades.

Only now he's working for the other side.

"Our firm has a passion for growing the Northwest economy," said Gryniewski, explaining his work in support of a proposed new coal port in Longview. He added, "I don't believe in this eco-McCarthyism view that if you work for coal, you can't do anything good in the world."

Gryniewski is among a group of local strategists with "green" reputations hired by coal companies to build support for the Longview facility and four other proposed ports in Washington and Oregon that would ship Rocky Mountain coal to Asia.

The proposals — which would bring hundreds of union-wage jobs and, at least temporarily, hundreds of millions of tons of coal to the Pacific Northwest — have cheered job-hungry workers but enraged environmentalists who are now hoping to use the debate to highlight the harmful effects of global warming.

As the proposals begin a yearslong approval process, the strategists are crafting advertisements, handling media relations, lobbying public officials and getting people to come to hearings or write letters to the editor.

Their firms were described in a recent report by the Sightline Institute, a prominent coal opponent. They include several that are well-known in Democratic circles in Seattle and Portland: Nyhus Communications, Edelman, Berk, ECONorthwest and Smith & Stark Strategic Solutions.

The unusual dynamic has caused a few awkward interactions between traditional allies

now turned adversaries, some state lawmakers said. Others argue that the situation illustrates a divide between the union and environmental wings of the Democratic Party.

In interviews, representatives from several of the firms argued the new jobs for the region would outweigh negative consequences from the coal, which they said Asian countries would get from somewhere anyway.

"I think it's an oversimplification to say that if you don't meet that demand, it will disappear," said Lauri Hennessey, a vice president at Edelman who has worked at the Environmental Protection Agency. "The more you dig into the whole complicated issue, I feel very, very proud about being involved."

As for personal relationships, Hennessey said she believes "it's very possible to disagree with someone and still respect them."

But some environmental leaders said reconciliation will be difficult this time simply because of the stakes of the fight.

"This isn't like being on different sides of a primary or something like that," said Brendon Cechovic, who now serves in Gryniewski's old role at Washington Conservation Voters. "This is a completely unprecedented proposal in our state's history. This is a big deal."

Port Proposals

The "unprecedented proposal" is actually five separate proposals of coal-shipping plans. Each involves different companies and is operating on different timelines.

In Washington, Peabody Energy and SSA Marine want to build the Gateway Pacific Terminal at Cherry Point near Ferndale to ship 48 million tons each year, and Ambre Energy and Arch Coal are hoping to construct the Millennium Bulk

Terminal in Longview to ship 44 million tons.

The other three, all smaller, would be in Oregon.

If all five are built, they would ship nearly 150 million tons of coal to China and other Asian countries — making the Pacific Northwest the largest exporter of the fossil fuel in North America.

There now are only two coal berths on the West Coast: in Alaska and southern British Columbia.

The scramble to increase exports stems from rising demand in Asia and declining American reliance on coal power.

But before construction, each proposal must pass a review by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state Department of Ecology and county governments.

Those agencies haven't even decided the scope of the reviews.

Supporters hope to limit the reviews to the economic and environmental effects on the immediate areas. Opponents want to include factors such as how mile-long trains hauling the coal westward would affect life in towns along the route and how burning coal affects the Earth — which would offer a platform to call attention to harmful effects of climate change.

Public input is part of the process. So supporters are focused on getting as many people on board as possible.

Public Relations

That's the job of the communications firms.

Gryniewski's firm, Gallatin Public Affairs, is doing public relations for the Longview project. The firm's point person is Aaron Toso, a former spokesman for then-Gov. Chris Gregoire.

Hennessey's firm, Edelman, is the voice behind the Alliance for Northwest Jobs and Exports,

a coalition of pro-export unions.

Nyhus is involved with another coalition, Move Forward Washington.

"We're proud of our environmental commitment — the work we've done for a variety of sustainable enterprises, from clean technology to green buildings," said Roger Nyhus, who served as a spokesman for then-Gov. Gary Locke. "I don't see that being inconsistent with the work that we're doing here."

Smith & Stark has done public relations for the project near Ferndale in Whatcom County. Gary Smith said he is personally involved with several environmental groups but doesn't often represent them professionally.

And ECONorthwest and Berk, which traditionally analyze projects on behalf of environmental groups and municipal governments, each did an analysis of an export proposal paid for by the coal companies.

Strategic Hiring

Opponents, who themselves are well-funded and organized, speculated that the coal companies intentionally hired strategists with green reputations.

"If you've fought shoulder to shoulder with someone for years on similar causes, it might make

your voice carry more weight," said state Rep. Jeff Morris, a Mount Vernon Democrat whose district is near Ferndale.

Indeed, Gryniewski's bio on Gallatin's website highlights his tenure at Washington Conservation Voters and notes that he brings "practical relationships and public policy knowledge to help business interests navigate the often-challenging political and regulatory environment in the Pacific Northwest."

The coal companies disputed the opponents' theory.

In a statement, Millennium CEO Ken Miller said his firm chose Gallatin because it is "a bipartisan firm with a successful track record working with brownfield-redevelopment sites and experience permitting large infrastructure projects."

Regardless of the reason for the hires, state Rep. Reuven Carlyle said he is "deeply disappointed" in the traditionally green strategists now working for the coal companies.

But then the Seattle Democrat paused and said he doesn't take it personally.

"It's just one of those realities when hundreds of millions of dollars are at stake," he said. "This is the gig, and the game we're in."

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CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Walmart Shoplifter

• Brian A. Lamb, 33, Chehalis, was cited and released for third-degree theft after he allegedly tried to shoplift a CB radio from Walmart at 10:33 p.m. Tuesday.

Graffiti

• Graffiti was reported on the 900 block of William Avenue at 11:11 a.m. Monday.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Damaged Mailbox

• Someone reported damage to a mailbox on the 600 block of South Gold Street at 12:23 p.m. Tuesday.

Stolen Cash

• Cash was reportedly stolen from a room on the 1300 block of Alexander Street. The theft was reported at 1:23 p.m. Tuesday.

Meth Possession

• Sara A. Jones, 36, Centra-

lia, was referred for criminal charges of alleged possession of methamphetamine on the 1300 block of Lakeshore Drive at 1:26 p.m. Tuesday.

Graffiti

• There was a report of a tagged building on the 600 block of Field Avenue at 3:07 p.m. Tuesday.

DUI

• Jared Torres, 21, Centralia, was arrested and booked for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday.

Malicious Mischief

• A glass door to a business on the 1200 block of Lum Road was discovered broken at 9:43 a.m. Monday, but no entry had been made.

Stolen Wallet

• A wallet was reported stolen while the victim was at work on the 900 block of South Scheuber Road at 10:20 a.m. Monday. The

• **DORIS LUCILE SHEARER**, 94, Centralia, died Sunday, Feb. 24, at Logan Street Manor, Centralia. No services are scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Brown Mortuary Service, Chehalis.

Lotteries

Washington's Tuesday Games

Mega Millions: 06-07-13-15-43, 7
Next jackpot: \$13 million
Match 4: 01-03-07-09
Daily Game: 1-5-5
Kenos: 05-10-12-14-19-24-25-26-40-42-57-58-59-61-63-64-67-70-74-78

Lewis County District Court

Lewis County District Court criminal cases, including sentences, fines, fees, and findings of not guilty or dismissals:

Held Jan. 2

• Brandon Elijah McGinnis, 18, Morton, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 347 suspended, fined \$2,500 with \$1,500 suspended, \$937 in fees.
• Melody Diane Visaya, 24, Rochester, first-degree negligent driving, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$1,600 with \$1,000 suspended, \$676 in fees.
• Christopher James Atoruk-Hail, 27, Silver Creek, 12 counts of protection order violation, dismissed with prejudice.
• Melvin Albert Kimbrel, 41, Rochester, (1) third-degree theft, (2) second-degree criminal trespassing, count 1 dismissed with prejudice, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600 on count 2, \$283 in fees.
• Ronald Raymond Litalien, 44, Centralia, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$2,500 with \$1,500 suspended, \$937 in fees.
• Sergio Isabel Rieger, 19, Rochester, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.
• Niko Joel Wilson, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, fined \$600, \$936 in fees.
• Casey Jonathan Rodman, 29, Vancouver, Wash., driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 334 suspended, fined \$2,500 with \$1,500 suspended, \$779 in fees.
• Theodore Miles May, 61, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 63 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.
• Daniel Bahata, 23, Seattle, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 76 suspended, fined \$750, \$706 in fees.
• Timothy J. Haston, 54, Chehalis, possession of marijuana, dismissed with prejudice.

Held Jan. 3

• Kevin C. Skeek, 30, Portland, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed without prejudice.
• Yousaf H. Elmi, 23, Portland, third-degree driving while license suspended, fined \$600, \$146 in fees.
• Nicholas Jacob Quillan, 32, Chehalis, third-degree driving while license suspended, fined \$600, \$146 in fees.
• Daniel E. Wallace, 32, Toledo, hit and run, unattended property, dismissed with prejudice.

wallet contained the victim's identification, credit cards and \$60.

Identity Theft

• A victim reported that she learned that someone was attempting to open credit in her name on the 100 block of North Scheuber Road at 12:17 p.m. Monday.

Restraining Order Violation

• Francisco T. Lamas, 27, Centralia, was arrested at 5:56 p.m. Monday on the 1300 block of Windsor Avenue for allegedly violating a restraining order his girlfriend had against him.

Vehicle Accident With Injuries

• Two people sustained minor injuries in a two-vehicle collision at Kresky Avenue and East Summa Street at 9:15 p.m. Monday. Both were transported to a hospital for treatment.

Burglary

• An unknown suspect reportedly threw a rock at the glass door of a business on the

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$3.75 (AAA of Washington)
Crude Oil — \$92.75 per barrel (CME Group)
Gold — \$1,597 (Monex)
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Corrections

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• Jessica Candice LaChance, 20, Morton, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed with prejudice.
• Christopher Joseph Maggard, 27, Toledo, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 89 suspended, fined \$600, \$575 in fees.
• Joshua James Meers, 30, Elma, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed with prejudice.
• Randy Clarkston Marrs, 25, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed without prejudice.
• Benny James Dyer, 27, Curtis, possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, dismissed with prejudice.
• Harry Kyle Dale Ray Fite, 23, Tumwater, (1) possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (2) use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, both counts dismissed with prejudice.
• Dennis Carl Keslar, 39, Castle Rock, second-degree recreational fishing, no license/catch card, dismissed with prejudice.
• Stacy Leigh Keslar, 40, Castle Rock, second-degree recreational fishing, no license/catch card, dismissed with prejudice.
• Ryan Anthony Sparnall, 30, Bellingham, (1) possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (2) use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, both counts dismissed with prejudice.
• Halley Lowell Hebert, 73, Riverside, Calif., obstructing law enforcement officer, dismissed with prejudice.
• Jonalyn Lampayan Muyot, 25, Eugene, Ore., third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed without prejudice.

Held Jan. 11

• Tiffany Anne Rudolph, 23, Vancouver, Wash., third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.
• Shannon Michelle Rambur, 36, Chehalis, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 359 suspended, fined \$750, \$1,935 in fees.
• Ronald W. Bojorquez, 44, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.
• Francis S. Gallegos, 27, Zillah, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$146 in fees.
• Conner Ashton Kohlmeier, 19, Centralia, failure to transfer title within 45 days, dismissed without prejudice.
• Ashley Huner, 24, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, fined \$600, \$246 in fees.

1300 block of South Gold Street at 4:53 a.m. Tuesday and entered the business to steal three packs of cigarettes.

Domestic Violence

• A 17-year-old male was arrested and booked into Lewis County Juvenile Detention for allegedly assaulting his older brother on the 1900 block of Honeysuckle Lane at 7:46 a.m. Tuesday.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Missing Phone

• A 38-year-old woman called police at about 8 p.m. Tuesday to report that she left her phone at the Community Church of God on the 3300 block of Borst Avenue outside of Centralia. The phone, a HTC smartphone, valued at \$75, was not at the church when she returned to look for it.

Stolen Bridge Pieces

• Deputies responded to

property on the 200 block of Kruger Road, which is owned by a lumber company based out of Kirkland, at 3 p.m. Friday. A company representative told deputies that sections from a 40-foot bridge were being stored on the property and recently a worker noticed that most of the bridge pieces were missing. There is a suspect who is currently in jail and is believed to be responsible for similar thefts in the area. The investigation is ongoing.

Vicious Dog

• A 40-year-old Chehalis man reported his neighbor's black lab chased and killed nine of his sheep on the 200 block of Pattee Road at 3:41 p.m. Monday. Each sheep was valued between \$600 and \$800. The man did not want his neighbor cited.

Stolen Logging Equipment

• A chain saw and tool box were reportedly stolen from Sierra Pacific Farm in Vader between Feb. 16 and Feb. 18.


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SHIRLEY H. FULLER
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elegant lady, she was strong minded, articulate and possessed a wonderful, acerbic sense of humor. She loved music and art, history, photography (especially of her flowers and garden) and traveling with Steve. Their home was always filled with culture, ideas and intellect. She read voraciously and was a prolific letter writer, corresponding regularly with friends and family. She was noted for her thoughtful prose and beautiful handwriting. An avowed animal lover, especially of cats, she generally knew the names and personalities of all the cats and dogs on her regular walking routes, well before she ever properly met their people! She will likely be reincarnated as a cat with the sole purpose of keeping some feline-loving family firmly under her paw. Shirley is survived by her daughter, Marise (Randy) Person and grandchildren, Adrian Person and Bronwyn (Jeff) Thomas. A memorial service will be held in Seattle on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at St. Mark's Cathedral, Thompson Chapel at 2:00 p.m. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the U of W School of Art or School of Music, or to PAWS. To view the obituary, please go to chronline.com/obituaries.

Shirley H. Fuller, of Seattle and Olympia, Wash., passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2013, age 95. The granddaughter of Centralia pioneers, David August and Magdalena Hilpert, she was born Shirley Lilla Evelyn Hilpert, in Centralia, Wash., on Aug. 18, 1917, to Reinhold and Lilla (Harrison) Hilpert. While still a young girl, the family moved to Pacific Beach, Wash., where she grew up, graduating from Moclips High School in 1935. In 1936, she moved to Seattle and worked as a switchboard operator, then hotel manager, while attending the University of Washington, School of Music. There she met her husband, UW professor of Fine Arts, Steven Fuller and they married in 1946, making their home in Seattle. From childhood on, Shirley studied music, becoming an accomplished classical pianist. An

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Centralia's Old Wastewater Treatment Buildings Scheduled to be Demolished

COMING DOWN:
Washington State Department of Transportation Will Pay for the Destruction of Buildings

By The Chronicle
Most of the structures that run along the side of the old wastewater treatment plant at 1401 Mellen St. in Centralia will be demolished this year, according to City Engineer Jan Stemkoski. The Centralia City Council approved the award of the wastewater treatment plant demolition project on Tuesday night to the lowest bidder, Groat Brothers, Inc., out of Woodland. The bid amount for the de-

molition is \$225,600. Stemkoski said the project is being funded 100 percent by the Washington State Department of Transportation, which needs the land on Mellen Street for the I-5, Mellen Street to Blakeslee Junction widening project. The city will pay the contractor out of wastewater department funds but then those funds will be reimbursed by the WSDOT, Stemkoski said. The demolition of the old primary and secondary digester, clarifier, trickling filter and pump station will likely begin in early April and take about three months, Stemkoski said. The Centralia Police Department will continue to use the remaining buildings for garage space, storage and an office building.



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Most of the buildings at the former Centralia wastewater treatment plant on Mellen Street — seen on the left in this photo taken on June 13, 2012, will be torn down. The Centralia City Council approved a \$225,600 contract on Tuesday for the demolition, which will begin in April and take about three months.

Coalition Files Legal Action Over Charter Law

SEATTLE (AP) — A coalition of educators and community groups on Wednesday filed a legal challenge with the state attorney general, questioning the constitutionality of Washington's new charter schools law. The three-page "legal demand" asks Attorney General Bob Ferguson to investigate seven constitutional issues with the law approved by voters in November. The coalition — led by the Washington Education Association, the League of Women Voters and El Centro del la Raza — says if the attorney general doesn't take action, they will file a lawsuit in state courts. Their issues range from the way the law would divert money from

public schools to private non-profit organizations to a perceived violation of the requirement that the superintendent of public instruction should supervise everything related to public schools. They question the way levy dollars could be converted to a new purpose without consulting voters if a regular public school is converted to a charter school, as is allowed under the new law. The group, which includes the state's largest teachers' union, doesn't like a provision of the new law that restricts collective bargaining units of charter school employees to the school in which they work. "The Charter School Act is an unconstitutional law that im-

pedes the state's progress toward fully funding public education and places even greater pressure on school districts to fill this gap," their letter said. The attorney general's office did not immediately reply to a phone call requesting comment. Washington became the 42nd state to OK the independent public schools in November. Voters authorized the opening of up to 40 charter schools over five years. The new law sets up a Charter School Commission to authorize groups to open charter schools and puts the State Board of Education in charge of approving applications by local school districts that also want to authorize charter schools.

Gun Control Supporters to Form Lobbying Coalition

OLYMPIA (AP) — Gun control advocates in Washington state are forming a coalition to lobby state lawmakers, hoping to help usher passage of a plan to expand background checks. Democratic consultant Christian Sinderman said Tuesday the new group will focus this year on supporting lawmakers who take difficult votes on the issue and organize public efforts to keep pressure on the Legislature.

"We're hearing messages from legislators who want to be supportive that they're nervous about their electorate and how this issue is perceived," Sinderman said. The Washington Alliance for Gun Responsibility will officially launch its work next week. Gun buyers currently have to undergo a background check when they purchase a weapon from a federally licensed firearms dealer. Under a new bill,

background checks would be extended to private gun sales, with supporters saying criminals can use that type of sale to bypass oversight. The National Rifle Association has testified against the idea and has been pressuring lawmakers to reject the plan. The group sent out mailings recently targeting Republican Rep. Mike Hope, a Seattle police officer who has worked to develop the background checks bill.

News in Brief

Since 2011, 156 Washington schools have won the award, which is based on how the schools improve the nutrition of the foods served, educate students about health and increase opportunities for physical fitness. "There are many components to student success," said Randy Dorn, superintendent of public instruction, in a press release. "One of them is that they receive proper nutrition. All of these schools are doing a great job in that area, and I thank them."

Four levels of awards are given: bronze, silver, gold and gold of distinction, with increasingly stringent criteria for each level. Each award comes with a monetary prize: \$500 for bronze; \$1,000 for silver; \$1,500 for gold; and \$2,000 for gold of distinction. All five schools in Lewis County earned the bronze level prize and will receive \$500. Lewis County schools receiving health improvement awards were:

- Cascade Elementary School, Chehalis
- Olympic Elementary School, Chehalis
- R.E. Bennett Elementary School, Chehalis
- Onalaska Elementary School
- Onalaska Middle School

State Senate Passes Child Sex Trafficking Measure

OLYMPIA (AP) — The Washington state Senate has unanimously passed a measure to establish a task force to help fight the commercial sexual exploitation of minors. Passed on Wednesday, the measure would establish the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Statewide Coordinating Committee. That body would look at how local and re-

PFD Calls Special Meeting to Address Event Center Soil Issue

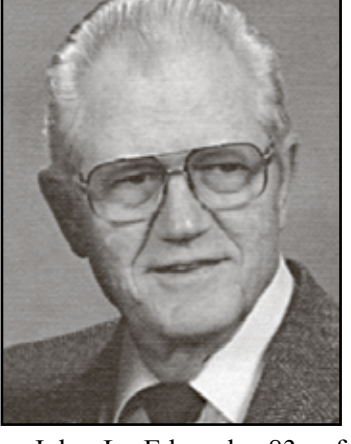
By The Chronicle
The Lewis County Public Facilities District Board will hold a special meeting today to address a problem at the Lewis County Event Center construction site where soil is not compacting as predicted, which could cause a delay or increase in costs. Project Manager Mike Swarthout said the construction crew is running into weakened soils from working in the wintertime that are not compacting on the site at Pioneer Way and Allen Street in Centralia. Swarthout said about 50 percent of the soil is adequate, but that the remaining soil needs to be either removed, replaced or allowed to dry out. The weakened soils need about two to three weeks of dry weather, Swarthout said. Even then, there is no guarantee the materials will be better. The special meeting will be held at 4 p.m. today at the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis. PFD Chair Todd Chaput said the board needed to meet in person for the public meeting rather than communicate via email. Chaput said the PFD will determine a contingency plan with contractor Kaufman Construction, out of Olympia, to possibly submit a change order or schedule a delay in work.

