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Weather

TONIGHT: Low 36
TOMORROW: High 44
Few Showers
see details on page Main 2

Weather picture by Andrew Brumley, Onalaska Elementary, 3rd Grade

**NEXT CHRONICLE
ARRIVING ON NEW
YEAR'S EVE**

The early week edition of The Chronicle will be printed on Monday morning and will arrive later in the day.

From all of us at The Chronicle, have a happy New Year.

Deaths

- Thomas, William "Bill," 72, Toledo
- Smith, James Lee, 81, Rochester
- Sliva, Henry W., 87, Dryad

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Community Calendar

Editor's Best Bet

Centralia Eagles to Host New Year's Eve Party

The Centralia Eagles will be opening its doors to one and all for a New Year's Eve celebration. Admission is \$5, and finger food and party favors will be provided at midnight. A country-style chicken cutlet with rice pilaf dinner will be available for \$8

from 5-8 p.m. Karaoke by Corri will start at 8. No reservation is required. Proceeds will go to the charitable endeavors of the Eagles. The Centralia Eagles is located at 2308 N. Pearl in Centralia. Phone is 736-1146.

Today

Chey Soul and Zachary Callantine, 8 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$6, 740-0492
Randy Linder, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, 273-2000, ext. 301

butter or hot strawberry preserves, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee, \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids under 12, 330-0969

Senior Centers

All senior centers closed for New Year's Day

Sunday, Dec. 30

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Wednesday, Jan. 2

Bingo, doors open 5 p.m., bingo starts 6:30 p.m., Forest Grange No. 153, 3397 Jackson Highway, Chehalis

Monday, Dec. 31

Rockin' Johnny Lucas, Devilfish Public House, open until 2 a.m., downtown Chehalis, (360) 996-4682
Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, 736-1146
New Year's Eve fireworks and party, 9 p.m. fireworks, party following at Bullwheel (21 and over), Crystal Mountain ski resort, 888-754-6199
Free community dinner, 5:30-7 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., Centralia, 736-7311

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, 748-0061
Art class, 10 a.m.
Bingo, 10 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m.
Morton Senior Center, 496-3230
Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m.
Open recreation, pool 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 10 a.m.
Live music by Highway 12 East band, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
CCS nutrition lunch, noon, \$3 donation \$3
Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, 785-4325
Zumba class, 6-7 p.m.
Packwood Senior Center, 494-6331
Coffee klatch, 9 a.m.
Pinochle, 10 a.m.
Pinochle and board games, 1 p.m.
Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112
Pinochle, noon, \$1
Zumba, 6-7 p.m.
Exercise class, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Water coloring, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Cook's choice lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Wood carving class, 1-3 p.m.
Quilting class, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Taco Night, 6-8 p.m., Centralia Eagles, hard-shell tacos, two for \$1, other menu items, 736-1146

Games Night, 6:30-11 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, 740-0492

Square dance lessons, first session, 7-9 p.m., Oakview Grange, 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, offered by Prairie Steppers, classes to continue Wednesdays through March 6, 748-1756 or 273-4884

Organizations

Take Off Pounds Sensibly, 10:15 a.m., Assembly of God church, 702 S.E. First St., Winlock

Seniors' Bible study, 10 a.m., Calvary Assembly of God, Centralia, 736-6769 or 324-9050

Soroptimist International of Lewis County, 5:30 p.m., contact for location, 748-7860, jwdmka@aol.com

Support Groups

Domestic violence support group, 5:30-7 p.m., 125 N.W. Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, sponsored by Human Response Network, 748-6601

Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., 12931 U.S. Highway 12, Packwood, 807-4838

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, 748-0061
Dance refresher class, 10-11 a.m.
Music, 11 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m.
Write your life, 1 p.m.
Morton Senior Center, 496-3230
Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m.
Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 10 a.m.
Live music by Highway 12 East band, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
CCS Nutrition lunch, noon, \$3 donation
"Writing from Within" writer's group, 12:30 p.m.
Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, 785-4325
Zumba class, 6-7 p.m.
Packwood Senior Center, 494-6331
Sweet treats, 9:30 a.m.
Bunco, 10:30 a.m.
Pool or cribbage, 1 p.m.
Horticulture project, 2 p.m.

Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112
Exercise class, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Nutrition lunch, noon, suggested donation \$3 for 60 and over, under 60, \$6.74
Open pool, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3

University Women to Learn About Centralia's Outdoor Education

The American Association of University Women, Lewis County branch, will meet at 6:45 p.m. Thursday at The Gathering Place, Stillwater Estates, 2899 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia.

The Centralia School District's outdoor education program for sixth-grade students will be explained by teachers and codirectors Kristeen Johnson and Victoria Brannin.

For more information, call Lynn Rash, 807-3199, or Margo Richert, 748-6378.

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

Organizations

Oakview Grange, 7 p.m., 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, 736-5639

Lewis County Robotics Society, 6 p.m., Kemp Hall, room 128, Centralia College, (360) 304-712

Support Groups

"Up From Grief," for those grieving the loss of a loved one, 1-2:30 p.m., Assured Home Hospice, second floor, 1821 Cooks Hill Road, 330-2640

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

Multiple sclerosis, 6-8 p.m., Providence Centralia Hospital chapel conference room, 736-5394, Facebook page: Lewis County Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, 748-0061
Music, 11 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m.
Morton Senior Center, 496-3230

Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 10 a.m.
"Soup Kitchen" enrichment lunch, noon, \$3 donation

Packwood Senior Center, 494-6331
Women's pool, 10 a.m.
Sit & Be Fit, 11 a.m.

Entertainment, presentation or movie, 12:30 p.m.

Quilting project class, 3:30 p.m.
Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112
Computer class, 9-11 a.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Watercolor class, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Zumba, 6-7 p.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Open pool, 9 a.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Cook's choice lunch, 11:30 a.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Wood carving class, 1-3 p.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Quilt class, 1-3 p.m., Toledo Senior Center, 864-2112

Friday, Jan. 4

Sammy Steele Band, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, 273-2000, ext. 301

Support Groups

H.O.P.E., all addictions, 7:30-9 p.m., Heritage Baptist Church of Tenino, 1315 Sussex Ave. E., Tenino, (360) 480-0592, hopedirector@hotmail.com

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

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, 748-0061
Music, 10:30-11:45 a.m.
Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation
Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m.,
Dance night, Bob's Blissful Band, 7-9:30 p.m.
Morton Senior Center, 496-3230
Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m.
Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Pinochle, 10 a.m.
Crafters 10 a.m.-2:20 p.m.
"Hamburgers & Fixins" community lunch, noon, \$5
Packwood Senior Center, 494-6331
Coffee klatch, 9 a.m.
Sewing and crafts, 10 a.m.
Pinochle and Scrabble, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Swedish pancake breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, Fords Prairie Grange, 2540 W. Reynolds Ave, Centralia, all-you-can-eat Swedish pancakes with real lingonberry

The Weather Almanac

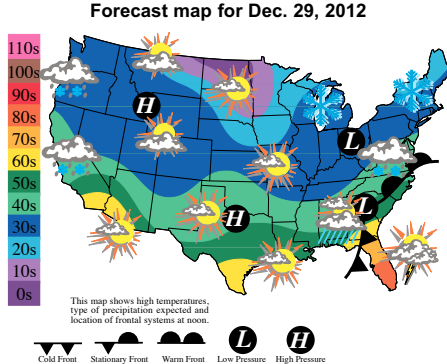
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

| Today | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | |
| Few Showers 43° 36° | Partly Cloudy 44° 35° | Scat'd Rain 45° 35° | Mostly Cloudy 44° 34° | Mostly Sunny 44° 36° |

