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Centralia City Council Selects John Elmore to Fill Open Council Position

NOMINATED: Elmore Served on Historic Preservation Commission and Keep Our Pools Group

By Kyle Spurr
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The Centralia City Council selected Historic Preservation Commission member John Elmore for the open at-large council position on Thursday night following a special meeting at city hall to interview five applicants. Elmore, 46, will be appointed to the city council at the next

regular meeting Jan. 8. Elmore, who has attended the city council meetings for a year and a half, said he felt an overwhelming obligation to apply for the open position. "I don't want to say I had the chance to give back to the community and never did it," Elmore said.

The council seat was vacated by Edna Fund, who was elected to the Lewis County Commission in November.

Fund was not a part of the interview process but did attend the special meeting on Thursday night.

The other four applicants were Patrick Gallagher, Sheila L. Gray, Cliff Welsh and Lissa Osborne.

After a nomination process, the city council ultimately voted 4-2 in favor of selecting Elmore. Councilors Matt Trent and Gabe Anzelini voted for Patrick Gallagher. Elmore, who has lived in Centralia for more than 30 years, will serve on the council until next November when he will face an election.

"I've always been very passionate about this town," Elmore said. "And now here I am in a position to foster those things. What more can I ask for?"

Elmore will earn \$200 a month plus health insurance, which is the standard compensation for councilors. Elmore can decline both if he chooses.



Newly selected Centralia City Councilor John Elmore is congratulated by Lewis County Commissioner Ron Averill and Centralia Councilor Lee Coumbs and Matt Trent after a special meeting Thursday night.

News in Brief

Timberland Regional Library Offering Prizes for Reading

The annual Timberland Regional Library Adult Winter Reading program is offering chances to win prizes while reading books, whether in print, audio or electronic format.

Participating is simple. Pick up an Adult Winter Reading brochure/reading log form at any Timberland library or print one from the Timberland Regional Library website at www.TRL.org. Read five books or listen to five audio books between Jan. 1 and March 15. For each five books you finish, complete the form with the title, author and brief review of each book. Bring your list to a Timberland library by Friday, March 15, and fill out a separate prize entry form.

Grand Prizes for 2013 include:

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- Bag of books and beverages; 10 will be awarded

Grand prizes for overnight getaways at Western Washington resorts and bags of books and beverages will be drawn at TRL headquarters on March 22. Some date exclusions apply at some of the overnight stays.

Local prizes will be drawn at libraries at various times during the program. Check with your TRL branch for complete prize lists and rules. All prizes are

donated by local businesses and Friends of the Library groups.

Participants must be 18 or older and TRL cardholders. Each participant will be eligible to win one grand prize and one local prize. TRL employees and immediate family members are not eligible to participate. Information and printable forms will also be at www.TRL.org by the end of December.

Edna Fund, John Braun to Resign From TRL Board

Timberland Regional Library Board of Trustees members Edna Fund and John Braun have both submitted their letters of resignation from the board, effective Dec. 31.

Fund, the Lewis County representative on the TRL board, and Braun, the TRL board president-elect, are resigning due to their recent elections to public office.

Fund was elected to the Lewis County Commission and Braun was elected to the state Senate in November.

"Since I was appointed in 2001, I have had the pleasure of representing Lewis County through some very controversial issues as well as some very positive events, i.e. building of the Vernetta Smith Chehalis Timberland Library," Fund wrote in her resignation letter.

Braun served on the seven-member TRL board for the past eight years. He said the Lewis County Commission will select new TRL board members for next year.

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Authorities Still Seeking Identity of Remains Found Near Morton

SKETCH: Coroner's Office Hopes Sketch Will Lead to More Information

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Coroner's Office has again released a sketch of a woman whose remains were found in April 2011 off a logging road near Morton.

The coroner's office, in conjunction with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, have continued to investigate the identity of the remains since the discovery almost two years ago.

Authorities have thus far had "no leads whatsoever" of

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Dawn Harris
chief deputy coroner

who the woman is, or what happened to her, said Lewis County Chief Deputy Coroner Dawn Harris.

"We just wanted to get it out there again," Harris said of the sketch. "It's been a lit-

tle while."

Harris said she hopes that releasing the photo might generate a lead as to the identity of the woman. Investigators still have not determined the cause and manner of death.

The human remains were found during the evening of April 7, 2011, about 100 yards up from a logging spur near U.S. Highway 12, just outside Morton, according to a press release from the coroner's office.

The coroner's office is working with a forensic anthropologist in King County to help determine how long the remains were by the logging road before they were found as well how the

woman died, according to the release.

A forensic anthropologist believes the remains belonged to a woman between the ages of 20 and 35, according to the release. The woman was of small stature and is believed to be Caucasian with possible mixed ethnicity. There are dental and DNA records available.

The sketch was made by studying the facial bones of the deceased female as an indication of what she may have looked like prior to her death, according to the release. The sketch was first released in October 2011.



Courtesy photo, Lewis County Coroner's Office

This sketch shows an artists rendering of what the woman, whose remains were found near Morton, would potentially look like.

Bureau of Land Management Approves Exploratory Drilling Near Mount St. Helens

GREEN LIGHT: Ascot Inc. May Begin Prospecting as Early as Next Summer

By Lisa Broadt

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The Bureau of Land Management announced Friday that it has approved two hard rock prospecting permits for Ascot Resources. The permits allow for geological exploration within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest northeast of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument.

Ascot Resources, a Vancouver, B.C.-based resources company, in March 2011 applied for the permits that will allow them to prospect in the upper Green River Watershed, an area where gold, silver, molybdenum and copper deposits have been valued at more than \$50 billion. They may begin the exploratory drilling as early as the summer of 2013.

The Bureau of Land Management's go-ahead was the second of two approvals needed by Ascot. Earlier this month, the U.S. Forest Service consented to the prospecting. In a notice of decision, the Forest Service said Ascot's proposed drilling would not cause significant environmental impact and that the issued permits allow for a limited scope of activity.

"I recognize there are concerns related to potential for future mining," Cowlitz Valley District Ranger Gar Abbas said in a statement released by the Forest Service. "The current actions before the federal agencies are related to prospecting (exploration) activities within the permit areas. This is not a mining development project."

Bob Evans, chief financial

officer and director of Ascot Resources, Ltd., also urged restraint in discussions about future mining.

"If the results of the current proposed drill program are promising, still more drilling will be required to determine if there is a substantial economic deposit," Evans told The Chronicle following the Forest Service's decision. "Discussion of processing is premature until we have a fuller understanding of the deposit."

Ascot may prospect in an approximately 900-acre area — managed by the U.S. Forest Service — where they own the subsurface mineral rights. According to the issued permits, Ascot will conduct mineral exploration via 63 small-diameter boreholes at 23 pad sites, each less than 400-square feet.

Prospecting permits are valid for two years but may be extended for an additional four years. To actually obtain a mineral lease, Ascot would have to demonstrate the discovery of a valuable mineral deposit. The Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service would then have the opportunity to review and approve or deny a mineral lease.

Valuable minerals were first discovered near Mount St. Helens in the late 1800s.

Ascot Inc. in 2010 rebored 11 previously-drilled holes off U.S. Forest Service Road 26, near Ryan Lake. The company sought to confirm prior mineral findings. At the time, the company's work — and the associated potential for economic growth and job creation — was lauded by many in Morton and Randle.

Recent increases in copper and gold prices and improvements in prospecting technology may account for the renewed interest in the area, according to

Results of First Drive 'N' Drop Food Drive Weighed

RESULTS ARE IN: Organizers Are Determining What Worked and What Didn't in Preparation For Next Year's Holiday Food Drive

By Amy Nile

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Lewis County Drive 'N' Drop organizers met last week to discuss the results of this year's annual holiday food drive and to determine whether or not to bring back Walk 'N' Knock next year.

"It was a lot less work than Walk 'N' Knock," said Major DeWayne Halstad of the Centralia Salvation Army, noting that Centralia received about 14,000 pounds of food, or about the same as previous years.

Meanwhile, Chehalis took in about 10,200 pounds of food, which was lower than years past.

"I had a lot of people want Walk 'N' Knock," said Jeff Smith of the Chehalis food bank.

Some towns like Winlock had a successful Walk 'N' Knock, despite most of the county switching to the drive event aimed at higher efficiency. But unlike the Twin Cities, Winlock still has enough volunteers to cover the food pick-up routes, which this year accounted for some 7,400 pounds of food.

The group discussed how the rest of the county could replicate success like organizers in Winlock and Toledo had with both food drives. Chuck Sonner, who led the Winlock effort, said he got high school students to help with the project.

"It's kind of an untapped resource," he said.

"A nice strong back is what you need on this," added Ross McDowell of the Lewis County

"So much is in place now and next year's effort will be over the top."

Bonnie Pedersen
Lewis County Food Bank Coalition

Sheriff's Office. Organizers discussed replicating Winlock's success by better working with schools next year.

Pe Ell, Salkum, Onalaska, Mossyrock and Morton food banks reported that with several hundred pounds of grocery items following Drive 'N' Drop, they were down in donations from past years. But the local school food drives were the most successful part of the effort.

With with more than 4,000 pounds of food, White Pass, Randle, Packwood and Glenoma did really well with Drive 'N' Drop compared to previous years.

The group determined that this year the Drive 'N' Drop might have had too many donation sites and discussed passing out shopping bags with information on what items are needed at grocery stores next year.

"As a community member, it's really easy to drop it on my porch or pick a few things up while I'm at the grocery store," said Lisa Conzatti, a community services health educator for Lewis County. "I don't know that I'd go out of my way."

While organizers in most of the county will likely make the more efficient Drive 'N' Drop the new tradition, next year they said the event will have less drop sites, flashier presentation and earlier promotion and organization.

"I think it's going to make a big difference," said Bonnie Pedersen of the Lewis County Food Bank Coalition.

But other areas like Chehalis and Pe Ell will follow Winlock and Toledo in doing both the Walk 'N' Knock and the Drive 'N' Drop next year.

"So much is in place now and next year's effort will be over the top," Pedersen said.

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Owner of Napavine Gun Store Expects Big Business

UP IN ARMS: As National Gun Control Debate Rages, Napavine Gun Seller Worries About Regulations

By Amy Nile
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NAPAVINE — A new gun store opened in Napavine Friday, and the owner expects business to boom as the nation is up in arms over last week's shootings.

"It creates a frenzy on either side," said John Massett, who opened Rockin' M Arms on Washington Street. "I think people react to it because the anti-gun control wants to make a martyr out of the evil bad guy."

Massett, who co-chairs the local NRA, said last weekend's gun show in Chehalis was the busiest he's ever seen. The 49-year-old said he thinks the high turnout is, at least in part, due to fear that the nation could pass stricter gun control laws following last Tuesday's Portland mall shooting and Friday's school massacre in Connecticut.

President Obama on Wednesday announced a new gun task force with Vice President Joe Biden leading the effort to formulate new policy to curb the epidemic of violence by January in the wake of one of the nation's deadliest school shootings just six days ago.

Stacy Brown of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office expects the number of citizens coming in to get permits for guns to rise following the tragedies, which puts a strain on the county's resources.

"We've seen a major increase since September," she said.

The sheriff's office has given 732 concealed pistol permits through Nov. 30 of this year, compared with 622 in 2011. Brown said the number has tripled since 2005.

Additionally, Lewis County's number of pistol transfers have also tripled and renewals have doubled since 2005.

"These are fairly significant changes," Brown said. "It shows you how people are buying more guns."

Massett, a 37-year member of Ducks Unlimited, said he wanted to open his small town shop so customers could feel comfortable while buying guns and most importantly while talking about safety.

"It's about time we brought one here," said Danny Reynolds, a Napavine resident who does artistic carvings on gun stocks.

The coffee is always on and customers can sit and play checkers in the space which is adorned with Massett's hunting trophies.

"I let 'em know I was the top of the food chain," Massett joked.

Rockin' M Arms offers cus-



John Massett, owner of Rockin' M Arms, points to one of the more popular semi-automatic pistols that he sells in his new gun store in Napavine on Monday.



A stuffed cougar stands in a display case in the middle of John Massett's new gun store, Rockin' M Arms, in Napavine on Monday. Massett said he killed the large cat north of Cle Elum nearly 4 years ago.

tomers a variety of personal carry guns, hunting rifles, shotguns, cowboy action guns, and 1800s-style lever action rifles from between \$350 and \$1,200.

"I have everything from varmint hunting to elk or moose," said Massett, who has hunted for more than 40 years.

Massett can order items at a customer's request. The store carries hunting supplies like ammo and knives and does repairs and trades.

Additionally, Massett, an avid sportsman and competitor, will offer gun safety and handling classes.

Massett said he's nervous he could soon be out of work and lose his investment if gun laws are changed.

"We already have a bad enough economy. Neither side should politicize this," he said. "If you take guns away from good people, we'll all be victims."

Buyers Fear Limits on Military-Style Weapons

By Maureen O'Hagan and Mike Carter
The Seattle Times

Saturday afternoon, business at Wade's Eastside Guns was on a record-setting pace, according to owner Wade Gaughran.

Then came Monday, and the real rush began. By Tuesday, the 16,000-square-foot shop in Bellevue had sold out of some of the most popular models, according to Gaughran.

"Since the tragedy, we've been doing three to five times our normal amount of business," he said.

By tragedy, he means the school shootings last Friday in Newton, Conn., where 20 children and six adults were gunned down by a killer using the sorts of popular military-style firearms that Wade's and other area gun shops were having a hard time keeping in stock, even as the particular outrage of these killings sparked another round of hand-wringing over what can be done to stem gun violence.

What may be different this time is that the talk seems serious, with President Obama calling for gun-law changes and even some gun-rights advocates finding it hard to defend the easy accessibility of weapons of the sort that allowed the killer at Sandy Hook Elementary School last week — or the Aurora, Colo., theater shooting in July — to kill so many so quickly. So gun enthusiasts are rush-

ing to Wade's and other gun shops around Puget Sound, buying weapons and accessories — like high-capacity magazines — that, if the past is any indication, are the likely first targets of gun-control efforts.

"This is kind of the perfect storm for anti-gunners," said Gaughran. "They have their president, they have their Senate and they have their tragedy."

Carry Permits

There was a rush on at the King County Sheriff's Office, too, where people lined up to apply for concealed-carry permits. By late-afternoon Monday, permit seekers were standing 10-deep in the lobby, and the clerks had to start turning people away, telling them to come back tomorrow.

On Monday, 71 concealed-weapons permits were processed; last year on that same date, the number was 38.

Previous Runs

In 1994, during the Clinton presidency, just before the passage of legislation that would limit sales of certain-types of semiautomatic firearms and high-capacity magazines, there was a big run on guns and other items that would be illegal to buy later. The same thing happened after President Obama was

elected in 2008 — fears about his possible gun-control agenda sent sales through the roof. Gaughran, owner of Wade's, said 2009 was his best year.

The Clinton regulations were allowed to expire in 2004.

Workman said the Clinton-era bans drove a big run on AR-15-style weapons, the civilian version of the weapon used by the U.S. military. A version of that weapon, made by Bushmaster, was used in the Connecticut killings. Infamously, it was the same brand of weapon used by the D.C. snipers during their killing spree in October 2002. That gun was stolen from a Tacoma gun shop.

Millions in Private Hands

The Connecticut gunman, Adam Lanza, used a Bushmaster that was owned by his mother, whom he had killed before his assault on the school, according to police.

The Bushmaster is one of several brands of weapons based on the AR-15. The M-16, a fully automatic version of the weapon, was adopted as the primary firearm of U.S. soldiers during the Vietnam War, and a modernized version of it — the M4 — is carried today by U.S. forces around the world.

The civilian version of the weapon is extremely popular as a sporting rifle. It is relatively

lightweight, accurate, and most are chambered to fire a .223-caliber round that is plentiful — it's the standard round used by NATO forces — and relatively inexpensive.

Back at Wade's, the basic model sells for \$800; the higher-end models can run \$3,000.

Last week, the shop had about 40 of these semiautomatic rifles displayed on the wall. Tuesday, Gaughran said eight or nine spots were empty.

They have no more. Distributors are out, as well.

He said he already knows what's going to happen next: With limited supply and big demand, prices will likely go up.

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Legislature, Inslee Need to Take Up Flood Fight

Gov. Chris Gregoire has shown her commitment to finding meaningful basinwide solutions to Chehalis River flooding with her inclusion of \$28.2 million in her proposed capital budget for flood work.

The Legislature and incoming Gov. Jay Inslee should continue the strong work of Gov. Gregoire in providing leadership and resources to address the problem.

Gregoire and her staff, in particular Keith Phillips from her Executive Policy Office, have helped keep the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority on track. This fall she named an advisory group of key stake-

holders from across the basin and the spectrum of ideas about how to address flooding. This group — Chehalis tribal chairman David Burnett, Thurston County Commissioner Karen Valenzuela, Chehalis attorney J. Vander Stoep, Elma dairyman Jay Gordon, and Cosmopolis Mayor Vickie Raines — showed that they were more than equal to the difficult but crucial task at hand. We owe them thanks for working together to craft a plan that moves us forward toward a solution that will address many of the most pressing flood-protection and reduction needs.

Chief among Gregoire's proposals are \$9.2 million to refine the engineering designs for a water retention structure on the upper Chehalis River. Preliminary studies have shown how a dam would take the most damaging edge off the flood, reducing water levels by as much as 4.5 feet at Mellen Street in Centralia during a 2007-level flood. This money will further evaluate a dam, including its safety, implications for water quality and fish populations, and its cost-benefit for flood protection. This will bring us to the point where we can have all the information in front of us to decide whether this is the best

solution for the flood-ravaged communities downstream. The budget also includes \$10.7 million for on-the-ground construction of projects that would protect the Pe Ell and Montesano wastewater treatment plants, the Bucoda drinking water well and other projects in Grays Harbor. Funds are also earmarked for salmon restoration and enhancement, reducing residential damage, and continued operation of the Flood Authority.

After so many heartbreaking Chehalis River floods, including seeing water in 2007 that reached places it has never been before, we need a comprehen-

sive solution that does more than just protect Interstate 5. Thankfully, there is a strong slate of proposals on the table and governmental leadership to move this most important process forward. We urge the Legislature and the new governor to uphold Gov. Gregoire's good work on behalf of the people in the Chehalis Basin. For the first time in generations, the people of this valley are unified and working together for meaningful flood control. We need the governor and Legislature to walk with us as partners. As Gov. Gregoire steps down, she leaves us with a good plan to move forward.

COMMENTARY: Saturday's Child

Saturday's Child Weeps for Friday's Children

As I write this column at mid-week, everything from my years in journalism tells me I have chosen the wrong topic.

Throughout the week, we all have been inundated with the tragedy at Sandy Hook, and here I am absorbing you in more than you can bear.

Even the beautiful light blanket of snow at midweek did not bring us beauty and the excitement of children, because a heavier unrelenting quilt of pall smothered it all.

In a season when we are exhorting one another to be merry, I bring you instead despair.

Throughout the nation we have tried to let the people of Newtown know that we are with them in their grief — by lighting candles, holding special services, lowering flags, saying prayers, etc. It all falls short.

We who have spent our careers working with words, such as journalists and English teachers, have an added burden. Words do little in this case to ease our grief.

I offer many questions, primarily "Why?" and "What to do?" but from my 91 years of life, I have no solutions.

So I probably have chosen the wrong topic, but something urges me to cry out or maybe just to cry. Call it therapy if you wish.

Last Thursday evening I sat in the little Edison School gymnasium for the school's Christmas program. I was there among mostly parents and siblings at the invitation of the Molina third grade twins, Abram and Elijah, with whom I have formed a sort of a great-grandfatherly affection.

First came the first graders (the same age as most of them shot down); then the second graders, and finally the third graders, who had been fortunate enough to live to such an advanced age. Each group filled the risers in three rows from one end to the other, aglow with the pride of performance

We sometimes can ease our grief by channeling it into anger. But there is no Hitler here to direct our anger towards, only a sad little 20-year old, named Adam Lanza, and he doesn't merit our anger.

and the spirit of the season, performing miracles under the magic wand of the music teacher.

Abram and Elijah were in their matching sweaters, no doubt new for the occasion. And all the rest of the kids were in their finery. Next to Abram stood the little guy in the natty porkpie hat (such as Bing Crosby wore). Near Elijah was a lad dressed all in white, white suit, white shirt, white necktie (The kids referred to him as "Marshmallow.")

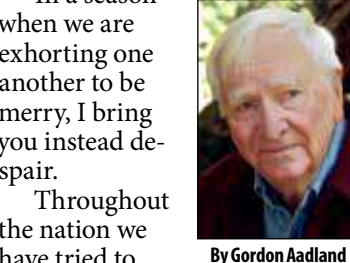
The next morning, in Connecticut, the equivalents of the kid in the porkpie hat, Marshmallow, and the rest of the Edison entertainers, were shot dead.

When you are that young, Death is a feared stranger but still so many years away that we can put it aside in our thoughts. What could those tots have thought about when they were faced with Death at the end of an assault rifle in a "safe" school classroom? That speculation will always haunt us.

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Here in midweek we have started to say goodbye to those kids with the short life and to put them into the ground. The headline in today's USA Today seems to reflect my thoughts. It quotes one of those attending a funeral as saying, "The tiny coffin 'rendered me speechless.'" Alas.

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Gordon Aadland, Centralia, was a longtime Centralia College faculty member and publicist.



By Gordon Aadland



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DAVID FORD THE CHRONICLE

COMMENTARY: Musings From the Middle Fork

The Problem Is Much Bigger Than Guns

To hear some people talk this past week, anyone defending gun ownership doesn't care about the senseless slaughter of children or people in the Oregon mall. On the face of it those making that argument are absurd and insulting.

But it makes having a rational discussion about a serious topic like this a challenge.

Some argue guns are the only problem, and must be banned. Most of them though, if they are honest, want gun control anyway, and some are sadly just exploiting these horrible incidents.

They want high-capacity clips banned. Assault weapons, (which, by the way, is a rather nebulous term) need to be banned. Simple answer right? Not hardly.

The truth is every rational person is sick about these events, especially responsible gun owners. Sick about the loss of life, especially innocent life, and if there is no agreement on that point, I don't know where to go from there.