Five Schools in Lewis County Win National Nutrition Award

By The Chronicle
Five schools in Lewis County — three in Chehalis, two in Onalaska — recently were among 74 to win national awards for improving the health of their students.

In Remembrance

JOHN L. EDWARDS



John L. Edwards, 83, of Centralia, Wash., passed away on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013 at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash. John was born on Sept. 4, 1929 to Emmert and Myrtle "Rose" (Tinnin) Edwards in Phoenix, Ariz. John had four siblings, Phillip, Hazel, Phyllis and Genevieve. On April 3, 1948, John married the love of his life, Ellen Gibson, together they reared five children, Rose, Emert, Beverly, Kathy and Phillip. John worked 20 years for the WIDCO Coal Mine as a blasting supervisor, he retired in 1990. In his spare time, John enjoyed fishing, hunting and farming. John is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Ellen Edwards, children, Rose (Robert) Edwards, Emert (Becky) Edwards, Beverly Webb and Kathy (Dennis) Degnan, 17 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and sisters, Hazel Hurley and Phyllis Brosnahan. John was preceded in death by his parents, and son, Phillip. John's family welcomes friends and family members to join them for a visitation at 1:00 p.m. and funeral service at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Brown Mortuary, 299 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis. There will not be a graveside service; John's final resting place will be at Claquato Cemetery in Chehalis.

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

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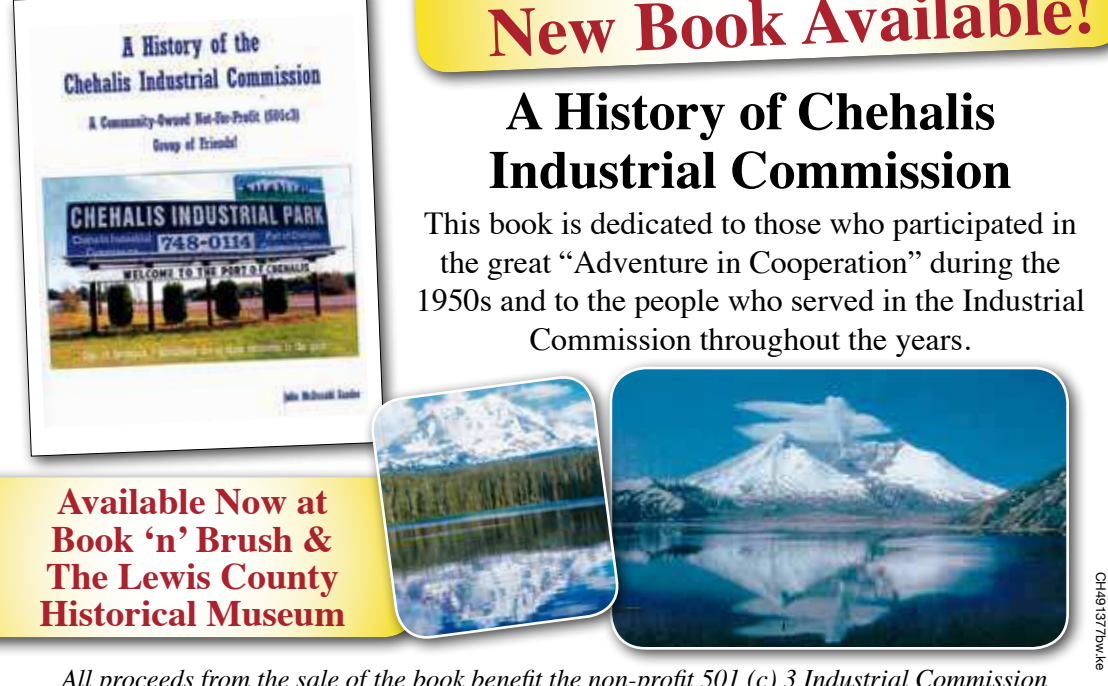
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Cases of Advanced Breast Cancer Rise in Younger Women

UW STUDY: Rates of Advanced Breast Cancer Among Younger Women Have Been Steadily Increasing Since 1976

By Carol M. Ostrom
The Seattle Times

The likelihood that a woman age 25 to 39 will be diagnosed with advanced breast cancer has steadily increased since the mid-1970s, researchers from Seattle Children's and Oregon Health and Science University have found.

Analyzing data from hundreds of thousands of cases collected in three national cancer registries, the researchers, whose work is published in Wednesday's issue of JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association), found no other age group had such an increase.

Although breast cancer overall is relatively rare in younger women, it is the most common malignant tumor in young adult women, who tend to experience more aggressive disease and have lower survival rates, the study's authors said.

The study looked at the extent of disease at the time of original diagnosis, comparing the change in incidence in each age group from 1976 to 2009.

The increase in incidence of metastatic disease in the 25-39 age group was small — an increase of 1.37 cases per year for every 100,000 women — but statistically significant and steady throughout the time period, said the study's lead researcher, Dr. Rebecca Johnson, medical director of the Adolescent and Young Adult oncology program at Seattle Children's.

Since 1992, when data on race and geographic location were added to the databases, the increase among women in that age group occurred in all races and ethnicities evaluated and in both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, the researchers said.

Non-Hispanic white women and African-American women, as well as women with estrogen-receptor positive subtypes of cancer, appear to have been most affected.

186 Percent Increase

Over the time period analyzed in the study, the number of women ages 25-39 in the U.S. grew from about 22 million to approximately 28 to 30 million — a figure that's been steady since the 1980s, Johnson noted. That's an increase of about 36 percent.

But in the same period, the number of women in that age group with an original diagnosis of metastatic breast cancer increased from 293 in 1976 to 838 in 2009, an increase of 186 percent.

No other age group had a similar increase.

Breast-cancer expert Dr. Julie Gralow, who was not involved in this study, added there is no evidence that breast cancer overall in this age group is increasing.

She said it may be that advanced breast-cancer incidence is not actually increasing in the



Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

Dr. Rebecca Johnson, a cancer specialist at Seattle Children's Hospital, poses in an exam room at the hospital in Seattle on Monday. Johnson is the lead author of a new study that shows that advanced breast cancer cases have increased slightly among young women, a 34-year analysis suggests, raising many questions about possible reasons even as the disease remains uncommon in women younger than 40. Johnson herself was diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer at age 27, 17 years ago. Unlike women in the study, Johnson's cancer was caught early.

young age group, but appears to be as a result of better imaging.

"Are we just looking harder with better technology?" asked Gralow, director of breast-medical oncology at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.

Breast cancer in young women, which has long been known to be more aggressive, is now a hot topic, she said, and has been the focus of recent meetings.

She wonders how many of the young women ultimately diagnosed with advanced cancer presented their symptoms much earlier to a health-care provider, "and if the disease had been recognized and worked up at that time, could we have prevented the Stage IV diagnosis?"

Whether the findings of the study are verified, she said, "we're still not doing a good job of finding breast cancer in young women."

Johnson said she and her colleagues went through statistical calculations to rule out the possibility that the shift might have been caused by changes over the decades in the way cancers are staged — the process doctors use to determine how far the cancer has spread. "Stage migration couldn't account for this change," she said.

With one exception, rates of advanced breast cancer did not increase for any other age group.

Despite the findings, Johnson said she does not believe the data suggest changing current screening recommendations for young women, in part because of the risk of radiation from widespread use of mammograms.

But younger women should be vigilant and seek diagnosis promptly if they discover a breast lump, she said.

"Delayed diagnosis is a huge problem for this age group, which is most likely to be uninsured," she said. "They may notice a lump and think it's nothing, and not go in very promptly."

And doctors may advise watching and waiting instead of taking steps to diagnose.

"If people are vigilant, if women go in promptly for evaluation, and doctors do biopsies promptly, it's possible that some of this trend could be abated or controlled or even decrease," Johnson said.

But it's also possible, she warned, that the tumors in young women are of a type that metastasize before women could feel a lump.

A Personal Interest

Johnson, who was diagnosed with breast cancer herself in her 20s, soon after finishing medical school, has long had a particular interest in cancer in children.

After she was diagnosed, she said, it seemed that "people came out of the woodwork" to tell her about other young women with breast cancer. The literature said it was rare in that age group, she recalled, "but it wasn't so rare, it seemed to me."

Although breast cancer isn't something she treats at Seattle Children's, as a member of a cancer-research group called the Critical Mass Young Adult Cancer Alliance she took on the task of looking more closely at the incidence of different stages of that cancer at diagnosis.

The focus of the group is to look at how cancer differs in young people as compared to older patients.

In earlier work, Dr. Archie Bleyer of Oregon Health and Science University, a co-author of the study, found that a woman under age 40 has a 1 in 173 chance of developing breast cancer.

He and others have also published studies showing that while survival rates for adults with cancer have increased sig-

nificantly over the past three decades, in general that hasn't been true for teens and young adults, and for some age groups there have been no significant increases in survival.

"We're interested in these trends," Johnson said, "with the hypothesis that cancers of adolescents and young adults may have unique biological features that more research may uncover."

She hopes future studies may reveal why the rate of metastatic

breast cancer in young women has increased.

"The rate of this change has been so rapid we think it's likely there's some sort of external factor," she said — perhaps a "modifiable risk factor" such as obesity, alcohol use, the age when a woman first gives birth, an environmental toxin exposure, or a combination of factors.

"It could be complicated, it could be simple, or something we haven't thought of yet," Johnson said.

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News in Brief

Recommendation on Boeing 787s Expected Next Week

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the Federal Aviation Administration says he expects a recommendation from his staff next week on whether to accept Boeing's plan to fix its troubled 787 Dreamliners so that the planes can resume flying.

FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said agency officials are reviewing a Boeing proposal to revamp the 787's lithium ion batteries to prevent the batteries from catching fire, or to protect the plane should a fire occur.

He declined to say when he might make a final decision on the plan, once he receives the recommendation. Calling the proposal "comprehensive," Huerta said it addresses several potential causes of a battery fire in a 787 parked in Boston and a smoking battery in another

787 that caused the planes to be grounded last month.

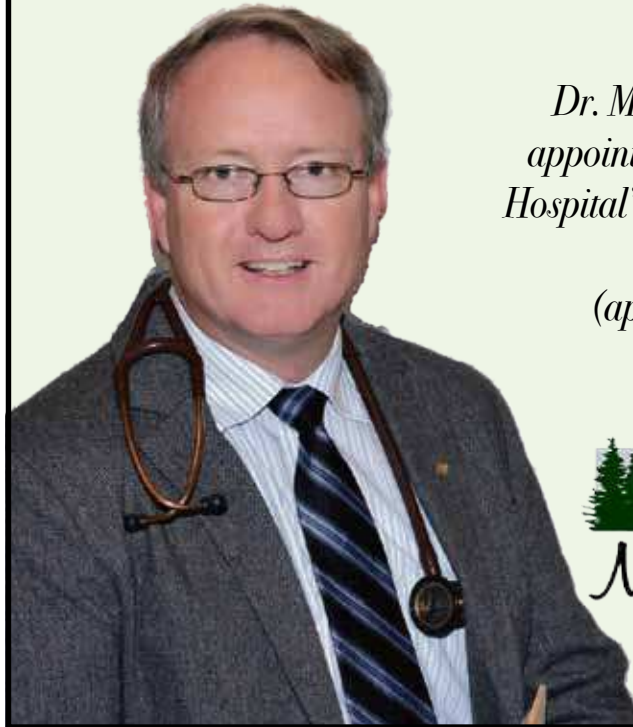
Sunken Scrap Cars Must Be Removed From Tacoma Bay

TACOMA (AP) — The Washington Ecology Department says scrapped cars that fell off a listing barge into Tacoma's Commencement Bay must be removed.

Spokeswoman Linda Kent said Wednesday there had been some thought to leaving the six to 10 crushed cars on the bottom, but there's a risk of pollution from residual oils and other concerns. Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Toni Droscher says they are on state-owned aquatic land.

Kent says the barge company, Amix Marine Services of Surrey, British Columbia, is responsible for pulling the cars out of 240 feet of water.

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Nation in Brief

Hagel Takes Charge as Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chuck Hagel takes charge at the Defense Department with deep budget cuts looming and Republican opponents still doubtful that he's up to the job.

Hagel is expected to be sworn in Wednesday and is likely to address the staff in his first day as defense secretary. The bitter, seven-week fight over his nomination ended Tuesday as a deeply divided Senate voted 58-41 to confirm him. Just four Republicans joined Democrats in backing the former two-term Republican senator from Nebraska and twice-wounded Vietnam combat veteran.

Hagel promised to work closely with Congress, but he faces lingering reservations about his ability to handle the responsibilities. Shortly after the vote, Sen. Lindsey Graham said he still has serious questions about Hagel and his qualifications.

"I hope, for the sake of our own national security, he exceeds expectations," said the South Carolina Republican.

Anti-Gun Democrat Backed by NY Mayor Wins Chicago Primary to Replace Ex-U.S. Rep. Jackson Jr.

CHICAGO (AP) — The newly-elected Democratic nominee to replace disgraced former U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. vowed to become a leader in the fight for federal gun control and directly challenged the National Rifle Association in her victory speech.

But it remains to be seen if Robin Kelly's primary win Tuesday night in the Chicago-area district, aided by a \$2 million ad campaign funded by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's super PAC, would fuel the national debate.

Kelly, a former state representative, emerged early as a voice for gun control in the truncated primary season after Jackson resigned in November. She gained huge momentum as Bloomberg's super PAC poured money into anti-gun television ads in her favor that blasted one of her Democratic opponents, former U.S. Rep. Debbie Halvorson, for receiving a previous high rating from the NRA. Kelly supports an assault weapons ban, while Halvorson does not.

Kelly promised in her victory speech later Tuesday night to fight "until gun violence is no longer a nightly feature on the evening news" and directly addressed the NRA, saying "their days of holding our country hostage are coming to an end."

Michelle Obama's Anti-Childhood Obesity Campaign Prompts Food Industry Change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wal-Mart is putting special labels on some store-brand products to help shoppers quickly spot healthier items. Millions of schoolchildren are helping themselves to vegetables from salad bars in their lunchrooms, while kids' meals at Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants automatically come with a side of fruit or vegetables and a glass of low-fat milk.

The changes put in place by the food industry are in response to the campaign against childhood obesity that Michelle Obama began waging three years ago. More changes are in store.

Influencing policy posed more of a challenge for the first lady, and not everyone welcomed her effort, criticizing it as a case of unwanted government intrusion.

Still, nutrition advocates and others give her credit for using her clout to help bring a range of interests to the table. They hope the increased awareness she has generated through speeches, her garden and her physical exploits will translate into further reductions in childhood obesity rates long after she leaves the White House.

Budget Battle Guide: A Big Fiscal Pileup

By Calvin Woodward and Connie Cass

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's leaders have threatened to shut the government down, drive it over a cliff and bounce it off the ceiling. Now they're ready to smack it with a "sequester." And it looks like they mean it this time.

Big, scary-sounding cuts in federal spending are set to begin Friday. Should Americans be worried?

A primer on the nation's latest fiscal standoff — how we got here, who could get hurt and possible ways to end this thing:

What, again?

Like life in a bad Road Runner cartoon, the United States has survived the New Year's "fiscal cliff," double rounds of debt-ceiling roulette and various budget blow-ups over the past two years. Now the threat is \$85 billion in indiscriminate spending cuts that would hit most federal programs and fall hardest on the military. Pentagon programs are slated for an 8 percent cut; other agencies would lose 5 percent for the current budget year.

By law, these cuts known as the "sequester" begin unfolding automatically at week's end unless President Barack Obama and Congress act to stop them. Even after they've begun, the cuts still could be halted or reversed through legislation.

Why did Congress and

Obama agree to automatic cuts they don't like? To corner themselves into getting the nation's deficit under control.

Isn't deficit-cutting good?

Obama, nearly all of Congress and plenty of economists say two things:

1) The budget deficit needs to be reduced.

2) The sequester is the wrong way to do it.

"Only a fool would do it this way," says Paul Light, a budget expert at New York University. "Primordial. It's beyond belief."

It makes him think of the movie "Dr. Strangelove," with Slim Pickens riding bronco on an atomic bomb, waving his cowboy hat.

The sequester was designed to land with a mighty splat — to create such a mess if allowed to occur that lawmakers would do the right and honorable thing and negotiate a measured, meaningful and discerning package of deficit reduction to head it off. But that didn't happen, so the sequester is about to.

And, yes, that should mean progress on the nation's debt. The sequester is one of several developments expected to restrain the nation's red ink after four straight years of deficits topping \$1 trillion.

Are the cuts really that bad?

It's unlikely they will be as bad — or at least as immediate —

as some overexcited members of the Obama administration have made out. But the cuts have the potential to be significant if the standoff drags on.

Early on, about 2 million long-term unemployed people could see a \$30 cut in benefit checks now averaging \$300 a week. Federal subsidies for school construction, clean energy and state and local public works projects could be pinched. Low-income pregnant women and new mothers may find it harder to sign up for food aid.

Much depends on how states and communities manage any shortfalls in aid from Washington.

Furloughs of federal employees are for the most part a month or more away. Then, they might have to take up to a day off per week without pay.

An impasse lasting into the fall would reach farther, probably shrinking Head Start slots, for example.

Much of the federal budget is off-limits to the automatic cuts. Among exempted programs: Social Security, Medicaid, food stamps, Pell Grants and veterans' programs.

Even so, officials warn of a hollowed-out military capability, compromised border security and spreading deterioration of public services if the sequester continues. It's "like a rolling ball," said Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano. "It keeps growing."

World in Brief

Pope Greet Pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for Final Time; Thousands on Hand to Bid Farewell

VATICAN CITY (AP) —

Pope Benedict XVI is greeting pilgrims in St. Peter's Square for the final time before retiring, waving to tens of thousands of people who have gathered to bid him farewell.



Pope Benedict XVI retiring

Benedict was driven around the square in an open-sided vehicle, surrounded by bodyguards. At one point he stopped to kiss a baby handed up to him by his secretary.

St. Peter's was overflowing and pilgrims and curiosity-seekers were picking spots along the main boulevard nearby to watch Wednesday's event on giant TV screens. Some 50,000 tickets were requested for Benedict's final master class on the Catholic faith, but Italian media estimated the number of people actually attending could be double that.

Kerry Talks With France About Next Steps Toward Boosting Syrian Rebels, Pressuring Iran

PARIS (AP) — New U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has held his first official meeting with France's leadership amid increasing efforts by both countries to bolster Syria's opposition.

Kerry met Wednesday with French President Francois Hollande in Paris, chatting in French on the front steps of the Elysee Palace.

The war in Syria and Iran's nuclear program have topped the agenda of Kerry's tour of Europe and the Middle East.

Officials in the United States and Europe said Tuesday the U.S. administration is nearing a decision on whether to provide non-lethal assistance to carefully vetted fighters opposed to Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime.

France, Syria's onetime colonial ruler, is also seeking ways to provide more support for Syria's opposition coalition after two years of fighting Assad's government crackdown.