River Stages

| Gauge | Flood Stage | 24 hr. Change |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Chehalis at Mellen St. | 58.63 | 65.0 -0.39 |
| Skookumchuck at Pearl St. | 77.01 | 85.0 -0.20 |
| Cowlitz at Packwood | 1.67 | 10.5 -0.05 |
| Cowlitz at Randle | 5.49 | 18.0 -0.06 |
| Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam | 10.06 | --- |
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National Map

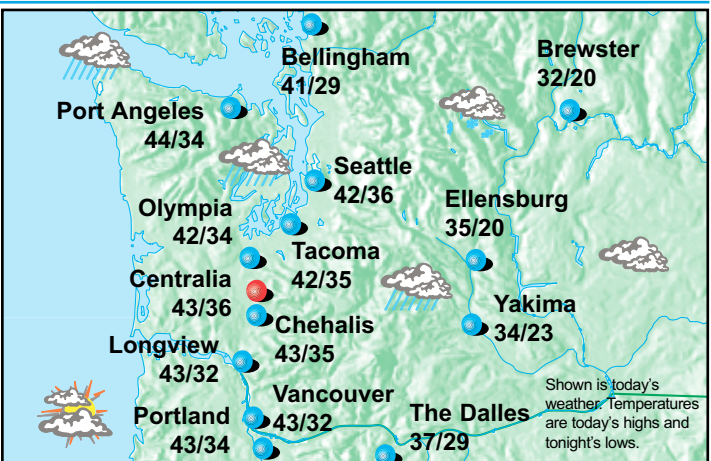


Centralia

Data reported from Centralia

| Temperature |
|--------------------------------------|
| Yesterday's High 46 |
| Yesterday's Low 37 |
| Normal High 46 |
| Normal Low 35 |
| Record High 58 in 1945 |
| Record Low 17 in 1968 |
| Precipitation |
| Yesterday 0.00" |
| Month to date 7.95" |
| Normal to date 6.70" |
| Year to date 46.85" |
| Normal year to date 46.83" |

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

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| Sunrise today | 7:56 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:33 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 6:18 p.m. |
| Moonset | 8:28 a.m. |

Pollen Forecast

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

World Cities

| City | Today | | Sun. | | City | Today | | Sun. | |
|-------------|-------|----|-------|----|----------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx | | Hi/Lo | Wx | Hi/Lo | Wx |
| Baghdad | 64/44 | s | 62/45 | pc | New Delhi | 70/46 | s | 66/43 | s |
| Beijing | 25/10 | pc | 31/8 | s | Paris | 53/43 | mc | 51/42 | pc |
| London | 51/40 | ra | 49/40 | pc | Rio de Janeiro | 95/77 | t | 96/77 | t |
| Mexico City | 75/42 | pc | 75/46 | pc | Rome | 56/38 | s | 55/37 | s |
| Moscow | 26/19 | pc | 18/14 | mc | Sydney | 76/64 | pc | 71/65 | cl |

We Want Your Photos

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News in Brief

Horse Euthanized After Being Struck by Vehicle Near Toledo

By The Chronicle

A horse that was standing in the middle of the road outside of Toledo had to be euthanized after it was hit by a car that nearly severed its leg late Wednesday night, according to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

The driver of the 2004 Ford Expedition, a 54-year-old Castle Rock man, was uninjured. He was wearing a seatbelt.

The horse was standing in the westbound lane on the 400 block of Toledo-Vader Road when the driver struck it at about 9:20 p.m., according to the sheriff's office. The car sustained minor damage to the passenger's side.

The owner of the horse, an 18-year-old Toledo woman, was located in a nearby residence, according to the sheriff's office. She made arrangements to remove the horse from the road and was cited for animal at large.

Auditions for Romantic Comedy in Morton

By The Chronicle

Auditions for "Night of the Foolish Moon, A Romantic Comedy," will continue at 11 a.m. this morning at the Tiller Arts Center in Morton.

The play will be performed as part of a dinner theater Feb. 15 and 16 at the Roxy Theater.

"Night of the Foolish Moon" was written by Luigi Jannuzzi

and is directed by Cookie Troxel. The Tiller Arts Center is located next door to the Roxy.

Photo Now Part of Washington Driver's Breath Test

OLYMPIA (AP) — Drivers who are required to pass a breath test before they get behind the wheel won't get away with having someone else blow in the ignition interlock device.

Starting with the new year the devices will snap a picture every time the machine is used. The Washington State Patrol says drivers who try to fool the machines will lose their license.

Interlocks are required on vehicles whose drivers have been caught driving impaired. The machine requires a legal breath sample before the car starts. Some drivers have asked friends, relatives or children to blow in the device for them.



Brandon Hansen / bhansen@chronline.com

Mary White of Lewis County Master Recycler and Composters poses with WSU Master Gardner Mary Jo Christensen in front of a pile of Christmas trees they were taking in to process for recycling. The two volunteer groups will split the donations given for the disposal of the trees, and the money will support their projects throughout the year. The volunteers divert an estimated 2,000 trees from the local landfill. The Christmas trees are chipped up and used in compost bins, trails and other yard and garden projects.

Christmas Recycling Offered in Centralia, Morton

By The Chronicle

Now that the holidays are wrapped up, give your Christmas trees, wreaths and lights a special gift — recycle them and give them a new life.

Volunteers will be on hand in the parking lot outside the gate at the Lewis County Central Transfer Station, 1411 S. Tower Ave., in Centralia from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Jan. 6, daily, to accept the trees and wreaths for chipping and the lights for recycling.

Christmas trees also will be accepted for recycling at the East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton from through Jan. 5. The Morton facility is open

Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The WSU/Lewis County Master Gardener and Lewis County Master Recycler Composter volunteers offer Centralia area service, and will accept donations to support their projects throughout the year.

The volunteer groups sponsor the annual tree chipping event in Centralia in conjunction with Pacific Mobile, the Lewis County Department of Public Works, the Lewis County Solid Waste Utility and the city of Centralia to chip up unwanted Christmas trees into usable material rather than disposing of the trees in the landfill. The

volunteers divert an estimated 2,000 trees annually from the landfill.

The Christmas trees are chipped up for use in compost bins, trails and other yard and garden projects. All decorations and tinsel must be removed from the trees and wreaths. No flocked or artificial trees or wreaths will be accepted.

Holiday wrapping papers, cards and boxes may be recycled in residential curbside recycling containers or containers at the transfer stations in Centralia and Morton.

Anyone with questions regarding recycling may call 740-1212 or 740-1452.

Sheriff's Office Requests Public Assistance in Locating a Wanted Sex Offender

By The Chronicle

Detectives from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office are asking for assistance from the public to help locate a sex offender who has several outstanding warrants for his arrest.

Garrett A. Hylton currently has outstanding felony warrants for failure to register as a sex offender as well as failing to comply with conditions of parole, according to a press release from the Lewis

County Sheriff's Office. Hylton is described as an 18-year-old white male with blue eyes and brown hair. He is approximately six feet tall and weighs 205 pounds.

Hylton was convicted of failing to register as



Garrett A. Hylton wanted

a sex offender, and after serving time, he was released and moved to Thurston County, according to the release. He then moved again without notifying law enforcement. He also failed to comply with parole, as required.

Hylton was last seen Christmas day at a friend's house in Chehalis, according to the release. His current whereabouts are unknown, but authorities believe he is staying in Lewis County.

The sheriff's office posted a wanted flyer featuring Hylton's information on their official Facebook asking the public to spread the information, garnering more than Facebook 130 shares in a few hours.

Anyone with questions or information about his whereabouts should contact Detective Jamey McGinty at (360) 740-1329 or the Lewis County Crime Stoppers at (800) 748-6422.