I don't know a single gun owner who doesn't support gun owner responsibility.

Which made me, and others, wonder how the mother of the Connecticut shooter secured her weapons, especially if she had concerns about his mental health?

I've read that most multiple-victim shootings occur in "gun-free zones." If this is true, it

proves mass killers aren't stupid — cowards probably, nuts certainly, but not stupid.

In the Clackamas Town Center shooting, it turns out a lawfully armed citizen was in the mall when the shooting occurred. He pulled his pistol and pointed it at the shooter, who promptly shot himself, instead of another patron. Risky? Maybe, but not nearly as bad as an active shooter looking for live random targets.

I had to look hard to find that story. But that also must be part of the discussion because the right to protect yourself is important. And there are many examples largely ignored by the media.

There needs to be honest discussion about violence and what can really be done about it. The assault weapon and high-capacity magazine ban was in place for 10 years and statistically had no effect at all.

And debate must include the overwhelming evidence that Hollywood's senselessly violent movies, violent video games, and obscene and violent rap music play a role as well.

Along with broken families, absent fathers and other risk factors that are statistically significant.

Which leads some, like me, to say the issue of mass murder is more complex than just the access to guns.

Lt. Col. David Grossman has been speaking about this for years. His background makes him uniquely qualified to talk about it, and be listened to.

Grossman is retired soldier, a former West Point psychology

professor and has presented to the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

He has studied killing for years and he's been blowing the whistle on Hollywood and video games for a while.

But Hollywood denies responsibility, and video games continue to get more graphic and violent for young minds; watching and participating in violent movies and games is not healthy.

So let's talk about it all. Let's agree that every normal person, gun control advocate or gun owner, wants things like this to stop. But the solution must be constitutional and effective, not just emotional or political.

But there is something else, the value of human life. How can our justifiable outrage, pain and emotion at what happened at the mall or any school shootings ignore the horror of abortion? After all, thousands of babies are killed every day and most with a beating heart. Some are aborted late enough they could survive outside the mother's womb.

No guns are involved in the slaughter of unborn babies and inside its mother should be the safest place in the world.

Instead it's way more dangerous than the mall or a school.

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John McCroskey was Lewis County sheriff from 1995 to 2005. He lives outside Chehalis, and can be contacted at musingsonthemiddlefork@yahoo.com.

First Amendment Center Quote of the Day

"The idea of a library full of books, the books full of knowledge, fills me with fear and love and courage and endless wonder."

Elizabeth McCracken author, 1996

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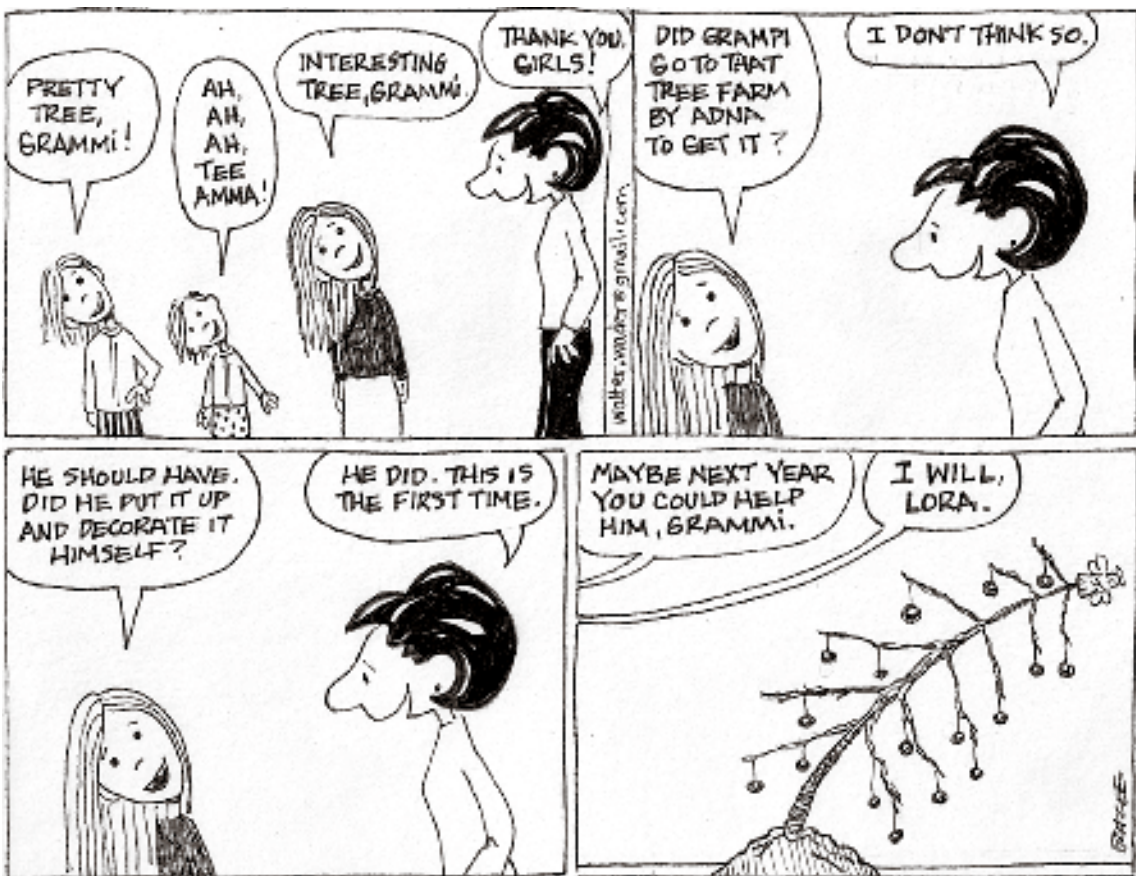
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Letters to the Editor

News Media at Fault for School Shootings

To the editor:
What is driving the school shootings?
The main reason isn't gun ownership, although it is part of the problem. The young people who commit these horrific acts must have a weapon to commit them.
It isn't violent video games, although it is part of the problem by influencing and desensitizing young minds.
It isn't mental instability, although it may be part of the problem.

The school shootings are carried out by young people, usually males who are very unhappy and feel they have failed in their lives. Getting even may be their thought in some cases.
The main reason the school shootings are happening is the overwhelming and sensational coverage by the news media. The Columbine-type shootings in 1999 were started by extensive media coverage.

The suicide of the perpetrator in the Connecticut shootings is part of the Columbine pattern. More than 40 school shootings have followed Columbine.

The latest incident in Connecticut was carried out by a young man who had, without a doubt, been exposed to this media coverage.

He has topped everyone in performing the most senseless, heartbreaking act ever committed in our public schools. The number of dead and few injured shows intent and deliberation on his part.

There will be hundreds of interviews with anyone who has a connection to the Connecticut tragedy. Many will be heart-wrenching. Hundreds of details will come out. Hundreds of hours of video will be taken and be played for days and weeks. About all of the documentation will be true.

The dark side will come out and this young man will get his publicity and millions of young minds will be influenced again. Many more attempts will be made and Columbine-type shootings will continue.

Sometimes we are the victims of our own times.

DEAN NIXON
Mossyrock

Catholics Respect Mary, But Don't Worship Her

To the editor:
I thought the article by Lisa Broadt on Dec. 13 about the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. Joseph Church (page Main 1) in Chehalis was very well done. It showed the cultural diversity that we have here in Lewis County, and how different cultures can come together to celebrate a joyous occasion.

There was one factual mistake in the article though that I would like to point out. I don't know if it was a misun-

derstanding on the part of the reporter, or on the part of the person who made the statement. However, it was a mistake.

The reporter mentioned one of the dancers as saying "that celebration and worship of the Virgin Mary was an integral part of her Catholic upbringing." This is not true to Catholic teaching. We worship God alone. We do not worship Mary. We highly respect and venerate Mary, but we don't worship her. We hold Mary in high esteem because God chose her to be the mother of our savior. Mary is not God. Only God deserves our worship.

Unfortunately, this misconception by many that Catholics worship the Virgin Mary is quite widespread. It can even be misunderstood by some Catholics, which may be the case with the dancer who was mentioned in the article.

We respect Mary for the role that God gave her in salvation history, but we give God all our worship.

REV. TIM ILGEN
pastor,
St. Joseph Catholic Church

It's Hard to Grasp Sandy Hook Massacre

To the editor:
How can I think about the collective pain in Sandy Hook, Conn.? Of 20 young children and six adults killed by a young man with an assault rifle breaking into an elementary school? How can anyone grasp the terror? The complete and utter anguish of it? The everlasting loss from this day forward?

How can I think now, about those once far-away deaths in Afghanistan, Japan, Palestine, Syria, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Somalia, Israel, Scotland, Vietnam, now brought so close? How can I think about those other places where I watch distraught mothers and fathers grieving for their sons and daughters - dead too soon by someone else's violence?

How can we think about someone randomly messing with our lives and hopes? How can I join the search for a way to never, ever allow this to happen again? I'm thinking there must be something to do - some law?, some program?, some united effort to stop another gunman opening fire in a crowded school, mall, subway, market place or embassy?

Maybe it would take talking about and rethinking gun control, or raising our awareness of mental health services, of creating a prison like fortress in public buildings, or even returning God to public schools?

Thinking about our personal and collective pain seems to produce a renewed resolve to look beyond ourselves, to help in whatever way we can, to serve, to cherish and to continue in hope.

For now, I think that today I can:
• believe in a God of love who shares all our pain.

• support efforts to improve programs, even knowing that legislation alone cannot stop violence.

• intentionally offer a smile, extend a kind look, and deliberately open conversation with kindness.

• send a teddy bear, write a letter, serve a cup of coffee, listen attentively, hold a hand

Life is complicated and simple at the same time, and who knows but that some kind or gentle connection may save a life.

MARILYNN CHINTELLA
Chehalis

Coverage of Discovery by Chronicle Appalling

To the editor:
With so much negativity flying around about the Discovery Tours, I believe it is necessary to give you my opinion on its behalf.

I have traveled off and on throughout the 15 years it has been in business. I started with them when they only had a van.

This business is a family-owned and operated local business. The business could not have grown without their good service, dedication and sacrifice.

They have many happy travelers. When you operate a small business such as this one, you live it 24 hours a day.

All long-trip customers are offered cancellation insurance. It is their choice if they do not take it.

The owners' son was graduating from boot camp to serve our country when KOMO TV came down. Their business was closed. I think their priorities are right on target.

I was appalled when The Chronicle had Discovery as its headline, front page, with all its problems exposed. Then you did your cartoon designed to make people laugh and it sickened me.

Talk about hitting below the belt when you're down. Where is your support for a struggling local business?

JEANNE MILLER
Chehalis

Destiny Christian Center Praised for Holiday Meal

To the editor:
The Destiny Christian Outreach Center in downtown Centralia provided a lovely Thanksgiving Day dinner to folks with no family.

I was feeling a bit down when I got there, but the greeting I received warmed my heart, and the meal was prepared with loving hands.

I tip my hat to the community church members, youth and volunteers of the Clothes & Loaves outreach program, Pastors Bill and Becca Bates and others for the outstanding mission they lead. Heartfelt thanks. Love is the answer.

LESLIE NIEMI
Rochester

Great Things Can Happen at the End of Our Comfort Zone

sonder n. - the realization that each random passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own — populated with their own ambitions, friends, routines, worries and inherited craziness — an epic story that continues invisibly around you like an anthill sprawling deep underground, with elaborate passageways to thousands of other lives that you'll never know existed, in which you might appear only once, as an extra sipping coffee in the background, as a blur of traffic passing on the highway, as a lighted window at dusk. (From "The Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows," www.dictionaryofobscuresorrows.com)

Shortly after I graduated from high school, I was diagnosed with a hormonal condition and fertility disorder called Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome (PCOS). About 1 in 10 women of child-bearing age are affected by this growing reproductive epidemic. Even more women (about 1 in 5) struggle with fertility above and beyond that and seek fertility treatments.

My husband and I have been trying to conceive for about 2 and a half years, and after a few months off, we're now about to embark on a new journey with a third medical professional. It's been a long road in many ways and sometimes difficult to talk about.

Experience began to teach me, that the only way to not be "hurt" by people's "helpful" advice (who are truly trying to be helpful — and trust me, I've heard every trick in the book) or words of wisdom (some even saying things like "well, maybe you're just not meant to have children." FYI: that hurts! Even if you mean well), was to withdraw and retreat into myself — "fighting" this battle alone, even isolating my feelings from my own husband, and not talk about it at all.

So I didn't.
During that time, I felt broken. I became self-deprecating. I felt unlovable and worthless in many ways. I was unable to do something that so many women take so for granted in many ways.

Then last August, the doctor I was seeing, upon another failure, instructed her nurse to call me (without warning) and inform me that she "didn't want to see me anymore."

It was devastating. Just another disappointment in a long line of them.

So, after that, we took a break. We decided to take an indefinite hiatus, and just recently decided that we will resume treatment after the first of the year. But, of course, now I had to find a new doctor.

I went out on a bit of limb. I posted a brief version of my story on Facebook and asked for recommendations. I was terrified in many ways, yet hopeful (maybe desperate) in others.

"I'm a columnist, for goodness sake — sharing my experiences shouldn't be so hard," I told myself.

Immediately, a deluge of women began commenting with

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names of doctors, incredible stories, offers of prayer — and an amazing outpouring of support.

Even more incredible were the complete strangers who reached out. Each time someone would comment on the post, it became visible to their friends. And those friends began flooding my inbox with the most amazing words of kindness and love.

And in that moment, I didn't feel alone anymore. I felt the sonder of my parallel journey with these incredible women who cared enough to take time out of their days to share their personal experiences and wishes with me.

As my dear friend Anna Lisa posted: "I am stunned by your bravery to post this. I hope others struggling as well can hear this and understand they are not alone. Owning and sharing the journey you are on is so powerful and awesome. I'm so glad you went ahead and posted [it]. So many great things can happen at the end of our comfort zone."

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This Christmas morning, maybe as you watch your children open gifts and delight in the festivities of the Holiday or as you reflect on your own childhood memories, please have a conversation with someone about becoming a foster parent. Foster parents change the lives of children one at a time and you can make a great impact in immeasurable ways. Please visit www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/ or contact our local State Department of Child and Family Services Office (Centralia) at 807-7080 and ask for Shane Wherry.

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Dr. John Pham
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It is commendable that many people do everything they can to stay in shape. However, even those with the best intentions may have been led astray by health claims from the producers of sports and energy drinks. The fact is that these popular drinks can damage tooth enamel as much as soda can. Just how much sports and energy drinks can harm teeth was recently reflected by research that involved subjecting tooth enamel to sports/energy drinks for 15 minutes at a time, four times a day, for five days. At the end of the study, sports drinks had resulted in a 1.5% loss of enamel while energy drinks caused twice as much damage (3% loss). Try water instead.

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Downed Power Lines

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several feet and cause serious injuries.

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stolen Cellphone

• A cellphone was reported stolen on the 200 block of South Pearl Street at 7:39 a.m. Thursday.

Vehicle Prowl

• A backpack containing prescription medications was reported stolen from an unlocked car parked on the 900 block of Ellsbury Street at 3:50 p.m. Thursday.

Sirens

Wrong Bill?

• A woman reported she received a bill from a company for charges she did not make at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday on the 1100 block of Elm Street.

Hit and Run

• A woman reported that someone hit her car then left the scene at 2:47 p.m. Wednesday on the 1300 block of Belmont Avenue. The case is still under investigation.

Stolen Bike

• A chrome Mongoose mountain bike with black rims

was reported stolen on the 700 block of North Tower Avenue at 8 p.m. Wednesday

Domestic Violence

• Terry R. Strong, 44, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for alleged fourth-degree assault at 12:54 a.m. Thursday on the 1500 block of North Scheuber Road.

Car Versus Creek

• Police responded to a report of a vehicle that left the road and ended up in a creek near the 800 block of North Gold Street at 2:33 a.m. Thurs-

day. When officers arrived, the vehicle was abandoned. Police located the juvenile driver a block away trying to find help to remove the vehicle. The juvenile was cited for second-degree driving while license suspended and released into the custody of his parents.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stolen Tabs

• Someone reported the tabs off their license plate stolen while their vehicle was at Walmart at 11:47 a.m. Thursday.

Chehalis Man Arrested for Assaulting 4-Year-Old Daughter

By The Chronicle

Frank G. Fulmer, 25, Chehalis, was arrested and booked for third degree child assault on Thursday morning after he allegedly disciplined his 4-year-old daughter by cutting her leg with a butter knife until she bled.

Fulmer was arrested by a Lewis County detective at 11 a.m. Thursday. The case had been investigated since mid-November with cooperation from Child Protective Services.

The alleged child assault was first reported on Nov. 29.

Fulmer reportedly cut his

daughter to discipline her for accidentally injuring another child while playing, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

The girl suffered a minor knife wound to her leg she did not need medical treatment, according to the sheriff's office.

Tacoma Man With Firearm, Marijuana Arrested at Centralia Outlet Mall

By The Chronicle

Jeremiah Williams, 20, Tacoma, was arrested and booked for unlawful possession of a firearm on Thursday night near the Centralia Outlet Mall on Lum Road after a routine traffic stop.

Williams drove onto Lum Road at a high rate of speed from the Outlet Mall parking lot and was nearly struck by an oncoming car, according to the Centralia Police Department.

Police stopped Williams for failing to yield to another ve-

hicle when they discovered Williams had a suspended license.

While searching Williams, who was in custody, police found more than \$5,000 and could smell a distinct odor of marijuana coming from the 2003 Mercedes Benz.

Police then applied for a search warrant, and found a loaded .45 caliber pistol along with drug paraphernalia.

Williams was then booked into the Lewis County Jail for felony possession of a firearm.

Police Sgt. Kurt Reichert said further charges are pending.

Officers will continue to patrol the area of the outlets throughout the holiday season due to the high volume of vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Any amount of marijuana in the possession of a person under 21 is illegal, according to the Centralia Police Department. It is also illegal to smoke marijuana in public or be under the influence of marijuana while driving a motor vehicle.

Man Arrested in Centralia for Drugs, Assaulting Officers

By The Chronicle

Centralia police responded to a complaint of a man in a motel who allegedly offered drugs to other motel patrons Wednesday evening, according to Centralia police.

When police arrived to the

motel on the 1000 block shortly before 8 p.m., they contacted 32-year-old Palwindger Singh, who allegedly had meth and a meth pipe in his possession.

While officers were attempting to detain the motel patron, he allegedly tried to bite and hit police, according to Centra-

lia police. Singh was eventually arrested and booked into jail for two counts of assaulting an officer and possession of methamphetamine. He will also be referred for resisting arrest, attempting to destroy evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Death Notices

• **MARY STRASSER**, 64, Chehalis, died Saturday, Dec. 15, at Providence Centralia Hospital. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

• **DOLORES LANGFORD**, 89, Chehalis, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, in Chehalis. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia.

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$3.35 (AAA of Washington)

Crude Oil — \$88.99 per barrel (CME Group)

Gold — \$1,657 (Monex)
Silver — \$29.97 (Monex)

In Remembrance

SHIRLEY MAE BAGGENSTOS



by her husband, Andrew, son, Ronald Deskins, grandson, Brandon Sturdevant and son-in-law, Ron Fisher. She is survived by her sons, Jim (Clareda) Deskins, Darryl (Teresa) Berg, daughter, Sharyll Fisher, brothers, Robert (Bonnie) Scherer and Douglas Scherer, as well as many step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A Visitation for Shirley Baggenstos is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 at Brown Mortuary in Chehalis from 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. A funeral service is scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at Adna Evangelical Church in Chehalis, with Pastor Steve Bergland officiating. A graveside service will follow at Claquato Cemetery. A reception will follow the services at the Adna Evangelical Church. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service in Chehalis, Wash.

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

Brown Mortuary Service

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Chehalis, WA 98532
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Condolences may be offered at www.brownmortuary.com

In Remembrance

THANE R. DEVEREAUX JR.



Thane R. Devereaux Jr. was born in Huntington Beach, Calif., on Sept. 22, 1943.

Thane loved life filled with bowling, skiing, fishing and especially golf and traveling. He was a very active member of the Newaukum Valley Golf Club men's club and enjoyed motorhome trips all over the U.S.A. He and his wife wintered in Arizona. It was there, after a courageous 3 month battle with cancer, that Thane peacefully left us on Dec. 7, 2012.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol, brother, Bob and a blended family of five children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Thane willed us his passion for life and left us wonderful memories to keep in our hearts and minds forever.

Rest in peace.

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In Remembrance

PHILIP GREY MARTOCCI

Philip Grey Martocci, beloved father and even more, beloved grandfather, passed away Saturday morning, Dec. 15, 2012.

He was born to Nick and June Martocci, July 15, 1946 in Vermont, where he grew up.

Retired First Sergeant Martocci served in the army for 22 years, fought in Vietnam and was awarded two purple hearts and a bronze star with valor.

Philip enjoyed traveling the world, but eventually settled down in Washington state with his wife, Susie Largen-Martocci. He worked as a truck driver and hostler for the Fred Meyer Warehouse in Chehalis. He was an equestrian and an avid bird lover. Most of all, he loved his grandkids and

spoiled them as much as heaven would allow. Philip was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Frank and sister, Joanne and his wife, Susie and countless comrades who served beside him. He is survived by his daughter, Deanne and son, Marcello, four grandchildren, Myles, Wyatt, Nathan and Diana, brothers, Nick, Paul and Mario, sister, Jill and many nieces and nephews in a large Italian family, his Appaloosa, Turk and his wife, Karen Lynch.

A memorial for Phil is respectfully being held for his family and friends at a later date.

He will be missed.

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OLIVER JAMES (JIM) GLAZE



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A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Disabled American Veteran Association.

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Crime Stoppers of Lewis County

Graffiti on Onalaska Baseball Dugouts

Crime Stoppers of Lewis County and the Lewis County Sheriff's Office are seeking your assistance in a malicious mischief investigation. Between 6 p.m. on Nov. 2 and 10 a.m. on Nov. 4, someone painted graffiti on the baseball dugouts at the Onalaska School District baseball fields. The damage was valued at approximately \$500. If you have information about the persons responsible for this graffiti, don't delay. Call right away. Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$1,000 for information leading to the clearance of this crime or any other crime. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-748-6422 or report online at www.lewiscountycrimestoppers.org. Remember, you never have to leave your name.