Challenge of Forming Coalition Government in Italy: Protest Vote Against Austerity Measures

ROME (AP) — A center-left group of parties appears to have the best shot at forming a coalition government in Italy after an inconclusive national election, but the challenge is steep and comes amid public anger over austerity measures.

If Italian parties fail to form a governing coalition, new elections would be required, causing more uncertainty and a leadership vacuum, and that possibility rattled financial markets across Europe on Tuesday. In early Wednesday trading in Milan, the FTSE MIB rebounded 0.8 percent. However, the index has a long way to go to recoup the previous day's 4.9 percent fall.

Pier Luigi Bersani and his center-left allies appeared on Tuesday to have won a narrow victory in the lower house of parliament, while the Senate looks split with no party in control. Silvio Berlusconi, the former Italian premier whose center-right coalition did better than expected, is a key player since his coalition is now the second-biggest bloc in the upper chamber.

Comic-turned-political leader Beppe Grillo, whose 5 Star Movement capitalized on a wave of voter disgust with the ruling political class, had a surprisingly strong showing. His bloc of seats in Parliament could prove crucial in making any coalition government viable.

Tears in Senate Hearing Over Gun Violence



Susan Walsh / The Associated Press

Neil Heslin, the father of a 6-year-old boy who was slain in the Sandy Hook massacre in Newtown, Conn., on Dec. 14, holds a picture of himself with his son Jesse and wipes his eye while testifying on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of the Assault Weapons Ban of 2013. "Jesse was the love of my life," Heslin said, sobbing. "He was the only family I had left. It's hard for me to be here today to talk about my deceased son. I have to. I'm his voice." Heslin said his son died as he was telling other children to run when the first shots were fired. Ten children from his son's class made it to safety.

Report: Indian Casinos Revenue Up Slightly in 2011

By Stephen Singer

The Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Indian casinos brushed off weak consumer spending in a sluggish U.S. economic recovery to post a modest increase in revenue in 2011, an industry study reported Wednesday.

Not only did revenue rise 3 percent, to \$27.4 billion, but Indian casinos are holding on to their share of total casino gambling revenue, competing closely with commercial casinos, according to the report, "Casino City's Indian Gaming Industry Report."

THE REVENUE INCREASE is the second in as many years following a first-ever drop in Indian casino revenue in 2009 as the worst recession in decades took its toll on consumer spending. The back-to-back increases in revenue are encouraging, the report said.

"The question is how much further can Indian gaming

grow?" author Alan Meister said.

Indian gambling was slowing before the start of the recession in late 2007 due to legislation, regulations and court decisions that restricted the types of games offered by Indian casinos, the number of states where gambling is permitted and other limits, he said.

The outlook for Indian gambling now appears healthy because the economy is expected to continue improving, restoring consumer spending, Meister said. In addition, many tribes are upgrading, expanding and replacing casinos.

INDIAN-RUN CASINOS such as those in Alabama and Nebraska, he said, enjoy the advantage of being closer to consumers than many commercial casinos. "They're a good alternative to Vegas that's closer to home," he said.

But the long-term outlook for Indian gambling is uncertain, Meister said. Potential threats include continuing legal

challenges — such as a land dispute court case in Michigan that Meister said increases the likelihood of other legal challenges to gambling projects — and state regulations that restrict Indian casinos and limit expansion. Indian casinos face "a lot more" restrictions than their commercial counterparts, he said.

"That, in some ways, holds back Indian gaming from what it could potentially be," Meister said.

OTHER POTENTIAL challenges include increasingly saturated markets, rising competition and Internet gambling.

Indian gambling generated about 43 percent of U.S. casino gambling revenue in 2011, the report said. Revenue at commercial casinos was 45 percent and revenue from racinos — casinos that operate at race tracks — accounted for the remaining 12 percent. That's unchanged from 2010, but represents a huge gain from the Indian casino share of less than 20 percent in 1993.

Rodeo Association Hopes to Bring Bull Riding to Lewis County

EVENTS: Rodeo Association Plans to Host Bull Riding at the Southwest Washington Fair

By Kyle Spurr
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Bull riders around Lewis County looking for organized rodeo events will have multiple opportunities this year to compete locally.

The Southwest Washington Rodeo Association, formed last May, is working with the Southwest Washington Fair to hold a bull riding event on Thursday, Aug. 15, during the fair.

Rodeo Association President Ryan Acevedo said details are still being negotiated, but the fair is on board to help bring the bull-riding event to Chehalis.

"We want to keep it local, and give the local people an opportunity to get involved and make it a community event," Acevedo said.

Tony Story, the Rodeo Association treasurer, said the bull riding event at the fair would run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and have 40 bulls and 30 riders.

Kelso Police Nab Man Wanted in Lewis, Cowlitz Counties

By The Chronicle

A man who was featured on Washington's Most Wanted for being a suspect in several identity theft, theft and fraud cases in both Cowlitz and Lewis counties was arrested Monday night after police located him in a wooded area outside of Kelso, according to a press release from the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office released an advisory in late January that asked the public to be on the lookout for Charles R. Reece, 37, who was wanted by law enforcement agencies in both Cowlitz and Lewis counties.



Charles R. Reece arrested

Reece was known to use several different aliases, according to the sheriff's office. He was also believed to be involved in a recent theft at Chehalis Rentals.

He was arrested after deputies from the Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office responded at 10 p.m. Monday to a call from a resident on Hazel Dell Road, about four miles north of Kelso. The caller reported that a man was yelling for help in the woods, according to the release. Deputies searched the woods and located a man who identified himself as Jonathan Benson. Police were able to correctly identify him as Reece because of his tattoos.

Reece was treated and released at PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center for minor injuries he sustained while lost in the woods, according to the release. He was then booked into the Cowlitz County Jail.

The rodeo association is accepting sponsors to fund the event, which Story said is expected to cost nearly \$30,000.

Those interested in sponsoring the event or volunteering with the association can call Story at (360) 623-4749.

Acevedo, who rode bulls for about 10 years, said he eventually wants the Rodeo Association to have a full weekend rodeo event in Lewis County for the first time since 2007 when the Lewis County Roundup Rodeo hosted events.

The Lewis County Roundup Rodeo lost funding after 2007 and stopped putting on rodeos.

Nearly six years later, the Rodeo Association is now organizing the bull riding at the fair and a jackpot bull riding event in Silver Creek on May 25 at 6 p.m.

Acevedo said the jackpot bull

riding will have 20 bulls and cost \$10 for each rider to compete.

Both the fair and jackpot events will use bulls from the LazyHK Bar Rodeo Company, run by Harlan Knowles, of Silver Creek. Knowles' property at 365 Schoen Road will be used for the jackpot competition.

The Rodeo Association will also host a silent auction at the Napavine Feed Store on March 16 at 7 p.m. to raise money for future rodeo events.

The Rodeo Association is run by Acevedo, Story, Vice President Craig Smith, Secretary Jodi Bruen and Directors Robbie Acevedo, Clinton Lupo and Jeff and Myrna Rohr.

The association meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the historical building at the Southwest Washington fairgrounds.



The Chronicle, file photo

Jason Sherman of Washougal rides Y15 Cool Whip during the bareback riding event of the 2004 Lewis County Pro-Rodeo at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. A pro-rodeo could return to the fairgrounds this summer after a years-long absence.



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NWAACC Women's Basketball

The Last-Minute Addition

After a Year Off, Rainier's Kristen Schoenherr a Welcome Addition to Lady Blazers



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Centralia College's Kristen Schoenherr drives to the hoop during a home game against Clackamas on Dec. 19. Schoenherr, a 2011 Rainier High School graduate, was voted the NWAACC Western Region's MVP and Freshman of the Year.

RETURN TO FORM:

Schoenherr Leading West Division-Champion Blazers in Scoring, Rebounding

By Aaron VanTuyl

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Shane Schutz can't help but grin when he tells the story.

The Centralia College women's basketball coach was on the phone with a recruit, a girl out of California, in July. The recruit wasn't headed for the Hub City, after all.

"Two minutes after the conversation with the California kid, Kristen (Schoenherr) calls," he said. "She said, 'Hey, would you allow me to walk on to your team? I miss basketball.'"

Schutz had known Kristen Schoenherr since her middle school days at Rainier High School, when Schutz' sister had been Schoenherr's coach. And from her storied prep career, in



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Centralia's Kristen Schoenherr (right) slaps hands with teammate Sabra Sproul (left) during pregame introductions in a home game against Clark in January.

which she led the Mountaineers — Schutz' alma mater — to the state playoffs three years in a row, and won the SWW 1A Evergreen MVP award as a senior. And from the Mountain-

ers playing at Napavine's holiday hoops tournament, when Schutz was the Tigers' head coach.

And from the summer of Schoenherr's junior year, when

she played on Schutz' select summer team. And from 2011, her senior year, when Schutz was about the only basketball coach to seriously recruit the multi-sport standout.

Schoenherr was anxious dialing the phone. Schutz was thrilled when he picked up.

"I just didn't know what he'd say," she recalled. "He was like, 'Absolutely. It's music to my ears.'"

The call has had ramifications throughout the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges. Schoenherr, after a year off from serious athletics, was voted the West Division's Most Valuable Player. The 5-foot-9 forward scored 16.5 points a game (11th in the NWAACC), grabbed 8.8 rebounds a game (eighth), and added 2.5 steals and 2.3 assists to help Centralia repeat as West Division champions.

"I didn't expect anything, to be honest," she said of the

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Two Blazers Named to NWAACC All-Star Team

By Brandon Hansen

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Centralia College mens basketball team had two players named to the NWAACC All-Star Team after they concluded the regular season with a 18-9 overall record and a third-place finish in the West Division.

Sophomore point guard Van Lockett, who hails from La-Grange, LA, got Western Region first team honors along with being named to the region's all-defensive team.

"His consistency and leadership gave us the opportunity to get where we are at this year," Centralia College coach Jason Moir said. "He's going to be missed next year. It's tough to find a guard like him that can score and play defense like he does. He's good at distributing the ball and expects as much from his team as he does from himself."

Lockett averaged 17.7 points per game this year, and was ninth in the NWAACC in assists with 4.6 per game. He was also third in the NWAACC in steals with 7.9.

Mozeek Waggener, of Ozen, TX, was named to the West Division second team after finishing ninth in the NWAACC with 9 rebounds per game. He also averaged 11.6 points per game and led the team with 28 blocks on the season.

"Defensively he challenged a lot of shots," Moir said. "Offensively, he kept a lot of possessions alive with his rebounding and defensively he eliminated a lot of other teams' possessions."

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Lady Blazers Headline All-Region Voting

By Aaron VanTuyl

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The Lady Blazers headlined the NWAACC All-Western Region voting this season, after winning the league title with a 14-2 record.

Centralia's Kristen Schoenherr was voted the league's MVP and Freshman of the Year, and teammate Shanae Sauls was the All-Region Defensive Player of the Year.

Schoenherr scored 16.5 points and grabbed 8.8 rebounds a game for Centralia, while Sauls led the team in minutes played, grabbed 4.4 rebounds a game and was an All-Region second-team selection.

"Some people can't move their feet quick enough, or read the offense, but she's real good at that," Schoenherr said of Sauls. "She's hard to defend, and she's a great defender."

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Ooops

Seattle Mariners' Brad Miller, left, drops a fly ball hit by Cleveland Indians' Giovanny Urshela in the eighth inning during a spring training game on Wednesday, in Goodyear, Ariz.



Ross D. Franklin / The Associated Press

The Final Word

Thursday's Local State Basketball Matchups

In Yakima State 1A Boys Basketball
Okanogan (23-1) vs. Toledo, 7:15 p.m.

In Yakima State 2A Girls Basketball
Cedarcrest vs. W.F. West, 5:30 p.m.

In Spokane State 2B Girls Basketball
Morton-WP (18-7) vs. DeSales (14-6), 3:45 p.m.

NW Christian (21-6) vs. Napavine (20-6), 7:15 p.m.
Onalaska (20-6) vs. Pe Ell (23-1), 9 p.m.

In Spokane State 2B Boys Basketball
Wahkiakum (19-7) vs. Winlock (11-14), 9 a.m.

Morton-White Pass (21-3) vs. St. George's (26-1), 2 p.m.



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Forecasts Predict Strong Salmon Fishing In The Columbia

By Mark Yusa
The Seattle Times

Salmon anglers could see another blissful summer and fall fishing season.

Fisheries officials are predicting a record 677,900 Columbia River fall chinook return, the highest since 2004 and greater than the 10-year average actual return of 547,900 and larger than 512,300 last year. The fall runs are split into six different stocks.

"I see the Columbia fall chinook forecasts as definitely being a good thing for our ocean and river fisheries," said Pat Pattillo, the assistant to the state Fish and Wildlife director. "While things are still in the very preliminary stages, it does give us a little more breathing room, and triggers an allowance for a slightly higher harvest."

"The early spring ocean fisheries (where only hatchery-marked chinook may be kept) are driven by these stocks, and we had such a great season last year," Pattillo said. "Mark rates in June were in the 70 to 80 percent range."

The Columbia River fall upriver bright stock is a record forecast of 432,500, and the highest actual return was 420,700 in 1987.

This stock tends to bite fairly well even when they arrive way up in the Hanford Reach area and as far as the Lower Snake



Mark Yuasa/The Seattle Times

Joe Hymer, a state Fish and Wildlife biologist in Vancouver, releases a 15-pound chinook recently caught in the Lower Columbia River.

River. Many are also caught in the Lower Columbia mainstem fisheries.

The hatchery portion of the upriver fall chinook return is also a record high forecast of 70,000.

The actual return last year was 46,300 with a record high of 67,400 in 2003.

The lower river chinook forecast is 88,000, which is on par to the five-year average of 87,000 and the actual return last year of 84,800 (127,000 was the forecast).

The Columbia coho forecast of 716,400 (compared to a forecast of 632,700 last year, and an actual run of 306,100) was

released a few weeks ago, and it's also looking much stronger compared to recent years.

Some Puget Sound forecasts have come to light, and anglers could see another decent summer season not only for chinook and coho, but for an abundant pink return.

"I don't have all the (forecast)

numbers, but the Puget Sound fishing season might align well again," Pattillo said. "It looks like we'll have the same strength of chinook returns, and then it could roll right into coho plus pinks."

The Skagit River coho forecast is 120,000 to 130,000, which is almost twice as large as last year's prediction and higher than the actual return.

"I'm really excited about what I've seen so far, and you really need to grab hold of all this optimism," Pattillo said.

While the Baker Lake sockeye forecast of 22,000 will be down from last year's prediction of 35,366, Pattillo says it should be enough to provide river and lake fisheries.

State Fish and Wildlife will unveil forecasts 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at a public meeting in Natural Resources Building, 1111 Washington St. S.E. in Olympia.

Preliminary drafts of possible salmon-fishing seasons for the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound will be made March 15 at the Natural Resources Building in Olympia; and March 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 20610 44th Avenue W. in Lynnwood.

Final seasons will be set April 6-11. For a list of meetings, go to <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/northfalcon>.

Fishing and Hunting Report

March 31st Deadline For Multiple-Season Hunting Permit Applications

By The Chronicle

OLYMPIA – Deer and elk hunters have until March 31 to enter their name in a drawing for a 2013 multiple-season permit, which can greatly increase their opportunities for success in the field.

In mid-April, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) will randomly draw names for 8,500 multiple-season deer permits and 1,000 multiple-season elk permits.

Winners of the drawing will be eligible to purchase a special tag allowing them to participate in archery, muzzleloader and modern firearm general hunting seasons for deer or elk in 2013. Winners who purchase the multiple-season elk tag by Aug. 31 can participate in general elk-hunting season in both eastern and western Washington.

Hunters can apply only once for each species and are limited to harvesting one deer or elk during the general season. However, unlike other hunters, those drawn for a multiple-season permit are not restricted to one type of weapon when applying for special permit hunts for deer and elk.

"This is a great opportunity for hunters to extend their hunting season this fall," said Dave Ware, game manager for WDFW. "Rather than having to choose one hunting method over another, hunters drawn for a multiple-season permit who purchase the tag can participate in multiple seasons."

Ware noted that multiple-hunt tags can only be used during general seasons in game management units that are open — and with a weapon legal to use — during a modern firearm, muzzleloader, or archery general season. For example, winners may not hunt during the muzzleloader general season in an area that is not open for the muzzleloader general season.

Hunters may purchase a multiple-season permit application at an authorized license dealer, listed at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/vendors/>, or by calling (866) 246-9453. The permit application is \$7.10 for residents and \$110.50 for non-residents.

A 2013 hunting license is not required to submit an application, but winners of the drawing must purchase one before they can purchase a multiple-season tag.

Multiple-season tags can be purchased from local license dealers, on the Internet (<http://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>) or by calling (866) 246-9453. Including transaction fees, multiple-season deer or elk tags cost \$182.00 for residents and nonresidents in addition to the cost of an annual hunting license.

For more information, visit WDFW's website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>, or call the licensing department at (360) 902-2464.

Spring Black Bear Hunt Applications Due Feb. 28th

OLYMPIA – Hunters may now purchase and submit applications for a 2013 spring black bear hunting permit, applicable to specific areas of western and eastern Washington.

To be eligible for a permit, hunters must purchase and submit an application to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) by midnight Feb. 28.

A drawing will be held in mid-March for 383 permits in western Washington and 314 permits for hunts east of the Cascades. Permit winners will receive their permit in the mail by March 31. Applicants may also check the results of the drawing at (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/>) on the WDFW website.

To apply for a permit, hunters must purchase a special permit application and a 2013 hunting license that includes bear as a species option. Hunting licenses, bear transport tags and bear permit applications may be purchased online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>, by calling (866) 246-9453, or at any license vendor in the state.

Special permit applications, which require a correct hunt choice number, may be submitted online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/>, or by calling (877) 945-3492.

Hunters interested in hunting on the Kapowsin Tree Farm should contact the tree farm before submitting an application to find out what areas are open. Those selected for the Kapowsin Tree Farm hunt must then purchase an access permit from Hancock Forest Management by calling (800) 782-1493.

Hunters selected for the Copalis hunt must obtain a Recreational Use Permit and should contact Tracie Lamb at Rayonier at 855-729-4868.

More information on hunts



Photo taken by WDFW

In February, a salp is seen on the sand at Grayland Beach near Westport, Wa. The department and marine life experts say the small jellyfish-like creatures have been washing up on the beaches and showing up in crab pots for the first time in memory on the Washington coast.

scheduled on both sides of the state is available on page 63 in the 2012 Big Game Hunting Rules pamphlet (<http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/>).

Any legal weapon used during the modern firearm, archery or muzzleloader seasons can be used for spring black bear hunts. Bait or hounds are not allowed for bear hunting.

Centralia Annual Fishing Derby Set For April 27th

The Centralia Lions Club is gearing up for their annual Fishing Derby on April 27th here at Borst Park Lake. Once again, there will be lots of prizes from Sunbirds and Cabela's. Riverside Fire Authority will also be contributing three bicycles as prizes. All children under age 14 will be eligible to enter the derby.

This year marks the 56th year for the derby and to celebrate, all entrants will be treated with hotdogs and milk.

This event is held with the cooperation of the Fish and Game Department and the Parks Department. Crime Stoppers will be present to show their support, so come mark your calendars and come down to Borst Park Lake for a day of fishing and fun.

For more information contact Arnold 360-748-7583, Jim

360-736-8766 or Paul at 360-736-6981.

Ocean Oddity Visits Washington Coasts

SEATTLE (AP) — The same gelatinous sea creatures that clogged the intake at California's Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant last spring have shown up this winter on the Washington coast, marine life experts say.

The harmless jellyfish-like animals are called salps.