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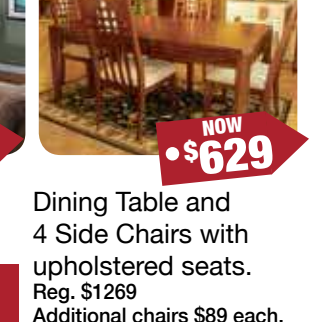
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Electric-Car Owners to Face \$100 Annual Fee

SEATTLE — Owners of electric cars in Washington state don't pay gasoline or gas taxes, but they're soon going to be hit with a \$100 fee to own the battery-operated cars.

A section of Washington state law that takes effect next year will require electric car owners to pay a \$100 annual fee for road and highway improvements intended to compensate for the lack of gas taxes they pay.

The law does not apply to hybrid vehicles or to those that don't exceed 35 mph. About 1,600 cars currently registered in the state would likely be subject to the fee, including the Nissan Leaf, Tesla Roadster and some custom electric vehicles, according to the state licensing department. Hybrid vehicles that use electricity and gasoline, such as the Toyota Prius and Chevrolet Volt, are excluded.

Starting Feb. 1, 2013, electric-car owners must pay the fee at the time of their annual vehicle registration renewal. The fee would be in addition to standard vehicle registration fees owed each year.

Supporters of the fee say electric cars are good for the environment but they put the same wear and tear on the state's roads that gas vehicles do and should pay their share for the road's upkeep.

Fred Nelson, who lives in Spokane and owns an all-electric Nissan Leaf, said he has mixed feelings about the new law, which passed as part of House Bill 2660. "It's a little frustrating. I do understand the logic behind it because we don't pay gas taxes," he said.

Nelson doesn't like that the fee is more than double what he has been paying. But on the

other hand, he said he has saved thousands of dollars in state sales tax and federal tax credits when he bought his Leaf last year.

"I think it's wrong. You pay taxes on the electricity, it's not like they're getting away for free," said Joe Lambrix, who lives in Olympia, owns two electric cars, one of which may likely be subject to the fee. "... You're trying to do something good and they still find a way to get revenue. It's unfortunate."

Washington's gas tax stands at 37.5 cents per gallon, and is the state's largest source of transportation dollars. It costs the average motorist, driving roughly 12,000 miles in a vehicle that gets 23 mpg, about \$200 a year.

Jay Friedland, legislative director for Plug In America, a California-based electric car

advocacy group, said "\$100 isn't that big of a deal, but it's not well-balanced policy."

"EV drivers really want to pay their fair share but it seems ridiculous from a policy standpoint," Friedland said. The state on the one hand has given out sales tax exemptions to encourage residents to buy more electric vehicles, while charging the fee on the other hand, he said.

The group urges states to consider charging drivers based on the vehicles miles traveled and the weight of the vehicle. He said electric vehicles have the added social benefit of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependence of fossil fuels.

Nelson said he bought his electric vehicle in 2011 because

he's a proponent of alternative energy and figured the Leaf was ideal for commuting the five miles between his home and work. "I've owned enough of the fossil burning type, I figure I should do something green and clean," he said.

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Commissioners Sworn in



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Newly elected Lewis County officials are sworn in Thursday at the Lewis County Courthouse in Chehalis. From left: new Public Utility District Commissioner Dean Dahlin, Chehalis; new County Commissioner Edna Fund, Centralia; and incumbent County Commissioner Bill Schulte, Dryad. Read more about Fund's entrance to the county commission in Tuesday's Chronicle.

New Years Eve Dinner Specials

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Shift in State Senate May Affect How Olympia Handles Health Care

DEMOCRATS WORRY:
Implementation of President Obama's Health-Care Law Could Get Caught in Crossfire of State Senate Leadership Coup Backed by Republicans

By Carol M. Ostrom and Brian M. Rosenthal
The Seattle Times

While a state Senate leadership coup backed by Republicans would impact budget and education debates, another issue could get caught in the crossfire: how to implement President Obama's health-care law.

Some Democrats are worried that a Republican-controlled Senate health-care committee would seek to stop or limit provisions of the law, including Medicaid expansion and a new state insurance marketplace known as an exchange. Such an effort would likely face opposition from the Democrat-controlled House and Gov.-elect Jay Inslee, a Democrat and champion of the health-care law.

Sen. Randi Becker, the Eatonville Republican whom the new majority coalition has tapped as health-care committee chairwoman, says she supports some parts of the Affordable Care Act and opposes others, but that "the law is the law."

"I really don't expect that we'll have a radically different approach to health-care this year," she said. "I think what is going to happen is we're going to have to work more collaboratively to find bipartisan solutions."

The impact on Obamacare implementation is among the questions lawmakers have been pondering since two Democrats joined with 23 Republicans earlier this month to form a new coalition with just enough votes to control the chamber. Before the move, Democrats held the majority.

Democrats, so far, have re-

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Sen. Randi Becker
R-Eatonville

jected the new coalition's proposal, which would divide 12 Senate committees between Republican and Democratic control when the Legislature convenes next month. Three other committees would each be co-chaired by a Republican and a Democrat.

The Senate budget, K-12 education and health-care committees all would be led by Republicans.

Becker would replace Sen. Karen Keiser, D-Kent, who has chaired the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee since 2005. Becker, the ranking minority member, has been on the committee since her election to the Senate in 2008.

Sen. Rodney Tom of Medina, one of the two Democrats who helped form the coalition, described Becker as "a very pragmatic person."

"I don't see her being a hardcore partisan who is trying to swim upstream," said Tom, who would be Senate majority leader under the arrangement.

But Sen. David Frockt, D-Seattle, a member of the health-care committee, said Becker "has not shown great enthusiasm for health-care reform" and would be pressured by other Republicans to take a hard-line against Obamacare.

Suellen Harris, chairwoman of the Chelan County Democratic Party, was more blunt.

"I'm stunned," Harris said in an email. She said Keiser and Rep. Eileen Cody, D-West Seattle, chairwoman of the House health-care committee, have laid the groundwork for implementation of Obamacare.

"Replacing Keiser with Republican Randi Becker puts that all at risk," she wrote.

Keiser said she was particularly concerned about the fate of the Reproductive Fairness Act, Medicaid expansion and key elements of the federal health law.

Becker's Background

Becker has experience in the medical field. Starting out as a receptionist, she eventually became the administrator of a multimillion-dollar surgical center in Puyallup, helped develop a surgical practice and started several hospital-owned clinics, including an urgent-care center.

In her most recent campaign, she cited health-care costs as a prime concern.

On the health-care committee and on the floor, she voted against some insurance mandates, including one to require coverage of smoking-cessation treatment and another to require policies covering reproductive services to also cover abortions.

However, Becker supported a bill to expand coverage of diagnosis and treatment of autism-spectrum disorders. And she occasionally supported bills sponsored by Keiser and other Democrats, including one to strengthen Medicaid-fraud recovery efforts and one to continue insurance-commissioner review of insurance rates.

She said she is not opposed to Obamacare-style measures, but she is concerned about moving too far too fast.

Tom Curry, CEO and ex-

ecutive director of the Washington State Medical Association, which named Becker its Legislator of the Year in 2011, said Becker understands the impact of legislation on medical practices and patients and would likely focus on creating fertile market conditions.

Patrick Connor, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business, said Becker has been committed to the needs of small businesses, including their struggles to get cost and coverage information when purchasing health insurance.

Rep. Joe Schmick, R-Colfax, the ranking Republican on the House health-care committee, said he expects Becker to take a hard look at cost drivers for health care, including the 45 coverage mandates lawmakers have imposed on health insurance.

Schmick said the state needs to create a more welcoming atmosphere for insurance companies, and he believes Becker agrees.

"We need the competition here, and we don't have it," he said.

Obamacare

Many Republicans think Obamacare would be harmful to competition and would add unsustainable costs to the state budget.

They're particularly concerned about the cost of Medicaid expansion; under that provision, the federal government would initially pay 100 percent of the costs for the newly eligible adults — more than the current 50-50 match. But the federal contribution would slowly shrink after 2016 to 90 percent by 2020, and the state would pay the difference.