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I-5 Widening Project to Impact More Drivers in Next Phase

PROGRESS: Construction Work to Begin on Harrison Avenue and Mellen Street Next Summer

By Kyle Spurr

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Drivers on Interstate 5 have already noticed lane closures and congested traffic through Centralia since the Washington State Department of Transportation's widening project between Mellen Street and Blakeslee Junction began construction six months ago.

In the coming year, the widening project will start impacting traffic on Harrison Avenue and Mellen Street in Centralia, WSDOT Assistant Area Engineer Ty Hillebrand said Thursday.

"That's where people are going to start to feel the brunt of the impacts from the work," Hillebrand said.

The heavy construction is scheduled to continue until early 2015, when the entire \$155 million project is expected to be completed.

The end result will allow local drivers to use collector-distributor lanes to travel between Chehalis and Centralia without merging onto Interstate 5, and drivers won't have to slow down for merging traffic between Mellen Street and Harrison Avenue.

Before crews start widening Harrison Avenue and digging up Mellen Street to rebuild the interchange next summer, Hillebrand said the focus is to finish the new bridge on I-5 above Blakeslee Junction, where Reynolds Avenue intersects under the interstate. Crews also hope to finish work on two bridges on Interstate 5 over the Skookumchuck River, which will connect to the two collector-distributor lanes.

Hillebrand said crews finished setting 30 concrete girders for the two bridges over the Skookumchuck River last week, marking a large step in forming the collector-distributor lanes.

Crews will continue to build the skeleton of the bridge decks using wooden forms and rebar.

The bridges are expected to be complete by next summer, but will not be connected to the collector-distributor lanes until later in the project, Hillebrand said.

Cascade Bridge out of Vancouver is the primary contractor for the widening project. Other



A worker surveys the north abutment of a new Blakeslee Junction bridge on Thursday afternoon.

subcontractors include Lakeside Industries out of Centralia and KLB Construction, based in Mukilteo.

Hillebrand said crews have finished the columns for the new Blakeslee Junction bridge and are close to finishing the north and south walls.

Crews will be ready to set girders on the Blakeslee Junction bridge by Jan. 7, Hillebrand said.

Construction work on Airport Road is nearly complete, except for minor curb work and landscaping, Hillebrand said.

Airport Road will remain closed from the levee to Mellen Street until the work on the Mellen Street interchange is complete, Area Engineer Colin Newell said.

Newell said the closure will keep traffic from backing up at Mellen Street when work begins on the interchange this summer.

"If we could open Airport Road today, we would," Newell said. "But we can't allow traffic to back up at Mellen Street. It would shut Mellen Street down."



Crews finish the north abutment for a new Blakeslee Junction bridge in Centralia on Thursday afternoon.

Support Grows for Collection of Online Sales Tax by States

By The Olympian

WASHINGTON — At The Regulator Bookshop in Durham, N.C., co-owner Tom Campbell says he is losing business as customers come in to photograph his books or jot down notes, conducting their research before they buy the books online to avoid a sales tax.

But he says Congress could end the practice by giving states the option of forcing online retailers to collect sales taxes from their customers.

"Places like Amazon are literally getting a free ride with the sales tax issue — because our customers pay the sales tax that goes toward maintaining the roads that their delivery trucks drive on," Campbell said in an interview. "And if that's not a free ride, I don't know what is."

The argument has picked up steam on Capitol Hill and in statehouses across the nation,

with governors eyeing an online sales tax as a way to help cash-strapped states raise billions of dollars.

Backers say it would help equalize competition among all retailers, particularly as online sellers become bigger players in world trade. But critics say it would be wrong to let states impose yet another tax on savvy consumers who have found an easy and popular way to save a few bucks.

In a letter to congressional leaders last week, the bipartisan National Governors Association said that collecting the tax would bring \$23 billion in new revenue to the states, serving as a stimulus to grow the economy.

Democratic Gov. Chris Gregoire, a leading advocate, cited the plan in the state budget proposal she released this week, estimating the state could raise \$384 million for the 2013-15

budget and \$631 million in the following two years. Gregoire proposed dedicating the money toward meeting the obligations of a state Supreme Court order to increase education funding.

She said that supporters of online sales taxes have growing momentum on their side, noting that even Amazon has lined up behind the idea. And she called it "our single best opportunity to bring this fairness issue to a close."

"I'm not down on the Internet — I shop on the Internet myself — but I want fairness," Gregoire said in an interview. And if Congress does not allow states to collect the tax, she said, "it's going to continue to erode the ability of the brick-and-mortar businesses in our state to stay in business."

In the letter, signed by Gregoire and Republican Gov. Bill Haslam of Tennessee, the governors noted that 2012 online sales

during the holiday season are up by 14 percent over last year and that sales on "Cyber Monday" this year — the Monday after Thanksgiving, the online equivalent of "Black Friday" — hit \$1.47 billion, a record high. And they complained that Congress is giving online sellers "an unwarranted yet growing subsidy" by letting them escape the sales tax.

The issue has a long history. In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled that retailers don't have to collect sales taxes for out-of-state shipments if they don't have a physical presence in the state.

But the high court left the door open for Congress to establish new rules.

In November 2011, three senators — Democrat Dick Durbin of Illinois and Republicans Mike Enzi of Wyoming and Lamar Alexander of Tennessee — introduced the Marketplace

Fairness Act, which would grant the taxing authority to the states.

But there's plenty of opposition.

S.T. Karnick, director of research for the Chicago-based Heartland Institute, which bills itself as a free-market think tank, called the proposal "just another tax hike to prop up big government" after Congress spent too much money in the past decade.

At the hearing of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee in August, South Carolina Republican Sen. Jim DeMint said retailers use different business models with different cost structures and that Congress shouldn't take "an unprecedented action" to make them uniform.

"We've got a precedent that we're establishing here that's going to open a door that I think all of us are going to regret," he said.

Church: Multiple Christmas Eve Services Planned at Several Local Churches

Continued from Main 5

be at 3 and 5 p.m. These services will feature singer Linda Brooks and violinist Amanda Judd.

There also will be a nativity tour featuring a collection of 32 nativities from all over the world.

Christmas Eve Services Planned by Centralia Community Church

Centralia Community Church will have two services on

Monday, Christmas Eve, at 4:30 and 6 p.m. The services will include Christmas carols, special music, sharing and candlelighting. The Common Grounds Café will also be serving espresso in the commons before and after services.

Christmas Eve Service Set by Harrison Square

Harrison Square Presbyterian Church will hold a candlelight service on Monday, Christmas Eve, at 7 p.m. Childcare will be

available for infants through age 5.

There will be two worship services on Sunday, Dec. 23 and 30, at 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call 736-9996 or email church@harrisonsquarepc.com. The website is www.harrisonsquarepc.com.

Christmas Eve Service to Be Held by Chehalis United Methodist

Chehalis United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m.

Tuesday.

St. John's Plans Two Christmas Eve Services

St. John's Lutheran Church, Chehalis, will be holding Christmas Eve services Monday, at 7 and 10 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 30, there will be one service only, at 9:45 a.m.

Services will return to their regular schedule of worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for children and adults, on Jan. 6.

Wednesday's Together! will resume on Jan. 2.

For more information about programs or events, contact the church office at 748-4741.

Onalaska Presbyterian Christmas Eve Service Set

Onalaska Community Presbyterian Church is hosting a Christmas Eve service Monday at 6 p.m. The church is located at 288 Carlisle Ave., Onalaska.

Season Known for Joy Can Be Filled With Pain and Grief

CHRISTMAS GRIEF: Sharing Memories, Honoring Loved Ones Can Help

By Carrina Stanton
For The Chronicle

Dan and Alene Stewart had just started putting up their spectacular Christmas light display last year when Dan learned he had stage four cancer.

Within weeks, the illness took Dan's life and Alene faced her first Christmas without her husband of 16 years.

That year, there was no Christmas tree. Their outdoor display that usually draws crowds stood unfinished. Christmas just didn't really seem to happen.

But it was actually this year that Alene said was really painful.

"It's almost worse this year because the first year was so soon after you were almost kind of dazed," Alene said. "But this year you have kind of the building into the season and you think more about it."

While the Christmas holiday season is known as a season of fun and joy, pain and grief are also a common part of it, especially for those who have lost a loved one. Milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions can bring back memories of loved ones who have passed away and a special awareness of their absence. But Christmas seems an especially hard time for many people, said Dan Schaefer, an advanced planning consultant and family services counselor with Sticklin Funeral Chapel and Brown Mortuary Service in Centralia.

"Our culture is so fluid and so transient that the holidays and weddings and funerals are the few times a year families get together," Schaefer said. "The Christmas holiday is so symbolic of family togetherness and family gatherings and so when a loved one is absent it just magnifies it."

For Alene, Dan's absence was felt in Christmas because it was so much a part of their 19 years together. They both loved Christmas and Christmas decorations. The Stewarts purchased their Centralia home in 1999 and since the beginning their yard had been a source of Christmas delight for light display lovers. Alene joked that they never saw a Christmas decoration they didn't want to buy. She recalled an auction at Garrison Auctioneers once where they heard there would be Christmas items for sale. Alene was not able to go because of an commitment to an activity for Zonta and sent Dan by himself.

"He came home with a pick-up load of stuff," Alene said with a laugh. "I asked my friend 'why didn't you stop him?' and she said 'he was our best customer.'"

But the display didn't just bring the couple joy, it was the joy it brought their friends, neighbors, relatives and even perfect strangers that Dan loved. Alene said her husband loved to connect with people and make them happy. One of his last jobs was as manager of Arby's where he was known for taking care of his customers, especially seniors. Alene said even after Dan left that job he stayed in contact with some of his former customers.

THE STEWARTS were also known in their neighborhood for their elaborate Halloween yard displays. Alene recalled that last year on Halloween Dan was incredibly ill and had been for many months. But he insisted on putting up the Halloween display.

"He said 'the kids will be disappointed if we don't,'" she said.

So as Christmas approached, Alene said she considered letting the light display tradition fade. But she was encouraged by her friends and coworkers who have helped her through her grief. Then she said she could picture Dan insisting that the house at 619 Jefferson Street in Centralia be lit for the season, at least for the kids. So the gingerbread house that Dan built that takes up so much of their garage, the tunnels and swirls of lights and the whimsical Christmas characters came out.

"I know Dan would have wanted it to be that way," Alene



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Alene Stewart gazes at a large gingerbread house that she and her husband, Dan, made a few years ago for their front yard holiday display. Dan passed away just over a year ago from cancer, and Alene put up all her holiday decorations in memory of her husband.

said. "It would be worse without it because you not only lose the person you love but you lose the tradition as well."

Schaefer said he often tells families facing Christmas without a loved one that it will not be a normal Christmas, but it can still be a great Christmas. Traditions are a powerful way to remember those who have died, so much so that Schaefer encourages families to incorporate those who have died into family traditions or start a new one where they can be remembered. For instance, when his own father died on Dec. 16, 21 years ago, the family decided to make an addition to their Christmas Eve present-opening tradition.

"We decided to talk about dad before we opened our presents, we kind of had this second memorial service for him and I think it was a really healthy thing to do," Schaefer said.

MEMORIES OF LOVED ONES who have passed are powerful said Pastor Tim Berg, a chaplain with Assured Home Health Care and Hospice. Berg spoke recently at a candlelight ceremony held annually by Visiting Nurses Foundation, Sticklin Funeral Chapel and Brown Mortuary Services and Assured Care that allows local people a public place to remember their loved ones during the holidays. Berg commented that while memories may be painful, they can also be incredibly healing.

"It's a powerful thing, remembering," Berg said. "It always stops time in its track and takes you back to a place where you remember."

Memories can bring both joy and pain, said Schaefer, but keeping the memory of that loved one alive is essential to facing grief in a healthy way. He noted that many people around those who are grieving are very well intentioned but do not know what to say, so they often end up saying the wrong thing or nothing at all. Schaefer said the best thing to do is to simply say "I'm sorry for your loss" and promise to keep the person in

your thoughts or prayers. And above all else, allow that person and yourself to remember and talk about the person who has died.

"Really, the only healer is time and keeping the memory of that person alive," Schaefer said. "That may seem counter intuitive but keeping their memory alive is a tribute to the quality of the person they were."

BESIDES IN THE Christmas decorations that adorn both the inside and the outside of her home, Alene remembered Dan this year with an ornament on the Visiting Nurses Celebration of Life Tree, which is the centerpiece of that candlelight ceremony. The Christmas tradition for the non-profit supporting home and hospice care in Lewis County allows anyone to place an ornament on the tree in memory of a loved one. Visiting Nurses Director Jenny Collins placed an ornament on the tree for her mother for the second time since her passing in May 2011. Collins said she felt remembering loved ones during the holidays rather than trying to forget is a better way to deal with the grief that pops up during this time of year.

"It was especially comforting to remember my mother today," she said. "We don't always take that time to step away and think of that."

Michele Skelly was among those who attended this year's candlelight ceremony. With tears in her eyes, she lit a candle for her former boyfriend, Steven Halvorson, who died in 2009. Skelly said remembering Steven as the funny, vibrant man who once saved five people from drowning is much better than remembering him as someone who died.

"He's with me," Skelly said.

And grief is not a bad thing, said Carole Freeman lost her daughter, Robin, three years ago. Robin had been paralyzed for 12 years following a car accident before her death. And during that time she became a tireless advocate for those liv-

SOME TOOLS FOR COPING WITH HOLIDAY GRIEF

- Consider Your Health – don't be afraid to set limits and say no to things when the holidays start to feel overwhelming. Take time out to sleep, eat, have quiet time in order to take care of yourself physically and mentally
- Give Yourself Permission – It is alright to feel however you feel during the holidays. Do not feel pressured to put on a smile when you feel like crying or to look like a person in mourning when something is bringing you joy
- Consider Your Values – When it comes to celebrations and traditions: keep, change or eliminate them as it feels right to you. Just because your loved one is no longer with you doesn't mean traditions have to change but consider incorporating a way to remember him or her in your traditions
- Talk – Many people will not mention your loved one's name for fear of upsetting you. Openly talking about them and sharing memories gives others permission to remember them with you
- Consider a New Year's Resolution to join a support group or to reach out if you need to talk to someone

SOME RESOURCES FOR DEALING WITH GRIEF:

- Sticklin Funeral Chapel has an extensive library of materials on grief that is open to anyone, regardless of whether they have used Sticklin's services or not – call 736-1388
- www.hellogrief.org – an online community for sharing grief with others
- <http://www.caringinfo.org> – Website of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
- <http://www.griefnet.org/> – an online community for those dealing with grief
- <http://www.nfda.org/> – National Funeral Directors Association – features an online store with books and resources about dealing with grief during the holidays

ing with spinal cord injuries. Just after her car accident Robin read Christopher Reeves' book about his spinal cord injury and would always face every obstacle by saying "It's OK, if Christopher Reeves could get through it, I can get through it," Freeman recalled. Freeman attended the candlelight ceremony and though the memory of her daughter brought tears to her eyes, she said taking the time out was going to allow her to start her Christmas season right. "Tears cleanse everything," Freeman said. "Jesus wept, they say."

And for Alene Stewart, memories are a bright light cutting through the darkness. Dan's

memory is there in the twinkle of the lights and the delight of the people who see the display. And for Alene, the effort was worth it.

"I was really glad I did because even though it was hard remembering things we did, it was a better memory than if I'd come home to a dark house," Alene said. "I'd I'd turned the corner and come home to a dark house it would have been more of a loss."



Solar Power Company Aims to Make Lewis County Greener

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY:
Industry Expert Describes Incentives, Savings and Costs of the Clean Power Source to Area Home and Business Owners

By Amy Nile
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With its notorious rain and reputation for overcast skies, one might think the Pacific Northwest is a terrible place for producing solar energy. But think again, Kirk Haffner of South Sound Solar Inc., said to about 30 Lewis County area home and business owners who gathered in Centralia Wednesday to learn about the potential of solar energy in Western Washington.

The former Castle Rock math and science teacher said Germany produces the most solar energy in the world and actually gets less sunlight.

Haffner said Washington is better for solar energy than even Arizona because the hot sunny weather heats the tempered glass panels, making them less efficient.

Paul Munson used Haffner's Olympia-based company to install a solar system in his Grand Mound home four years ago.

"It's tremendous, worry-free, it just keeps working away," he said of his system that produces an average of 4,000 kilowatts a year.

Compared with other sources, solar energy is the most pollution-free, sustainable and abundant resource, Haffner said.

"More sunlight falls on the earth in one hour than is used by everyone in the world in one year," he said.

Because the low maintenance solar technology has reached a mature stage, there is no longer a reason to wait, the construction industry veteran said.

"In fact, when we talk about incentives, the time is now," Haffner said.

The federal government is offering homeowners like Munson a 30 percent tax credit for installing a home solar system through 2016 and the state is waiving sales taxes until June.

In Washington, production meters are installed with solar systems to measure the power produced. The owner then gets paid 15 to 54 cents per kilowatt hour produced in addition to



Solar panels on the side roof of Paul Munson's shed outside his home in Grand Mound are seen on Friday afternoon.

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TO LEARN MORE

What: Solar as Emergency Power
When: Dec. 29 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: Lacey Library

What: Solar in the Northwest
When: Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
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receiving savings on their utility bills.

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Munson said his system earns him an average of \$105 a month. He said he gets about \$55 per month from Puget Sound Energy, an additional \$25 for the energy his system puts back into the power grid, and he saves about \$25 on each utility bill.

Munson said his \$32,000 system will pay for itself over about 15 years.

Consumers can receive additional incentives by buying solar products from Washington manufacturers.

"We can set up completely

made in Washington systems," Haffner said.

With energy prices up and solar prices down, now is a good time to invest in the clean energy, he said.

South Sound Solar and other reputable installers can help home and business owners like Munson determine if their property is right for solar and analyze the costs and savings.

"We don't want to put solar where it doesn't work," Haffner said.

Haffner encourages those interested to look at ways to save energy today like sealing and properly insulating homes and getting more efficient heating sources before going solar.

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News in Brief

Christian Center Holding Community Outreach in Centralia

By The Chronicle

Puyallup Family Community Christian Center is holding a community outreach on Feb. 21 at the Fords Prairie Grange in Centralia.

The center will be taking applications for the outreach on Jan. 2.

Those who have low or no income and could use some clothing are asked to call the center.

The center is connected with World Vision, so most of the clothing it has is new. Those who have clothing to donate also are asked to contact the center.

In addition, the center is setting up a food drive. Those who can help with food or cash donations are asked to contact Pastor Jim Brown or go to pfccc.org/donate to donate through Paypal. A Paypal account is not needed to donate.

The telephone number for the Puyallup Family Community Christian Center is (360) 200-8865.

Thurston Government Offices to Close

In honor of the Christmas and New Year holidays, Thurston County government offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The offices will be open to the public on Monday, Dec. 24 and Monday, Dec. 31.

Governor's Budget Includes \$37 Million for Centralia College's TransAlta Commons

FORWARD THINKING: New Facility Will Provide Space for Student Services, Classrooms of the Future

By Lisa Broadt
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Centralia College over the next four years will receive \$37 million in state money for work on the TransAlta Commons, according to Gov. Chris Gregoire's outgoing capital budget. Intended to replace many of the functions currently provided by the student center, the commons will include a dining hall, bookstore, student services center and classrooms.

Centralia College's proposal for the multipurpose building was first forwarded to the governor in 2007. Part of a slate of projects compiled and ranked by the Washington State Board of Community and Technical Colleges, the commons was prioritized as fifth in a list of 30 projects and was slated for a 2013 groundbreaking.

But funding for the project was delayed for four years as the governor slashed capital funding to make up for the state deficit.

This year, Centralia's project made the cut — a development that left Vice President of Finance and Administration Steve Ward unsurprised.

"Our project stayed at the top but was postponed," he said.

The now-allocated money — \$4.4 million in the 2013-15 biennium and \$33.1 million in the 2015-17 biennium — still must be approved by the legislature.

"All bets are off until the Legislature passes the budget," Ward said. "But when they finally close shop, we are very confident our project will be funded." If approved, design and permit work, a process that takes about a year and a half, would begin July 1.

Project predesign indicates that the 70,000-square-foot, \$40-million building will serve a variety of purposes.

"It's a three layer cake, each layer a different flavor," Ward said of the proposed three-floor building. Facilities accessible to the public and to students, such as food services, a bookstore and a 500-person dining hall, fill the first floor, under current design models. Above that, the second floor provides space for a number of student service departments, including offices for financial aid, admissions, counseling and testing. "It's one stop shopping for student needs," Ward said.

The top floor of the Commons will house faculty offices and classrooms of the future — spaces that, Ward said, will incorporate "technology to the highest level possible."

These spaces will be available to instructors on a rotating basis and will have technology, such as 3D modeling, that can be used in a variety of disciplines. Providing such state-of-the-art facilities is crucial for student

success, according to Ward. "Our students need to leave here with the skills to be successful in their next institution or in the job market, and students of today learn differently," he said.

"They don't learn from a faculty member at the front of class lecturing them and then going home and reading a book. They learn by being engaged, corresponding through social media, using the internet."

The new classrooms — and the possibilities they offer for

online and distance learning classes — will help to accommodate the College's burgeoning population of full time students. Currently, the college has 2,580 full time students; an increase of almost 30 percent since 1997.

Tuition for those full-time students rose by about 12 percent this year, and on average, a full time student now pays \$4,000 a year.

Centralia College raised an additional \$3 million for the TransAlta Commons during their most recent capital campaign, according to the college.



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'God Only Knows' Outcome of Fiscal Cliff

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stocks fell, congressional leaders squabbled and the fiscal cliff drew implacably closer.

"How we get there, God only knows," said House Speaker John Boehner, referring Friday to the increasingly complicated attempts to beat the Jan. 1 deadline and head off the perilous combination of across-the-board tax hikes and deep spending cuts that threaten to send the economy into recession.