They've been found by clam diggers and turned up in the pots of crab fishermen who have been asking what they are, said state Fish and Wildlife Department biologist Dan Ayres at Montesano.

He hasn't seen them in more than 30 years and says their appearance now is unusual, but not alarming.

"I suspect these guys came from the deep ocean," Ayres said Wednesday. "Why they've been washed up is a question I can't answer."

Salps are common in the blue water off Oregon and Washington, said Rick Brodeur, an oceanographer known as the "jellyfish person" at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Northwest Science Center in Newport, Ore.

Salps turn up in survey nets,

and their numbers vary from year to year. Their appearance on the Washington coast could mean their numbers are increasing for some reason or a current has brought them onshore.

"Sometimes fishermen bring us stuff and say, 'This is really weird,' but they just don't see them" often, Brodeur said Thursday. "It doesn't mean it's a long-term change."

Masses of salps last April off California's central coast clogged cooling water intake screens and forced operators to shut down a Diablo Canyon reactor.

"Huge numbers of salps" surprised scientists conducting a survey off central California with a trawler last May and June, said John C. Field, research fish biologist with NOAA's Southwest Fisheries Science Center at Santa Cruz, Calif.

"No one from the survey has ever seen anything like it," Field said in an email. The weight ripped the trawler nets.

Crabber Adam Miller had never seen a salp until he pulled one aboard in early February in a crab pot off Westport.

"We were joking about it, trying to figure out what it was," he said Thursday. It looked like a jellyfish "about the size of a guy's

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College Softball

Liseth Named MAAC Player of the Week

By The Chronicle

FAIRFIELD, Conn. — Lauren Liseth, a junior out of Centralia, earned the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player of the Week honor after leading the Fairfield University softball team to a 2-2 start to the 2013 season. Fairfield split its four games at the



Lauren Liseth
MAAC Player of the Week

Pirate Classic, hosted by East Carolina University.

Liseth was instrumental in all four games, stroking at least one hit in all four games and posting three multi-hit contests. She hit four home runs and drove home 11 base runners in her four starts, and had nine hits in 12 at-bats for a .750 batting average during the opening week.

The catcher hit a home run in a win over East Carolina University, a three-run shot in the team's 10-run seventh inning that helped Fairfield post a 14-10

win. She followed up with two homers against Liberty University as the Stags posted a win over Liberty University. She finished the road trip with a home run against the University of Notre Dame.

Fairfield returns to the diamond this weekend, when the team heads to the ESPN Citrus Classic where it will open with a pair of games on March 1. The Stags will play Temple University and Longwood University on that opening day of the three-day event.

Schoenherr: Plenty of College Track Offers Made

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award. "I didn't even know that they did individual awards. But it's an honor, I'm just really surprised."

It wasn't a bad way to get back in the game.

Schoenherr's prep athletic resume reads like an up-and-coming athlete's wish list. She ran cross country as a freshman and finished sixth, less than a minute behind the winner, at the state championships. She switched to volleyball, and was an All-League first-teamer. She had college offers in track, where she was a state champion in the javelin and state placer in both hurdle races, but decided she was done.

"I was kind of lazy," she admitted with a laugh. "I just didn't want to do anything. I didn't want to actually work."

She wanted the big college experience, and headed the rural trappings of Washington State

University. She played intramural basketball — co-ed — and was the most competitive girl on the court. The team atmosphere, though, was missing, and when it was time to pack for Pullman she picked up the phone.

Schutz, on the other end, laughed when asked if he had any space for a well-decorated walk-on. He offered her a scholarship, instead.

"If I was at a four-year institution, there's not a doubt in my mind she would be in our program," Schutz said. "I knew everything about her, and everything about her is what I wanted in a basketball player."

She didn't have any trouble fitting in and playing at a higher level, even after a year off.

"I did really try to get in shape," she said. "I didn't know what type of teammates I would have, how good they would be, and I'm really competitive. I wanted to be pretty good."

The left-hander's perfor-

mance has been beyond pretty good. She's shooting a whopping 59 percent from the field, and over a four-game stretch to start 2013 she scored 26.5 points on 76 percent shooting (47 of 62), with 10.75 rebounds and 3.25 steals a game. The Blazers won all four games, wrapped up sole possession of the West Division title with a blowout of South Puget Sound on Saturday, and are primed for the NWAACC Basketball Championships.

She's enjoying her time in Centralia, but as a sophomore academically with three years of eligibility remaining she's weighing her options for next year — which now include offers from coaches interested in more than her work with a javelin — this is likely her only postseason in Blazer blue and gold.

"Our ultimate goal is to win. We're not there to get fifth or place or something," she said. "We really do want to win, and I hope we do. Seriously."

Blazers: Centralia Ready for Championships

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Blazer point guard Italia Mengarelli scored 9.5 points a game, with 3.5 assists, 3.8 rebounds and 2 steals a game to earn an All-Region first-team nod.

Centralia's Shane Schutz, in his third year with the Blazers, was voted the league's Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

The Blazers will now advance to the NWAACC Basketball Championships, running March 2-5 at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. Centralia takes on Peninsula (14-10), the fourth-place team out of the North Division, at 2 p.m. on Saturday to open the tournament. Centralia will then play on Sunday at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., against the winner or loser of Friday's Lane/Yakima Valley matchup.

The Blazers were ranked fourth in the last NWAACC coaches poll, and sixth in the league's RPI rankings.

"We haven't been playing our best, and we're starting to feel that, you know, we need to turn this around," Schutz said. "We're a lot more focused now."

The Lady Blazers went 1-2 at the tournament last season, after winning the West Division title.



File Photo

Centralia's Van Lockett was named to the Western Region's First and All-Defensive Teams.

All-Stars: Trailblazers Headed to NWAACC Tournament

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Centralia went from a middle-of-the-pack team last season to one of the top squads in the West Division. Moir credits that with the growth of the team to the leadership he got from his sophomores, including Lockett and Waggener. They'll now travel to Kennewick, WA next week for the NWAACC Tournament at the Toyota Center.

"Everybody has bought in," Moir said. "Our freshmen have put in a lot of work as well. These sophomores are great leaders out on the floor and in the classroom."

Along with Lockett (17 ppg) and Moizek Waggener (11 ppg), Centralia's Zach Carras also averaging in double digit scoring for the season (13.7 ppg). Miles

Waggener is also a contributing mightily in the scorebook with 8 points and 6 boards per game.

The focus of the team, however, has been defense all season long. The Blazers have given up just 63 points per game, which is below all of the NWAACC team's season averages in scoring.

Moir also really liked what he's seen from sophomore Jordan Dam, who was regularly put on the other team's top scorer throughout the season.

"He was always accepting of the challenge and did a good job containing guys under their average," Moir said. "A lot of times you don't see his contributions show up in the stats but he definitely did one heck of a job this year defensively and that's a huge part of our success."

Centralia faces Whatcom

(18-8), the No. 2 team from the North Division, in the first round of the NWAACC Tournament on Saturday at 8 a.m. in Kennewick's Toyota Center.



Photo by Adam Miller

A salp is held by a crew member after being found in a crab pot. The Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and marine life experts say the small jellyfish-like creatures have been washing up on beaches and showing up in crab pots for the first time in memory on the Washington coast.

Oddity: Salps Appearing in Washington

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hand. The head is hard, and it has a couple of tentacles hanging off."

Brodeur identified a photo of Miller's catch as a Thetys salp.

"This is one of the most abundant salps we catch so I am not sure it's all that unusual to get them in a crab pot," Brodeur said.

Alan Rammer is an environmental education specialist retired from the state Fish and Wildlife Department but still active with the National Marine Educators Association, for which he is marine science teacher of the year. The Central Park resident also serves as the Grays Harbor County representative on the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary advisory council. So when coastal residents started finding salps this winter they sent Rammer photos.

"I was stumped when I got the first pictures," he said Wednesday. "I had no clue."

He learned about them and had three in his freezer last week to show a KING-TV crew.

A salp is a pelagic tunicate. That means it lives in the open ocean and has a tube-like body that pumps water for locomotion and to filter the plankton on which it feeds. Despite its translucent appearance it's not closely related to jellyfish. It's a chordate, which means it has a spinal cord and is related to vertebrates. Salps can swim singly or in rope-like colonies. They have the ability to reproduce rapidly and can bloom when the plankton supply is rich.

Rammer believes their appearance is a sign of climate change in their environment.

"If food becomes plush we could go nuts here with any animal," he said.

Coastal Razor Clam Diggers Warned To Be Mindful Of Stormy Weather

Those planning on heading to the coast this weekend for razor clam digging are asked to use extreme caution due to the predicted stormy weather conditions.

"We want people to their own safety first, and we aren't going to cancel the digs," said Dan Ayres, the head state Fish and Wildlife coastal shellfish manager. "People also need to be mindful that we manage the seasons on the total number of clams dug and not the days of digging so we expect to have plenty more

opportunity down the road."

"I haven't seen 30 foot swells off the coast in quite a while, and it can be scary," Ayres said. "If diggers still plan to go out they need to be aware and watch the surf very carefully."

Digging will be open Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 23-24) at Long Beach and Twin Harbors only. Digging is allowed after noon each day.

The National Weather Service is calling for a high surf and wind advisory on Saturday off the coast with large breakers of 25 to 29 feet expected in the surf zone. Sustained winds will be between 25-35mph, gusting to 50 mph.

Be alert for downed branches and possible power outages from the wind. Be extremely alert on the beaches as waves will run up much farther than normal. Be alert on rocks and jetties as waves could knock a person down and pull them out to sea.

Such large breakers will cause sudden and fast beach run-ups, and powerful waves can wash up on a beach faster than a person can run. The weather is expected to die down somewhat by Sunday.

Other tentative afternoon digs are March 7-8 and March 11 at Twin Harbors; and March 9-10 at Twin Harbors, Long Beach, Copalis and Mocrocks. Morning digs will occur March 28 and March 31 at Twin Harbors; March 29-30 at Twin Harbors, Long Beach, Copalis and Mocrocks. More digs are planned in April and May.

Salmon/Steelhead

Cowlitz River reported that limited sampling last week revealed little to no effort in the upper river.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 16 winter-run steelhead, three coho adults and one coho jack during four days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released four steelhead into Lake Scanewa above Cowlitz Falls Dam at the Day Use Site and two steelhead adults, two coho adults and two coho jacks into the Tilton River at Gust Backstrom Park in Morton.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 6,620 cubic feet per second on Monday, February 25. Water visibility is seven feet.

Washougal River reported 30 bank anglers released two wild steelhead. 14 boat anglers kept one hatchery steelhead and released 6 wild fish.

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Soccer

Burch Vows to do Better When he Returns From 3-game Ban

By Joshua Mayers
The Seattle Times
TUKWILA — The tangible punishment comes to an end this weekend, but Marc Burch says he will always be affected by the mistake he made three months ago.

eran defender was caught directing a gay slur at an opponent during Sounders FC's playoff series against Real Salt Lake. Burch, who issued an immediate apology, was suspended three games by MLS — the last of which will be served during Seattle's season opener Saturday against Montreal.

"I think it will always be on the back of my mind," said Burch, addressing the matter with reporters for the first time after Tuesday's practice. "You make a mistake and you want to fix it as much as you can. That's what I've tried to do. It's the only thing I can do. I can't make up for what I did. All I can

do is just prove from here on out that nothing like that is ever going to happen again. That's not who I am." The eight-year MLS veteran, who was also assigned sensitivity and diversity training, had no issue with the severity of the punishment. "It needed to be harsh, be-

cause it's a harsh thing that I did," said Burch, who also missed two playoff games. "I think that (commissioner) Don Garber made the right decision." The truth is, Burch thinks MLS is the perfect league for the first openly gay male professional athlete.

Local Bowling Results

02/17/2013 Week 24 of 32 SUNDAY NITE MIXED
Sunday 7:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 16
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

02/18/2013 Week 23 of 32 MONDAY SENIORS
Monday 1:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 12
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- HDCP Total Last Wk W/OH

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- HDCP Total Last Wk W/OH

Local and Bowling Center Awards
Name Award Score Award Received

Local and Bowling Center Awards
Name Award Score Award Received

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release
Scratch Game Scratch Game Scratch Series Scratch Series

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release
Scratch Game Scratch Game Scratch Series Scratch Series

02/21/2013 Week 24 of 32 THURSDAY MATINEE
Thursday 12:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 6
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

02/21/2013 Week 24 of 32 THURSDAY MATINEE
Thursday 6:45 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 16
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- HDCP Total Last Wk W/OH

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02/19/2013 Week 24 of 32 LUCKY EAGLE ALL STAR
Tuesday 5:30 pm fairway lanes Lanes 9 - 16
Team Standings
Place Lane # Team Name Points Won Points Lost Team Ave. Scratch Pins High Game High Sers

02/19/2013 Week 24 of 32 TUESDAY FAIRWAY WOMEN
Tuesday 6:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 8
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- Total Last Wk W/OH

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- Total Last Wk W/OH

Local and Bowling Center Awards
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Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release
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02/20/2013 Week 24 of 32 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED
Wednesday 6:30 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 14
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

02/20/2013 Week 24 of 32 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MIXED
Wednesday 6:30 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 14
Team Standings
Class Team Name Points Won Lost Team Ave. HDCP Handicap

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- Total Last Wk W/OH

Results of Last Week's Bowling
Lanes Team Name -1- -2- -3- Total Last Wk W/OH

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College Basketball

Peller Phillips Jr., Former Seattle U Basketball Player, Dies at 71

By The Seattle Times

Peller Phillips Jr., a guard who played on a Seattle University team that qualified but never played in the NCAA men's basketball tournament after being embroiled in a point-shaving scandal, died Feb. 19. He was 71.

Mr. Phillips, who died of congestive heart failure, was one of three Seattle University players charged with conspiracy bribery in 1965. The players were expelled from school but later exonerated.

Mr. Phillips was born in

Brewton, Ala., on Oct. 19, 1941 and became a high-school basketball star in Detroit. The 5-foot-10 point guard played at Coalinga (Calif.) Junior College (now West Hills College) before being recruited by SU.

Despite the scandal, Mr.

Phillips returned to graduate from Seattle University. He worked for Xerox, as a mortgage broker, and as a teacher and coach in the Seattle Public Schools and owned a barbecue restaurant, Peller's Open Pit Barbeque.

He raised four children, three of them outstanding athletes at Seattle's Garfield High School. Peller III, Mark and Kim won 35 individual and team state championships in track and field between them and set numerous state records.

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BLUE MONDAY LADIES

Page 1

Monday 9:30 am fairway lanes Lanes 3 - 8

Team Standings table with columns for Team Name, Points, and Handicap.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week with columns for Lane, Team Name, and scores.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release with columns for Scratch Game and Scratch Series.

02/22/2013 Week 25 of 32

FRIDAY SENIORS

Page 1

Friday 1:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 8

Team Standings table for Friday Seniors.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Friday Seniors.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Friday Seniors.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Friday Seniors.

02/22/2013 Week 25 of 32

FRIDAY MORNING TRIOS

Page 1

Friday 9:30 am fairway lanes Lanes 3 - 8

Team Standings table for Friday Morning Trios.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Friday Morning Trios.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Friday Morning Trios.

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FRIDAY SUNSET MIXED

Page 1

Friday 7:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 10

Team Standings table for Friday Sunset Mixed.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Friday Sunset Mixed.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Friday Sunset Mixed.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Friday Sunset Mixed.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Friday Sunset Mixed.

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JIM MOORE JUNIORS

Page 1

Saturday 10:00 am fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 14

Team Standings table for Jim Moore Juniors.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Jim Moore Juniors.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Jim Moore Juniors.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Jim Moore Juniors.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Jim Moore Juniors.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Jim Moore Juniors.

02/18/2013 Week 23 of 32

MONDAY COMMERCIAL

Page 1

Monday 6:45 pm fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 16

Team Standings table for Monday Commercial.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Monday Commercial.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Monday Commercial.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Monday Commercial.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Monday Commercial.

02/20/2013 Week 26 of 32

LOTS A LUCK

Page 1

Wednesday 10:00 am fairway lanes Lanes 1 - 6

Team Standings table for Lots a Luck.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Lots a Luck.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Lots a Luck.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Lots a Luck.

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Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Lots a Luck.

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TUESDAY TRIO

Page 1

Tuesday 8:00 pm fairway lanes Lanes 9 - 16

Team Standings table for Tuesday Trio.

Results of Last Week's Bowling.....

Table showing bowling results for last week for Tuesday Trio.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Tuesday Trio.

Local and Bowling Center Awards

Table listing local and bowling center awards for Tuesday Trio.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Tuesday Trio.

Last Week's High Scores for Immediate Release

Table listing high scores for immediate release for Tuesday Trio.

Scoreboard

Soccer

PREP

Local Schedules
At Yakima SunDome
1A Boys Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Cashmere (18-7)
 vs. Lynden Christian (21-5), 3:45 p.m.
 Game 2 — King's (19-6)
 vs. Granger (18-6), 5:30 p.m.
 Game 3 — Okanogan (23-1)
 vs. Toledo, 7:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Cedar Park Christian
 vs. Seattle Academy, 9 p.m.

1A Girls Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Connell (21-4) vs. Castle Rock, 9 a.m.
 Game 2 — Chelan (19-5) vs. Cascade Christian (21-1), 10:30 a.m.
 Game 3 — Kings (17-8) vs. Okanogan (20-6), 12:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Lynden Christian (23-3) vs. Brewster (23-1), 2 p.m.

2A Girls Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Wapato (21-2)
 vs. Renton (20-4), 3:45 p.m.
 Game 2 — Cedarcrest
 vs. W.F. West, 5:30 p.m.
 Game 3 — River Ridge
 vs. Burlington-Edison (21-3), 7:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Mark Morris
 vs. West Valley (Spokane), 9 p.m.

2A Boys Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Burlington-Edison (17-8)
 vs. Pullman (24-1), 9 a.m.
 Game 2 — Sequim (21-4) vs. Renton (23-2), 10:30 a.m.
 Game 3 — West Valley (21-2) vs. Lynden (23-1), 12:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Anacortes (20-5) vs. Clover Park (19-6), 2 p.m.

At Spokane Arena
2B Boys Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Wahkiakum (19-7)
 vs. Winlock (11-14), 9 a.m.
 Game 2 — Colfax (20-7)
 vs. LaConner (22-1), 10:30 a.m.
 Game 3 — Lind-Ritz-Sprague (21-8)
 vs. NW Christian (19-10), 12:15 p.m.
 Morton-White Pass (21-3)
 vs. St. George's (26-1), 2 p.m.

2B Girls Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Morton-White Pass (18-7)
 vs. DeSales (14-6), 3:45 p.m.
 Game 2 — White Swan (16-6)
 vs. Reardan (23-1), 5:30 p.m.
 Game 3 — NW Christian (21-6)
 vs. Napavine (20-6), 7:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Onalaska (20-6)
 vs. Pe Ell (23-1), 9 p.m.

At Tacoma Dome
3A Boys Basketball State Tournament
Thursday, Feb. 28
 Game 1 — Franklin (17-9) vs. Timberline (16-9), 3:45 p.m.
 Game 2 — Rainier Beach (22-4) vs. Seattle Prep (20-7), 5:30 p.m.
 Game 3 — Lincoln (21-3) vs. Mountlake Terrace (21-3), 7:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — University (16-7) vs. Lakeside (Seattle) (22-4), 9 p.m.

3A Girls State Basketball Tournament
 Game 1 — Kamiakin (15-8) vs. Seattle Prep (21-5), 9 a.m.
 Game 2 — Wilson (21-2) vs. Mercer Island (20-7), 10:30 a.m.
 Game 3 — Cleveland (24-2) vs. University (14-9), 12:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Glacier Peak (18-6) vs. Bellevue (24-2), 2 p.m.