Medicaid expansion could add up to 300,000 state residents to the program. Authorization

of the additional costs by lawmakers is a requirement, even when the federal government is providing the money.

Becker said potential Medicaid expansion is mainly a budget issue. While she has some concern about future costs, she said, "early indications are that the expansion could be a net savings to the state and I'm going to work under that assumption and that we will be participating."

But Becker signaled a more conservative approach to the other most talked-about Obamacare provision, the state exchange, the public-private insurance marketplace designed to bring together insurance plans for purchase by about 280,000 residents in 2014, many with federal subsidies.

Michael Marchand, the exchange's communication director, said setup and operation of the exchange through 2014 has been funded by federal grants.

Because so many more people will be buying insurance, the state expects the total revenue from an existing tax on premiums to grow by \$110 million over four years. But that money goes to the state, and even if lawmakers sent it all back to the exchange, they would have to increase the premium tax or add a service charge to cover the \$50 million the exchange is expected to cost in 2015 — the year it must be self-sufficient under federal law.

"This is a new cost to the state," Becker said. "We've not paid for anything like this before, and to have a such a high price tag associated with that immediately is very concerning to me."

For her part, Keiser said she had planned to focus the health-care committee's work on cost containment and transparency, improving incentives for providers to better manage patients with chronic conditions and encouraging evidence-based health-care practices.

Tim Eyman Proposes Longer Period for Gathering of Initiative Signatures

By The Olympian

Initiative promoter Tim Eyman says he will turn in signatures next week for Initiative 517, proposing to add six months to the time that initiative backers in Washington have to collect signatures and get on the ballot. I-517 also would create a harassment-free zone of 25 feet around signature gatherers and make it a misdemeanor crime to intimidate or interfere with signature gathering.

The deadline for signatures is Wednesday, and Eyman said he would file his signatures a day early. The move comes as state elections watchdogs are investigating the lawfulness of the signature-gathering effort.

Because I-517 is an initiative to the Legislature, it would go to the Legislature, not directly to the ballot next fall. Lawmakers would have three options: Vote

to adopt it; take no action and let it go to the ballot; or place an alternative on the ballot next to I-517.

Given political realities in the divided Legislature, it is hard to see lawmakers taking any action next year. Whatever happens, Eyman is touting I-517 as the first initiative to qualify for the November 2013 ballot.

Eyman declined to say how many signatures his allies have collected. But he needs 241,153 valid voter signatures — which in practice means he'd want to turn in about 320,000 signatures or more as insurance against invalid ones.

Democratic Rep. Sam Hunt, of Olympia, is chairman of the House committee that would hear the measure. Hunt wasn't reached for comment, but in recent years he's been on the opposite side of the initiative debate

from Eyman — preferring to seek limits on signature gatherers.

As outlined by Eyman, I-517 would add harassment of signature gatherers to the disorderly conduct statute, RCW 9A.84.030, which previously was amended to criminalize unruly protests at military funerals. Such a misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Eyman contends it is needed to discourage acts of intimidation, which his campaign committee has documented.

I-517 also seeks to extend the time period for collecting signatures by six months. Current law requires initiatives to the people to be filed 10 months before the election — in other words, in January — and to have signatures collected by early July. That results in a signature-gathering period of about six months.

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Church News

Deadline for Church News Changing

Starting with the Saturday, Jan. 5, edition of The Chronicle, the church news page will be located in the Life section of The Chronicle.

The move of this page from the Main section to the Life section will bring a change in the deadline for church news. The new deadline will be 5 p.m. Monday for news items to be included in the upcoming Saturday edition.

For questions about the new deadline, call Doug Blosser at The Chronicle, 807-8238.

Alison Burchett to Speak at Westminster Service

Alison Burchett will be the guest speaker when Westminster Presbyterians, Chehalis, worship at one combined service at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Burchett grew up in Centralia and is currently a theology student at Princeton University.

In her youth, Burchett attended WPC, where she was baptized and confirmed. After graduating from Centralia High School in 2007, she attended Pacific Lutheran University, where she majored in American literature and religion.

She is currently working on a master's of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary

in Princeton, N.J. In addition to studying, she's spent the last year working with local agencies and students in the Princeton-Trenton area to develop a program that provides seminary students with internship experiences at non-profits in the Trenton, N.J.

Centralia Community Church to Have One Service Sunday

On Sunday, Centralia Community Church will have one morning worship service, at 10 a.m. Regular children's programs will be offered during that same service time. Communion will also be observed within the service.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, Pastor Mark Fast will be starting a new Sunday morning teaching series called "Full." Fast will look at what it means to have a full life financially, physically, spiritually and emotionally.

Regular Sunday morning services are at 9 and 10:45 a.m. with full children's programs provided during both services. Starting Jan. 6, there will be a traditional worship experience in the sanctuary from 8:30 to 8:50 a.m., which will lead into the 9 a.m. service. This new worship experience will include traditional hymns and chorus as well as special music.

"Kids Treasure Adventure," a new Wednesday night program, starts on Jan. 9. This program

for K-sixth-graders and takes place from 6:15-8 p.m. Contact the church at 736-7606 to register. Adult Life classes and Life Groups for the winter term are currently open for enrollment and will begin the week of Jan. 13.

Bible Study for Women to Start at Bethel

A new Bible study for women will start at Bethel Church on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. beginning Wednesday.

The class will be studying "Malachi - A Love That Never Lets Go," by Lisa Harper. This eight-session study focuses on God's mercy. Childcare is provided.

A new Wednesday night 7 p.m. study for adults begins next week. "Who Is This Man?" is a five-session video-based study. John Ortberg shows how Jesus' influence has swept over history, bringing his inspiration to the evolution of art, science, government, medicine and education.

Cooks Hill to Have Single Service Sunday

Cooks Hill Community Church will have one service Sunday, at 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, a new message titled "Wise Living in Difficult Days" will begin. For more information, call 736-6133, ext. 2, or visit the church's website at cookshillcc.org.

Methodists to Serve Community Dinner on New Year's Eve

A supper for the community will be served on New Year's Eve at Centralia United Methodist Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the meal and everyone is welcome.

More information is available from Carol, 736-7311. The church is located at 506 S. Washington Ave.

Dayspring Choir Practice to Resume

The Dayspring Baptist Church will resume choir practice Wednesday, Jan. 9. The emphasis will begin with the upcoming Easter Contata music.

Faith classes will begin in January. The official date will be announced later.

Dayspring's youth will have Super Bowl snack packs available for sale during January. To order, call the church at 748-3401

Children to Join Families for Nazarene Worship

Children's Church will not be meeting on Sunday at Centralia Church of the Nazarene, as the Children's Ministry work-

ers and all of the Children's Church kids (early childhood through sixth grade) will join their families at the morning worship service.

Following morning worship, there will be an extended time of fellowship in the Grace Cafe from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School classes Sunday.

A special "come and go" service will be held on New Year's Eve Monday. Families are invited to celebrate the new year with a blessing, scripture, prayer and communion. Come anytime between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. The service is in the Goodwin Chapel.

For information on the various ministries taking place at the church throughout the week, contact the church office at 736-9981 or visit the website at www.centraliachurch.org.

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 I-5 Exit 72 - Napavine
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 Kyle Rasmussen, Lead Pastor
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 Sunday Services:
 Encounter energetic full band: 9:00 am.
 The Edge - loud, guitar driven music: 10:45 am.

Classes for children are offered at all services.
 Wednesday night programs for all ages at 7:00 pm.