Progress was invisible one day after House Republican rebels thwarted Boehner's plan to prevent tax increases for all but the nation's million-dollar earners. And while neither House is expected to meet again until after Christmas, officials in both parties said there was still time to prevent the changes from kicking in with the new year.

Yet they pointedly disagreed which side needed to make the first move.

"It's time for the speaker and all Republicans to return to the negotiating table," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. Late Friday, Reid was meeting with Obama at the White House, and Obama was to make a statement.

Obama Nominates Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry As His Next Secretary of State

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama on Friday nominated Sen. John Kerry as his next secretary of state, elevating the longtime lawmaker and foreign policy expert to the top diplomatic job he had coveted.

"He is not going to need a lot of on-the-job training," Obama said, standing alongside Kerry at the White House. "Few individuals know as many presidents and prime ministers or grasp our policies as firmly as John Kerry."

If confirmed by the Senate, Kerry would replace Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who plans to leave Obama's Cabinet early next year. Clinton, who is recovering from a concussion sustained in a fall, did not attend the Roosevelt Room announcement.

The 69-year-old Democrat is expected to be easily confirmed by his Senate colleagues. He would be the first of what are expected to be several new faces on Obama's national security team, including a new defense secretary and director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Bells Toll in Connecticut Town for Victims of School Shooting One Week After Attack

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — The chiming of bells reverberated throughout Newtown on Friday, commemorating one week since the crackle of gunfire in a schoolhouse killed 20 children and six adults in a massacre that has shaken the community — and the nation — to its core.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy gathered with other officials in rain and wind on the steps of the Edmond Town Hall as the bell rang 26 times in memory of each life lost at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The gunman also killed his mother before the massacre, and himself afterward.

Officials didn't make any formal remark, and similar commemorations took place throughout the country.

Though the massacre does not rank as the deadliest school shooting in U.S. history — that happened at Virginia Tech — the tender age of the victims and the absence of any apparent motive has struck at Americans' hearts and minds. The gunman used a military-style assault rifle loaded with ammunition intended to inflict maximum damage, officials have said.

The White House said President Barack Obama privately observed the moment of silence.

NRA Calls for Armed Police Officer in Every School

By Philip Elliott and Nedra Pickler

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Guns and police officers in all American schools are what's needed to stop the next killer "waiting in the wings," the National Rifle Association declared Friday, taking a no-retreat stance in the face of growing calls for gun control after the Connecticut shootings that claimed the lives of 26 children and school staff.

"The only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun," said Wayne LaPierre, the group's chief executive officer.

SOME MEMBERS OF Congress who had long scoffed at gun-control proposals have begun to suggest some concessions could be made, and a fierce debate over legislation seems likely next month. President Barack Obama has demanded "real action, right now."

The nation's largest gun-rights lobby broke its weeklong silence on the shooting rampage at Sandy Hook Elementary School with a defiant presentation. The event was billed as a news conference, but NRA leaders took no questions. Twice, they were interrupted by banner-waving protesters, who were removed by security.

SOME HAD PREDICTED that after the slaughter of a score of elementary-school children by a man using a semi-automatic

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Wayne LaPierre
CEO, National Rifle Association

rifle, the group might soften its stance, at least slightly. Instead, LaPierre delivered a 25-minute tirade against the notion that another gun law would stop killings in a culture where children are exposed daily to violence in video games, movies and music videos. He argued that guns are the solution, not the problem.

"Before Congress reconvenes, before we engage in any lengthy debate over legislation, regulation or anything else; as soon as our kids return to school after the holiday break, we need to have every single school in America immediately deploy a protection program proven to work," LaPierre said. "And by that I mean armed security."

He said Congress should immediately appropriate funds to post an armed police officer in every school. Meanwhile, he said the NRA would develop a school emergency response program that would include volunteers from the group's 4.3 million members to help guard children.

HIS ARMED-OFFICERS idea was immediately lambasted by gun

control advocates, and not even the NRA's point man on the effort seemed willing to go so far. Former Republican Rep. Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas, whom LaPierre named national director of the program, said in an interview that decisions about armed guards in schools should be made by local districts.

"I think everyone recognizes that an armed presence in schools is sometimes appropriate," Hutchinson said. "That is one option. I would never want to have a mandatory requirement for every school district to have that."

He also noted that some states would have to change their laws to allow armed guards at schools.

HUTCHINSON SAID he'll offer a plan in January that will consider other measures such as biometric entry points, patrols and consideration of school layouts to protect security.

LaPierre argued that guards need to be in place quickly because "the next Adam Lanza," the suspected shooter in Newtown, Conn., is already planning an attack on another school.

In National Debate on Gun Control, Emotions Run High



Charles Dharapak / The Associated Press

Supporters of gun control gather on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House in Washington on Friday during a vigil for the victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Ct., and to call on President Obama to pass strong gun control laws.

Gun Control Debate Heating Up in Statehouses

By Bill Barrow

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — As President Barack Obama urges tighter federal gun laws, state legislators around the country have responded to the Connecticut school shooting with a flurry of their own ideas that are likely to produce fights over gun control in their upcoming sessions.

There is momentum in two strongly Democratic states to tighten already-strict gun laws, while some Republicans in four other states want to make it easier for teachers to have weapons in schools. One Republican governor, however, used his power this week to block the loosening of restrictions, even as he signed other measures backed by the powerful National Rifle Association.

The question is whether public outrage after the slayings of 20 children and six adults at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., will produce a meaningful difference in the rules for how Americans buy and use guns. Or will emotions and grassroots energy subside without action?

"I've been doing this for 17 years,

and I've never seen something like this in terms of response," said Brian Malte, spokesman for the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, based in Washington, D.C. "The whole dynamic depends on whether the American public and people in certain states have had enough. No matter if it's Congress or in the states, their voices will be heard. That's what will make the difference."

THE PEW RESEARCH Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism released a report Thursday showing that the school shooting in Connecticut has led to more discussion about gun policy on social media than previous rampages. The report says users advocating for gun control were more numerous than those defending current gun laws.

SOME OF THE LEGISLATIVE proposals reflect renewed conviction in the long-held beliefs of lawmakers. Legislators, mostly Democrats, in California and New York plan a push to tighten what are already some of the most stringent state gun-control laws. Many Democrats in presidential swing states

are pushing for tighter restrictions, while others take a wait-and-see approach. Meanwhile, rank-and-file Republicans in Oklahoma, Tennessee, South Carolina and Florida have called for making it easier for teachers and other adults to have weapons in schools.

OTHER PROPOSALS PREDATE the Newtown massacre. Lawmakers in the GOP-led states of Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and Pennsylvania had been considering before the shootings proposals to loosen restrictions on employees having guns in their vehicles on work property.

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, a Republican, offered Thursday what appears to be a growing theme among GOP leaders: that the shooting should prompt discussions about mental health treatment, not anti-gun laws.

"Anybody can get a gun, and when bad people get guns, they're going to do what they want to do. No amount of gun control can stop someone from getting a gun when they want to get it," she said. "What we can do is control mental health in a way we treat people who don't know how to treat themselves."

World in Brief

Egypt's Islamists Clash With Opponents on Eve of Divisive Constitution Vote

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt (AP) — Thousands of Islamists clashed with their opponents on Friday in Egypt's second largest city Alexandria, a day before the second leg of voting on a proposed Islamist-backed constitution that has polarized the nation.

Meanwhile, the country's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi made a last-minute move to tighten his grip on power by appointing 90 members to parliament's upper house, a body set to wield temporary lawmaking powers if the constitution is approved by referendum.

In Alexandria, on the Mediterranean coast, riot police swung batons and fired volleys of tear gas to separate stone-throwing Muslim Brotherhood members and ultraconservative Salafis on one side, and youthful protesters on the other. The clashes started when the two groups met just after Friday afternoon prayers at the city's main mosque near the coastal road.

Witnesses say youth set fire to four vehicles — two buses and two cars — belonging to Islamists, sending thick black smoke through the upscale city center. The demonstrators, some of whom carried black Islamic battle flags, withdrew under a heavy cloud of tear gas some two hours after the clashes began. Fighting continued into dusk along the cornice, near the Medical School and famed Alexandria Library.

At least 42 people were treated for injuries, with some rushed to the hospital, a city health official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters.

Greeting Sunrise, Celebrants in Mexico's Maya Heartland Mark 'Cosmic Dawn,' Not End of World

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) — Dec. 21 started out as the prophetic day some had believed would usher in the fiery end of the world. By Friday afternoon, it had become more comic than cosmic, the punch line of countless Facebook posts and at least several dozen T-shirts.

At the ruins of the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza, thousands chanted, danced and otherwise frolicked around ceremonial fires and pyramids to mark the conclusion of a vast, 5,125-year cycle in the Mayan calendar.

The doomsayers who had predicted apocalypse were nowhere to be seen. Instead, people showed up in T-shirts reading "The End of the World: I Was There."

Vendors eager to sell their ceramic handicrafts and wooden masks called out to passing visitors, "Buy something before the world ends."

And on Twitter, (hash)End-of-theWorld had become one of the day's most popular hash tags.

North Korea Says it Has Detained a U.S. Citizen for Unspecified 'Crimes'

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea said Friday that it has detained an American citizen who has confessed to unspecified crimes.

State media said in a short dispatch that someone named Pae Jun Ho entered North Korea on Nov. 3 as a tourist but was detained because of crimes.

The North said the crimes were "proven through evidence" but didn't elaborate.

Pyeongyang has detained and eventually released several Americans in recent years. Some have been journalists and others Christians accused of religious proselytizing.

In 2009, two journalists were detained after crossing into the North from China while on a reporting trip. They were later released.

Timberland Dips Into Reserves to Fund Building Upgrades

NEW BUDGET: Timberland Regional Library Will Spend \$2 Million on Reserves on Building and Circulation Technology Funds

By Steven Friederich
The Daily World

Three years ago, the Timberland Regional Library District cut services, reduced library hours, implemented overdue fines and generally hunkered down to cope with lower-than-expected revenues in the wake of a failed property tax hike that voters soundly rejected.

The library fines and cut-backs have helped Timberland's operating fund reserve balance rise from about \$6.5 million to about \$9.2 million — slightly less than half of the district's \$21.2 million operating budget.

But, on Wednesday, the library district approved a budget that spends about \$2 million in reserves, divvying up the majority of it to building and special circulation technology funds. The decision brings the operational fund reserves down to levels not seen since the cuts were first implemented back in January of 2009.

Most of the cuts sustained these past few years, including reduced library hours, remain in place.

The library district is made up of a seven-member board appointed by the county commissioners across the library's service area of Grays Harbor, Pacific, Mason, Thurston and Lewis counties.

Timberland spokesman Jeff Kleingartner said the library board has its own priorities to ensure facilities and technology are up to date and next year's planned \$7.052 million in reserves is the exact amount the library district needs to sustain its cash flow to operate until the influx of property tax revenues come in late April.

The newly approved budget retains the overdue fines put in place in October of 2009. Users must pay 15 cents for each day a book, movie or CD is late. The library has received about \$335,000 each year since the fines went into place.

The budget also keeps the same slimmed-down hours in place. For the Twin Harbors that means every library is closed on Mondays except Aberdeen. Most libraries in the area are also closed at night. One woman at the library in Montesano pointed out her problem this past Monday when she tried to access the facility and found the closed sign. She said she was trying to find a place to print

out some court documents for a hearing at the county courthouse, which hosts a docket on Monday, but without the library and no office supply stores in the city, she wasn't having any luck.

Kleingartner says he's heard similar stories before.

"We try to be the town center and that proves difficult when the library is closed," he noted. "TRL explored the concept of changing hours in some libraries, then determined that since TRL will be conducting a 3-year strategic planning effort next year, the library district should review the results from the planning effort and deeper analysis of current staffing levels to determine the possibility of open hours increases."

The approved budget keeps library staff at 175.55 "full-time equivalent" employees, which is just one employee higher than this year's staffing levels. The Elma library is the only library in the area to see a small decrease in staffing, going from 4 FTE to 3.75 FTE. Kleingartner said the hours at the library will remain the same.

Although staffing remains the same, the library is spending \$14.85 million in salaries and benefits next year, an increase of \$550,000 from this year's level. The library is giving a 1.5 percent wage increase to its employees, as well as regular annual "step" increases. Kleingartner said the library also saw increases to pay for pensions and medical.

The library will spend slightly more this year to buy materials, increasing its budget for books and materials from \$3 million to \$3.375 million. Kleingartner said that the library is trying to restore its materials spending back to 2009 levels.

One big change felt by the district has been the number of cities that have annexed into the library, boosting the property taxes received by the district and lowering the amount of money cities pay directly for library service. In 2008, Aberdeen annexed into the library district, followed by voter approval in Shelton, Hoquiam and Morton. Today, the only two cities still contracting with Timberland are Winlock and Raymond, according to Kleingartner.

The budget puts reserves of \$1.7 million into the library's Building Fund, used for maintenance and upgrades of buildings, which happens to be the biggest transfer of funds into the account in at least 12 years, according to the library's budget. No funds were transferred to the account in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and last year only \$250,000 was added. Kleingartner said the library district had drained much

of the fund doing an upgrade in Ocean Park and not kept up with regular additions of the fund during the lean times.

Kleingartner said no other big expansion projects are in the works, but the library wants to be prepared for the future.

The library will spend \$35,000 to do facility improvements at the Montesano library, including replacing a heat pump. The library at Amanda Park will also receive upgrades valued at \$57,000, which includes a new walkway and a cover. Kleingartner noted the Amanda Park library also received a \$5,000 donation to help cover some of the costs.

No funds are allocated to do anything in Cosmopolis. This past year, the library had looked at partnering with Cosmopolis Elementary to put a library in the school and even spent funds on possible designs, but scrapped those plans, deciding the city was close enough to the Aberdeen library to use services there. Cosmopolis Mayor Vickie Raines says the city still deserves some kind of kiosk, where library users pick up reserved books and can drop off books that are due, or something similar since her residents are paying property taxes to the library district.

The library district has opened kiosks in the past few years, including ones at Rainier and Nisqually in 2010. Kleingartner said that the Rainier kiosk has since closed because of lack of volunteer support, but the Nisqually kiosk at a tribal center and a kiosk in the South

Puget Sound Community College in Hawks Prairie campus remains open, largely because there are employees who keep an eye on it.

The library district is also still working with the city of Oakville and the Oakville School District to improve the library in that city, as well. Kleingartner said Timberland still needs to budget for an architect/space planner to develop a preliminary plan and cost estimates for Oakville's renovation, which would turn the school's library into a Timberland-staffed library. They're working on a scaled back plan compared to what had been suggested before.

A North Beach community

group has asked to speak with Timberland officials next spring about a potential "service point" that could be added in their area, outside the city limits of Ocean Shores, which has its own city-run library. Kleingartner said the group and plans to mainly talk about the library's online resources.

The U.S. Post Office had also corresponded with Timberland to allow some kind of postage services at the library in Amanda Park, but Kleingartner said the library district determined that since a post office exists in the community, Timberland didn't need to provide any part of the service.



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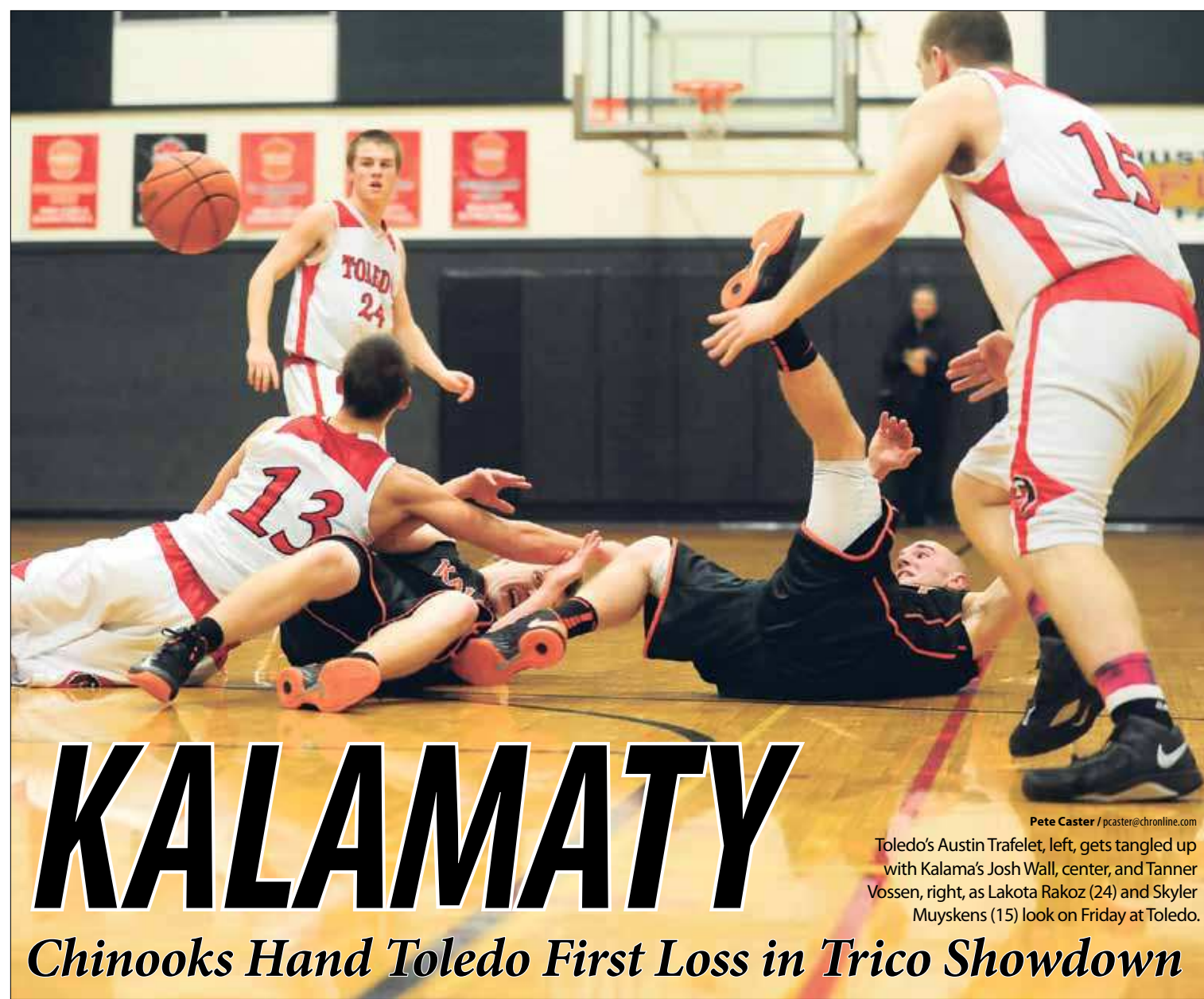
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Toledo's Austin Trafelet, left, gets tangled up with Kalama's Josh Wall, center, and Tanner Vossen, right, as Lakota Rakoz (24) and Skyleer Muyskens (15) look on Friday at Toledo.

KALAMATY

Chinooks Hand Toledo First Loss in Trico Showdown

By Aaron VanTuyl

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TOLEDO — The Indians stayed in the locker room for nearly 40 minutes after the final buzzer sounded Friday night, reviewing video from a game that had just ended.

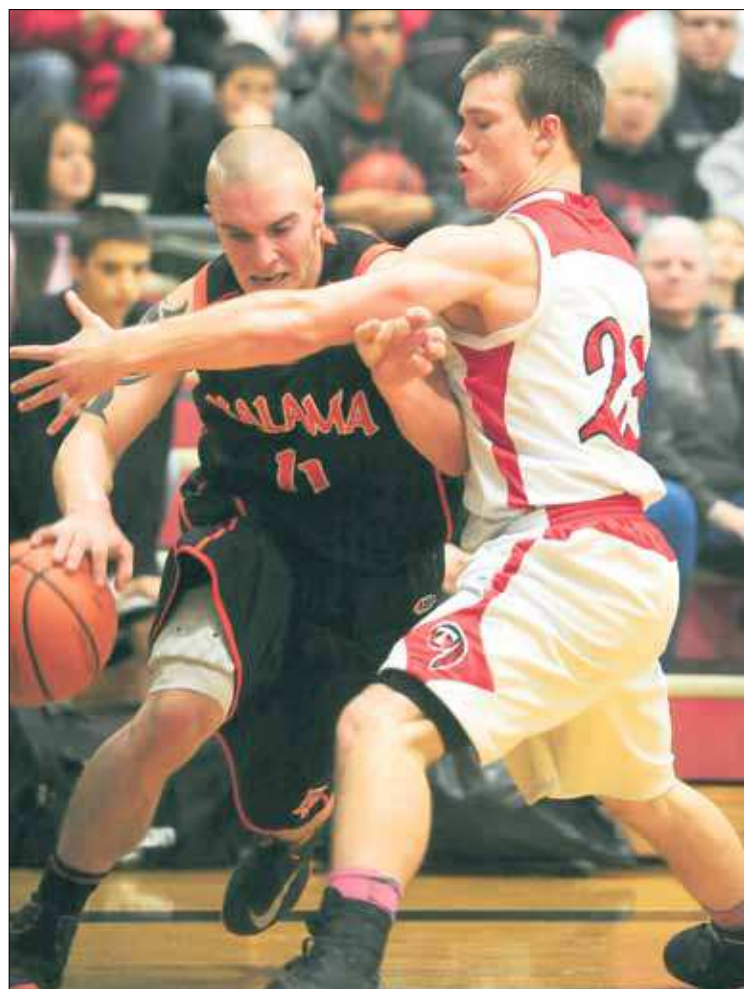
Given the outcome, anyone waiting outside could have correctly assumed that the lengthy postgame film session did not feature a self-congratulatory highlight reel.

Kalama took control from the opening tipoff and buried the hosts up to their necks early here Friday night in a 56-41 SWW 1A League Trico Division win, leaving Toledo — which ended the Chinooks' 2011-12 season on the first day of the State 1A tournament last winter — reeling.

"Kalama's a great team. We knew that, it just felt like we didn't come ready with the same intensity or toughness," Toledo coach Scott Merzoian said. "They came out and were just tougher than we were, right from the tipoff."

The Chinooks actually missed their first four shots, but forced three Toledo turnovers in the first 2 minutes. The latter would be a recurring theme throughout the night, though the former would not.