4A Boys State Basketball Tournament
 Game 1 — Newport (Bellevue) (18-8) vs. Curtis (24-2), 9 a.m.
 Game 2 — Bothell (21-3) vs. Garfield (23-1), 10:30 a.m.
 Game 3 — Arlington (21-3) vs. Richland (18-4), 12:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Jackson (24-0) vs. Central Valley (22-2), 2 p.m.

4A Girls State Basketball Tournament
 Game 1 — Gonzaga Prep (23-3) vs. Arlington (20-4), 3:45 p.m.
 Game 2 — Kentwood (19-7) vs. Lake Stevens (19-7), 5:30 p.m.
 Game 3 — Mead (12-9) vs. Skyline (20-5), 7:15 p.m.
 Game 4 — Mount Rainier (25-1) vs. Inglemoor (21-2), 9 p.m.

COLLEGE

NWAACC Basketball
Women's Basketball All-Stars
WESTERN REGION
Most Valuable Player
 Kristen Schoenherr, Centralia

First Team
 Anngelina Sanchez, Tacoma
 Dominique Johnson, Clark
 Carli Elwin, Pierce
 Italia Mengarelli, Centralia
 Arnesha Smith, Lower Columbia

Second Team
 Toni Doroha, Clark
 Bobbi Britt, Grays Harbor
 Shanae Sauls, Centralia
 Taybra Teeters, Lower Columbia
 Keana Magalei, Highline

Freshman of the Year
 Kristen Schoenherr, Centralia

Defensive Player of the Year
 Shanae Sauls, Centralia

All-Defensive Team
 Arnesha Smith, Lower Columbia
 Carli Elwin, Pierce
 Anngelina Sanchez, Tacoma
 Nicole Smith, Highline
 Ashlie Nguyen, Clark

Coach of the Year
 Shane Schutz, Centralia

Men's Basketball All-Stars
WESTERN REGION
Most Valuable Player
 Tyrell Lewis, Pierce

First Team
 Van Lockett, Centralia
 Sean Price, Clark
 John Palmer, Pierce
 Julian Vaughn, Tacoma
 Ryan Rogers, Lower Columbia

Second Team
 Josh Lord, Tacoma
 Mozeek Waggener, Centralia

Jan Konig, Lower Columbia
 Jibreel Stevens, Tacoma
 Jerron Smith, Highline

Freshman of the Year
 Jan Konig, Lower Columbia

Defensive Player of the Year
 Julian Vaughn, Tacoma

All-Defensive Team
 Van Lockett, Centralia
 Christopher Parker, Pierce
 Tyrell Lewis, Pierce
 JJ Roffler, Lower Columbia
 Josh Lord, Tacoma

Coach of the Year
 Bill Mendelson, Pierce

NCAA Men's Top 25
Tuesday's Results
 Minnesota 77, (1) Indiana 73
 Tennessee 64, (8) Florida 58
 (17) Wisconsin 77, Nebraska 46
 Xavier 64, (19) Memphis 62
 Alabama 61, Auburn 43
 UCF 65, Georgia Southwestern 50
 Towson 85, George Mason 81
 Virginia Military 83, Liberty 66
 Detroit 76, Loyola (IL) 75
 Illinois-Chicago 60, Wright State 55
 Green Bay 78, Milwaukee 61
 North Dakota State 63, Utah Valley 56
 Eastern Illinois 58, Chicago State 50
 Valparaiso 73, Youngstown State 64
 Florida State 76, Wake Forest 62
 Air Force 72, Wyoming 66

Wednesday's Top 25 Results
 Penn State 84, (4) Michigan 78
 (5) Miami (FL) 76, Virginia Tech 58
 (7) Georgetown 79, Connecticut 78
 (10) Louisville 79, DePaul 58
 USC 89, (11) Arizona 78
 (14) New Mexico 70, San Diego State 60
 (15) Oklahoma State 64, TCU 47
 (18) Saint Louis 70, Saint Joseph's 53
 (23) Pittsburgh 64, South Florida 44

Thursday's Top 25 Games
 (2) Gonzaga at Brigham Young, 8 p.m.
 (3) Duke at Virginia, 6 p.m.
 (16) Ohio State at Northwestern, 4 p.m.
 Oregon State at (24) Oregon, 8 p.m.
 Utah State at (25) Louisiana Tech, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Top 25 Games
 Iowa at (1) Indiana, 4:30 p.m.
 Portland at (2) Gonzaga, 2 p.m.
 (5) Miami (FL) at (3) Duke, 3 p.m.
 West Virginia at (6) Kansas, 11 a.m.
 Rutgers at (7) Georgetown, 6 p.m.
 Alabama at (8) Florida, 9 a.m.
 (10) Louisville at (12) Syracuse, 9 a.m.
 (11) Arizona at UCLA, 6 p.m.
 (13) Kansas State at Baylor, 4 p.m.
 Wyoming at (14) New Mexico, 2 p.m.
 Texas at (15) Oklahoma State, 1 p.m.
 (18) Saint Louis at George Washington, 1 p.m.
 (19) Memphis at UCF, 10 a.m.
 (20) Butler at VCU, 9 a.m.
 (21) Notre Dame at (22) Marquette, 11 a.m.
 San Jose St. at (25) Louisiana Tech, 5 p.m.

Sunday's Top 25 Games
 (9) Michigan State at (4) Michigan, 1 p.m.
 Purdue at (17) Wisconsin, 10 a.m.
 Villanova at (23) Pittsburgh, 9 a.m.

Monday's Top 25 Games
 Texas Tech at (6) Kansas, 4 p.m.
 Cincinnati at (10) Louisville, 4 p.m.

NBA

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	34	20	.630	—
Brooklyn	34	24	.586	2
Boston	30	27	.526	5½
Philadelphia	22	33	.400	12½
Toronto	23	35	.397	13

CENTRAL

Indiana	36	21	.632	—
Chicago	32	25	.561	4
Milwaukee	28	28	.500	7½
Detroit	23	37	.383	14½
Cleveland	20	38	.345	16½

SOUTHEAST

Miami	41	14	.745	—
Atlanta	33	23	.589	8½
Washington	18	38	.321	23½
Orlando	16	42	.276	26½
Charlotte	13	44	.228	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Oklahoma City	42	15	.737	—
Denver	36	22	.621	6½
Utah	31	27	.534	11½
Portland	26	30	.464	15½
Minnesota	20	34	.370	20½

PACIFIC

L.A. Clippers	41	18	.695	—
Golden State	33	25	.569	7½
L.A. Lakers	28	30	.483	12½
Phoenix	20	39	.339	21
Sacramento	20	39	.339	21

SOUTHWEST

San Antonio	45	14	.763	—
Memphis	38	18	.679	5½
Houston	31	28	.525	14
Dallas	25	32	.439	19
New Orleans	20	39	.339	25

Tuesday's Results
 Orlando 98, Philadelphia 84
 Indiana 108, Golden State 97
 Miami 141, Sacramento 129 (OT)
 Cleveland 101, Chicago 98
 Brooklyn 101, New Orleans 97
 Milwaukee 95, Dallas 90
 Phoenix 84, Minnesota 83 (OT)
 LA Clippers 106, Charlotte 84

Wednesday's Results
 Sacramento 125, Orlando 101
 Cleveland 103, Toronto 92
 Detroit 96, Washington 95
 New York 109, Golden State 105
 Memphis 90, Dallas 84
 Milwaukee 110, Houston 107
 Oklahoma City 119, New Orleans 74
 Phoenix 105, San Antonio 101 (OT)
 Atlanta 102, Utah 91
 Denver 111, Portland 109

Thursday's Games
 LA Clippers at Indiana, 4 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 5 p.m.
 Minnesota at LA Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Indiana at Toronto, 4 p.m.
 New York at Washington, 4 p.m.
 Houston at Orlando, 4 p.m.
 Golden State at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
 LA Clippers at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Miami, 5 p.m.
 Dallas at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
 Detroit at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
 Sacramento at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Utah, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

Oklahoma City at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Golden State at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Chicago, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Portland, 7 p.m.

League Leaders
Points
 1. Kevin Durant, OKC 28.8
 2. Carmelo Anthony, NY 28.4
 3. LeBron James, MIA 27.3
 4. Kobe Bryant, LAL 27.1
 5. James Harden, HOU 26.4

Assists
 1. Rajon Rondo, BOS 11.1
 2. Chris Paul, LAC 9.5
 3. Greivis Vasquez, NO 9.4
 4. Jrue Holiday, PHI 8.7
 5. Russell Westbrook, OKC 8.0

Field Goal %
 1. Tyson Chandler, NY .661
 2. DeAndre Jordan, LAC .607
 3. Tiago Splitter, SA .595
 4. Dwight Howard, LAL .580
 5. J.J. Hickson, POR .574

Rebounds
 1. Dwight Howard, LAL 11.9
 2. Zach Randolph, MEM 11.7
 3. Nikola Vucevic, ORL 11.5
 4. Omer Asik, HOU 11.5
 5. Joakim Noah, CHI 11.2

Blocks
 1. Larry Sanders, MIL 3.16
 2. Serge Ibaka, OKC 2.96
 3. Tim Duncan, SA 2.69
 4. Roy Hibbert, IND 2.65
 5. Dwight Howard, LAL 2.31

Steals
 1. Chris Paul, LAC 2.49
 2. Mike Conley, MEM 2.25
 3. Monta Ellis, MIL 1.95
 4. Jeremy Lin, HOU 1.90
 5. Russell Westbrook, OKC 1.89

NHL

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Pittsburgh	20	13	7	0	26
New Jersey	19	10	5	4	24
Philadelphia	22	10	11	1	21
N.Y. Rangers	20	8	8	2	18
N.Y. Islanders	20	8	11	1	17

NORTHEAST

Montreal	20	13	4	3	29
Boston	16	12	2	2	26
Ottawa	20	12	6	2	26
Toronto	21	12	9	0	24
Buffalo	20	7	12	1	15

SOUTHEAST

Carolina	18	9	8	1	19
Tampa Bay	19	9	9	1	19
Winnipeg	19	9	9	1	19
Florida	19	6	9	4	16
Washington	19	7	11	1	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Chicago	19	16	0	3	35
Nashville	21	9	7	5	23
St. Louis	18	10	6	2	22
Detroit	19	9	7	3	21
Columbus	20	5	12	3	13

NORTHWEST

Vancouver	19	10	5	4	24
Minnesota	18	9	7	2	20
Calgary	18	7	7	4	18
Edmonton	18	7	7	4	18
Colorado	18	7	8	3	17

PACIFIC

Anaheim	18	14	3	1	29
Dallas	20	10	8	2	22
Phoenix	19	9	7	3	21
San Jose	18	9	6	3	21
Los Angeles	17	9	6	2	20

Tuesday's Results
 Winnipeg 4, NY Rangers 3
 Washington 3, Carolina 0
 Dallas 5, Columbus 4 (OT)
 Boston 4, NY Islanders 1
 Buffalo 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Florida 6, Pittsburgh 4
 Minnesota 2, Calgary 1 (OT)
 Phoenix 4, Vancouver 2
 San Jose 3, Colorado 2 (SO)

Wednesday's Results
 Winnipeg 4, NY Rangers 3
 Washington 3, Carolina 0
 Dallas 5, Columbus 4 (OT)
 Boston 4, NY Islanders 1
 Buffalo 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Florida 6, Pittsburgh 4
 Minnesota 2, Calgary 1 (OT)
 Phoenix 4, Vancouver 2
 San Jose 3, Colorado 2 (SO)

Thursday's Games
 Ottawa at Boston, 4 p.m.
 Toronto at NY Islanders, 4 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at NY Rangers, 4 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Carolina, 4 p.m.
 Buffalo at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
 Chicago at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 Edmonton at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Colorado, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
 Detroit at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Edmonton at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
 Columbus at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Ottawa at Philadelphia, 9 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 10 a.m.
 New Jersey at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
 Washington at Winnipeg, 12 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Montreal, 4 p.m.
 Florida at Carolina, 4 p.m.
 Anaheim at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

League Leaders
Points
 1. Steven Stamkos, TB 30
 1. Sidney Crosby, PIT 30
 3. Thomas Vanek, BUF 27
 4. John Tavares, NYI 25
 4. Henrik Zetterberg, DET 25

Goals
 1. Steven Stamkos, TB 14
 2. John Tavares, NYI 13
 2. James Neal, PIT 13
 4. Thomas Vanek, BUF 12
 4. Patrick Marleau, SJ 12

Plus/Minus
 1. Mark Fraser, TOR 14
 2. Francois Beauchemin, ANA 13
 2. Tyler Seguin, BOS 13
 2. Sheldon Souray, ANA 13
 5. Henrik Sedin, VAN 12

Goals Against Average
 1. Craig Anderson, OTT 1.49
 2. Corey Crawford, CHI 1.50

3. Jaroslav Halak, STL 1.70
 4. Tuukka Rask, BOS 1.89
 5. Carey Price, MTL 1.90

Save Percentage
 1. Craig Anderson, OTT .952
 2. Corey Crawford, CHI .941
 3. Kari Lehtonen, DAL .934
 4. Antti Niemi, SJ .930
 4. Tuukka Rask, BOS .930

Wins
 1. Marc-Andre Fleury, PIT 10
 1. Carey Price, MTL 10
 1. Tuukka Rask, BOS 10
 4. Ilya Bryzgalov, PHI 9
 5. Evgeni Nabokov, NYI 8

RACING

NASCAR Sprint Cup Standings
As of Feb. 26
 1. Jimmie Johnson 47
 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 42
 3. Mark Martin 41
 4. Brad Keselowski 41
 5. Ryan Newman 40
 6. Greg Biffle 38
 7. Daniel Patrick 37
 8. Michael McDowell 35
 9. J.J. Yeley 34
 10. Clint Bowyer 34
 11. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 32
 12. Eric Almirola 31
 13. Denny Hamlin 31
 14. Bobby Labonte 29
 15. David Reutimann 28
 16. Dave Blaney 27
 17. Marcos Ambrose 26
 18. Joey Logano 26
 19. Jeff Gordon 25
 20. Paul Menard 24
 21. Michael Waltrip 23
 22. Scott Speed 22
 23. Martin Truex Jr. 20
 24. Travis Kvapil 20
 25. Terry Labonte 18
 26. Kurt Busch 16
 27. Casey Mears 15
 28. Jeff Burton 14
 29. Jamie McMurray 12
 30. Carl Edwards 11
 31. Kyle Busch 10
 32. David Ragan 9
 33. Matt Kenseth 9
 34. Kasey Kahne 8
 35. David Gilliland 6
 36. Juan Pablo Montoya 5
 37. Tony Stewart 3
 38. Kevin Harvick 2

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Spring Training

CACTUS LEAGUE	W	L
Kansas City	5	0
Seattle	5	1
Chicago Sox	3	0
Cleveland	5	2
LA Dodgers	2	1
Chicago Cubs	3	2
Colorado	3	2
San Francisco	1	1
San Diego	3	4
Arizona	2	3
Oakland	2	3
Cincinnati	2	4
Milwaukee	1	5
LA Angels	0	4
Texas	0	5

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MLB

Robert Andino's Long, Dangerous Journey to the Show

RISE: Help and Hard Work Lifted Versatile New Mariner Robert Andino From Poverty in South Florida to Seattle

By Geoff Baker
The Seattle Times

PEORIA, Ariz. — His ability at multiple positions gives the Mariners the freedom to use new utility player Robert Andino all over the field.

And those same skills gave Andino the freedom to finally live the life many have wished for him to have away from the ballpark. Andino, 28, grew up poor in crime-ridden South Miami Heights, longing for the types of things others take for granted.

"When you grow up with bars on your windows," Andino said, "it's not a place you want to be."

Andino, traded by Baltimore to Seattle for Trayvon Robinson in November, was still living in the South Miami area in 2008 when he hit his first big-league home run with the Florida Marlins. He was celebrating post-game in the clubhouse when his wife, Renee, sent a terrifying text. A man had tried to force his way into the home where she and the couple's two young children were.

The man left when police arrived, but the incident left Andino unnerved. Only months before, Andino's middle-school classmate, NFL All-Pro safety Sean Taylor, had been fatally shot by robbers inside his home in the same part of Miami.

Andino, who attended Taylor's memorial service, moved his young family to Palm Beach soon after.

"It wasn't a good place," Andino said of his previous neighborhood. "I've got kids. Anyway, that's all in the past now. I try to look ahead and not think about it."

Those who mentored Andino as a high-school player raised amid poverty consider his big-league status cause for celebration.

"He's a sweet kid, and he'll definitely give you all he has to give you once he gets to know you a bit," said Laura Harlow, the secretary at Miami's Southridge High School when Andino played there.

"He did his thing and stayed on the straight and narrow. A lot of the kids he grew up with went the other way. They couldn't make the grades, couldn't stay in school. They just fell through the cracks. Robert didn't do that. Robert made it."

Getting there wasn't easy. Andino's father, Robert Sr., worked menial jobs while his mother stayed home caring for a disabled older brother.

Between odd jobs, his father would rush over to the high school for extra on-field sessions with Andino after baseball practice ended.

"He kept me in line," Andino said. "He was always pushing me to do this and do that. Play sports. Anything to stay off the streets."

Fred Burnside, Andino's baseball coach at Southridge, remembers chasing the pair off the field many times as his father hit grounders with a fungo bat until nightfall. That extra work made the slick-fielding Andino, a natural shortstop, into a versatile player who can also play second base, third base, left field or center field in the major leagues.

But his father couldn't always be around. Burnside and others tried to fill in the gaps.

"He definitely needed a lot of structure as far as school was concerned," Burnside said. "I had to pull Mom and Dad in a couple of times. I'm kind of an old-timer. Part of my deal is trying to impart a lot of life skills through baseball. I tried to do

that with Robert because I think we all wanted to see him succeed."

Burnside said Andino was "a quiet kid that had a strong work ethic" and willing to do what it took to improve. The more he played baseball, the less he had to focus on life away from it.

"Robert didn't have two nickels to rub together," Burnside said. "He came up in a rough neighborhood and he didn't have anything."

Harlow agreed, saying Andino's parents did their best but never had much. Her son played baseball with Andino, and she invited him in for chats in the school's office, or made sure he always had a ride home, or a proper lunch.

"There were kids that didn't always have lunch money, so you do what you can for them," she said. "They didn't always have shoes to play baseball in, and Robert was one of those." Harlow still refers to Andino as her "stepson" while he has called her his second mother.

When Andino later met his future wife at the school — she was a student athletic trainer — Harlow bought their prom tickets.

"He wanted to make sure he had the full prom experience, and he didn't have the money," she said.

Andino led Southridge to a 34-2 record and the state-championship game his senior year in 2002. The Marlins drafted him in the second round that June and he made his debut with them in 2005, at 21, touted as their "shortstop of the future."

That changed when Hanley Ramirez was acquired in a 2006 trade with Boston. Andino bounced between the Marlins and Class AAA until Florida traded him to the Orioles after 2009 spring training.

Andino was a backup infielder for two years until his big chance in 2011, when he took over for an injured Brian Roberts in May as the team's second baseman. He hit .263 in 511 plate appearances and became a fan favorite for his hustle, teaming for the first time with Gold Glove shortstop J.J. Hardy.

Hardy taught him not to hurry a throw to first base on a fast runner.

"The first thing you've got to do is catch the ball and then throw it," he said. "If he's safe, he's safe. Your ability is going to dictate that. But just catch it first."

The final two weeks of that 2011 season, Andino secured immortality in New England with three key hits — including an inside-the-park home run — that led to three losses for the Boston Red Sox and sealed their epic September collapse. Andino delivered the game-winning, walkoff single that eliminated Boston on the season's final day, earning him the nickname "The Curse of the Andino."

He began last season as the Orioles' second baseman and flew both Harlow and Burnside to Baltimore for opening day. His season was soon slowed by injury and struggles at the plate, though he partook in the Orioles' improbable playoff run.