Calvary Assembly of God
 302 E. Main, Centralia, S.W. School: 9:30 am. Morning Service 10:45 am. Evening Service 6 pm. Midweek-Survey of The Bible: Wednesday 7 pm. Communion and missions emphasis first Sunday of each month. Dr. Earl R. Nordby Pastor 736-7799 (Corner of Gold and Main Streets)

Destiny Christian Center
 413 N. Tower Ave. in Historic Downtown Centralia. SUNDAY: Sunday Service 10:30am, WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm., The Movement Youth Service 7pm. Information and Pastoral Staff available at 736-6443. Webpage: www.lifeatdestiny.com

Jackson Prairie Assembly of God
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 262-9533, 4224 Jackson Hwy., (Mary's Corner) Chehalis. Sunday School for all ages: 9:30am. Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am. Sunday Prayer: 5pm. Sunday Evening Focus: 6:30 pm w/contemporary worship. Wednesday Evening Family Night: 7pm. Adult Bible Study, Youth & Children. Worship Intern: Kara Morris, Youth Pastor: Jared Hunt. Lead Pastor Bill Morris. Web: jacksonprairie.life.com

Napavine Assembly of God
 Pastor Will Karch - 414 SE 2nd, Napavine. 262-0285. Sunday Services, Sunday School: 9:30am. Morning Worship: 10:30 am. Evening Service: 6pm. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7pm. Royal Rangers & Missionettes

Oakville Assembly of God
 273-8116 Your Family Church! Sunday Celebration Service 10 am. Sunday evening service 6 pm. Wednesday, Kingdom Quest 4yrs - 5th grade, Youth 6th - 12th grade, Adult Bible Study, 7pm.

Onalaska Assembly of God
 137 Leonard Rd., Onalaska , 978-4978. Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday worship services 10:45 am and 6pm, Wednesday family night: Colledge & Career 6:30 pm, (adult Bible study, boys' & girls' programs) 7pm.

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First Baptist Church
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Grace Baptist Church
 Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am. We meet in homes 3 Sunday evenings per month. For locations and times, call the church. We meet on the 5th Sunday at the church at 6:00 pm. Wednesday at 7 pm, Nursing Home Ministries. 19136 Loganberry S.W., Rochester. 273-9240.

Victory Baptist Church
Landmark-Sovereign Grace
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 Sunday Worship: 11:00am
 Sunday Evening: 5:30pm
 Wednesday in the Word: 7:00pm
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Faith Baptist Church - 740-0263
 436 Coal Creek, Chehalis, www.fbc-wa.org
 Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am
 Children's Church/Morning Worship 10:30am
 Sunday 6 pm, Thursday Bible Study 7pm

Napavine Baptist Church
 Pastor Jason Saling
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www.NapavineBaptist.com

CALVARY CHAPEL
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 2502 Seward Ave., Centralia. Sunday School: 11 am. Sunday Service 9 am & 11 am. Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer: 7 pm. An in-depth, verse by verse study of God's word. 360-827-3291.

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St. Joseph Church
 682 S.W. Cascade, Chehalis. Masses, Sat. - 5:00pm. Sat., Sun. - 10:30am. Mass in Spanish: Sun. - 1:00pm
 Reconciliation: Sat. 3:30-4:30. or by appt. Father Tim Ilgen. 748-4953.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 225 N. Washington, Centralia. Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm. or by appt. Father Tim Ilgen. 736-4356.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
First Church of Christ
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Centralia, Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 am, 10:30 Worship Sunday: 2 pm. Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm, Thurs. Ladies' Class: 10 am Info. 736-9798. Corner of Plum & Buckner.

Toledo, 300 St. Helens St., Toledo, Welcomes You! 10 am Sun. Bible Study, 11 am Worship. 6 pm Sun. Worship, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study, 11 am Tues. Adult Bible Class. (bag lunch at 12 noon) Evangelist John Gadberry, 274-8570

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CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST
Christian Fellowship of Winlock
 Worship Service: 10:45 am-12:15 pm. Sunday School for all ages 9-10:15 am. Nursery care available. Adult Sunday School class. Children's Church, nursery care, available. Pastor Terry Sundberg, Youth Pastor David Martin. 785-4280. 630 Cemetery Rd., Winlock.

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 123 Brockway Rd., Chehalis, just 1/2 mile north of WA. 6 via Chilvers Rd., 748-1886. Adult Bible Class at 9:45 am. Worship Service at 11:00 am. Come as you are; everyone is welcome.

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 1201 Belmont, Centralia. (1 block west of I-5 interchange on Harrison, right on Belmont) 736-1139. Sunday School (all ages) 9:45 am. Sunday Services: 8:30 & 11 am. and 6 pm. AWANA (Sept-May).

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 Centralia, (Independent), 1215 W. Main. 736-7655. www.centraliachristian.org. Sunday Morning: 1st worship all 9:00am, Sunday School at 10:00am, 2nd worship at 11:00am.

First Christian Church of Chehalis
 Chehalis, Morning worship 10:45 am. Sunday school 9:30 am, Special needs Adults Ministry Mon. 7 pm, Youth meetings, call for times. Small group fellowships. Tom Bradshaw, Minister, 111 N.W. Prindle, 748-3702.

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Raines Re-Elected to Top Post for Flood Authority

By Steven Friederich
The Daily World

Cosmopolis Mayor Vickie Raines has been re-elected to serve another year as chairwoman of the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority, the 12-member group charged with finding flooding solutions along the Chehalis River.

Besides Raines, Thurston County Commissioner Karen Valenzuela was re-elected vice chairwoman, during a special telephone meeting of the group last week.

Raines has held the position since May of 2011, when then-chairwoman Terry Willis, a Group Harbor County commissioner, was ousted following a dispute over the creation of a different flood group known as the Watershed Cooperative.

Raines was selected unanimously by the group, which consists of representatives from Cosmopolis, Aberdeen, Montesano, Oakville, Chehalis, Centralia, Pe Ell, Napavine, Bucoda and Thurston, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties.

Raines says her biggest challenge will be to push for Gov. Elect Jay Inslee's Office and local legislators to support the \$28.2 million in flood relief projects that Gov. Chris Gregoire proposed in her outgoing capital budget proposal for 2013-2015.

"We will have to reach out to our legislators to make sure our budget isn't modified," Raines said.

An immediate change for the Flood Authority is that instead of meeting every month in person, the group will alternate



Vickie Raines
chairwoman



Karen Valenzuela
vice chairwoman

between phone meetings and meeting in person.

"It's an effort to save expenses as well as the related mileage costs," Raines said. "The phone meetings are working very well."

Next year, the Flood Authority will also bring miniature "road shows" to every city council and county commission as a way to demonstrate to council members and the public at large what it is the Flood Authority is actually doing.

"There are still people who think we're worthless and haven't done anything, but we've done a lot this last year," Raines said.

Raines noted that the group has worked on flood projects in the Lewis County area, as well as the Satsop River and studies are about to begin on potential improvements in Aberdeen. Everything from "critter pads" that help livestock, to flood plain restoration efforts have begun. Last year, the Legislature allocated \$5 million for the Flood Authority to do a specific list of projects.

Edna Fund, who was recently elected as a new Lewis County commissioner, said she pushed for Raines to continue to be chair of the group. Fund had represented Centralia on the

CHEHALIS RIVER FLOOD AUTHORITY REVAMPS PUBLIC WEBSITE

By Steven Friederich
The Daily World

Long criticized for having a "public website" that required a password to access, the Chehalis Basin Flood Authority recently launched a new website that is password free — and provides access to early warning data the Flood Authority has accumulated to provide emergency managers more of a heads up in case a river tied to the Chehalis River is heading to a flood stage.

The new website is accessible at www.chehalisriverflood.com and has been created by consultant OneRain of Colorado. The project has cost the Flood Authority more than \$300,000, which includes not just creation of the website, but also the addition of rain gauges.

"The system provides real-time access to flooding data, information and maps, as well as rain, stream, reservoir, wind, temperature, and other weather information," according to a notice from the Flood Authority.