Kalama hit 4 of its 5 attempts from long range in the second quarter, and — behind 14 points from guard Tanner Vossen and 7 unanswered points in



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Kalama's Tanner Vossen looks to get around Toledo's Grant McEwen during the third quarter of an SWW 1A League Trico Division basketball game at Toledo on Friday.

the final minute — held a 35-19 lead at the intermission.

"We were a little upset with ourselves," Toledo forward Brennan Rakoz said. "We did not come out as we wanted to."

Rakoz hit a pair of 3s in the

first quarter, but the Indians shot just 2 of 16 from behind the arc the rest of the night. Toledo started the third quarter in a man defense, which helped limit Kalama to just three 3-point attempts in the second

half and bumped up the Indians' rebounding figures — but did little to impact the Chinooks' 16-point lead.

"It kind of just carried through the whole game," Rakoz said. "We just couldn't close that gap."

Rakoz finished with a team-high 13 points, and Joe Durham came off the bench to score 10. Austin Trafelet scored all 7 of his points in the second half and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

Both teams came into the game undefeated and tied atop the Trico standings, with Toledo also owning the No. 5 position in the Tacoma News-Tribune's statewide rankings. Kalama was ranked ninth.

Kalama defeated Toledo in the 2012 District 4 tournament, but the Indians bounced back and beat the Chinooks 63-39 in a loser-out game at the State 1A tournament.

"They were a good team last season," Rakoz said, "and they're a good team this season."

Vossen finished with 19 points to lead Kalama. Josh Wall added 17 and Eli Bannister chipped in 11 with seven rebounds. The Chinooks scored just 7 points in the fourth quarter on 2 of 12 shooting, but shot 18 of 35 (51 percent) through the first three frames.

Toledo teams, as Merzoian pointed out, are typically recognized for their discipline and control.

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2B Girls Basketball

Trojans Top Ony to Stay in C2BL Lead

By The Chronicle

PELL — The Trojans' used their defense to get by Onalaska 50-38 in a battle of undefeated Central 2B League teams here on Friday night. Pe Ell held the Loggers to single digits in the first three quarters to stay undefeated on the season.

"We came out pretty strong in the press and they had a hard time," Pe Ell coach Dawna Robinson said. "We knew we had to keep (Autumn) Durand under control."

While Onalaska's Durand scored a game-high 19, Pe Ell's Taylor Ratkie had seven steals and the defense limited the rest of the Loggers to 17 combined points. The Trojans had a 24-14 lead at halftime, then outscored the Loggers 17-8 in the third quarter.

Alissa Brooks-Johnson led Pe Ell with 16 points while Sami Robinson added 10.

"I thought we did a good job in our half court offense," Robinson said. "Just overall, the whole team worked really hard and it was the best solid game we've played all year long."

Pe Ell (7-0 overall, 5-0 league) will play at the Valley Tournament Dec. 27-28 with their first game coming against South Bend. Onalaska (7-1 overall, 5-1 league) will play at the Winlock Invite on Friday.

Mossyrock Edges Adna

MOSSYROCK — The Vikings turned up the defensive intensity in the fourth quarter and held off Adna, 40-33, here Friday night in Central 2B League girls hoops action.

Calli Hensch scored 8 of her team-high 18 points in the final frame, and Autumn Moorcroft scored 15 for Mossyrock. Hensch and Moorcroft each added seven rebounds.

Regyn Gaffney scored 19 of the Pirates' 33 points.

"Once again, our goal of shutting down their best player was unsuccessful," Mossyrock coach Tori Nelson said. "She's so fast it's insane."

The Vikings did, however, succeed in getting Adna in foul trouble, attempting 20 foul shots in the contest.

"We played much better defense in the fourth quarter, and had them in foul trouble pretty early," Nelson said, adding that Hensch hit a few big shots down the stretch to keep the lead intact.

Mossyrock (3-5, 2-3 league) will host Rainier on Friday, while Adna will play a nonleague game at Rochester on Jan. 2.

Sahlinger's 31 Lead Tigers Past Morton-White Pass

MORTON — Napavine held Morton-White Pass to 7 points in the first half en route to a 64-39 Central 2B League victory here on Friday night.

Demi Sahlinger led the Tigers with a season-high 31 points as Napavine won their eighth game of the season.

"Napavine showed up and just took us to the woodshed," Morton-White Pass coach Darin Allen said. "They beat us from the tip."

The Tigers has a 33-7 halftime lead and while the

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Prep Boys Basketball

Neely's Late Bucket Gives Tigers Win Over Steilacoom

By The Chronicle

Patrick Neely scored the game-winning bucket as time expired to push Centralia past Steilacoom, 59-58, in nonconference basketball action on Friday night at Ron Brown Court. It was the Tigers' fourth-straight victory.

"It was just an unbelievable finish," Centralia coach Ron Brown said.

The lead wavered during the game by a handful of points both ways before Centralia found itself down by four points with five seconds to go. The Tigers' Maxx Waring hit a 3-pointer to pull Centralia within one with 4 seconds to go.

After fouling on the in-bounds pass, Steilacoom missed the free throw and the Tigers got the rebound. On the first try

to get the ball downcourt, it was knocked out of bounds with 3 seconds left.

"I'm glad that happened. We set it up again and this time it was a perfect strike that hit Patrick Neely in full stride," Brown said. "It was just over the fingertips of the defender and he went and laid it in."

Scoring for the the Tigers was balanced with Trevor Bau-

mann leading the team with 15 points. Justice Tasby added 13 and Baylor Scott notched 11. The Tigers shot 44 percent from the field and hit 10 of 11 free throws.

Centralia (8-2 overall, 2-1 league) hosts nonleague opponent Port Angeles on Thursday.

Note: The Centralia JV won 53-44 and the C-Squad won 55-21.

The Final Word

Mariners Sign Bonderman to Minor League Contract

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have signed pitcher Jeremy Bonderman to a minor league contract, hoping the right-hander can make a comeback from Tommy John surgery.

The Mariners announced the deal Friday. They also invited the 30-year-old who was raised in the state of Washington to spring training.

Bonderman has not pitched in the ma-

jors since 2010, when he went 8-10 with a 5.53 ERA for Detroit. He pitched eight seasons for the Tigers and helped them reach the World Series in 2006, when he was 14-8 and led the AL with 34 starts.

Bonderman had surgery on his right elbow last April. A blood clot in his right shoulder slowed his career in 2008 after he had a winning record in three straight years.

Fastbreak

W.F. West's Raegan Nelson goes up for two points on a breakaway during Evergreen 2A Conference action against Aberdeen on Friday night in Chehalis.

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Thursday's 2B Boys Basketball

Mossyrock Hands Pirates First Loss

UNSEATED: Hazen Scores 20 for Vikings in 61-56 Central 2B League Win Over Previously Unbeaten Adna

By The Chronicle

ADNA — The Vikings hit shots when it mattered and came out on top 61-56 in a key Central 2B League matchup with previously-undefeated Adna here Thursday night.

“Shooting was the big factor in this game,” Pirate coach Casey Dotson said. “They were making their 3-pointers and we weren’t.”

Kyler Hazen led the Vikings with 20 points, while Cooper Zurfluh scored 21 for Adna and Lane Wasson added 13.

Ryley Stanley added 14 and Shaun Stephens scored 10 for the Vikings.

The score was tied at half-time, but Mossyrock worked its way to an 8-point lead after three quarters.

“We knew this would be a battle. These are two evenly matched teams,” Dotson said. “Considering that we didn’t do well in the first half we felt good about being tied.”

The Pirates rallied and took a lead in the final frame, but Stanley hit a few key buckets for Mossyrock down the stretch, Dotson said.

“We had a tough night in shooting and have to improve,” he added. “We need to focus on making the right mental choices while playing.”

Mossyrock (6-2, 3-2 league) will host Wahkiakum on Jan. 3, and Adna (5-1, 3-1 in league) will play at the Chelan Christmas Tournament on Dec. 28-29.

McMillion, Ony Thump Pe Ell

ONALASKA — Travis McMillion scored 27 points for Onalaska in a dominating 65-34 win over Pe Ell here Thursday in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

“We came out strong and jumped on them early,” Logger coach Dennis Bower said. “We put a lot of pressure on them which really showed how young of a team they are.”

McMillion added nine rebounds, while Jonathon Smalley scored 11 for the Loggers.

“Pe Ell played tough against us and didn’t quit, to their credit,” Bower added. “With our pressure we were able to get into them early on and our effort was really strong tonight. Our whole team played strong.”

Devin Toepelt scored 14 points to lead Pe Ell, while Dustin Lusk scored 9 with seven rebounds.

Onalaska (8-1, 5-1 league) will host Winlock on Jan. 3, and Pe Ell will play in Willapa Valley’s Jack Pearson Holiday Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Cardinals Sink at Toutle Lake

TOUTLE — The Cardinals won their first game of the season on Tuesday, but couldn’t follow it up with a second win here Thursday in a 56-48 loss to Toutle Lake in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

“We played like we weren’t prepared,” Winlock coach Dennis Tauscher said. “Just blame it on me. I let them celebrate their win a little too much yesterday, so they came out flat.”

Winlock cut Toutle Lake’s lead to 1 point in the fourth quarter, but had to resort to fouling and couldn’t take a lead.

Enrique Hernandez led the Cardinals with 24 points, and Caleb Rose added 15. Seth Ehrhorn led Toutle Lake with 15.

The Cardinals (1-6, 1-4 league) will play at Onalaska on Jan. 3.

MWP Blows Out Napavine

NAPAVINE — Four Morton-White Pass players scored in double figures during a 68-46 win over Napavine here Thurs-



Brandon Hansen / bhansen@chronline.com

Adna’s Cooper Zurfluh tries to get a shot over Mossyrock’s Jaron Kirkley during Central 2B League action on Thursday night in Adna.

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Right: Adna’s Tucker Coleman grabs the rebound during Central 2B League action against Mossyrock on Thursday night in Adna.

day in Central 2B League boys basketball action.

“We got out on a good jump in the beginning and carried it on throughout the first half,” Timberwolf coach Tony Gillispie said.

Kylon Gillispie scored a team-high 19 points, Kaleb Poquette scored 14, Rylon Kolb had 13 and Kalen Dunlap added 10 points for MWP. Kolb also led the team with 10 rebounds.

“We kind of let it down in the second half but overall we kept the tempo up and moved the ball well,” Gillispie said. “Our defense looked a lot better and improved on our boards.”

J.T. Kaut led Napavine with 20 points while Chance Sherwood scored 11.

“Napavine games are never easy and they played a really good game,” Gillispie added.

Morton-White Pass (6-0, 4-0 in league) will play in the Raymond Christmas Tournament on Dec. 28-29, and Napavine will play in a nonleague game at Willapa Valley tonight.





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Toledo's Brennan Rakoz is surrounded by Kalama defenders as he puts up a running-jumper in the lane during the opening minutes of the third quarter of an SWW 1A League Trico Division boys basketball game at Toledo on Friday.

Toledo: Indians Back in Trico Action Jan. 2 at Castle Rock

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"This was a team that took us out of everything and made us look undisciplined," he said. "That's a credit to them. They're a good ball club, but that doesn't happen very often."

Toledo (7-1) will play in an exhibition tournament at the Yakima SunDome on Friday and will resume Trico play on Jan. 2 at Castle Rock. Kalama improved to 6-0 with the win.

"It's not the outcome I wanted, obviously," Merzoian said. "But hey, this is a measuring stick, so now we know exactly what we need to work on. It's just now, how are we going to get to the next level and improve on those situations?"

Beavers Rough Up Montesano

MONTESANO — Tenino's defense gave Montesano issues in a 52-33 SWW 1A League Ev-

ergreen Division victory for the Beavers here on Friday night. The Bulldogs were held to just 9 first-half points as Tenino remained undefeated in league play.

"We came out and hit some shots and played good team defense man-to-man," Tenino Rod Enos said. "We got a hand up in the shooters' faces and they had lots of problems shooting."

Enos liked the defensive effort he got from most of his

players, including Dustin Hammond who notched 6 points for the Beavers. Justin Conklin and Devante Harris both had 16 points, with Harris scoring 11 after the break.

"They came out in a zone and he hit some shots, got some steals and layups," Enos said. "Conklin is also one of our go-to guys and had a good game."

Tenino (5-3 overall, 3-0 league) will host their Christmas Tournament Dec. 27-28.

NHL

NHL Cancels All Games Through Jan. 14

DONE FOR SEASON?: The Next Round of NHL Cuts Could be Deepest Yet

NEW YORK (AP) — The next round of NHL cuts could be the deepest yet.

With no deal in sight and no negotiations planned, the NHL chopped another two weeks off the schedule and moved closer to canceling the entire hockey season.

No drop-dead date has been announced, but it is clear the sides are running out of time to reach a deal. The NHL said Thursday that all games through Jan. 14 have been canceled. More than 50 percent of the schedule has been lost, and the rest is now in danger, too.

"I don't want to characterize what today's cancellations mean or don't mean," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press in an email Thursday. "I will stand on the announcement that was made."

The players' association didn't have any comment about the latest cancellations.

So far, 625 regular-season games have been called off, including nearly 100 in the announcement made Thursday — the 96th day of the NHL's lockout. The New Year's Day Winter Classic and the All-Star game also have been lost.

The NHL had previously canceled games through Dec. 30.

Daly said in a radio interview Wednesday that mid-January is likely the latest the sides could go to make a deal to save some of the season. When pressed, however, he said he expects the season will be played.

The NHL is already the only North American professional sports league to cancel a season

because of a labor dispute, losing the 2004-05 campaign to a lockout. Daly said the sides weren't in contact Thursday. The groups have remained apart since two days of meetings with a federal mediator last week produced no progress. There haven't been negotiations since Dec. 6 in New York, when talks broke down after a few days of bargaining.

Since the sides split last week, there has been limited contact - phone calls and a brief email exchange. The NHL believes negotiations should resume only when there is something new to say.

"I don't think either party is refusing a meeting," Daly said Wednesday. "But unless there is an indication one side or the other is prepared to move or has a new idea to move the process forward — and so far neither side has indicated — I am not sure what we would do at the meeting."

"What is the agenda? Who is directing the conversation? We don't have anything new to say right now."

Union executive director Donald Fehr said Wednesday he was glad to hear Daly's belief that there would be a season, and added he hopes Daly is right.

"Hopefully, we'll get back together and negotiate out the remaining issues as soon as possible," Fehr said. "(We aren't talking) because the owners have not indicated a desire to resume."

"We've indicated any number of times that we're willing to resume when they are (and) we're willing to resume without preconditions. So we're waiting to hear back from them."

Last week, the NHL announced it filed a class action suit in the U.S. District Court in

New York, seeking to establish that its lockout is legal. In a filing posted Thursday, the court

said the union had three weeks after receiving the suit to file an answer.

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Timberwolves scored 32 points in the second half, the damage had already been done. Alexa Peters added 10 points for Napavine while Ashley Kelly was the leading scorer for Morton-White Pass with 19. Kelly also had eight rebounds.

"We didn't shoot the ball well," Allen said. "And I've got to take my hat off to Napavine. Sahlinger hit everything she put up in the first half. She's one of the best players in the league."

The Timberwolves shot 29 percent from the field compared to Napavine's 41 percent.

Morton-White Pass (5-3 overall, 3-2 league) will play at the Christmas Tournament in Raymond Dec. 28-29. Napavine is off until Jan. 4, when it will host Pe Ell.

Ducks Upend Cardinals

WINLOCK — Winlock came up short on its home turf in a 62-28 loss to Toutle Lake here Friday in Central 2B League girls basketball action.

"Our girls played hard for three quarters," Winlock coach Scott Ashmore said. "We just ran out of gas in the fourth."

Sydney Bradley scored 16 points to head up Winlock as Samantha Woodley led Toutle Lake with 15. Both Breezy and Bailey Hockett contributed 11 points for the Ducks.

"We couldn't find the basket in the fourth quarter," Ashmore said. "We need more people who can shoot."

Toutle Lake outscored Winlock 21-2 in the fourth quarter.

"Our girls worked hard and played tough defense," Ashmore added. "The effort was there but we got weak legs in the end."

Winlock (1-5, 0-5 in league) will host Naches Valley on Thursday.

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2A Girls Basketball



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W.F. West's Julie Spencer rebounds the basketball during Evergreen 2A Conference action against Aberdeen on Friday night in Chehalis. Spencer scored 20 points and nabbed 14 rebounds during the Bearcats' win.

Spencer Leads Bearcats in Win Over Aberdeen

By The Chronicle

The Bearcats blasted out of the gates and never gave Aberdeen a chance to catch its breath in a 54-25 win Friday in Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball action at Chehalis.

Regan Nelson scored 6 fast-break points in the first quarter, and W.F. West held a commanding 20-4 lead after the first frame.

"We really started out strong, and a lot of that was on transition," W.F. West coach Henri Weeks said.

The second quarter featured just 7 total points — 4 from the Bearcats — but W.F. West responded by winning the second half 30-16.

"We got into a rotation that didn't suit us well, offensively," Weeks said of the dismal second quarter. "We got a little bit undisciplined as far as taking some shots early in our offense, and so we gave up some possessions."

Julie Spencer scored 20 points and hauled in 14 rebounds for the Bearcats, while



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W.F. West's Jamika Parker rebounds the basketball during Evergreen 2A Conference action against Aberdeen on Friday night in Chehalis.

Tori Weeks added 10 points.

The Bearcat guards also held high-scoring Bobcat guard Mo Donovan to just 7 points, and outscored Aberdeen 30-16 in the

second half.

W.F. West improved to 5-3 on the season and 3-0 in EvCo league play with the win.

The Bearcats will host Olym-

pia on Friday and Port Angeles on Saturday in a pair of non-league games.

Fast, Gabbard Lead Tigers Past Steilacoom

STEILACOOM — Alyx Fast and Katie Gabbard score 19 points apiece for Centralia in 73-31 blowout of Steilacoom here Friday in girls nonleague basketball action.

"Steilacoom is a young, inexperienced team, so we wanted to change things up a bit," Tiger coach Tom Kelly said. "It went pretty well for us."

Micheala Hall added 12 points for the Tigers, who scored 25 points in the first quarter.

"Our transition game was working good tonight and the girls were moving the ball well," Kelly said. "We are improving."

Centralia (6-4, 1-2 in league) will host Washougal on Friday.

Note: Centralia beat Capital, 44-34, on Thursday night for its first Evergreen 2A Conference win.

Olympics

Douglas Wins AP Female Athlete of the Year Honors

By Nancy Armour

The Associated Press

When Gabby Douglas allowed herself to dream of being the Olympic champion, she imagined having a nice little dinner with family and friends to celebrate. Maybe she'd make an appearance here and there.

"I didn't think it was going to be crazy," Douglas said, laughing. "I love it. But I realized my perspective was going to have to change." Just a bit.

The teenager has become a worldwide star since winning the Olympic all-around title in London, the first African-American gymnast to claim gymnastics' biggest prize. And now she has earned another honor. Douglas was selected The Associated Press' female athlete of the year, edging out swimmer Missy Franklin in a vote by U.S. editors and news directors that was announced Friday.

"I didn't realize how much of an impact I made," said Douglas, who turns 17 on Dec. 31. "My mom and everyone said, 'You really won't know the full impact until you're 30 or 40 years old.' But it's starting to sink in."

In a year filled with standout performances by female athletes, those of the pint-sized gymnast shined brightest. Douglas received 48 of 157 votes, seven more than Franklin, who won four gold medals and a bronze in London. Serena Williams, who won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open two years after her career was nearly derailed by a series of health problems, was third (24).

Britney Griner, who led Baylor to a 40-0 record and the NCAA title, and skier Lindsey Vonn each got 18 votes. Sprinter Allyson Felix, who won three gold medals in London, and Carli Lloyd, who scored both U.S. goals in the Americans' 2-1 victory over Japan in the gold-medal game, also received votes.

"One of the few years the women's (Athlete of the Year) choices are more compelling than the men's," said Julie Jag, sports editor of the Santa Cruz Sentinel.

Douglas is the fourth gymnast to win one of the AP's annual awards, which began in 1931, and first since Mary Lou Retton in 1984. She also finished 15th in voting for the AP sports story of the year.

Douglas wasn't even in the conversation for the Olympic title at the beginning of the year. That all changed in March when she upstaged reigning world champion and teammate Jordyn Wieber at the American Cup in New York, showing off a new vault, an ungraded uneven bars routine and a dazzling personality that would be a hit on Broadway and Madison Avenue.

She finished a close second to Wieber at the U.S. championships, then beat her two weeks later at the Olympic trials. With each competition, her confidence grew. So did that smile.

By the time the Americans got to London, Douglas had emerged as the most consistent gymnast on what was arguably the best team the U.S. has ever had.

She posted the team's highest score on all but one event in qualifying. She was the only gymnast to compete in all four events during team finals, when the Americans beat the Russians in a rout for their second Olympic title, and first since 1996. Two nights later, Douglas claimed the grandest prize of all, joining Retton, Carly Patterson and Nastia Liukin as what Bela Karolyi likes to call the "Queen of Gymnastics."

1A Girls Basketball

Rice Sisters Combine for 35 in Toledo's Loss to Kalama

By The Chronicle

TOLEDO — Toledo fell hard against Kalama in a 66-44 loss here Friday in SWW 1A League Trico Division girls basketball action.

"We turned the ball over too much and we weren't making very good decisions," Toledo coach J.B. Ewers said.

Chaselin Rice led Toledo with 18 points, while Casey Rice added 17. Both Rice girls snagged 10 rebounds

as but I thought the girls adjusted well in the second half," Ewers said. "We still didn't do well defensively and Kalama made a lot of easy buckets against us."

The team's output after the intermission, Ewers added, was a positive.

"Our offense turned around well in the second and looked pretty good," he said. "I was glad to see that."

Toledo (3-6, 3-5 in league) will host Toutle Lake on Thursday.

Rough Second Quarter Dooms Tenino

MONTESANO — A scoreless second quarter spoiled a promising start for Tenino as the Beavers fell to Montesano 53-22 in SWW 1A Evergreen Division play here on Friday night. The Beavers had had the lead for most of the first quarter but were outdone by the Bulldogs 19-0 in the second stanza.