Mariners manager Eric Wedge believes Andino can play more than a typical backup. Andino's versatility will also enable the Mariners to go with just one extra infielder, allowing them to carry two extra outfield bats.

Andino sees no reason why the young Mariners, with veterans added to the mix, can't make a surprise playoff run like the Orioles. He recently talked about exactly that with veteran teammates Raul Ibanez and Michael Morse.

"We all agreed it could happen here," Andino said. "I mean, why not? There's a pretty good vibe here. There's no reason it can't happen for us."

The oddsmakers may differ. But, then again, Andino has overcome tougher odds before.



The Seattle Times

Robert Andino, taking a cut in Peoria, is a player the Mariners can plug in at five positions.

Peguero Homers Twice, Mariners Beat Indians

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Carlos Peguero made the most noise at Goodyear Ballpark. Until the beeping began, that is.

Peguero hit two home runs and the Seattle Mariners beat the Cleveland Indians 5-1 Wednesday in an exhibition game delayed for 5 minutes by a false alarm.

An emergency evacuation warning went off in the eighth inning. An alarm beeped loudly throughout the stadium and an automated voice over the public address system repeatedly gave instructions to leave the ballpark.

Umpires huddled, players looked at one another and a few fans cleared the stands.

"That was a first for me," Mariners manager Eric Wedge said. "I was looking around like everybody else, wondering what was going on."

So did Indians manager Terry Francona.

"The fourth time, when the guy said walk (to the exits), I said forget that, I'm running," he said.

The scoreboard soon flashed "False Alarm" and play resumed.

Mariners prospects Danny Hultzen and Taijuan Walker combined to pitch four scoreless innings.

Hultzen, a 2011 first-round pick, struck out four over two innings.

"Danny has been impressive early on," Wedge said of the left-hander, who gave up one

"Danny has been impressive early on. All or our young pitchers have handled themselves very well."

Eric Wedge,
on Prospect Danny Hultzen

hit and walked two. "All of our young pitchers have handled themselves very well."

Walker, a 2010 supplemental first-round choice, fanned two over two hitless innings with one walk.

Wedge is looking for something other than strikeouts and perfect innings, however.

"I don't get caught up in numbers," he said. "It's more about their stuff and the way they handle themselves. You don't want them to try and do too much."

Veteran Brett Myers threw a free-and-easy three innings for Cleveland. He gave up two hits, including Peguero's first homer. He also got seven outs on ground balls.

"I feel fine, threw well, then the ball got a little slippery in the third inning," Myers said.

Signed as a free agent, Myers is back starting after work-

ing exclusively in relief 70 times for Houston and the Chicago White Sox last season. He spent the previous 10 years as a starter for Philadelphia and the Astros.

Myers said he is more comfortable starting, but went to the bullpen when asked in 2012.

"I love the game," Myers said. "I'll do whatever, even if they ask me to play second base."

Peguero also homered in a three-run fourth against Corey Kluber.

Wedge wants the outfielder to be more patient at the plate. The 26-year-old Peguero has eight homers, but only nine walks and 82 strikeouts in 199 big-league at-bats.

Notes: Seattle is 6-0-2 against the Indians since Cleveland moved its spring home to Arizona in 2009. ... Cleveland RHP Joe Smith, recovering from a left oblique strain, is scheduled to throw batting practice and RHP Carlos Carrasco, who had Tommy John surgery in September 2011, is scheduled to work in a simulated game on Thursday. ... In honor of third base coach Jeff Datz, whose nickname is "The Polar Bear," the Mariners' game notes pointed out that Wednesday was National Polar Bear Day.

College Basketball

Zags Could Move to No. 1

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Second-ranked Gonzaga's game at BYU on Thursday suddenly has national significance.

With No. 1 Indiana losing to Minnesota on Tuesday, the Zags might reach the top of the AP basketball poll Monday if they can beat BYU then defeat Portland on Saturday.

"It's an unbelievable feeling to be part of such a team that has accomplished so much up to this point," forward Elias Harris said earlier this week. "It makes me proud."

The feat would be unprecedented for the mid-major program from the small Jesuit college in Spokane. While Gonzaga has been running with the elite teams in the nation for more than a decade, few in Spokane dreamed that coach Mark Few's gang could ever be No. 1.

"It's special ... that people see you in that light at the top of the nation," guard Mike Hart said.

Gonzaga (27-2, 14-0 WCC) beat BYU 83-63 last month in Spokane. But the Bulldogs lost last year in Provo, where more than 20,000 fans make for a tough environment.

"This one's going to be a huge challenge," Hart said. "The crowd and their atmosphere down there is really unbelievable. ... They are going to be rowdy and into it."

Gonzaga has played before plenty of big crowds this season, including games at Oklahoma State, Washington State and Butler.

"We function very well in that type of environment," Few said.

A victory at BYU would give Gonzaga the WCC regular season title outright. The Cougars (20-9, 9-5) need a signature win to make a case for an invitation to the NCAA tournament.

If the Zags beat BYU, their final regular-season game is at home Saturday against Portland (11-19, 4-10), an opponent they beat by 22 points on the road earlier this season.

This Gonzaga team was pegged as special from the pre-season, largely because of Harris and returning guards Kevin Pangos and Gary Bell Jr. The surprise has been the emergence of junior center Kelly Olynyk, who redshirted last season after two undistinguished years on the team.

The 7-foot Olynyk is averaging more than 17 points and 6 rebounds per game, shooting 66 percent from the field and thrilling crowds with acrobatic dunks.

Hart brings defensive energy, and the Zags get strong bench play from forward Sam Dower and guard David Stockton, the son of Gonzaga great John Stockton.

The team has a strong international flavor. Harris is from Germany, while Pangos and



Jed Conklin / The Associated Press

Gonzaga's Sam Dower (35) puts in the dunk as Santa Clara's Yannick Atanga (44) walks away, in their WCC matchup Wednesday in Spokane, Wash. Gonzaga beat Santa Clara 85-42.

Olynyk are Canadians.

The Bulldogs opened the season with nine straight wins, lost at home to Illinois, then reeled off eight more victories. They had a last-second defeat at Butler and since then have ripped off 10 wins in a row, never giving up more than 63 points in any of those games.

With teams above them in the poll losing left and right, the Zags moved steadily into the Top 10, then the Top 5 and finally last week reached No. 2. Their previous high ranking of No. 3 came the last two weeks of the 2003-04 season for a team that featured future NBA players Ronny Turiaf and Adam Morrison.

"It's nice to move up and take advantage by winning," Stockton said. "Otherwise we can't control that stuff."

The Zags have been fixtures on the AP Top 25 for more than a decade, but this year's team seems different, at least to San Diego coach Bill Grier. Grier spent 16 years as an assistant at

Gonzaga, helping build the program, before leaving five years ago.

He believes that more recent Gonzaga teams had such talented players that coaches just let them play, rather than pushing complicated offensive schemes.

"But this team can play fast, and they can slow it down and grind," Grier said. "They're patient when they need to be, and they get the ball right where they want it."

"More than any of their recent teams ... this one really executes," Grier said.

Gonzaga is often dismissed because its conference schedule is considered less than grueling. But, as usual, the Bulldogs make up for it with a brutal non-conference slate. Gonzaga this year owns wins over Kansas State (currently ranked No. 13), Oklahoma State (now No. 15), Baylor, Oklahoma, Clemson, West Virginia, Washington State and Davidson.

"We are 29 games into the year and we only have two losses,

and they are quality losses," Hart said. "That speaks for itself."

Being No. 1 would bring its own problems. The top-ranked team in the poll has lost seven times this season. Three of those defeats were by Indiana, which fell 77-73 to Minnesota on Tuesday. The Hoosiers (24-4, 12-3) have held the No. 1 ranking for 10 of the 17 polls this season, including the past four.

After this week's games, the Zags travel to the WCC tournament in Las Vegas, where archrival Saint Mary's likely awaits them.

"Every next game is the most important game for us this year," Hart said.

So do the Zags deserve their high ranking?

"You tell me, you're the media guys," Harris said. "Our job is to get in here and practice and work with the coaching staff to get better."

"That's all we are worried about," Harris said. "Whatever happens, happens."



Young Kwak / The Associated Press

Gonzaga head coach Mark Few has his team playing some of its best basketball in school history.

NBA

Sacramento City Council OKs Talks on Arena Deal

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

The Sacramento City Council gave its approval Tuesday night for the city to begin negotiations with investors interested in building a new arena that would potentially keep the NBA Kings in town.

The measure, which was approved 7-2, also called for \$150,000 for attorneys and arena-financing experts. The vote came at the end of a roughly 90-minute discussion of the arena, which included comment from members of the public both for and against the project.

The vote did not include any specifics concerning which investors the city will negotiate with, a location of the arena, or how much public money would be involved. However, city manager John Shirey said he hoped to present a financing term sheet to the council by mid-April.

Late Monday night, a report also surfaced of a minority owner interested in buying the Kings and building a privately-financed arena. The minority owner, John Kehriotis, owns 12.25 percent of the Kings and according to a report from TV station FOX40 would attempt to invoke his right of first refusal to buy the team and build the arena for an estimated total of \$750 million.

A Seattle group led by Chris Hansen and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer reached an agreement in January to buy 65 percent of the Kings for a reported \$341 million. That purchase, however, is not official until it receives approval from the NBA Board of Governors in April.

Sacramento mayor Kevin Johnson is attempting to assemble an ownership group and arena deal that would convince the NBA to deny the sale to the Hansen/Ballmer group and keep the team in California.

There were several reports that Johnson could unveil the ownership group during his annual State of the City address Thursday night.

Johnson has a self-imposed deadline of Friday to announce his ownership group and arena plan.

The Tuesday night vote allows the city to begin officially negotiating with the team of investors, which is expected to include Ron Burkle, co-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins of the NHL, and Mark Mastrov, founder of 24-Hour Fitness.

That group would reportedly propose an arena deal that would likely include more than \$200 million in funding from the city.

Kehriotis has not been reported to be part of the ownership group being put together by Johnson.

The Current AP Top 25

1. Indiana (64)	24-3
2. Gonzaga (1)	27-2
3. Duke	24-3
4. Michigan	23-4
5. Miami (FL)	22-4
6. Kansas	23-4
7. Georgetown	21-4
8. Florida	22-4
9. Mich. State	22-6
10. Louisville	22-5
11. Arizona	23-4
12. Syracuse	22-5
13. Kansas State	22-5
14. New Mexico	23-4
15. Okla. State	20-6
16. Ohio State	20-7
17. Wisconsin	19-8
18. Saint Louis	21-5
19. Memphis	24-3
20. Butler	22-6
21. Notre Dame	22-6
22. Marquette	19-7
23. Pittsburgh	21-7
24. Oregon	22-6
25. LA Tech	24-3

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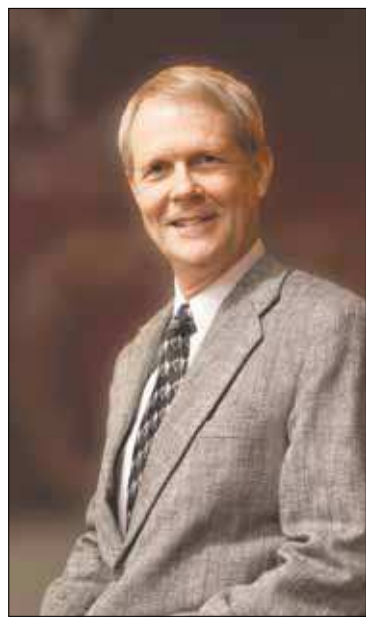
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David Judd, conductor of the Pacific Northwest Chamber Orchestra, will lead a free concert of works by the world's greatest composers this Monday at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

A Chat With Chamber Orchestra Director David Judd

By The Chronicle

On Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Centralia College Corbet Theatre, the Pacific Northwest Chamber Orchestra will give a free concert with the theme "Great Composers of the World" (see the March 4 item in the A&E Calendar for details.)

The orchestra's director, David Judd, a longtime Chehalis resident now living in Longview, offers his perspective about the upcoming concert, along with background on his decades of musical involvement in Lewis County and Southwest Washington.

When did you first become interested in music on more than a casual basis?

I started piano lessons in fourth grade and continued until ninth grade. I started trumpet in eighth grade and continued in band throughout college playing trumpet, french horn, and baritone horn. By my junior year my voice had finally changed and I sang in choir and continued that throughout college. My parents had seven kids and they made sure all seven of us took piano lessons for at least a few years. As a result, we ended up with a very musical extended family that had some great family reunion concerts starting in 1980.

please see **ORCHESTRA**, page Life 2

Corrected Steam Train Dates

By The Chronicle

The Feb. 21 feature on upcoming Chehalis-Centralia Railroad events included incorrect dates. The correct dates for this year's events are:

Murder Mystery Train Rides
June 29
July 27
Aug. 31
Sept. 28
Oct. 27

The train leaves the station at 5 p.m. sharp (with the exception of Oct. 27, which will depart at 4 p.m.), and lasts until about 7 p.m. Train operators ask riders to please prepare accordingly. Reservations required for dinner train rides. Call (360) 748-9593 to reserve spaces.

Other Steam Train Events

- Easter Egg Hunt Train** — March 30, with rides at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. No reservations required.
 - Mother's Day Brunch or Dinner Train** — Mother's Day, May 12, 1 p.m. Pick an entree with reservation.
 - Pumpkin Train** — Oct. 26 and 27, times to be determined
 - Polar Express Trains** — Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 22
 - Santa Trains** — Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 7-15
- More information is available at www.steamtrainride.com.

Scott Duborski, 10, Olympia, takes in the view from the snow castle while waiting in line to slide down the sledding hill Saturday afternoon at the 2011 Winter Carnival at the White Pass Ski Resort. This year's event takes place Saturday and Sunday.

White Pass Winter Carnival to Boast Pirate-Themed Snow Castle

Family-Oriented: 27th Annual Event Marks Halfway Point of Winter Season

By Kyle Spurr
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For nearly three decades, local engineers and contractors have volunteered their time to build gigantic snow castles at the base of White Pass Ski Area for the annual Winter Carnival. This year, the volunteers have already started on the largest snow castle to date. "What is surprising every year is the new level they take the ice castle," Kathleen Goyette, spokesperson for the Winter Carnival, said. "The footprint is even larger than last year and the height will be even higher."

The volunteer crew of nearly 15 people began planning the snow castle about three months ago and started work last Saturday to have it ready for the carnival on this weekend. Goyette said the snow castle will have a pirate theme this year. "There might be a potential attack on the castle," Goyette said. Along with the snow castle attraction, the 27th annual White Pass Winter Carnival will feature a professional snow sculpture exhibition, carnival games, kids ski races, fireworks and live music. Admission to the carnival is

free and open to the public. The kids ski races will cost \$135 for two days of ski training and racing. Kids must five to 12 years old or be old enough to ride on a chairlift. The carnival games, face painting and kids ski races will be held as fundraising to support the Children's Miracle Network, which raises funds for 170 children's hospitals across North America. Goyette said White Pass Ski Area has a 15-year relationship with the Children's Miracle Network by donating the funds from the carnival. An average of more than

\$5,000 is raised over the weekend event. The winter carnival is an all-volunteer event, Goyette said, and it started as a midway celebration of the ski season. "At first we started it as a way to remind people the month of March is the halfway point of the ski season since we are out here skiing until May," Goyette said. Over the years, Goyette said, the carnival is geared toward everyone, not just skiers and snowboarders. "It's the spirit of White Pass," Goyette said. "We are all about a great family fun experience."

White Pass Carnival Schedule of Events	
Today	10 a.m. Snow Sculpture carving begins
Saturday, March 2	8-9 a.m.: Ski for Kids registration 9 a.m.: Poker Run registration outside under the WP Volunteer Ski Patrol Tent 9:30 a.m.: Ski for Kids Training Day begins at the Learning Center 10 a.m.-7 p.m.: Sliding on the castle 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: Carnival Games, Face Painting
	10 a.m.: Register for Kids Obstacle Course Race 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Kids Obstacle Course Race at the Platter Lift 5 p.m.-9 p.m.: Chumstick Liberation Front 6 p.m.: Winter Carnival Dinner (Choose from Prime Rib or Spaghetti) 7 p.m.: Torchlight Parade and fireworks
Sunday, March 3	8:30 a.m. Register for Ski for Kids Race in Talus Room 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids Obstacle Course Race at the Platter Lift 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sliding on the castle 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Carnival Games, Face Painting

Upcoming Activities & Events

Chamber Orchestra, Fairy Tales and Edgy Comedy

Monday, March 4 Chamber Orchestra to Give Free Concert

The Pacific Northwest Chamber Orchestra will perform its "Great Composers of the World" concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre. The PNCO will present selections written by seven of the most famous composers from the classical music genre, including Tchaikovsky, Handel, Brahms and J.S. Bach. Among the more familiar music to be performed will be the "Marriage of Figaro Overture" by Mozart and themes from Puccini's "Madame Butterfly." The free concert is the second of three for the PNCO, which is celebrating its 10th season in 2012-13. The Dec. 3 season opener drew a full house to the 505-seat theater, which has been the orchestra's home since its first concert in 2003 when about 60 people were in the audience. The PNCO is unique among community orchestras across the state in that admission has never been charged to their concerts.

Musical selections for "Great Composers of the World" will include "Music for the Royal Fireworks" overture — Handel; "Fugue in G Minor" — J.S. Bach; "Marriage of Figaro" overture — Mozart; Themes from "Madame Butterfly" — Puccini; "Triumph March" (from Symphony No. 6) — Tchaikovsky; "Hungarian Dance No. 6" — Brahms; and "Rienzi" overture — Wagner.

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Tuesday, March 5

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Wednesday, March 6

Lyceum Talk to Focus on Movies and Fairy Tales

"Once Upon a Movie: Cinema and Fairy Tales" will be the topic of the 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, Lyceum Series talk at Centralia College. Robert Horton will be talking about how movies have used fairy tales for inspiration, often

with adult themes. Among them are Jean Cocteau's "Beauty and the Beast," Powell-Pressburger's "The Red Shoes," Neil Jordan's "Company of Wolves" and Walt Disney's adaptations of the classics. Horton has spent more than 25 years writing and talking about film. A University of Washington grad, he reviews movies for the Herald in Everett and KUOW-FM in Seattle, as well as a number of national publications. His books on film include "Billy Wilder: Interviews" and the upcoming "Frankenstein," and he co-authors the comic book "Rotten" A regular TV guest on the Seattle Channel, Robert also curates the Magic Lantern, a film-discussion series at the Frye Art Museum, and blogs about film at The Crop Duster, roberthorton.wordpress.com. Lyceum is free to everyone to attend and may also be taken as Humanities 286, 1 credit. Lyceum classes are held in WAH 103 or, if more space is



Robert Horton
Movie Reviewer

needed, Corbet Theatre. For more information, call Jody Peterson, (360) 736-9391, ext. 209, or email her at jpeter@centralia.edu. Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis. Taco Night, 6-8 p.m., Centralia Eagles, hard-shell tacos, two for \$1, other menu items, (360) 736-1146. Games Night, 6:30-11 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

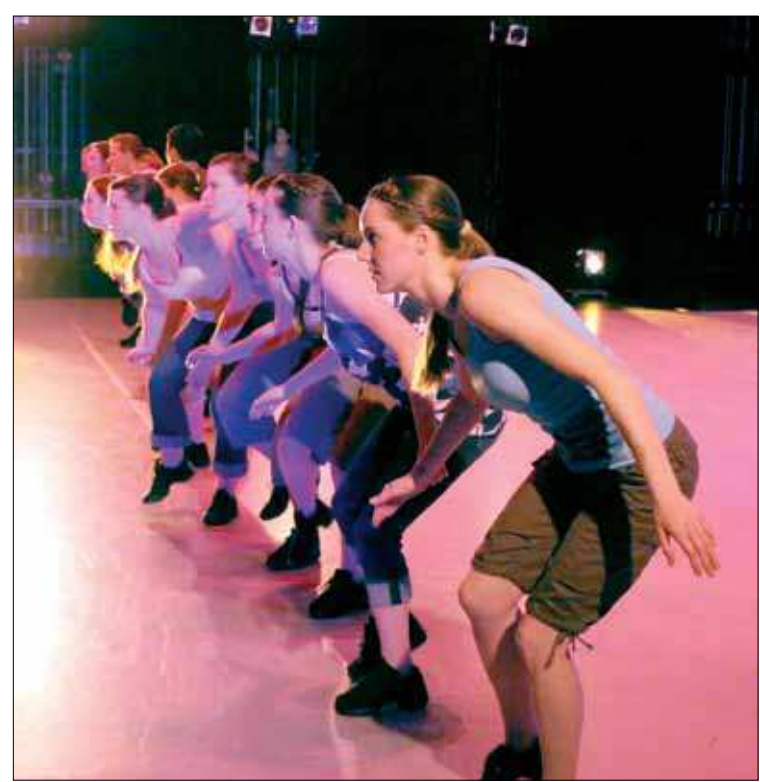
Thursday, March 7

Sailish the Hypnotist, 6 p.m., Corbet Theatre, Centralia College, free admission with canned food donation for local food banks, 736-9391, ext. 224, or email activities@centralia.edu. Open mic, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 8

Riverside to Host Comedian Who Has Worked With Chris Rock

Comedian Matt Claybrooks will be making an appearance at the Riverside Golf Club, Chehalis, at 8 p.m. Friday, March 8. please see **CALENDAR**, page Life 2



The Chronicle, file photo

Dancers from Johansen Olympia Dance Center and Ballet Northwest perform a rhythmic dance during the 20th annual Dance Festival Northwest in 2012. This year's event is set for March 23.