The creation of special flood inundation maps is of special note. If you live near Porter, you can head to the website and put in the Chehalis River's current flood level to get a good approximation of how bad the flooding could really be.

The Flood Authority's 12 jurisdictions are sharing in the costs to maintain the website, which costs about \$50,000 annually. Cosmopolis Mayor Vickie Raines, the group's chairwoman, says one of the issues the Flood Authority members will have to deal with in the next few years is who will consistently pay for the annual maintenance costs for not just the website, but also the river and rain gauges.

The previous website required both a user name and a password — which were all made public — but it confused much of the public, Raines said.

"Right now, we're working to re-design the website a bit to make it even more user-friendly," Raines said. "Getting rid of the password was a big step."

The home page for the website is a bit simplistic, but the information contained within it could really be helpful to the public, Raines says.

Besides the inundation maps, there are direct links to different gauges, the Weather Service's Doppler system and a page where all of the flood warnings and statements can be found.

board, but will now represent Lewis County, she said.

"She does a wonderful job of running the meetings," Fund said. "She's a perfect choice as we continue down the road. I know I can call her day or night and she's always available and she has a great sense of humor that is needed sometimes. ... We've done a remarkable amount of work, yet every time I hear a lot of rain falling outside my door, I get nervous on why we can't get

something done now. The challenge is to keep working with a group as a team."

A big question is whether the Flood Authority will still exist at the end of next year. The group has funding for a facilitator through July, and Gregoire's budget includes more money for staff and for the Flood Authority to continue to function for another two years.

"I was really surprised to see that," said Montesano Mayor

Ken Estes, who represents his city on the Flood Authority. "I honestly thought the group might not get any funding at all. It may take some work to keep that money in the budget."

Estes said if there's anyone who can represent the Flood Authority well to the public it's Raines. "She's been not just a great facilitator, but a great spokesman, as well," Estes said.

Trains Carrying More Oil Across United States Amid Boom

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Energy companies behind the oil boom on the Northern Plains are increasingly turning to an industrial-age workhorse — the locomotive — to move their crude to refineries across the U.S., as plans for new pipelines stall and existing lines can't keep up with demand.

Delivering oil thousands of miles by rail from the heartland to refineries on the East, West and Gulf coasts costs more, but it can mean increased profits — up to \$10 or more a barrel — because of higher oil prices on the coasts. That works out to roughly \$700,000 per train.

The parade of mile-long trains carrying hazardous material out of North Dakota and Montana and across the country has experts and federal regulators concerned. Rail transport is less safe than pipelines, they say, and the proliferation of oil trains raises the risk of a major derailment and spill.

Since 2009, the number of train cars carrying crude hauled by major railroads has jumped from about 100,000 a year to a projected 200,000 in 2012. Much of it has been in the Northern Plains' Bakken crude patch, but companies say oil trains are rolling or will be soon from Texas, Colorado and western Canada.

"This is all occurring very rapidly, and history teaches that when those things happen, unfortunately, the next thing that is going to occur would be some sort of disaster," said Jim Hall, a transportation consultant and

former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Rail companies said the industry places a priority on safety and has invested heavily in track upgrades, provided emergency training and taken other measures to guard against accidents. There have been no major oil train derailments from the Bakken, according to federal regulators.

Union Pacific Railroad CEO Jack Koraleski said hauling oil out of places like North Dakota will be a long-term business for railroads because trains are faster than pipelines, reliable and offer a variety of destinations.

"The railroads are looking at this as a unique opportunity, a game-changing opportunity for their business," said Jeffery Elliot, a rail expert with the New York-based consulting firm Oliver Wyman.

BNSF Railway Co., the prime player in the Bakken, has bolstered its oil train capacity to a million barrels a day and expects that figure to increase further. To accommodate the growth, in part, the railroad is sinking \$197 million into track upgrades and other improvements in Montana and North Dakota.

BNSF is also increasing train sizes, from 100 oil cars per train to as many as 118.

Larger trains are harder to control, and that increases the chances of something going wrong, safety experts said. State and local emergency officials worry about a derailment in a population center or an envi-

ronmentally sensitive area such as a river crossing.

Rail accidents occur 34 times more frequently than pipeline ones for every ton of crude or other hazardous material shipped comparable distances, according to a recent study by the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank. The Association of American Railroads contends the study was flawed but acknowledges the likelihood of a rail accident is double or triple the chance of a pipeline problem.

The environmental fears carry an ironic twist: Oil trains are gaining popularity in part because of a shortage of pipeline capacity — a problem that has been worsened by environmental opposition to such projects as TransCanada's stalled Keystone XL pipeline. That project would carry Bakken and Canadian crude to the Gulf of Mexico.

Wayde Schafer, a North Dakota spokesman for the Sierra Club, described rail as "the greater of two evils" because trains pass through cities, over waterways and through wetlands that pipelines can be built to avoid.

"It's an accident waiting to happen. It's going to be a mess and we don't know where that mess is going to be," Schafer said.

For oil companies, the embrace of rail is a matter of expediency. Oil-loading rail terminals can be built in a matter of months, versus three to five years for pipelines to clear regulatory hurdles and be put into

service, said Justin Kringstad of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority. Although more pipelines are in the works, he said moving oil by rail will continue.

The surge comes at the right time for railroads: Coal shipments — a mainstay of the rail industry — have suffered because of competition from cheap natural gas.

In the eastern U.S., CSX and Norfolk Southern railroads haven't seen as much growth because oil from the Marcellus Shale area of Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York is close enough to refineries that trucks haul the crude.

Yet BNSF is beginning to haul Bakken crude east to Chicago, where it hands off the tank cars to CSX or Norfolk Southern for delivery to Eastern refineries. It has also sent oil to the West Coast, a trend that could increase if Alaska crude production falters, as some industry observers are predicting.

The growth will require significant upgrades to already congested rail lines, industry analysts said.

Overall, crude oil shipments still represent less than 1 percent of all carloads. And there are far more dangerous materials aboard the nation's trains, including explosives, poisonous gases and other industrial chemicals.

But emergency officials are increasingly wary of major accidents involving oil trains, which carry far more cargo than some other hazardous-material trains.

While oil is not as volatile as some other products, a rupture of just one car can spill 20,000 to 30,000 gallons, said Sheldon Lustig, a rail expert who consults with local governments on accidents and hazardous materials.

Recognizing the risks, Houston-based Musket Corp., an operator of oil train terminals in North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Oklahoma, has donated spill equipment and provided training to fire officials.

"You want to be a good steward in that community," said Musket managing director JP Fjeld-Hansen.

Federal Railroad Administration officials said they have coordinated hazardous-material training seminars and sought more law enforcement patrols for rail crossings to increase safety.

Federal law requires railroads to select hazardous-material routes after analyzing the potential for accidents in heavily populated areas and environmentally sensitive spots. Those analyses are confidential for security reasons.

Lustig said the railroads have considerable sway over the process.

News in Brief

stealing the medication from the residence on the 400 block of Southwest William Avenue.

The victim said the theft had been going on for several months and so surveillance was set up.

Leal-Lopez earned her certified nursing assistant credential on June 12, 2001.

Man Breaks Into His Own Motel Room to Retrieve Handguns He Possessed Illegally

By The Chronicle

Centralia police arrested a man for burglary and firearm-related charges after he allegedly broke into a motel room to retrieve two handguns he had accidentally left there Wednesday afternoon.

Marcus J. Inman Jr., 23, Centralia, checked out of his motel room on the 1200 block of Alder Street and left two handguns behind, according to Centralia police. He then allegedly broke into the motel room to retrieve the firearms shortly after 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Police responded to the area and attempted to contact Inman, who was fleeing on his bike, according to Centralia police. Inman then took off on foot and was eventually apprehended and bitten by police dog Kayo.