"We got off to a great start and it just went south in a hurry," Tenino coach Wanda Blanksma

said. "They put on the press and we're just trying to learn how to handle that."

Taylor Tibbetts led the Beavers with 18 points, and Blanksma liked the hustle and determination she saw from Ali-Jo Vens.

"She was just working her tail off for four quarters," Blanksma said. "She was going as hard as she could. Hopefully that will become contagious."

Tenino (0-6 overall, 0-2 league) will play at the North Beach Tournament on Thursday.

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At Olaska LOGGER 65, TROJANS 34 15 18 15 17 —65 Pe Ell 4 10 8 12 —34 Olaska (65) — McMillion 27, Small 11, Lawrence 8, Anderson 7, Long 4, Neilson 4, Bruton 3, Fritch 1 FG: 25 of 64 —.391 FT: 13 of 26 —.500 Reb. 32 (McMillion 9) Pe Ell (34) — Toepelt 14, Lusk 9, Justice 7, Speck 2, Schmidt 2 FG: 15 of 50 —.300 FT: 2 of 8 —.250 Reb. 30 (Lusk 7)

At Toutle DUCKS 56, CARDINALS 48 11 7 12 18 —48 Toutle Lake 10 12 18 16 —56 Winlock (48) — Hertz 2, Hernandez 24, Rose 15, Blum 3, Fisher 4 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A Toutle Lake (56) — Ehrhorn 15, Wherry 5, Corbett 10, Allen 6, York 5, Nusbaum 4 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A

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Friday's Results Boys Basketball At Toledo CHINOOKS 56, INDIANS 41 15 20 14 7 —56 Toledo 10 9 14 8 —41 Kalama (56) — Vossen 19, Shagool 5, Wall 17, Bannister 11, Nieman 4 FG: 20 of 45 —.444 FT: 9 of 12 —.750 Reb. 22 (Bannister 7) Toledo (41) — B. Rakoz 13, Durham 10, Br. Wood 8, McEwen 1, Muyskens 2, Trafelet 7 FG: 15 of 49 —.306 FT: 7 of 13 —.538 Reb. 33 (Trafelet 14)

At Centralia TIGERS 59, SENTINELS 58 13 14 16 15 —58 Centralia 13 12 17 17 —59 Centralia (59) — Warner 3, Blaser 3, Scott 11, Neely 6, Kering 8, Tasy 13, Baumann 15 FG: 22 of 50 —.444 FT: 10 of 11 —.909 Reb. 22 (Tasby 9, Baumann 7) Steilacoom (58) — Habte 12, Thomas 9, Williams 3, Holmes 21, Jenkins 9, West 4 FG: 23 of 48 —.479 FT: 5 of 9 —.555 Reb. 29

At Montesano BEAVERS 52, BULLDOGS 33 13 14 15 10 —52 Montesano 3 6 16 8 —33 Tenino (52) — Hammond 6, N. Harris 2, N. Peterson 2, Conklin 16, D. Harris 16, Shaw 4, B. Peterson 4 Montesano (33) — Ibabao 6, Rogers 7, Roy 4, Varnes 1, Bruner 10, Eailkowskiki 2, Jensen 3

Girls Basketball At Chehalis BEARCATS 54, BOBCATS 25 6 3 9 7 —25 W.F. West 20 4 11 19 —54 Aberdeen (25) — Shermer, Fisher 7, Timmins 5, Dixon 6, Walsh, Donovan 7 FG: 9 of 37 —.243 FT: 6 of 11 —.545 Reb. 23 (Donovan 7) W.F. West (54) — Weeks 10, Nelson 8, Kelly, McKay 2, Parker 3, DeTray 7, Spencer 20, Hankins 4, Ahrens FG: 23 of 61 —.377 FT: 6 of 12 —.500 Reb. 37 (Spencer 14)

At Steilacoom TIGERS 73, SENTINELS 31 25 18 16 14 —73 Steilacoom 10 8 12 1 —31 Centralia (73) — Fast 19, Cruz 6, Gabbard 19, Hall 12, Slorely 2, Pocklington 5, Nugent 5, Brower 5 FG: 25 of 66 —.378 FT: 15 of 28 —.536 Reb. 41 (Ash 7) Steilacoom (31) — Williams 8, Vigerango 8, Brown 3, Deceda 3, Stowers 7, Mclean 2 FG: n/a FT: n/a Reb. n/a

At Toledo CHINOOKS 66, INDIANS 44 7 13 16 8 —44 Kalama 19 16 15 16 —66 Toledo (44) — Whipp 3, Oberg 4, Chaselin Rice 18, Cese Rice 17, Hatch 2 FG: 17 of 50 —.340 FT: 6 of 15 —.400 Reb. 31 (Rice, Rice 10) Kalama (66) — Clark 17, Vandenberg 19, Badger 5, Rowland 3, Bannister 12, Crum 2, Beck 5, Loree 3 FG: n/a FT: 13 of 24 —.542 Reb. n/a

At Pe Ell TROJANS 50, LOGGERS 38 Onalaska 5 9 8 14 —38 Pe Ell 11 13 17 9 —50 Pe Ell (50) — Robinson 10, Ratkie 7, Skeen 5, Brooks-Johnson 16, Capps 6, Miller 6 FG: 16 of 47 —.340 FT: 15 of 21 —.714 Reb. 33 (Brooks-Johnson 8, Robinson 6) Onalaska (38) — Smalley 4, Neilson 3, Durand 19, Hutchinson 9, Disney 1 FG: 11 of 47 —.234 FT: 15 of 16 —.938 Reb. 32

At Mossyrock VIKINGS 40, PIRATES 33 Adna 7 10 6 10 —33 Mossyrock 4 13 7 16 —40 Adna (33) — Gilbertson 7, Gaffney 19, Rolfe 6, Dotson 1 FG: 15 of 39 —.385 FT: 3 of 9 —.333 Reb. 25 Mossyrock (40) — A. Moorcroft 15, Nelson 2, McCoy 2, Fried 3, Hensch 18 FG: 15 of 55 —.272 FT: 8 of 20 —.400 Reb. 26 (Moorcroft, Hensch 8)

At Morton TIGERS 64, TIMBERWOLVES 39 Napavine 17 16 20 11 —64 Morton-WP 5 2 16 16 —39 Morton-White Pass (39) — Elledge 12, Atkinson 4, Kelly 19, Heironymyi 4 FG: 14 of 48 —.291 FT: 7 of 14 —.500 Reb. 16 (Kelly 8) Napavine (64) — Erven, Sahlinger 31, Dekoker 4, Emory 4, Brown 5, A. Peters 10, Atkins 2, Olson 8 FG: 24 of 58 —.413 FT: 9 of 17 —.529 Reb. 20 (Peters 5)

At Winlock DUCKS 62, CARDINALS 28 Winlock 3 9 14 2 —28 Toutle Lake 9 15 17 21 —62 Winlock (28) — Gleason 2, Bradley 16, Wolf 2, Lopez 6, Smith 2 FG: 10 of 41 —.244 FT: 7 of 13 —.538 Reb. n/a Toutle Lake (62) — Woodley 15, Breezy Hockett 11, Halverson 13, Kent 2, Deffenbaugh 3, Bailey Hockett 11, Gardner 1, Ligorikiotis 2, Adams 4 FG: 20 of 57 —.351 FT: 12 of 22 —.545 Reb. n/a

At Montesano BULLDOGS 53, BEAVERS 22 Tenino 10 0 6 6 —22 Montesano 11 9 9 14 —53 Tenino (22) — Morales 2, Huber 2, Tibbetts 18 FG: 10 of 41 —.244 FT: 2 of 9 —.222 Reb. 30 Montesano (53) — M. Shalock 4, Shure 4, Luckles 8, M. Choat 11, B Fry. 6, A Astwalt 6, Miller 2, Coptkins 7, Meleazy 5 FG: 19 of 64 —.297 FT: 14 of 20 —.700 Reb. 36

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RUSSELL ATHLETIC BOWL 2:30 p.m. Rutgers vs. Virginia Tech MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL OF TEXAS 6 p.m. Minnesota vs. Texas Tech

Saturday, December 29 BELL HELICOPTER ARMED FORCES BOWL 8:45 a.m. Rice vs. Air Force NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL 12:15 p.m. West Virginia vs. Syracuse KRAFT FIGHT HUNGER BOWL 1 p.m. Navy vs. Arizona State VALERO ALAMO BOWL 3:45 p.m. No. 23 Texas vs. No. 13 Oregon State BUFFALO WILD WINGS BOWL 7:15 p.m. TCU vs. Michigan State

Monday, December 31 FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL 9 a.m. North Carolina State vs. Vanderbilt HYUNDAI SUN BOWL 11 a.m. USC vs. Georgia Tech AUTOZONE LIBERTY BOWL 12:30 p.m. Iowa State vs. Tulsa Chick-fil-A BOWL 4:30 p.m. No. 8 LSU vs. No. 14 Clemson

Tuesday, January 1 TAXSLAYER.com GATOR BOWL 9 a.m. Mississippi State vs. No. 20 Northwestern HEART OF DALLAS BOWL 9 a.m. Purdue vs. Oklahoma State CAPITAL ONE BOWL 10 a.m. No. 7 Georgia vs. No. 16 Nebraska OUTBACK BOWL 10 a.m. No. 10 South Carolina vs. No. 18 Michigan ROSE BOWL GAME PRESENTED BY VIZIO 2 p.m. Wisconsin vs. No. 6 Stanford DISCOVER ORANGE BOWL 5:30 p.m. No. 15 Northern Illinois vs. No. 12 Florida State

Wednesday, January 2 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL 5:30 p.m. No. 21 Louisville vs. No. 3 Florida THURSDAY, January 3 TOSTITOS FIESTA BOWL 5:30 p.m. No. 4 Oregon vs. No. 5 Kansas State

Friday, January 4 AT&T COTTON BOWL 5 p.m. No. 9 Texas A&M vs. No. 11 Oklahoma

Saturday, January 5 SBVA COMPASS BOWL 10 a.m. Pittsburgh vs. Ole Miss

Sunday, January 6 GODADDY.com BOWL 6 p.m. No. 25 Kent State vs. Arkansas State

Monday, January 7 DISCOVER BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 5:30 p.m. No. 2 Alabama vs. No. 1 Notre Dame

NFL table with columns: Team, Opponent, Score, Win/Loss, Points, Yards, etc. Includes NFC North, South, West, AFC North, South, West.

Week 16 Games Saturday's Game Atlanta at Detroit, 5:30 p.m. Sunday's Game New Orleans at Dallas, 10 a.m. Tennessee at Green Bay, 10 a.m. Indianapolis at Kansas City, 10 a.m. Buffalo at Miami, 10 a.m. San Diego at NY Jets, 10 a.m. Washington at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. Oakland at Carolina, 10 a.m. New England at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. Minnesota at Houston, 10 a.m. Cleveland at Denver, 1:05 p.m. Chicago at Arizona, 1:25 p.m. NY Giants at Baltimore, 1:25 p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 5:20 p.m.

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Spots Still Open in Chehalis Sweet 16 Basketball Tournaments

By The Chronicle There is still room available for the Chehalis 2012 Sweet 16 Boys Tournament. The 7th and 8th grade tournament will take place Jan. 13 and the 4th/5th and 6th grade tournament on February 10. The registration fee is \$175 per team and there is a three-game guarantee and championship shirts for each division. For more information call Tracey Cox or Lilly Wall at 360-748-0271 ext. 224 or ext. 226, or email tcox@ci.chehalis.wa.us and lwall@ci.chehalis.wa.us.

Washington State Gets Eighth Win By Sneaking by Buffalo, 65-54

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — DaVonte Lacy scored 19 points, Brock Motum added 15 and Washington State used a big second half run to escape with a 65-54 victory over Buffalo on Friday night. Buffalo led 49-48 with 7:02 left before the Cougars used a 13-1 run to pull away. The Bulls went nearly six minutes without a field goal during Washington State's run. Lacy tied his career high with five 3-pointers for Washington State (8-4), which has won three straight and six of seven. Motum had eight of his 15 points in the second half for the Cougars and Dexter Kernich-Drew added 10. "If I'm going my teammates find me and if I'm not they'll find the person that's hot," said Lacy, who made four 3-pointers in the opening half. Motum had two put-backs to ignite the run, including one after a missed free throw. Motum shot only 6 of 15 from the field and 1 of 4 on free throws. Motum had scored at least 23 points in each of the previous five games. "He was one of the guys that was playing ugly but he was finding other ways to score and be productive," Washington State coach Ken Bone said about Motum. Kernich-Drew hit a 3-pointer from the right wing to make it 56-50 with 4:53 remaining in the game. Tony Watson scored 18 points to lead Buffalo (4-8), which had won two in a row, and Auruam Nuiriiankh added 13.

Sports on the Air

- SATURDAY, Dec. 22 BOXING 1 p.m. NBC — Cruiserweights, Tor Hamer (19-1-0) vs. Vyacheslav Glazkov (13-0-0); heavyweights, Steve Cunningham (25-4-0) vs. Tomasz Adamek (47-2-0), at Bethlehem, Pa. COLLEGE FOOTBALL 9 a.m. ESPN — New Orleans Bowl, East Carolina vs. Louisiana-Lafayette 12:30 p.m. ESPN — Las Vegas Bowl, Washington vs. Boise St. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 9 a.m. ESPN2 — Syracuse vs. Temple, at New York 11 a.m. ESPN2 — Texas at Michigan St. Noon NBCSN — George Mason vs. Richmond, at Richmond Coliseum 1 p.m. CBS — National coverage, Kansas at Ohio St. ESPN2 — Marshall at Kentucky 2:30 p.m. NBCSN — Virginia vs. Old Dominion, at Richmond, Va. 3 p.m. ESPN2 — Missouri vs. Illinois, at St. Louis 5 p.m. ESPN2 — Florida vs. Kansas St., at Kansas City, Mo. NBCSN — Davidson at Drexel NBA BASKETBALL 4 p.m. WGN — Chicago at Atlanta NFL FOOTBALL 5:30 p.m. ESPN — Atlanta at Detroit SOCCER 4:30 a.m. ESPN2 — Premier League, Arsenal at Wigan SUNDAY, Dec. 23 MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 8:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, semifinal, teams TBD, at Honolulu NFL FOOTBALL 10 a.m. CBS — Regional coverage FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader 1 p.m. CBS — Regional coverage 1:25 p.m. FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader game 5:20 p.m. NBC — San Francisco at Seattle MONDAY, Dec. 24 COLLEGE FOOTBALL 5 p.m. ESPN — Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu, Fresno St. vs. SMU

High School Football

Skyline's Max Browne AP Washington Player of Year

SEATTLE (AP) — Max Browne has one more accomplishment for his resume before heading off to USC.

Skyline's star quarterback has been voted The Associated Press Washington state player of the year for all classifications. Voting was organized by the Yakima Herald-Republic and done by sports writers around the state. Results were announced by the AP on Friday.

Browne was already named the Gatorade national player of the year and USA Today's offensive player of the year. Browne threw for 4,526 yards and 49 touchdowns in leading the Spartans to their second straight Class 4A state title.

For his career, Browne finished with 12,951 yards passing, setting a new state record. He's was also the AP state player of the year as a junior and the second Skyline quarterback to be a two-time state player of the year joining Jake Heaps who won the award in 2008 and '09.

It's the fifth straight year a Skyline player has been voted the AP state player of the year.

Other players of the year for

their classifications include: Bellevue's Myles Jack (Class 3A), Lynden's Josh Kraght (Class 2A), Royal's Alex Myrick (Class 1A), Dylan Hartz of Lind-Ritzville/Sprague (Class 2B) and Mike Olson of Liberty Christian (Class 1B).

Jack, Kraght, Hartz and Olson all helped lead their teams to state championships this season.

Jack, headed for UCLA next fall, was the anchor of Bellevue's defense. He recorded 21 sacks, including six in one game, and also averaged 19 yards per carry during the regular season as a running back.

Kraght was a three-time player of the year in the Northwest 3A/2A Conference, while Myrick helped Royal reach the state title game on the strength of his 55 combined touchdowns passing and running.

Hartz was a two-way star for the Broncos at quarterback and defensive back, while Olson threw for 41 touchdowns leading the Patriots to the state title, winning on the final play of the game.

Wide receiver: Brady Widner, jr., Zillah; Koleman Johns, sr., Naches Valley.

Tight end: Beau Iverson, sr., Charles Wright.

Line: Stewart Stuart, sr., Cle Elum; Dakota Boone, sr., Hoquiam; Spencer Combs, sr., River View; Robert Luke, jr., Charles Wright; Josh McNeal, sr., La Center.

Defense

Line: Beau Iverson, sr., Charles Wright; Mitchell Millsap, sr., Cle Elum; Spencer Blackburn, jr., Meridian; James Fakkema, sr., Blaine.

Linebacker: Johnny Mengarelli, jr., Zillah; Elliot Mendenhall, sr., Montesano; Tyrel Cronk, sr., Mount Baker; Tom Barkowski, sr., Goldendale.

Defensive back: Mahliek "Moe" Roberts, sr., Cashmere; Zan Roman, sr., Mount Baker; Laddie Goroski, sr., Royal; Ben Ohashi, sr., Montesano.

Special teams

Kicker: Jesse Bollen, jr., Eatonville.

Punter: Nathan Roosendaal, jr., Cascade Christian.

All-purpose: Jake Gall, sr., Cle Elum.

HONORABLE MENTION

QB Matthew Jensen, sr., Montesano; OL Zach Lacey, sr., Woodland; DL Lucas Hatton, sr., Eatonville.

CLASS 2B

Player of the Year: Dylan Hartz, Lind-Ritzville/Sprague

FIRST TEAM**Offense**

Quarterback: Dylan Hartz, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague.

Running back: Brian Reynolds, jr., Morton-White Pass; Ty Poole, sr., Kittitas; Dalton Estes, sr., Waitsburg-Prescott.

Receiver: Ryan Whitmore, jr., Lind-Ritzville; Ben Powell, jr., Morton-White Pass; Junior Alvarado, sr., White Swan.

Line: Victor Andy, jr., White Swan; Tristen Alphin, jr., Kittitas; Jarradd Morley, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague; Ben Shafer, sr., Waitsburg-Prescott; Jacob Anderson, sr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague.

Defense

Line: Ben Powell, jr., Morton-White Pass; Jarradd Morley, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague; Brian Walker, soph., White Swan; Ben Wright, sr., Morton-White Pass.

Linebacker: Briar Westerfield, jr., Tri-Cities Prep; Dustin Eaton, sr., Naselle; Wil James, jr., LaConner; Keanu Niezwaag, sr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague.

Defensive back: Dylan Hartz, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague; Alex Sampson, sr., White Swan; Dalton Estes, sr., Waitsburg-Prescott; Carte Bisbee, sr., Raymond.

Special teams

Kicker: Junior Alvarado, sr., White Swan.

Punter: Cort Ruzicka, soph., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague.

All-purpose: Alex Sampson, sr., White Swan.

SECOND TEAM**Offense**

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Running back: Layne Hellem, sr., Napavine; Conner O'Neil, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague; Dahlton Zavala, sr., LaConner.

Receiver: Devon Stanzione, sr., Orcas Island; Cart Bisbee, sr., Raymond; Travis Wegdahl, jr., Wahkiakum.

Line: Brad Garnas, sr., Napavine; Zack Friese, sr., Willapa Valley; Wil James, jr., LaConner; Tim Caudill, sr., DeSales.

Defense

Line: Brad Garnas, sr., Napavine; Max Mueller, sr., Tekoa-Oakesdale-Rosalia; Nick Studer, sr., Kittitas; Drew Pearson, jr., Willapa Valley.

Linebacker: Gianni Bertucci, jr., Morton-White Pass; Danny Stansell, soph., Waitsburg-Prescott; Jonathon Shields, soph., White Swan; Andrew Hamilton, sr., Willapa Valley.

Defensive back: Steven Doumit, sr., Wahkiakum; Rylon Kolb, jr., Morton-White Pass; Ty Poole, sr., Kittitas; Connor O'Neill, jr., Lind-Ritzville/Sprague.

Special teams

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Punter: Alec Oatfield, sr., Raymond.

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Seattle Seahawks defensive end Jason Jones sacks Buffalo Bills quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick (14) during the second half of the Seahawks' 50-17 victory last Sunday.

SEAHAWKS' DEFENSE HOPING TO

STOP THE RUN

WEAKNESS?: Seahawks Defense Started the Season Defending the Run Well, Then Opened Up

By Tim Booth

The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — For the first six weeks of the season, the Seattle Seahawks run defense was among the best in the NFL.

In the eight games that have followed, the Seahawks have statistically been among the worst.

What changed? "The run game has been solid except for some big plays we've given up to really good players," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "We're hoping to play a lot cleaner, a lot sharper."

Over the first six games, the Seahawks were No. 2 in the NFL in yards rushing allowed per carry at 3.3 yards. That ability to stop the run put more pressure on the opponents passing game to find openings against Seattle's secondary.

But during the past eight games, the Seahawks have struggled. They're giving up 5.3 yards per carry, which ranks last in the NFL.

Part of the problem is the big runs Seattle's defense has allowed to running backs such as Adrian Peterson, Frank Gore and Reggie Bush.

In five of the past eight games, the Seahawks have al-

lowed their opponent at least 100 yards rushing as a team, after not letting any of their first six opponents reach that mark.

Still, there are concerns that have allowed those big runs to happen in the first place.

"We know that we have given up some big plays we know with Adrian and some backs," Seattle defensive coordinator Gus Bradley said. "It's still kind of a work in progress. That's still our No. 1 emphasis after getting the ball."

Seattle enters Sunday night's matchup against San Francisco still with the No. 2 scoring defense in the NFL — right behind the 49ers — and with the 10th ranked rushing defense.

But it was the 49ers that started Seattle down the path of struggles with its run defense. It was a mix of defensive scheme and talent that helped Gore run for 131 yards when the teams faced off in Week 7. That remains Gore's season high and the second-most yards rushing allowed by the Seahawks this season.

San Francisco found its success by catching the Seahawks with some trap runs, especially in the second half that led to big running lanes for Gore.