Calendar: Ten Pageant Contestants

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Claybrooks has written episodes for the show "Everybody Hates Chris" and "The Game." After writing for the show that chronicles the life of comedian Chris Rock, Rock brought Claybrooks

along with him as a consultant on his first world tour entitled the "No Apologies Tour." Since then, Claybrooks has worked alongside Rock on a number of projects and opens for him regularly.

Laugh Factory, Los Angeles, had this to say about Claybrooks: "Relentless, provocative, edgy, and hot are just some words that have been used to describe screenwriter/comedian Matt Claybrooks. ... His style is political, socially aware and raw. Claybrooks has opened for some of today's biggest comedians on the planet. ... If you're easily offended, his show is probably not for you."

Admission is \$12. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (360) 748-8182.

'The Art of Marriage' Coming to Centralia Community Church

A 1½-day video conference called "The Art of Marriage" is coming to Centralia Community Church on March 8 and 9.

The Friday session will run from 6:30-9 p.m., and Saturday will run from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This event provides a fresh approach by weaving together a variety of teaching elements along with personal projects to help married couples practice what they learn.

The cost for "The Art of Marriage" is \$55 per couple, which includes all materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. Childcare is available for an additional \$10 per child.

Register online at www.cccog.com or call the church of office at (360) 736-7606.

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlitz Prairie Grange, (360) 864-2023

Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center

Potato and taco salad bar, open to everyone, \$6, 4:30-7 p.m., Olequa Senior Center, Winlock, (360) 785-4325

Tammy B, country rock, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Saturday, March 9

Miss Lewis County Pageant Set for March 9

Ten young ladies will be competing in the Miss Lewis County Scholarship Pageant Saturday, March 9, in the Chester V. Rhodes Auditorium at R.E. Bennett School, Chehalis.

Featured will be Jordyn Hall, Miss Lewis County 2012, and Mandy Schendle, Miss Washington 2012.

This year's contestants are Mallory Arnold, Onalaska; Miriam Ash, Centralia; E. Neisha Bhagwandin, Onalaska; Amanda Briggs, Pe Ell; Katie Britten, Toledo; Danika Macomber, Winlock; Catie Murphy, Chehalis; Amanda Navolynski, Toledo; Lacey Scott, Winlock; and Abri-

elle Sheets, Chehalis.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the pageant starts at 7 p.m. The pre-sale ticket price is \$15, and may be obtained 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. On pageant night, tickets are \$20.

R.E. Bennett is located at 233 S. Market Blvd.

Tammy B, country rock, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Games Day, traditional and modern board games, card games, 1 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Caleb Ross, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$6, (360) 740-0492

Sunday, March 10

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Monday, March 11

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Tuesday, March 12

Community Band Will Perform March 12 at College

Music from light-hearted to serious will be featured when the Lewis County Community Band presents a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

Following are the works that will be performed at the concert:

- "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo," by Malcolm Arnold
- "Sheltering Sky," by John Mackey
- "El Relicario," by Jose Padilla
- "Valdres, Norwegian March," by Johannes Hanssen
- "Galop," by Dmitri Shostakovich
- "Jungle Dance," by Brian Balmages
- "Killian," by Clifton Williams
- "Laurel Mountain Overture," by Douglas Court
- "Renaissance Festival & Dances"

The Lewis County Community Band has been conducted by Louie Blaser and Karl Scarborough since 2007.

If you play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and are interested in joining the Lewis County Community Band, contact Blaser at lewis-countycommunityband@yahoo.com or (360) 330-7605, ext. 6102.

Pro Musica, the Centralia College Music club, is sponsoring the concert.

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Wednesday, March 13

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Young Professionals Lewis County Networking Social, 5-8 p.m., Riverside Golf Club Roof Top Bar, Chehalis, (206) 293-6126

Games Night, 6:30-11 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

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Orchestra: No-Cost Concert is Unique Opportunity

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How did you choose to attend Whitman and the University of Oregon?

I graduated from Kings High School in Seattle and was drawn to Whitman because I had been born in Walla Walla and grew up in Milton-Freewater, Oregon just across the state line. Whitman was a smaller liberal arts college with a good music department and it had a tremendous scholarship endowment, which meant that college expenses would be minimal.

I wanted to major in music with the intent of becoming a music teacher and being in Walla Walla allowed me to have weekends to enjoy the Blue Mountains. After I took my first teaching job in Chehalis, I attended the U of O for three summers to pick up my masters degree. The University of course, had a strong summer music program highlighted by the Bach music festival that they hosted every summer.

When did you come to Chehalis and did you teach music from the get-go?

During my senior year at Whitman, our college choir took it's annual spring tour around the Northwest, singing at several high schools to help recruit students. One of our stops was at W. F. West, where we did a concert for the entire student body in the gym.

After the concert, my college director asked me if I would be interested in teaching here because they had an opening for a choral director. It took me a little off guard since there were not a lot of jobs available and I had been considering a one year grad course at Multnomah School of the Bible. But my director took me around the school with the principal and gave me a good recommendation.

It was the only school I applied to and I was sure that I would not get the job. I was really surprised when I received a letter saying that I had been selected for the position. I had no idea that when I went to W. F. West in 1971 that I would retire from W. F. West in 2001.

What would you consider as your highlights teaching at W.F. West and Onalaska?

It took me about 30 years to begin to learn what makes a good music teacher. I was really young that first year (22) and didn't know much about how to work with students. I had to grow a beard those first few years, just so people would know which person in the group was the teacher.

One of the biggest highlights of my career in Chehalis was finding Vicki, my life partner. It was not under usual circumstances as Vicki was one of my students in choir and Westsingers. We were married a couple months after she graduated and she went on to help accompany many of our school and church groups as well as raise 4 wonderful children over the past 38 years.

Musical highlights from my stint at W. F. West include accompanying the choir on several trips to Disneyland, San Francisco, Orlando and England. It was also a real joy to help the students develop their vocal skills and watch them achieve success at the local and state level.

Being a music teacher in a school the size of W. F. West or Onalaska was the greatest job in the world. I was blessed with the best kids from grades 5-12 in a subject that was my passion and the class was an elective that they chose to take. The band and choir students developed a sense of family over the years that is much like an athletic team that plays together for many years.

How did you get involved with the Bethel Church's "Singing Christmas Tree" program?

In 1976 Don Brown returned to Chehalis and became our new pastor at Bethel Church. He asked Vicki and me to help produce a "singing Christmas tree." I didn't know what that meant, but Pastor Brown said he would build the structure if we could put together a choir.

It seemed to have great success and continued to be a holi-

day favorite in the Lewis County area for 33 years. It was really a community effort, as we had many members of the choir and orchestra from churches throughout the County. This event was the musical high point of the year not only for myself, but for many of the singers and instrumentalists and some of the audience members.

Why were you interested in conducting the PNCO?

The PNCO job opened up the same year that my teaching schedule had been reduced to a half-day position at Onalaska. It was also the same year that Bethel Church discontinued the SCT.

I knew there would be a big void in my life without the Tree, and since I had more time in my schedule, I decided to apply for the position. I already had 36 years doing choirs and 6 years doing bands. It seemed like a new challenge to conduct an orchestra.

Looking back on it now, it was a great opportunity for which I have been very thankful.

How have you handled differences between conducting a choir and an orchestra?

There are some striking similarities between conducting a choir and an orchestra. The expressiveness of the musical line still needs to be brought out, with good balance and blend between the sections. It's important to realize as an ensemble member who has the melody and who is doing the accompaniment parts. Singing or playing in tune remains one of the bedrock fundamentals of good sound.

Musical excitement in all groups is built by use of dynamic contrasts using crescendos or ritardandos. The mechanism of creating the musical sound is different for the singer or the instrumentalists, but the language of music is still the same.

Since I don't play a string instrument, I rely on Rebecca Gage, our concertmistress for string terminology and instruction.

Have you had to find a sort of "comfort zone" in selecting music for an orchestra of volunteers with varying talents?

Musical selection is one of the most challenging parts of the job. We have players from middle school age up to 80 or 90 years. Since there is a wide variety of skill levels, I try to find music that will challenge the

intermediate student and also bring joy to the more advanced players. It's not possible to keep everyone happy all the time.

When we play selections by the great composers, we usually play an "arrangement" instead of the original composition. From the audience perspective it will still sound like Mozart for example, but it's arranged for intermediate players.

I have found that the Lewis County audience really loves to hear music that they recognize and is played well.

How unique is it to have a community orchestra that does NOT charge for admission to its concerts?

This is one of the really special things about our orchestra. It gives an opportunity for anyone in our community to enjoy classical music either as a performer or audience member. Very few community orchestras could ever do this.

The reason we have been able to offer this is: 1. Centralia College allows us free usage of the facilities as part of their continuing Education Program. 2. Because there is a PNCO board of directors who are committed to the idea of free concerts and 3. A very generous community.

Fund raising is not always fun or easy. But we have some generous local donors who consistently give to this cause. The value of arts in a community is something that none of us should ever take for granted. Arts advocacy is a cause that demands continual effort. Just imagine what it would be like to take music, art, dance and drama out of our lives and see the impact on our quality of life.

What does an orchestra like the PNCO mean to the community it serves?

It is my hope that the PNCO has a broad impact on our community. Not everyone likes to attend live classical music concerts, just as not everyone likes to attend a local football game. But there are many who do. And for those who do, it is our mission to provide them with an enjoyable and satisfying evening listening to and soaking up the kind of musical sounds that have touched the emotions and spoken to the souls of human beings for centuries.

I'd like to encourage anyone who has never been to a PNCO concert, or any symphony orchestra concert to give it a try. With the free admission, you can't go wrong.

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"It depends, because it'd be nice to see letter grades to see the quality of education."

Alex Troutman
Centralia, Centralia College student

"I think it's an oversimplification."

Cheyenne LaLone
Chehalis, sales associate



"I don't know if it really matters if it's a letter grade or a points system but we should have some way of evaluating them."

Tami Weinmann
Winlock, food services manager

"I think having the letter grade is an oversimplification because there are a lot of other factors."

Trisha Hall
Rochester, Running Start student

King and Queen of Hearts at Chehalis West



Photograph submitted by Stefanie Wahl, Chehalis West

Nancy and Jerrel Gilligan, who have been married for 54 years, were crowned King and Queen of Hearts at the Chehalis West Assisted Living Valentine's Day party Feb. 14. The residents vote on who will be king and queen.

To submit your photograph, e-mail voices@chronline.com or send mail to Voices, The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531.

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NAPAVINE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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4.0 Grade Point Average

Samuel Fagerness, Skylar Harmon

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Eighth-graders: Adam Barnhart, Evan Brandt, Maribel Legro, Kenya Lorton, Isabella Millhollen, Ashlie Oxford, Lexee Pope, Joel Rotter, Samuel Smith, Wyatt Stanley, Ruthanne Steadham, Brandy Steffen, Wyatt Suter

Seventh-graders: Lauren Bailey, Hailey Canfield, Anastasiya Clary, Noah Cole, Travis Coluccio, Jenna Conrad, Samantha Foster, Caitlyn Goeman, Samuel Johnson, Randy Kinswa, Melissa Lee, Tahlia Lopez, Mollie Olson, Cortney Oster, Wade Sabin, Amador Sandoval, Cody Shaffer, Jenna Sisson, Isaac Subitch, Madelynn Thompson, Cole Van Wyck

Principal's List 3.25-3.50 GPA

Eighth-graders: Seth Brossard, Andrew Conrad, McLean Fagerness, Yesica Mendez-Reyes, Lynsey Mitchell, Allison Roza, Jadelyne Wheeler

Seventh-graders: Kaitlyn Bornstein, Aydan Costin, Emilie Evander, Noah Lantz, Casey Oxford, Stasha Pinion, Kayla Rogge, Cole Scott, Rebecca Snaza

Honorable Mention 3.0-3.24 GPA

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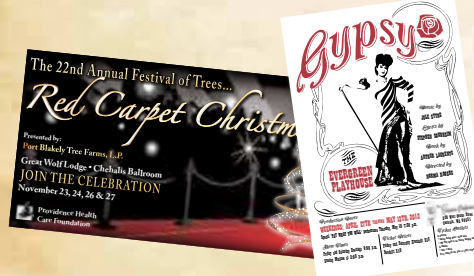
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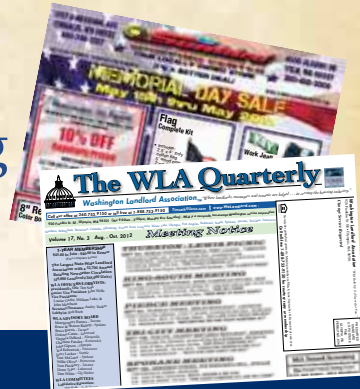
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Early Evaline Home



Submitted by **George Nelson** for Our Hometowns, Volume 2

The Nels and Helen Nelson home is featured in this circa 1900 photo taken in Evaline. Helen was born in England and Nels was born in Denmark. When Helen married Nels she already had one son, William Shaver, who was about 9 when the couple married. The couple had two other children, Pete and George.

TODAY IN HISTORY:

Lewis County-Area History

Untouched Timber Greets Settlers in 1890

of criminals.”

Jackson Courthouse to Be Restored in 1936

The 1847 Jackson Prairie Courthouse was being restored by the National Park Service.

“It is almost 90 years since John R. Jackson, first Yankee landowner north of the Columbia River built his house, the Jackson Prairie courthouse, on his claim, ‘The Highlands.’ The Centralia Daily Chronicle wrote. “The cabin became famous as a stopping place and was the community center for miles around. Young folks came there to get married. The pioneers came to hold celebrations, swap articles and repair farm implements and wagons.

“Mrs. Jackson told her grandchildren of the time an Indian prisoner chained to the hook in the fireplace while he awaited trial, groaned so loudly she could not sleep at night.

“The courthouse was 12 miles north of Cowlitz landing, where the nearest settler lived to the south and 17 miles from Joseph Borst’s place, the nearest settler to the north.”

Wooden Sidewalks Are Disgusting in 1906

The News-Examiner called attention to Centralia’s dingy wooden downtown sidewalks. A section of Locust Street was absolutely impassible, with “old rotten boards, full of holes, where there is enough board left to make a hole.” Even the illegal cows wandering downtown would look up in disgust at the dirty sidewalks, the newspaper proclaimed.

Bloodhound Pups Are in Training in 1911

The Centralia Weekly Chronicle reported the Lewis County Sheriff’s Department was training dogs for law enforcement purposes.

“The county jail bloodhounds are busy studying their business under the direction of Sheriff Urquhart and Deputy Foster,” the newspaper wrote. “One thing the pups have learned to do is to refuse food unless given by one of the officials. This puts the animals on their guard against being poisoned by criminals. The device is simple. A tempting piece of meat is laid upon the ground and an electric wire is laid underneath. The animal makes a grab at the morsel, but before he has time to devour it he gets an electric shock that he will remember the rest of his life, so ever after he will be careful what he eats.

“Sheriff Urquhart has had the animals out several times with Deputy Tom Fester as the imaginary criminal. The dogs are held in leash and have had no trouble locating Tom Foster’s hiding place. It is believed the dogs will later prove valuable aid to the sheriff’s hunting

Aliens Become Citizens in Annual Chehalis Ritual in 1956

An annual class in American citizenship began at the Chehalis High School with six “aliens” attending.

It was the 22nd year that Jas. E. Sareault, a Chehalis attorney, taught the “A.B.C’s of American citizenship.”

The two-hour classes were held weekly and culminated in a naturalization hearing in the Lewis County superior courtroom.

Striking Coal Mine Workers Reject Contract in 1981

Morale was high today among WIDCO coal mine workers after they rejected a contract offer from the company and their strike entered its 28th day. A union representative said that a vote earlier in the week had rejected the first contract brought to the workers by a union negotiating committee.

The steam plant next to the Big Hanaford Valley mine continued to operate on stockpiled coal.