This was the third time he has been apprehended by Kayo, according to Centralia police. He also been caught by Centralia K-9 Lobo as well as the former Centralia K-9 Bak.

He was arrested and booked into Lewis County Jail for an outstanding felony warrant, two counts of felon in possession of a firearm and first-degree bur-

glary. Inman has been arrested several times in the past few years for drugs, robbery and firearm-related charges.

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Voters Agree: New Taxes Aren't the Answer

Our Views

As the Legislature prepares to begin the 2013 session, they face challenges up and down the line.

A series of major court rulings are forcing the Legislature's hand to fully fund education, which our state Constitution defines as the "paramount duty" of the government here.

There will be pressure and talk, as always, of raising taxes.

Fortunately, the state's taxpayers continue to have a strong shield in the voter-approved requirement that new taxes have a 2/3 supermajority approval in the Legislature or go before voters for approval.

Voters renewed that protection this year with their approval of the latest Tim Eyman-spon-

sored initiative, I-1185, which passed with overwhelming statewide support of 64 percent, had even greater support in our area. In the 20th District, which includes most of Lewis County, three in every four voters supported the supermajority requirement. In the Democratic-leaning 19th Legislative District, which now includes the southwest part of Lewis County, a full 70 percent of voters want it to be harder to raise taxes.

Those are important numbers as the Legislature considers its options.

Another important number

for the Legislature to consider is \$1 billion.

That's the amount of new tax money — yes, new — that the state will collect over the next two years thanks to a set of tax increases the Legislature approved in 2010 after Democratic lawmakers leaped to suspend the previous voter-approved limit on tax increases that had just lost the two-year protection from legislative override that initiatives enjoy.

Of course, lawmakers will claim they don't have enough money for all the needs of the budget.

The fact is that living within a budget is always difficult, particularly when the state has cre-

ated unsustainable budgets for almost a decade.

Unionized state workers continue to push for pay increases, saying they have sacrificed enough during an economic rough patch that is entering its fifth year. These public-sector unions are powerful forces within the Democratic party and will push for payback after their partisan work during this hard-fought election year.

Although the governor's office and the House of Representatives continue a decades-old liberal Democratic stranglehold, this year we have a more moderate Senate that is being run by a groundbreaking coalition between Republicans and con-

servative Democrats.

The 20th District's newly elected Republican senator, John Braun, brings a knowledgeable business owner's perspective to the new Senate coalition majority.

We again urge Democratic Sen. Brian Hatfield to join the moderate-conservative alliance in the Senate and stand firm against tax increases and a protect-government-first attitude.

This Legislative session will require courage, wisdom and an overriding focus on directing government energy toward the core services needed. We can't afford everything, and we need our lawmakers to focus on taxpayers as they prioritize.

COMMENTARY: Saturday's Child

Greater than the Emmys, the Tonys and the Oscars: the Sensible Shoe Awards

With the year 2012 waning, it is time for the Sensible Shoe Awards, the annual selection of the best of a lot of things, being held for the first time this year.

The honors ceremony is, of course, named for the Little Ol' Ladies in Sensible Shoes, which make up the majority of the readers of Saturday's Child, inching out, in numbers, the Men Who Would Part Their Hair If They Still Could.

The first award is for the **Historical Note of the Last Century**: In 1956 a fire consumed a tree house in the Edison District of Centralia. Destroyed by the fire, believed started by children with matches, was a davenport. How the enterprising kids got a davenport up in a tree house was not reported. Burned might have been the first couch potato, even before television was widespread.



By Gordon Aadland

Government Leader: Edna Fund, Centralia City Councilwoman, who first came to our attention by promoting Rosie the Riveters of World War II. This year she beat a highly regarded Ron Averill to become a county commissioner.

Entertainer: Angela Meade, Metropolitan Opera leading role singer, who was home for Christmas, and had a mutual love affair with the 500 packed into the Corbet Theatre.

Retiree of the Year: Tom Zuber, who played his youth baseball in Centralia, then moved to Chehalis, where, as coach of the W.F. West baseball team, he built a powerful program.

Non-Retiree of the Year: Ron Brown, of course, and aren't we fortunate? As basketball coach at Centralia High School for more than half a century, this nice guy has taught hundreds of our youth to be good people. Amazingly, he has

never had a technical foul called on him. His team this year is winning the close ones.

Lewis County Couple of the Year: Pete and Cindy Dykstra. When devastating flood losses screamed to them "Give up!" before the Christmas of last year, they made sure their manger scene was there for neighbors to see. They taught us how to handle adversity.

Rabble-Rouser: Chuck Haunreiter, whose Letters to the Editor are nonpartisan, managing to rouse the ire of Republicans and Democrats alike.

The Lovely Lady We Will Miss Most: Alice Forth, whose dignity and graciousness warmed us during her many years as student, teacher and administrator at Centralia College. She was one of the early recipients of the Margaret Corbet scholarship.

The It's-About-Time award: The locating and the placing of a monument over the graves of the young girls killed in the powder plant fire on Coal Creek Road during the early 1900s.

The Dream the Impossible Dream department: Scott White in his persistent effort to restore the Fox Theatre to the splendor of his youth.

A Tradition Worth Establishing: The lighted tractor Christmas parade. It is increasing in size and enthusiasm each year and is distinctly ours.

The Beautification of China Creek: The Centralia College addition, named for Rufus Kiser, used by students to study the flora and geology formations of western Washington.

Lingering Hope for Next Year: The completion of a successful flood control program.

Withered Ancient Columnist, determined, in spite of protests, to continue writing next year: That's me, folks. I'll be here in 2013.

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



COMMENTARY: Musings From the Middle Fork

It Won't Be Long Before Day of Fiscal Reckoning Arrives

For the past several weeks, we have heard a lot said about the "fiscal cliff" and the dire circumstances if we go over it. It seems lost that this situation was the solution of last resort when it was agreed to (and hailed as a great achievement) to avoid this very problem.

Like so many other "promises", it was politics and not meant to be kept.

Still, borrowing 46 cents of every dollar is a big problem that they may be able to ignore for a little longer, but not forever. No matter how much they raise taxes or on whom, it will never be enough. Absent spending cuts, we will become Greece on steroids.

I ran across a recent story, which brought up another result that has been largely ignored in the discussion. It's the impact on local and state governments when grants and other financial support dries up.

Over the years, as taxes were collected at the federal level, a percentage has been re-distributed to state and local government to support certain programs or to affect certain behaviors. Like the gas tax dollars when the feds wanted a 55 mph speed limit across the nation to conserve fuel. Some states who said no were threatened to have their share of

federal dollars withheld. It has happened for years and by both sides.

As the locals agree to take the money for one program or another, they become addicted to the dollars, and then, the federal government cuts them off.

The news story out of Eugene, Ore., outlined impacts on the jails and the early release decisions they already have to make (partly due to federal cuts already happening) and the prosecutions they aren't able to do now — let alone after the fiscal cliff.

I guess they just need to legalize marijuana like us so their jails will empty and only real bad guys will be there.

According to the story from Eugene, Christopher Franklin Weaver was released the week after Thanksgiving because there wasn't enough room for all the offenders they had in custody. He was in custody on a nonviolent parole violation, and using a fairly common inmate management tool, was deemed safe enough to turn loose.

In less than an hour he was accused of robbing a bank. "Everybody we're releasing is dangerous to society," said Lane County Sheriff Tom Turner. "But we're having to choose which ones to keep and which ones to let out."

That's the problem. It's not an exact science, this management tool. It's really more an educated guess.

The problem isn't unique to Oregon but like many other

places including Lewis County, they are dependent on timber funds promised by the feds after shutting logging down in national forests across the country.