It was a smart move schematically as the Seahawks were unprepared. Linebacker K.J. Wright said this week he'd never seen a trap play before until the 49ers ran one.

"I was lost. I was like 'what was going on?'" Wright said.

While the trap runs caught

Seattle by surprise in the first meeting, it will be how San Francisco uses mobile quarterback Colin Kaepernick that'll be new for the Seahawks this time.

Kaepernick was just a spectator when the teams met in October.

Since becoming the starter five games ago, Kaepernick has rushed for 202 yards, adding another element to the 49ers offense.

The Seahawks defensive line took a hit this week when Jason Jones was placed on injured reserve with torn cartilage in his knee, but defensive tackle Alan Branch should be able to play despite an ankle injury.

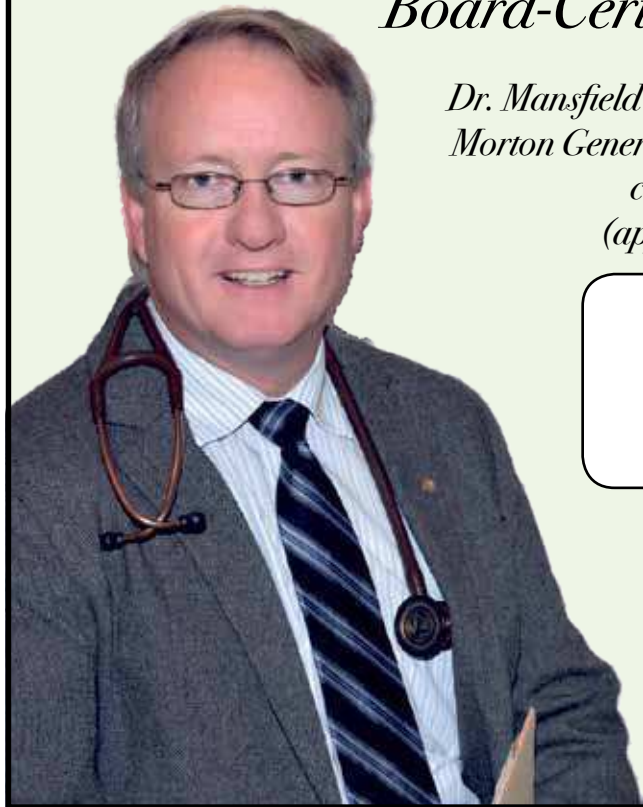
While Seattle did give up 118 yards rushing last week to Buffalo in an easy win, its victories over Arizona and Chicago featured a run defense that was more like what the Seahawks got earlier in the season.

Seattle held Matt Forte to 66 yards and the Cardinals to just 43 yards rushing as a team. Those two efforts gave Bradley optimism that the run defense was heading in the right direction.

"I thought the Arizona game we played better and the Chicago game for the most part we've played pretty well," Bradley said. "There are some good backs that we have faced ... Some of those guys are going to get their yards. For us the biggest thing is for us to keep the points down so we have a chance to win."

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College Football

Measuring up to the HYPE

Record-setting Tight End Austin Seferian-Jenkins has Lived up to His Massive Potential, a Burden he Carried Well

By Bob Condotta
The Seattle Times

LAS VEGAS — Maybe it makes sense that the kid who once felt he didn't fit in now can't help but stand out.

Austin Seferian-Jenkins has yet to complete his second full season as a Washington Husky. That comes Saturday, when UW plays Boise State in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas. Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m.

But he has already rewritten the Washington record book for tight ends, having made more career receptions (104) and touchdown catches (12) than any player at his position in school history.

The numbers validate the hype that greeted the 6-foot-6, 266-pound Seferian-Jenkins when he signed with UW out of Gig Harbor High, when he was generally considered one of the top two tight ends in the country.

They also seem to make it a given that he will be a high NFL draft choice. He could declare for the draft after the 2013 season.

"ASJ is a special player," ESPN draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr., said last week. "He has great ability, tremendous size. ... You look at the way that tight ends are being utilized (in the NFL), he's got a chance to be an early first-round pick next year. He's going to be one of the elite, elite players in next year's draft as a true junior."

Seferian-Jenkins says he's not yet thinking about that.

"I'm just focused on this season right now and I'll think

about it in the offseason if there's an actual chance for me to do something in that league, which would be great," he said.

His success makes his football rise seem preordained.

Seferian-Jenkins was always a big kid, weighing nine pounds, nine ounces at birth. But he remembers when his size wasn't necessarily a blessing.

In elementary school, he recalled, "no one really talked to me. I was kind of a big kid and everyone was scared of me. ... I just didn't fit in. Once I got into the seventh grade and started playing sports, I got more friends."

Not that there weren't fits and starts on athletic fields, as well.

"He played soccer initially, when he was like 4 to 5 years old, and honestly he just ran people over on the field," said his mother, Linda Seferian. "And it wasn't funny to a lot of the other parents because he was really big and he had no idea where he was going. He was just running and he'd be knocking people down."

When he seriously began playing football and basketball a few years later, the true nature of his talent began to kick in.

He was in the eighth grade when he got his first recruiting letter, for basketball and from either "UNLV or Eastern Washington," he said.

"He was around the eighth, ninth grade when football just really took off for him and he just really fell in love with it," said his mother.

He admits he still had a little



John Lok / The Seattle Times

Austin Seferian-Jenkins tries to escape Utah defenders during Washington's 34-15 win in November. His 104 receptions and 12 touchdowns are school records for a tight end.

baby fat, which he began to shed after he dedicated himself to eating better and working out at least an hour a day. By his junior year of high school, the only question was which college he'd attend, and what position he'd play. He could have gone almost anywhere in the country, but family ties helped keep him close to home.

But it was never all about sports for Seferian-Jenkins. His grandfather, Edward Seferian, was a longtime conductor of the Tacoma Symphony, and music was a constant in the household. Austin played the tuba and saxophone growing up.

His father, John Jenkins, was in the military. His parents, who are no longer together, gave him both their last names at birth, and it has yielded the handy "ASJ" acronym.

"I don't know why," Linda Seferian said. "We just decided to do that."

Seferian-Jenkins says he doesn't want to be known as just an athlete. He talks of wanting to own a business, and also is looking into a political science major at Washington.

His mother marvels at how easily Seferian-Jenkins can shift out of football mode when he returns to Gig Harbor. His visits include time with his best friend since kindergarten. Brendan McGinty has high-functioning

Asperger's, though Seferian-Jenkins didn't know that when they struck up a friendship that has endured.

"Austin and Brendan were always in the same class," said McGinty's mother, Audry. "The first day of kindergarten, Brendan was absolutely terrified and Austin, I remember like it was yesterday, walked up and said, 'Hi, my name is Austin.' And they started reading books together and they have been con-

nected at the hip ever since."

Seferian-Jenkins has often been McGinty's best protector.

"Brendan would have gotten his (behind) kicked so many times if it wasn't for Austin," said Audry McGinty. "He's a great kid who has done so many things for Brendan and been so kind. He has been a godsend to our family."

As he has been, in a different way, to the Huskies.

MAACO Bowl: Boise State QB Not Moore, But Not So Bad

BIG BRONCO: Washington Coaches Say First-Year Boise State Starter Joe Southwick Playing Best Football of Career Entering Saturday's Bowl Game in Las Vegas.

By Bob Condotta
The Seattle Times

LAS VEGAS — Boise State quarterback Joe Southwick had a tough act to follow, taking over this season for Kellen Moore, who graduated as the winningest quarterback in college football history.

Moore, a Prosser High grad, went 50-3 in four years at Boise State.

Southwick, a 6-foot-1, 187-pound junior from Danville, Calif., may not yet draw comparisons to Moore. But Washington coaches say Southwick is playing the best football of his career entering Saturday's MAACO Bowl Las Vegas on Saturday.

"They are two different guys," said UW defensive coordinator Justin Wilcox, the defensive coordinator at Boise State in 2009 when Southwick was a freshman.

Wilcox said Southwick has shown great progression in his decision making during his first season as a starter.

"I know Joe, and he can throw the football, and he can run well enough to beat you, whether it's zone read or scrambling, too," Wilcox said.

Southwick endured criticism early in the season when Boise State's offense struggled. But he finished with respectable numbers, completing 66.7 percent of his passes for 2,466 yards and

17 touchdowns with seven interceptions. His passer rating is 141.5.

He also ran more later in the season and had some key gains in the Broncos' season-ending win at Nevada, with 25 yards on six carries.

"He's making the decision to run a bit more," said UW coach Steve Sarkisian. "I think it's just being more comfortable playing the position."

Huskies Mostly in Good Health

Sarkisian gave UW players a mostly clean bill of health after the team's last significant practice on Thursday. He said every player, other than those already out for the season, should be ready to go except Jamaal Kearse. The backup linebacker, who is used primarily on special teams, has some lingering injuries and Sarkisian said he won't play.

One player who will return is linebacker Princeton Fuiamano, who missed the last three games due to injury.

Sarkisian said cornerback Desmond Trufant (hamstring) and tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins (ankle) appear back to full health after lingering injuries.

"If they are not 100 percent, they are about as close as you can get ... I expect them to play well," Sarkisian said.

Notes: UW officials said the school has distributed 4,200 tickets for the game. It was allocated 11,000. Unused tickets (which, under rules of the bowl, must be purchased by the Pac-12 and the school) are scheduled to be distributed to local youth groups and other charities... Players from each team attended a performance by the Blue Man Group Thursday night.

"I'm just focused on this season right now and I'll think about it in the offseason if there's an actual chance for me to do something in that league which would be great."

Austin Seferian-Jenkins, on the NFL

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Life: Home & Garden



Carrots, planted on July 16 are seen alongside a winter garden in Chehalis.



Lettuce flourished as summer turned into fall.



Mature beets rise just above the soil. Courtesy Photos/William Pittman

How Does Your Winter Garden Grow?



MASTER GARDENERS TEST SITE: *First-Time Winter Gardener Shares Experience*

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William Pittman, a master gardener trainee from Centralia, cuts a trench into the soil of a raised bed in preparation to plant kale in a winter garden in Chehalis during the height of summer. Now that winter has arrived, Pittman said he has been overwhelmed with the bounty from this late-season garden.

By Carrina Stanton
For The Chronicle

Master gardener trainee William Pittman had never even heard of winter gardening until he moved to the Northwest.

And after trying his hand at it for the first time, Pittman said he'd do it again in a heartbeat.

"It was a lot of fun," Pittman said of his general impression of winter gardening. "I would definitely do it again. It was fun and very productive."

Pittman started his experiment in July at a garden space at Providence Place assisted living facility in Chehalis. The raised bed had previously been planted by one of the residents who then became unable to care for it any longer. Pittman said the first thing he did was to dig up the tomato and bean plants the resident had planted in the space and put them into planting containers off to the side.

"They went ahead and continued to produce, which was interesting," Pittman said.

One of the residents of Providence Place also alerted Pittman to the fact that the garden space's soil was fairly weak and sandy and hard to keep watered. Pittman said he purchased some peat moss and tilled it into the soil to avoid that problem.

With the soil amended, Pittman planted cold-hardy crops: carrots; parsnips; beets; kale; turnips; lettuce; and garlic, which will not be harvested until the spring. Within just a few weeks, Pittman realized one of the unexpected benefits of planting a winter garden. While the other garden plots had been planted in the spring, by the early fall they began to wane. The plants stopped producing and began to wither and die. And at the same time, Pittman's newly planted winter garden looked lush and bountiful.

"It really looked like a garden on steroids and that was so wonderful," Pittman said. "We got a lot of interest in it."

Pittman said he planted the seeds and starters much too close together to begin with so that he could harvest as he thinned. At 26 days after planting, Pittman said he had his first harvest of beet greens, turnip greens and young, tender kale.

"And it began just a steady stream of stuff from the garden to our house," Pittman said.

Because it is part of the Providence Place garden area, Pittman said, he left his garden open for the residents there to pick from as they wished. As a result, he said he does not know exactly how much produce in pounds the garden created. But from August until the first of November, Pittman said he visited the garden every week.

"Every time I'd go I'd take two of those large plastic tubs that they use for busing tables and we'd fill them both," Pittman said.

Eventually the winter garden turned out so much produce he ended up freezing a large amount so none of it would go to waste.

Unfortunately, one visitor to the test winter garden Pittman had not anticipated was a deer.

Around the first part of November they discovered the plot and have returned weekly to trample and eat most of the produce. Pittman said he could have put up deer netting but he did not want to restrict the Providence Place residents' access to the garden.

"Fortunately by the time the deer discovered it the root crops were done and I had a freezer full of food," Pittman said. "I did some late broccoli I was hoping to see produce but it was OK."

Pittman said there were two objectives he had been asked to test through the experiment. The first was whether or not it was true there are fewer pests in a winter garden. Other than his deer problem, Pittman said his observation was that the rest of the garden pests were significantly declined during the colder months, meaning that gardening in the winter is much easier pests-wise.

But his other objective was to test the theory that root crops such as carrots and beets cold-sweeten after a really hard frost. Pittman explained that during hard freezes, cold-hardy plants use stored sugars to keep themselves from freezing, which is supposed to result in a sweeter taste. Unfortunately, his deer problem prevented the testing of that theory. But Pittman still said he left the experience happy.

"And if the plot were available again, I'd do it again," Pittman said.



Joseph Pittman, 6, and his sister, Natalie Pittman, 6, hold up a tray of beet and kale tops that were grown in a winter garden in Chehalis by Master Gardener William Pittman.



In this photo, William Pittman's granddaughter, Leah, 6, holds a hand full of turnips grown in a winter garden tended by Pittman, who is a master gardener in training.

Growing Animal Rescue Group Is Work of Teen Actor

By Sue Manning
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The person behind one of the country's fastest-growing animal rescues can't even vote yet. And neither can most of the people leading its 10 chapters across the nation.

Lou Wegner, a 16-year-old actor and singer from Columbus, Ohio, started Kids Against Animal Cruelty when he was 14. The organization, which uses social networking to encourage adoptions at high-kill animal shelters, has helped 20,000 pets escape euthanasia in two years.

Lou said he became aware of euthanasia at shelters when he went to Los Angeles to make the short film "Be Good to Eddie Lee." The director suggested that he volunteer at an animal shelter.

Until then, Lou thought shelters were safe havens for strays and lost pets. "It was heartbreaking. All these dogs crying in their cages. Knowing they would be put down broke my heart," he said.

The group started with Lou and his friends, carrying signs on street corners, and a Facebook page with 47 friends. Now it has more than 12,000 U.S. members and 50,000 members, supporters and partner coalitions across the globe, he said.

The group gets a boost whenever Lou hits the red carpet or the airwaves. He had a small role in Clint Eastwood's "Trouble With the Curve," just finished a pilot called "The Thundermans" for Nickelodeon, and co-hosts a weekly Global Voice Broadcasting radio show called "Love That Dog Hollywood! Kids & Animals."

Brenda Barnette, the general manager of the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services who has been on the show, said Lou is "a well-spoken advocate for animals and for peer involvement." At events where he'll be photographed or when the paparazzi are lurking, he's seldom without a T-shirt with a Kids Against Animal Cruelty logo, she said.

With that kind of exposure, the group's goal has become global — getting people to adopt from shelters, to spay and neuter pets, and educating them about pet responsibility, Lou said. He advocates a no-kill policy, and hopes adults will join in because "they know so much more than we do."

The growing popularity of the teen, who is also a member of the pop band Blonde, helped save a shelter dog that might have otherwise been euthanized. Tommy



Lou Wegner, the founder of Kids Against Animal Cruelty, poses for a photo with his rescued dogs, from left, Kippy, Pearl, Draco and Henry in Burbank, Calif. Lou, a 16-year-old actor and singer from Columbus, Ohio, started Kids Against Animal Cruelty when he was 14. The organization, which uses social networking to encourage adoptions at high-kill animal shelters, has helped 20,000 pets escape euthanasia in two years.

Joe, an 11-month-old black Lab in South Carolina, wasn't too popular when his photo was posted on the group's Facebook page. Lou said the post garnered no likes or comments.

He recalled that the dog "was skinny and he looked sad. I thought he was doomed." So he posted online messages to the dog, drawing attention to its case and leading a group called For the Love of Dogs in Chester, S.C., to save Tommy Joe.

KAAC chapters around the country are run by teens, including a pair of sisters in New York City who worked with several groups to find lost animals and get food to people whose pets were starving in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. An Arizona chapter is run by one of Lou's nephews, and a cousin heads the Minnesota chapter.

Lou hopes to have a chapter in every state eventually, "because the bigger the group you work with, the bigger difference you

can make." "They euthanize just as many animals every day as we have saved. It's like throwing a Band-Aid in a river," he said.

He said there's also the need to educate children who commit cruelty to animals, as in the recent cases of a 12-year-old California boy arrested after police said he got mad at his family's dog and hung it on a door handle. In Las Vegas, police say two 11-year-olds threw rocks at a cat giving birth, killing her six kittens. Lou said he would make those children witness what happens in the euthanasia room at a shelter.

Robin Harmon, who runs a small dog transport program for Best Friends Animal Society Los Angeles and met Lou at a shelter, said she "was especially impressed that at a young age, he could control his feelings and the sadness that we all feel when we are helping at high-kill shelters."

"I have barely been able to do

this and I am old enough to be Lou's grandmother," she said.

The sadness is hard to deal with, Lou agreed.

"Saving one keeps you going," he said.

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Fun in the Snow



Photograph submitted by **Rebecca Gordon**, Centralia

Parker Lee Gordon enjoys Centralia's first snowfall of the year on Tuesday. She is the daughter of Ryan and Rebecca Gordon, Centralia. "My 2½-year-old loved her opportunity to play in the first snowfall," Rebecca said. "She had a blast! She started asking me at 5:30 a.m. to play in the snow. To live through the innocence of a child — priceless!"

To submit your photograph, e-mail voices@chronline.com or send mail to *Voices*, The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia, WA 98531.

Births

- **MEGAN PANUSKA AND BRENDAN PALMER**, Puyallup, a boy, Paxton Lee Palmer, Oct. 30, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Good Samaritan Hospital, Puyallup. Grandparents are John and Julie Panuska, Mossyrock; Tammy and the late Jay Matthew, Mossyrock; Greg Miller, Littlerock; Nikki Derringer, Tenino; and Rick and Lisa Palmer, North Carolina. Great-grandparents are Ed and Marilyn Armit, Mossyrock; Bev and Bob Riley, Vancouver, Wash.; and Wayne and Peggy Miller, Lacrosse.
- **ANNE AND JESSE ELAM**, Centralia, a boy, Henry William Elam, Dec. 6, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.
- **MELODY AND DANIEL KRENELKA**, a girl, Aria Christene Krenelka, Dec. 8, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.
- **MARIANA AYALA AND JOSE ISQUERRA JR.**, Centralia, a girl, Genesis Adeilene Isquerra-Ayala, Dec. 8, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are David Ayala and Gloria Garcia, and Jose and Barbara Isquerra, all of Centralia.
- **SARAH AND KYLE HOCKETT**, Winlock, a boy, Quinn Robert Hockett, Dec. 9, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Gary Hockett, Toledo; Kathy Hockett, Toledo; and Gwendolyn Bole and Robert Wiggers, Washington, D.C.
- **KAYTEN ARMS AND JOHN CABELL**, Rochester, a boy, Jayden Miles Leroy Cabell, Dec. 10, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital.
- **JONI AND MICHAEL HUTSON**, Centralia, a girl, Azyria Klee Hutson, Dec. 11, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Monica and Ted Monta, Spanaway, Johnny Gallegos, Yakima; and Chuck and Kim Roberts, Yakima. Great-grandparents are Eleanor Gallegos, Yakima; August Layton, Brewster; and Darlene Usher, Yakima.
- **DESIREE BONAGOFSKI**, Centralia, a boy, Micah Sebastian Niño, Dec. 12, 5 pounds, 11 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Thomas and Shawna Bonagofski, Elaine Bonagofski, Nemo Niño and Magdalena Jurado, all of Centralia.
- **SONJA MONTES AND HUBERTO MEDEL**, Chehalis, a boy, Carlos Geovanni Medel Montes, Dec. 12, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Noe and Lorraine Jimenez, Chehalis; Petra Hernandez, Puebla, Mexico; and Ignacio Medel, Puebla, Mexico.
- **JENNIFER HILL AND JONATHAN SELLE**, Pe Ell, a boy, Jason Ray Selle, Dec. 12, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Guy and Darlene Selle, Adna; Ed and Robin Jackson, Lebanon, Ore.; and Gary Hill, deceased, Lebanon, Ore. Great-grandparents are Archie and Janet Selle, Bonney Lake, and Jeanne Eddy, deceased, Lebanon, Ore.
- **STACIE AND CHARLES HALL, ONALASKA**, a boy, Lennox Louis Hall, Jan. 14, 9 pounds, 7 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital, Grandparents are Carey and Margitka Laws, Winlock. Great-grandparents are Helen Nozsar and Shirley Laws, both of Chehalis.

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John Starling Randle, saw filer



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James Randall
Centralia, retired from U.S. Army



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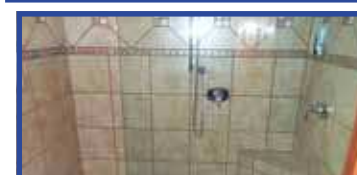


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THE LONG VIEW: *History of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe*

The Black Robes, Part 3: Life and Death

Father Modeste Demers described one of the ancient Cowlitz customs with regard to burial. "They scarcely allowed the eyes of the sick man to close before they are covered with aikwa, a kind of shell they use for money; he is clad in his best clothes and wrapped in a blanket; four posts are driven into the ground; in these posts holes are bored, through which sticks are passed, upon which is placed the corpse placed in file with his ancestors. They place him face downward with his head pointing toward the mouth of the river. Not a handful of dust is placed upon him, the canoe is covered with a great number of mats and all is over. Then they present their offerings to the dead.