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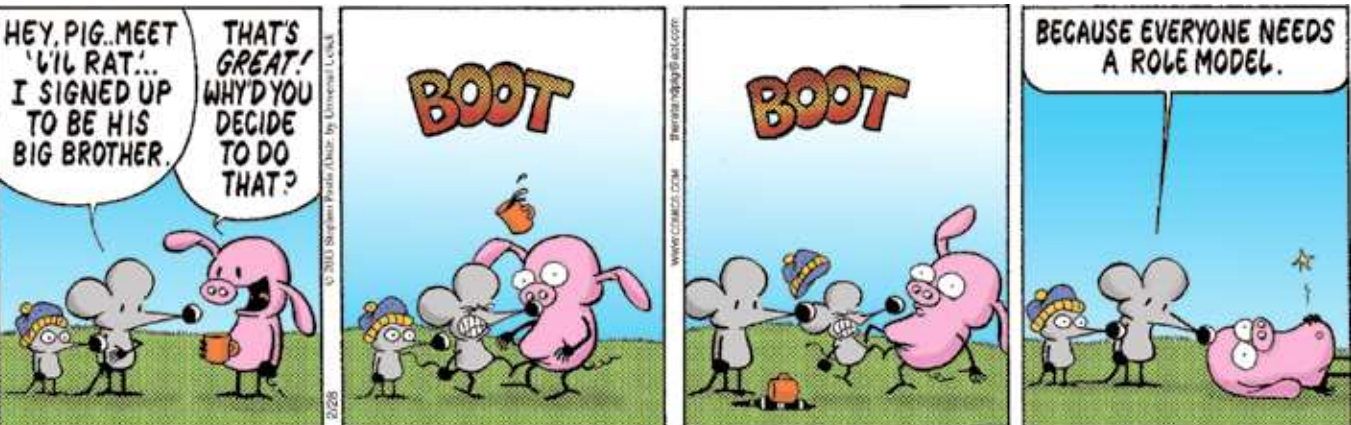
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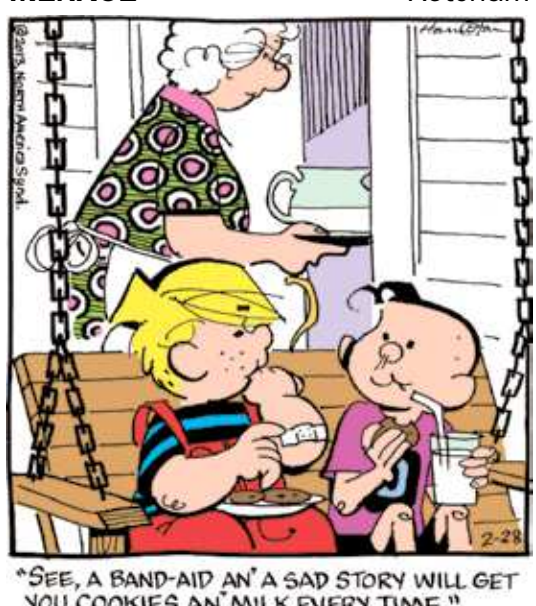
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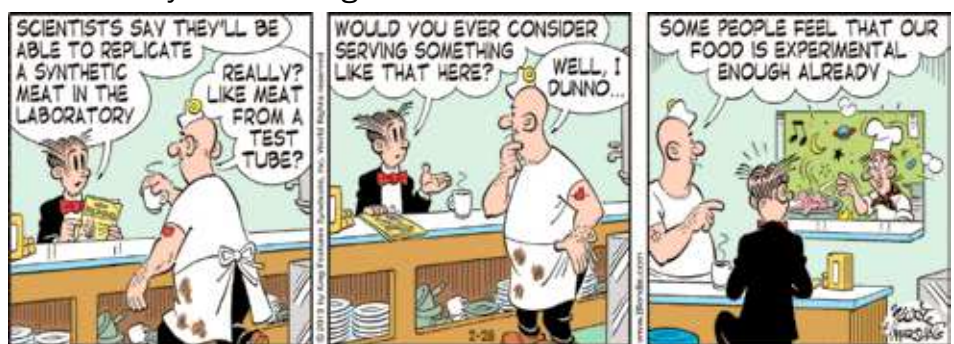
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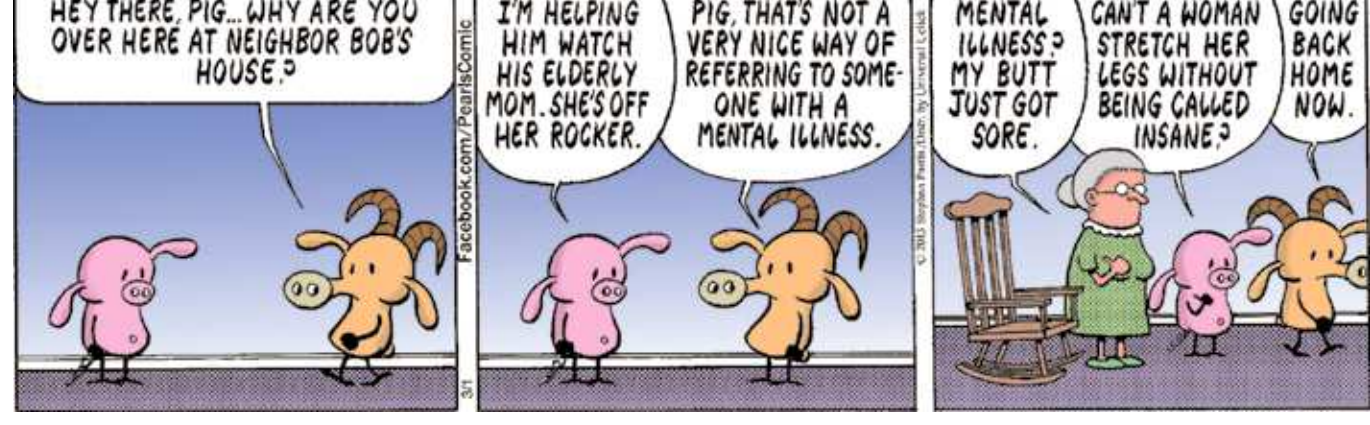
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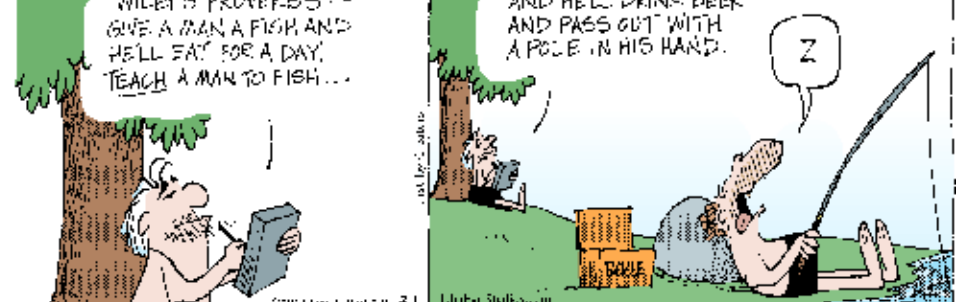
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Sudoku

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Intuitions
 - 6 Predicaments
 - 11 Run off to wed
 - 12 Actress Dern
 - 13 Makes fun of
 - 15 Small fowl
 - 16 High standards
 - 18 Sault — Marie
 - 19 Winner's take
 - 21 Cassius Clay
 - 22 Farm structure
 - 23 Med. staffers
 - 25 Candle drippings
 - 28 Fridge maker
 - 30 Ventilate
 - 31 "Ben- —"
 - 32 Moon buggy
 - 33 "SNL" network
 - 35 Game setting
 - 37 Crumpet companion
 - 38 Voyage
 - 40 Bohemian

- 41 Yoko —
- 42 "Scream" director
- 43 Blue Craven
- 46 Gazed at
- 48 Did a chore
- 50 Free from liability
- 54 Blacktops
- 55 Military chaplain
- 56 Frozen rain
- 57 Merlin of the NFL

- DOWN**
- 1 Zoo doc
 - 2 Percent ending
 - 3 Glamorous wrap
 - 4 Greek vowel
 - 5 Kind of pearl
 - 6 "Gil —"
 - 7 John, in Glasgow
 - 8 Brownie morsels

- 9 "Heck!"
- 10 Identical
- 14 Whiskery animal
- 15 Thin pancakes
- 17 "Scarface" actor (2 wds.)

- 19 Singer — Mann
- 20 Camel kin
- 22 Pretzel topping
- 24 Tijuana Mrs.
- 25 Question of location
- 26 Em, Bee and Polly
- 27 Cavity detector (hyph.)
- 29 Formic acid producer
- 34 Worry
- 36 Inequity (2 wds.)
- 39 Jab
- 43 Cosmetic target
- 44 Ph.D. exam
- 45 Intertwined
- 46 For fear that
- 47 World's fair
- 49 Before marriage
- 51 JAMA subscribers
- 52 Before, in combos
- 53 Countdown start

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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: M equals L

"NCK JCT'L YSEH LC GKIIHV LC OH S XCHL;
SJCMHGDHTDH WG HTCKRY GKIIHVWTR ICV
STNCTH." — ACYT DWSVJW

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "What parent has it easy? I just never make the difficulty of it an obstacle. I just do it." — Marlee Matlin

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Calendar: Dance Festival Northwest Brings Dance Companies From All Around

Continued from Life 2

Thursday, March 14

Open mic, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 15

Stafford Works to Be Shown at Adna Scholarship Dinner

The Adna Scholarship Foundation dinner and auction will be at 7 p.m. March 15 at Adna High School.

A silent auction will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

A highlight of the event will be a wildlife bronze display by renowned Adna sculptor Jim Stafford. It will be the largest single showing in his 40-year career.

The dinner will be catered by Catrina's Catering, Chehalis.

Tickets are \$20 per person. They can be purchased at Adna High School or at the door. All proceeds go to senior scholarships.

Jayne Sanction Bank, top 40, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Saturday, March 16

Jayne Sanction Bank, top 40, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Games Day, traditional and modern board games, card games, 1 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Hope on the Slopes, 24-hour fundraiser for American Cancer Society-funded research and programming, 10 a.m. Saturday-10 a.m. Sunday, White Pass Ski Area and Crystal Mountain

The Deep Wile, 8 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, \$6, (360) 740-0492

Sunday, March 17

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Dancing, Country Four, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, (360) 352-2135

Monday, March 18

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Wednesday, March 20

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Taco Night, 6-8 p.m., Centralia Eagles, hard-shell tacos, two for \$1, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

NW Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Thursday, March 21

Open mic, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 NW Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 22

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlitz Prairie Grange, (360) 864-2023

Music, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061

Harmonious Funk, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Saturday, March 23

Dance Festival Northwest to Be Performed at Corbet Theatre

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

Dance Festival Northwest brings dance companies from around the Pacific Northwest to the Twin Cities area.

The dancers take master dance classes together as a group and then each individual company performs dance pieces they have prepared at the Corbet Theatre performance. This year, the master classes will be taught by Sara de Luis, teaching classical Spanish technique, and Erica

Castro, teaching classical ballet technique.

There will be diverse forms of dance performed, including classical ballet, innovative contemporary ballet, creative modern and contemporary dance and dynamic jazz.

The host company, under the direction of Castro, artistic director, is the Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble, Chehalis.

For more than 30 years, Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble has given the gift of dance to the Lewis County area. The Dance Ensemble has performed for audiences at the Lewis County Community Concert, "The Nutcracker," Northwest Wind Symphony and the Merce Cunningham Tribute. They have also danced at Dancepalozza and other festivals in Seattle.

Visiting companies this year include: Ballet Northwest, Olympia; Evergreen City Ballet, Renton; Four Stories Dance, Chehalis/Seattle; Harbor Dance and Performance Center, Gig Harbor; Johansen Olympia Dance Center/Ballet Northwest, Olympia; Studio West Dance Theatre, Olympia; Washington Contemporary Ballet, University Place; and host company Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble, Chehalis.

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

For more information, call the Dance Center, (360) 748-4789

Two Town Tuners to Host Annual Barbershop Show

The Two Town Tuners annual barbershop show, "Celebrate Harmony," will be held at 2:02 p.m. and 7:02 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the W.F. West High School commons.

The event is in celebration of

the Barbershop Harmony Society's 75th anniversary.

Participants will include The Two Town Tuners Barbershop Chorus, Puget Sounders Barbershop Chorus, Olympia Sweet Adelines Chorus, and the Common Cents, Midas Touch, Four-Tune Tellers and Nitelife quartets.

Admission for the matinee is \$7, with children under 12 free. Evening admission is \$10 for all ages. Refreshments are included.

Tickets are available at Corwin Insurance Agency, 1307 Harrison Ave., Centralia; Endeavors Gifts and Books, 437 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis; Michael R. Mittge law office, 1079 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis; from Two Town Tuner Chorus members; or call (360) 748-4765.

Land Trust Plans Auction, Fundraiser

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust is hosting "A Not So Silent Auction and Fundraiser" at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Brownstone Coffee Lounge in Centralia.

The event will include a night of coffee, a silent auction and entertainment including local belly dancers, Cricket on the Hearth and Bluer on the Other Side.

Those who would like to donate an item or service to the auction are asked to call (425) 931-6627 or email traistanandtyee@gmail.com.

The Brownstone Coffee Lounge is located at 120 S. Tower Ave.

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that helps landowners in the basin protect the conservation values of their property into perpetuity.

Onalaska Dinner, Auction Planned for March 23

The 19th annual Onalaska Scholarship Dinner & Auction will be Saturday, March 23, in the high school gymnasium.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., at which time the silent auction begins. Dinner will be served 5:30-7 p.m., and the live auction starts at 6:30 p.m. MasterCard and Visa cards may be used for purchases.

Dinner ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 6-12. Tickets are available at the Onalaska School District office, from a member of the Onalaska High School Class of 2013, or by calling Doris Coble, (360) 978-4160, or Linda Sabin, (360) 262-3735. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the event help members of the Class of 2013 pay tuition and other school expenses after graduation.

Items for the auction are still being sought. Those who would like to donate are asked to call Sabin or Phyllis Carter, (360) 978-4434. If needed, the items can be picked up. It is requested the donations be made by March 15 if possible.

"Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like," 6:30 p.m., Roxy Theater, 223 W. Main St., Morton, (360) 496-5599

Baked potato bar, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Adna Grange, to raise funds for Adna Grange roof replacement, toppings (sour cream, chives, bacon bits, broccoli, cheese sauce, ranch dressing, chili, butter), green salad, decaf and regular coffee, tea, punch, milk, dessert, adults \$6, kids under 10 \$5, (360) 740-1950

Games Day, traditional and modern board games, card games, 1 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Harmonious Funk, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Sunday, March 24

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Monday, March 25

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Tuesday, March 26

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Movie Review

Big-Bucks Beanstalk is a Highlight of This 'Giant Slayer'

By Roger Moore
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

One thing this current run of blockbuster fairytales inspired by Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" has taught us is how very hard it is to be Tim Burton. Multiple versions of "Snow White," a comic splatter film "Hansel & Gretel" — some have attempted Burton's visual whimsy, all have failed to find his tone.

Bryan ("X-Men"/ "Usual Suspects") Singer takes his shot with "Jack the Giant Slayer," a genial, watchable and somewhat violent version of "Jack and the Beanstalk" that lacks much in the way of magic, romance or wit.

The best two jokes are in the opening credits, with Singer's "Usual Suspects"-inspired production company logo rendered into a police lineup — of giants — and at the final curtain, suggesting the story's connection to modern "Englishmen" whose blood those rhyming giants smell after they've started their

"fee, fie, foe" and "fum."

Notice I said "giants." As in legions of them. The familiar tale of the farm boy who loses the family horse (in this case) for a bag of magic beans, the towering stalk that reaches into the heavens and a giant's lair, the magic harp, a goose that lays golden eggs, etc., has been given a video-game framework here.

The boy (Nicholas Hoult of "Warm Bodies") is still gullible. He still finds the beans. But there's a spirited princess (Eleanor Tomlinson, who was in "Alice in Wonderland") who needs rescuing, a power-mad lord high constable (Stanley Tucci) to foil, a soldier (Ewan McGregor) to befriend and all those giants to slay.

It's "The Princess Bride" without the laughs.

A charming prologue has young Jack and young Isabel hearing the rhyming legend of the land of giants from their respective parents.

Ten years later, Jack's injunction to "take responsibility" is

ignored when he loses the farm horse to a monk with a mission — to get those magic beans to a safe place. Accidents happen, the stalk grows, taking the princess skyward with it. The king (Ian McShane, in a silly suit of armor) is at a loss. He sends an expedition up the stalk to find her.

That's where Jack meets Elmont, the dashing captain of the guards, given a World War II, "tally ho" fighter pilot's swagger by McGregor. Pity about the haircut.

And that's where Jack runs afoul of the scheming Roderick, played with mildly malevolent glee by Tucci. The moment he flashes that gap between his teeth, older movie fans will see who he's going for, an old school Terry-Thomas-style "rotter," somebody the giants can "deal" with.

There are moments of "Shrek"-like playfulness in the carnival set up at the base of the stalk as our heroes and villains climb it. But the vast array of



Daniel Smith / Warner Bros. Pictures

Stanley Tucci, left, and Ewan Bremner star in "Jack The Giant Slayer."

writers (Christopher McQuarrie among them) can't find anything funny for McShane to do or say. And the hilarious Bill Nighy is lost inside an expensively animated two-headed behemoth.

Which is the lot of the film as well. For all Singer's expertise at making the fantastic real, all we're left with here is an expensive-looking bauble — worth eyeing, but not really anything to treasure.

JACK THE GIANT SLAYER

2.5 stars (Grade: C-plus)
Cast: Nicholas Hoult, Ewan McGregor, Eleanor Tomlinson, Ian McShane, Stanley Tucci
 Directed by Bryan Singer, written by Darren Lemke, Christopher McQuarrie, Dan Studney and David Dobkin. A Warner Brothers release.
Running time: 1:53
MPAA rating: PG-13 for intense scenes of fantasy action violence, some frightening images and brief language

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Man Begins to Regret Giving His Ex-Wife a Place to Stay

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife cheated on me five years ago. She ran off with a nonworking criminal type and has been bouncing from place to place with this bozo ever since.



By Abigail Van Buren

When they and their 3-year-old became homeless two weeks ago, all of a sudden she showed up at my door shoeless and with their son in a diaper. She said her boyfriend was abusive and asked to stay with me until she finds a place. I agreed under the provision that she not see this guy.

I am a hard-working single father of two. I know my heart is two sizes too big for my own good sometimes, and I don't want to be taken advantage

of. Abby, did I make the right choice? Or should I have told her she was not welcome and turned her and her son away?

I really feel I shouldn't have to help her, and she should rely on her loser boyfriend — who she has started seeing again. I need guidance and your expert advice. Am I an idiot? — CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: You're not an idiot; you're a pushover. Your ex has already broken the agreement she made when you let her in. The situation is not going to get better; it will only become more complicated.

You have helped her for two weeks. Now it's time to direct her to a shelter that can help her get her life back together and give her son a stable home. Your responsibility for her welfare ended when she left you for another man.

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Cafe Crazy" (Jan. 4), about the woman changing the baby on the restaurant's table. You advised that she should have taken the baby to the ladies' room to change it on a changing table there, and if there wasn't one, there should be.

I am a stay-at-home father and many times have had to resort to an awkward changing table alternative to accomplish the task (though never a restaurant table) as there are very few changing tables in men's rooms. In these dynamic, diverse and changing economic times, the ability to stay home and raise my children has been awesome, and I would do it over again in a heartbeat. It has been hard, however, because society still assumes that raising children is a woman's job. Not only should

there have been a changing table in the ladies' room, but also one in the men's room.

Abby, please help us proud papas to raise our children with the same facilities allowed the mommas of the world! — GRANT IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

DEAR GRANT: I apologize, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to not only help fathers everywhere to raise their children, but also to raise consciousness where it is needed.

Since the letter from "Cafe Crazy" was printed, I have heard from parents of both sexes, as far away as Denmark. Although some men's restrooms are equipped with changing tables, not all are — and they should be. Another solution is a "family" restroom; however, many establishments have neither the money nor the room to install a

third one.

DEAR ABBY: Something has been bothering me and I'd like your opinion. If a group of people goes out to eat together, and no one wants to order dessert except one person, is it rude for that person to keep everyone else waiting and watching while he/she orders and eats the dessert? — CHECK, PLEASE

DEAR CHECK, PLEASE: It's not rude if you first ask the others in the group if they would mind, and they wanted to chat over coffee.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle Page 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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- Inoculants
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- Bridge quorum
- Caches
- Choose
- Slammer
- Peace Prize founder
- Bluesy Memphis street
- — step further
- Good name, for short

DOWN

- Fired up
- Clumsy boats
- Groovy
- Leather punch
- Ointment of old
- Planet's movement
- Blarney Stone site
- Mideast VIP
- B'way posting
- Baking need
- Gloom's partner
- Kind of cube
- Mr. Beatty
- Switch positions
- "My gal" of song
- Stinging insect
- Hound's trail
- Fjord city
- Theater part

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Sudoku

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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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: K equals U

"DPE RVT SLPT YMZP GEIPXPEIPEOP GE V

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IPDMYGRGLGEF GS CBGOA CT CBGOA."

— OVEIGOP CPBFPE

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: "You don't have to suffer to be a poet; adolescence is enough suffering for anyone." — John Ciardi

SATURDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

March 2, 2013

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Saturday Evening. Includes shows like Jeopardy!, Wheel of Fortune, and various news and entertainment programs.

WEEKDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Weekday Daytime. Includes shows like Good Morning America, The View, and various news and entertainment programs.