By Roy I. Rochon Wilson

"If he was a chief or great warrior amongst his men, they lay beside him his gun, his powder horn and his bag; valuable objects, such as wooden plates, axes, kettles, bows, arrows, skins, etc. are placed upon sticks around his canoe. Then comes the tribute of tears which the spouses pay to each other and to their children. Day and night for a month or more, continuous weeping, shouting and wailing may be heard from a great distance. When the canoe gets rotten and falls to the ground, the remains are taken out, wrapped up in new blankets and laid in a new canoe." One of the burial grounds was the "flat" above

the river in the place called the "Ram." That first winter spent along the Cowlitz River by the first Catholic missionaries in the area was unusually mild, permitting plowing and fall planting and work in the woods. Augustine Rochon split 600 rails for fencing and squared timbers for a house and barn. The timbers were hauled on as soon as he was able to get a loan of oxen from Simon Plamondon. The first harvest was six bushels of wheat and nine of peas. Before time for the next planting, Rochon had fenced twenty-four additional acres and put fifteen more under the plow. Father Francois Norbert Blanchet and Father Demers, who had come with him, had almost insurmountable difficulty with the Cowlitz language, making it necessary to employ as many as three interpreters at one time, and sometimes a fourth. The priests carried with them registers in which they chronologically catalogued their activities. These records, originally written in French, were maintained at Fort Vancouver until they were transferred to the archdiocesan archives in Seattle for safekeeping. In 1972, the public translations appeared under the title, "Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest." In these registers they recorded the births, deaths, baptisms and marriages of those whom they served in their pastoral duties. The names of many Cowlitz are found in these records. In all, the priests administered 162 specific services to the Indians of Cowlitz blood,

spanning the period from Dec. 16, 1838, until the registers terminated on Oct. 19, 1844. In the words of the authors, "It is remarkable that the two volumes have survived, carried as they were across the continent and sometimes to Cowlitz, Fort Colville, the Willamette settlement and others, as the priests ministered to the people." Not only remarkable, but very fortunate, that the first two volumes were maintained at Fort Vancouver, because the succeeding registers maintained at the Cowlitz Mission were lost in a series of successive fires that destroyed the mission on several occasions.

The Catholic Mission founded by Fathers Blanchet and Demers, the Cushman Trades School, the Salem Indian School at Chemawa, and the Tulalip Indian School all show records of Cowlitz enrollment. Numerous Cowlitz Indians were buried in the cemetery on these mission grounds, and many present day Cowlitz have ancestors buried there.

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CHINOOK JARGON PHRASE FOR THE WEEK
 "Kah mitlite chuck?" meaning, "Where is water," or, "Where is the water?"

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THE LONG VIEW: *Glimpses of East County History*

Christmas Back Then Was Simple but Still Sweet

I was the middle child. Not the middle child in one family, but in between aunts, uncles and cousins on my father's and mother's sides of the family. All three families were close and we celebrated holidays together, taking turns being the host family.



By LaVonnie M. Sparkman

No one had a table large enough for the crowd, so children had a separate table where we were served after the adults had their plates loaded with the abundant, mostly home-grown food. No one even thought of turkey during those Depression days, because all three families raised chickens. Two or three roasting hens were a treat.

Without enough chairs to go around, we sat on the piano bench, end tables, and apple boxes on end. Because we kids knew we could depend on cousin Barbara spilling her milk, we never relaxed completely, but were ready to jump up to avoid the flood.

After dinner, if it wasn't pouring rain, a frequent occasion in western Washington

state, we played Cops and Robbers or Cowboys and Indians. The boy cousins supplied the firepower with their cap guns. Although we seldom had boughten caps, we didn't need them with all the loud "bang-bangs." The only arguments were over who was "dead" at the time.

Christmas gifts were few, but we never would have expected multiple gifts like we exchange today. My best present ever was a delightful surprise, even though I had caught my mother at the sewing machine after my bedtime. But she had been able to hide her work. Under the Christmas tree, I found an unbleached muslin doll with an embroidered face and with a pretty dress. I called her "Raggedy Ann" even though she had black yarn hair and did not resemble the original.

I learned to sew by making dresses for my doll. Now, almost seven decades later, Raggedy Ann sits on the back of my davenport in a red taffeta dress I made when I was about 11 years old.

Raggedy Ann was definitely a special gift from my mother, but the most disappointing gift came from my older boy cousin. He was so excited about his present for me that he could

hardly wait for me to open it. Thinking it must be fabulous, I tore the wrappings off to find two of the old 78 rpm records. So far so good, but for someone who disliked what we called "cowboy" music (now called country), it was a shock to see they were Ernie Tubbs records. In my estimation, he was the worst singer of all.

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THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON STATE HISTORY

King County Created in 1852, Boy 'Shanghaied' in 1901, Butchers Strike in 1917

By HistoryLink.org

On Dec. 22, 1852, the Oregon Territorial Legislature approves creation of King County, located in Western Washington and names Seattle as the seat of its government. The legislation is sponsored by Col. Isaac Eby to honor Vice President-elect William R. King (who will die just weeks later).

The first County officers were Arthur Denny and Luther Collins, commissioners (John Low declined the third seat on the commission); Henry Yesler, auditor; and Carson Boren, sheriff. The new government met for the first time in March 1853. Denny also served as postmaster and Dr. David S. Maynard held the position of justice of the peace and federal Indian Agent.

King County covers some 2,100 square miles extending from the crest of the Cascade Range to Puget Sound, including Vashon Island. It is Washington's most populous county and contains what

remains its largest city — Seattle.

Boy Shanghaied From Seattle in 1901

On Dec. 22, 1901, the parents of Henry Short file a missing persons report for their son with the Seattle Police Department. The previous day Henry had left his residence at 308 Union Street for work and never returned. His parents suspect the boy has been shanghaied from one of the saloons south of Yesler Way. (The verb "to shanghai," after the city Shanghai, China, means to kidnap a person for compulsory shipboard service after rendering him unconscious. Supposedly, many of the ships on which shanghaied sailors were enslaved were bound for China.) Henry's disappearance was suspicious. His parents claimed that the 15-year-old boy gave no hint that he was about to leave: All his clothes and belongings remained at their residence. M. Kilpatrick, of unknown relation to Henry Short, searched the city

for him and reported on January 3, 1902, that he had found no trace of Henry.

His parents suspected that their son was shanghaied onto a foreign-bound vessel. Crews for ocean-bound ships were sometimes difficult to obtain and it was alleged that some saloons south of Yesler Way (called in 1901 the tenderloin district) shanghaied sailors for these ships. The Seattle Star claimed that shanghaiing was practiced in the city to an "alarming extent."

It is not known whether or not Henry was ever found.

Butchers Strike for an Eight-Hour Day in 1917

On Dec. 22, 1917, butchers throughout Seattle strike for an eight-hour day. The strike continues into 1918, when Butchers Union Local No. 81 has 245 members.

After five months, due to World War I, the unsuccessful strike was called off.

Puzzle Page One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Page Two on page Life 6.

Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 1 Chalky mineral
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- 12 Bug's antenna
- 13 Mystery man's girl
- 14 Electrical unit
- 15 River in France
- 16 Neaten the lawn
- 18 Sty matriarch
- 19 Fiction genre
- 23 Big Band —
- 26 Gangster's gun
- 27 Refs
- 30 Happen to
- 32 Hive collection
- 34 Freight carriers
- 35 Small fairy
- 36 Silently sullen
- 37 Imitate
- 38 Aykroyd or Rather

DOWN

- 1 Actress — Hatcher
- 2 Stein fillers
- 3 QE2, e.g.
- 4 Cow's "second course"
- 5 Topaz or emerald
- 6 Sales agent

- 7 Spots in la mer
- 8 Fiddling despot
- 9 Made a sketch
- 10 Cinemax alternative

- 11 Fur-bearers
- 12 Spotted animal
- 17 Nutritious grain
- 20 Gawkers
- 21 Held gently
- 22 Qatar ruler
- 23 Decline gradually
- 24 Be a bookworm
- 25 1960s hairdo
- 28 Reimbursed
- 29 Sp. miss
- 31 Water, in Baja
- 32 Has high hopes
- 33 Craving
- 37 Exist
- 40 Wallet stuffers
- 41 Comforter filling
- 42 Pen refills
- 43 Planting medium
- 44 Portico
- 47 Prefix with "byte"
- 48 Microwave
- 49 Legal matter
- 51 Belief
- 52 Signs off on
- 54 Robin's beak

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HOW TO PLAY: Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: G equals P

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NWOKZMWU YCIY." — YNBC PYNRYB

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Winter is the time for comfort, for good food ... for a talk beside the fire: It is the time for home." — Edith Sitwell

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Property Sales

By The Chronicle

Lewis County Property Sales

The following is a report of property sales of \$200,000 or more in Lewis County during October:

- Mercy Properties, Seattle, sold to Allegre Mercy Redevelopment, Seattle, a 1985 apartment building, 1429 Johnson Road, Centralia, \$1,630,000.
- Stephanie and Mark Westenauer, Centralia, sold to Mac Duff Co. Inc., Chehalis, a 1932 home and 2.82 acres of land, 1005 Long Road, Centralia, \$380,000.
- Thomas Burchett, Centralia, sold to Seung-Joe and Hyun Lee, Centralia, a 1978 home and 1.11 acres of land, 612 Oakland Ave., Centralia, \$285,000.
- Arnold Tomascheck, Centralia, sold to Thomas Burchett, Centralia, a 1992 home and 0.79 acres of land, 616 Oakland Ave., Centralia, \$280,000.
- Arlene Wallner, Centralia, sold to F. Allan and Marcia Ray, Chehalis, a 2003 home and 0.14 acres of land, 291 Colonial Drive, Centralia, \$206,000.
- Barry and Gail Panush, Curtis, sold to the Washington State Department of Transportation, road right of way, 1004 Ellsbury, \$421,000.
- Hubbert & Hubbert LLC, Chehalis, sold to Wilton Family Partnership, Monroe, a 1900 industrial building, 550 N.W. West St., Chehalis, \$410,000.
- Louis and Carol Calcagno, Moss Landing, Calif., sold to Elyodrelleum LLC, Lacey, a 1965 commercial garage, office and utility building, 926 N.W. Maryland Ave., Chehalis, \$565,000.
- Christopher and Tonya Bailey, Chehalis, sold to Tracy Sandberg and Tara Roberts, Chehalis, a 1956 home, 1656 S.W. Gails Ave., Chehalis, \$225,000.

- F. Allen and Marcia Ray, Chehalis, sold to Scott and Sandra Olson, Chehalis, a 1989 home and 17.04 acres of land, 1956 North Fork Road, Chehalis, \$375,000.
- Geoffrey and Amy Bury, South Jordan, Utah, sold to Thomas and Auburn Pablo, Yelm, a 2009 home and 5.79 acres of land, 1017 S. Military Road, Winlock, \$226,000.
- Mercy Properties, Seattle, sold to Allegre Mercy Development, Seattle, a 1976 apartment building, 1207 Walnut St., Winlock, \$660,000.
- Frederic Guenther and Cindy Mathey, Chehalis, sold to David and Lisa Bach, Chehalis, a 1994 home and 2.32 acres of land, 222 Chehalis Valley Drive, Chehalis, \$270,000.
- Bruce and Tracy Aerni, Chehalis, sold to Jon and Michelle Miles, Joint Base Lewis McChord, a 1962 home and 2.57 acres of land, 1010 Shorey Road, Chehalis, \$218,500.
- Christopher and Kendra Rogerson, Chehalis, sold to Brian and Karen Carlton, Chehalis, a 2006 home and 9.48 acres of land, 124 Berry Road, Chehalis, \$292,000.
- Gary and Dora Swart, Chehalis, sold to Kirk and Marla Vigre, Chehalis, a 1999 home and 1.74 acres of land, 185 Alderwood Drive., Chehalis, \$650,000.
- David and Patricia Brown, Centralia, sold to Fabian Almeida, Cleburne, Texas, a 1993 home and 0.67 acres of land, 128 Northridge Drive, Centralia, \$210,000.
- Kelley Hughes, personal representative, sold to Mark and Stephanie Westenaver, Centralia, a 2002 home and 2.04 acres of land, 1205 W. Roanoke St., Centralia, \$285,000.
- Julie Clevenger, Chehalis, sold to Patricia Deatrich, Chehalis, a 2003 home and 2.34 acres of land, 202 Hidden Meadows Drive, Chehalis, \$225,000.

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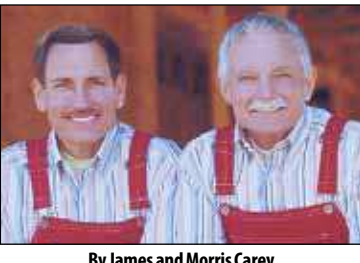
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On the House

How to Counter the Rising Winter Heating Bills



By James and Morris Carey

According to the Department of Energy, no matter what kind of heating, ventilating or air conditioning system you have in your home, you can save money and increase personal comfort by properly maintaining or upgrading your equipment. To determine the condition of your furnace you might be able to rely on your local utility company. Often they offer free inspections that will help you determine whether your next step needs to be cleaning and oiling or replacement. You might also check with your local building department to see if they have a program. Heating and cooling contractors often offer year-round maintenance programs that will ensure

smooth, cost-efficient operation. The person who looks at your furnace will check for carbon monoxide leaks and signs of wear and tear. Part of the inspection will include a check of the flue system. Rust, corrosion, holes, gaps and blockages can prevent proper operation of the flue and trap dangerous combustion gasses in your home. All safety circuits must be checked as well. During the winter, when your storm windows are in place and all doors are closed, there is more fresh air outside than inside. That's why it is important to change your filter. Changing your furnace filter will cost \$3 or \$4, but can reduce your heating bill between 1 percent and 4 percent. A clogged filter can reduce airflow and reduce the efficiency of the furnace. Changing your filter is not a major contributor to energy savings, but the filter change results in increased furnace life as a result of reduced stress on the blower motor. Modern American homes

are required to have setback thermostats, but some are complicated and difficult to operate. A setback thermostat can switch the furnace on when heat is needed and then turn it down to a lower temperature when everyone is snuggled in bed for the night. The same thermostat can also be programmed to shut the furnace off completely when no one is home and back on again before everyone gets home. Turning the temperature down just one degree can reduce your heating bill by 2 percent to 3 percent. Turning the thermostat down from 72°F to 68°F can reduce your heating bill by up to 12 percent. And lower temperatures don't have to be uncomfortable. December is not the time to tool around the house in lightweight cotton pajamas or a flimsy T-shirt. A long-sleeved, loose-fitting jogging outfit can keep you warm and comfortable. If you are in good health, you can save more than \$100 a year with the flick of a wrist at your thermostat. If your furnace is more than

15 years old you will probably want to look carefully at replacement. Modern appliances are far more energy-efficient than older ones. Older gas furnaces waste 50 percent or more. Modern furnaces burn fuel at a rate of 70 percent to 96 percent. Replacing a furnace can save you 20 percent to nearly 50 percent on your heating bill.

Something to Think About

According to a recent survey by a major heating equipment retailer, 70 percent of those polled are aware that heating costs will increase as much as 50 percent in some areas of the country.

- Sixty-three percent of those aware are planning to do something to make their home more energy-efficient.
- Thirty-five percent are planning to check their home-heating system.
- Twenty percent are planning to upgrade their system.
- Thirty-five percent are not planning to do anything to make their home more energy-efficient.

- Twenty-seven percent of homeowners in the Northeast have furnaces that are over 15 years old.
- Sixty-six percent of homeowners in the South have furnaces less than 10 years old.

We leave you with this thought: According to the Department of Energy, home heating makes up about 44 percent of home energy use.

FIREPLACE CLEAN UP

Is your fireplace a mess? Does the brick on the front look like the entrance to a coalmine? Would the scientific community consider it a black hole? Here's how to remove baked-on soot, dirt and grease from brick and stone fireplaces. Add 1 cup of laundry soap flakes to 4 cups of hot water. Then add 1-half pound of powdered pumice, which is ground volcanic rock used for polishing. Hardware stores have it, and so do most jewelers. Then add a half-cup of ammonia. Scrub sooty areas with this mixture using a stiff brush and rinse with clear water. Repeat until clean.

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Time to Drive Home a Point in Long-Distance Relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are in a long-distance relationship and agreed to split our visits 50-50 between our cities. Initially, it worked great. Unfortunately, his work schedule has changed, and for the past year he has come here to visit me only once every month or so, while I frequently drive for hours to see him. He says that because he's away from home for work, it's only fair that I travel to see him since it's "less trouble" for me. I understand that he puts in a lot of time with travel for work, but at what point does the ratio become unbalanced and



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unfair? I miss weekends in my city with my friends, and it makes me sad that he won't make the effort to see me. What do you think is right in this matter? — UNCERTAIN IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR UNCERTAIN: "What's right" is the original agreement you had with your boyfriend, or something close to it. Because he is no longer willing to live up to his part in the bargain, consider seeing him less often. Perhaps if he has a chance to miss you, he will feel impelled to make more of an effort. And if he's not, then you won't have to cut off your social relationships at home — relationships you may need if this romance doesn't work out the way you would like.

DEAR ABBY: My wife of 32 years has delusional jealousy. It is so bad that she has checked my genitals and questioned the neighbors' wives. I have stayed in this marriage only because of our children, who are now adults. I am at a crisis point where I want a divorce. I detest throwing 32 years away, but I have no love for this woman. We have sought counseling three times. However, once I start describing her delusions, the sessions quickly stop. — WANTS OUT IN COLORADO

DEAR WANTS OUT: No-where in your letter could I discern a question, but from my vantage point, I disagree that you would "throw 32 years away." You used that time to make sure your children were grown and independent.

I'm sorry about your wife's delusions, but because she is unwilling to follow through with counseling, there is nothing you or I can do about them. If you want my permission to end this marriage, I can't grant it; only you can do that for yourself.

DEAR ABBY: My sister is engaged to a severe alcoholic. I host the annual Christmas dinners and I feel stuck. When he was here last year, he broke a wine glass that held special meaning for my husband and me and generally made a fool of himself. Should I invite my sister and tell her that her fiance isn't welcome? (They live together.) He has gotten even worse this year. He broke three bones because he was so drunk he fell, and he left rehab three times in one month.

I'm a cancer survivor and do not need the stress in my life. — NERVOUS IN NEW YORK

DEAR NERVOUS: I agree that you shouldn't subject yourself to unnecessary stress. Your health must come first. If you haven't discussed this with your sister, do it NOW. A way to include her and her fiance would be to serve no alcohol during your Christmas celebration. However, if that isn't feasible, then tell her that until her fiance is able to stay "dry," you regret that you will be unable to entertain them.

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Puzzle Page Two

Start on Puzzle Page One on page Life 5. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Tuesday's paper.

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- "Dancing Queen" band
 - Ms. Lupino
 - Close a parka
 - Run slowly
 - Meeting: Abbr.
 - Role for Madonna
 - Occasion to kiss
 - L. — Hubbard
 - Mountain range
 - Garden features
 - Osiris' wife
 - Blushing
 - Dinnerware
 - "Fish Magic" artist
 - Crater edge
 - Natural hives (2 wds.)
 - Facing
 - you kidding?

- DOWN**
- PIN prompter
 - -a-brac
 - Nonsense
 - Achieve
 - Boudicca's people
 - Campus military org.
 - White heron
 - Puerto —
 - Boxcar rider
 - Gem units
 - Reindeer herders
 - Language suffix
 - Neil Diamond tune (2 wds.)
 - RN helper
 - Corsica neighbor
 - Hoople expletive
 - Strong soap
 - Winding curve
 - Sticks up

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 5

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6 Round mark **13 Black-footed critter**
7 Dwarf buffalo **16 "Mona —"**
8 Goose eggs **20 Transvaal settler**
9 Off-white **22 Drawing**
10 Cooking vessels **24 — -Magnon man**
25 Streetwise
26 Holy terror
28 Spike or Ang
30 Took the bait
31 Corn serving
32 Before
33 Firm up
35 1977 whale movie
36 Comfort
39 Auction site
40 Burrowing rodent
41 Throaty-voiced
42 "Goodnight" girl
44 Earthenware pots
45 Honeycomb unit
46 Only
48 Comic strip possum
49 Cement section
52 Scale amts.
53 Fabric meas.

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Sudoku

Difficulty: 2 (of 5)

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 5

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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: I equals D

"DT JLMYP VBSGRSGO YGNP LVR VYJVTR CPPE
VCMKS OLVEFP, OLVEFP, OLVEFP ... GS'R SLP
MEYT SLGEF G NGEI GESPBRSGEF."
— XVKY RGDME

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 5: "I became an optimist when I discovered that I wasn't going to win any more games by being anything else." — Earl Weaver

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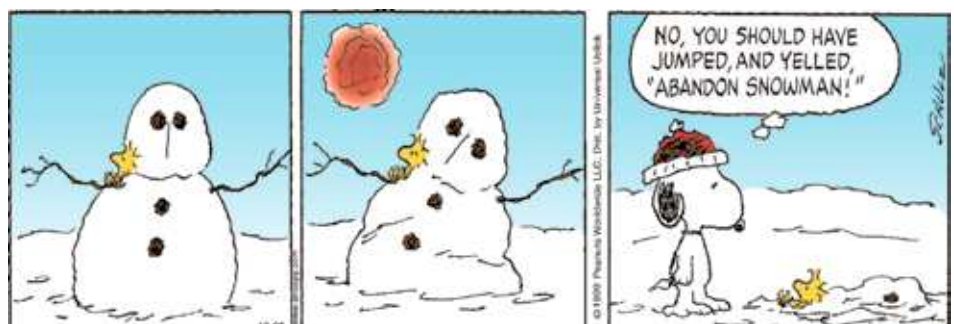
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FRANK & ERNEST by Bob Thaves



B.C. by Mastroianni & Hart



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SUNDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 23, 2012

Table with 24 columns (time slots) and 24 rows (channels). Includes programs like 'Good Morning America', 'The NFL Today', 'The Real Housewives of Atlanta', and 'The Sound of Music'.

SUNDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 23, 2012

Table with 24 columns (time slots) and 24 rows (channels). Includes programs like 'The Sound of Music', 'Chicago', 'The Mentalist', 'The Bachelor', 'The Sound of Music', and 'The Sound of Music'.

MONDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 24, 2012

Monday evening TV schedule grid with columns for channel, time, and program details.

TUESDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 25, 2012

Tuesday evening TV schedule grid with columns for channel, time, and program details.