But that's not the only place federal or state dollars are used by local agencies. Seatbelt enforcement overtime, DUI enforcement overtime, flooding studies, and other programs cost money to provide, and are often funded by dollars from either the state or the federal government.

Its not whether these programs are good or bad, useful or not, but they do have a cost associated with them. The question is, can we afford them?

In Eugene, according to the story, prosecutors are not charging about one quarter of the cases they see. They don't have the people to do it.

Most believe it could get worse if the fiscal cliff happens. And those special emphasis like DUI patrols? They get drunks off the road, but add to the problem already faced by the jails and prosecutors.

There will come a time when we'll have some very hard decisions to make about how much "stuff" we can afford to have government do for us. It's going to be painful.

I don't think that time is very far off.

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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

"A responsible press is an undoubtedly desirable goal, but press responsibility is not mandated by the Constitution and like many other virtues it cannot be legislated."

Warren E. Burger
U.S. chief justice, 1974

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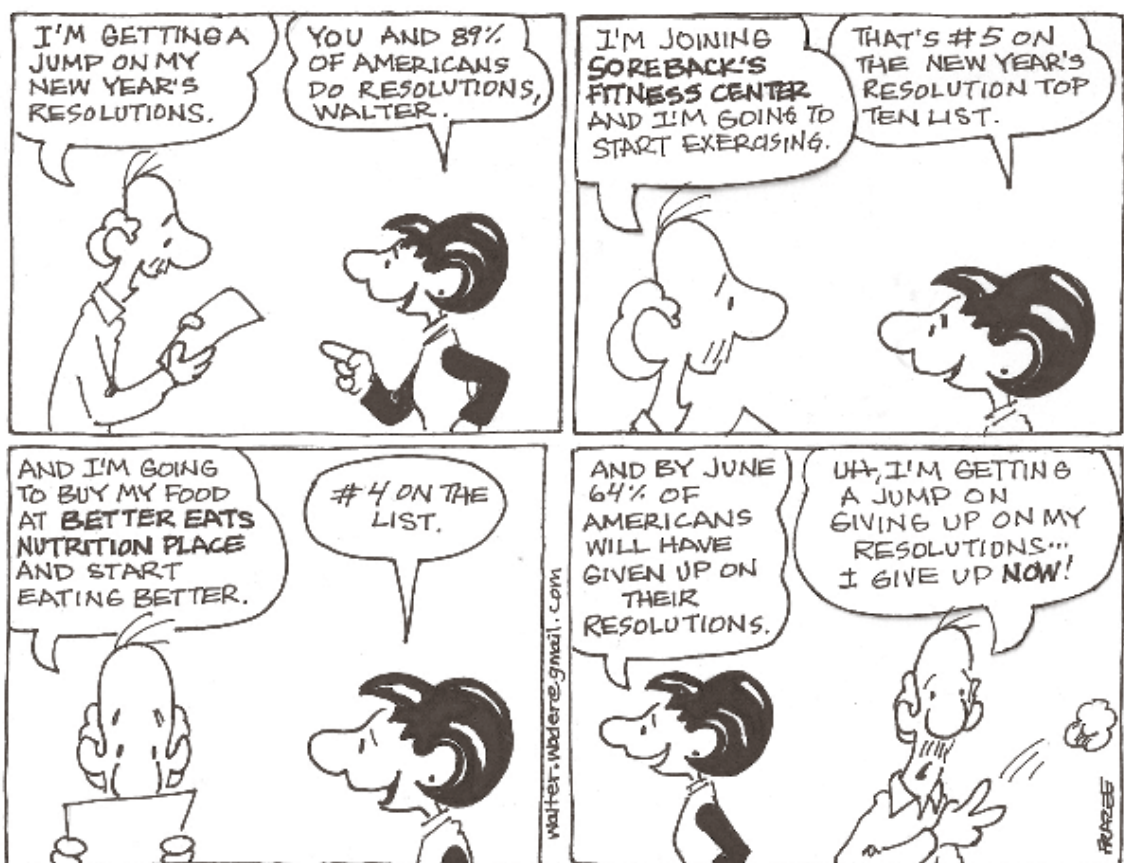
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WALTER WADER
by FRANK FRAZEE



acts have in common? Mental illness, that's what. In addition, many of these killing sprees start at home. The Columbine shooters killed parents. Adam Lanza, the shooter at Newton elementary school, started by killing his mother, and this pattern is repeated.

Most, if not all, of these horrible acts of violence are a result of mental illness. So instead of making more feel-good gun control laws, why don't we address the real problem. Right now parents across the nation, and especially in the state of Washington, are living in fear of their mentally ill child, spouse or relative.

Did you know that in this state anyone over the age of 13 cannot be forced to undergo a mental evaluation unless they commit some terrible crime? This is the kind of law we need to change, not the right for folks to carry a concealed weapon to protect themselves.

In just about every case, the perpetrator refused treatment, or quit taking prescribed medicine. It is almost impossible to commit someone who is in need of help unless they cooperate, and it is very rare that they do.

Political correctness and political posturing have not and will not solve one thing. Cold hard logic has and can. Let us re-examine the laws that arbitrarily protect the rights of mentally ill individuals while ignoring the rights of their potential victims.

BOB RYAN
Raymond

Newspaper Misreads Mineral Lake Ruling

To the editor:
I believe The Chronicle misunderstood the county's Dec. 17 action repealing a 2010 rezoning of land near Mineral Lake from the designation Forest Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance to the designation Forest Lands of Local Importance.

The county had rezoned the land as requested by Forecastle Timber Co. even though the county's planning staff and also its Planning Commission had recommended that the proposal before them as advanced by Forecastle be denied.

The Friends of Mineral Lake and myself had also objected to the 2010 action because it was not consistent with the language of the zoning ordinance or with the county's prior practice granting large contiguous acreages as Forest Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance.

The effect of the rezoning had been to increase development density from one lot per 80 acres to one lot per 20 acres on Forecastle's lands. We believed that increasing development on forestlands increases fire and emergency exposures and also that roads in minimal developments cannot accommodate fire trucks to respond to emergencies.

We also believed that the county comprehensive plan had reserved the Local Importance classification for those developing lands where the landowner wanted to preserve forest uses on

lands that would otherwise be devoted to residential development.

The Growth Management Hearings Board agreed with the objecting petitioners and the county staff and Planning Commission and found that the county's inconsistent application of its rezoning ordinance was a GMA issue that did not comply with the law. Appeals to Superior Court upheld the decision of the Growth Management Board.

As a result of these decisions, the county adopted a proposal to repeal the ordinance that had designated the Forecastle lands as Forest Lands of Local Importance. By that act, the original zoning of Forest Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance was reinstated. That is the result that Roberta Church had requested.

EUGENE BUTLER
Chehalis

Why No Outrage Over Mass Abortions?

To the editor:

If the media can be believed, that Adam Lanza was the sole gunman (some reports state as many as three were involved) guilty of the mass killings at Sandy Hook elementary school, there are still numerous inconsistencies in the account.

That being said, we all can concur that the murdering of 20 children, six teachers and Lanza's mother in cold blood is a crime for which there are not words strong enough to denounce it. Righteous indignation is certainly understandable.

However, hypocrisy is clearly demonstrated by the indifference to the fact that 100 times more babies, still in the womb, are murdered daily in abortion clinics across America. Why no moral outrage to the daily slaughter of thousands of precious babies? Even the method used by abortion practitioners is more gruesome than the perceived manner of death visited upon the children at Sandy Hook. Could it be that the difference is that abortions are performed for convenience and not out in the spotlight and sensationalized by the media?

Where is the outrage to the indiscriminate drone attacks resulting in the countless number of deaths to children in Libya, Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Africa? Are these children of less value because they are not Americans; just more political hypocrisy to consider.

The president's pathetic, and I might add plastic, attempt at evidencing sympathy in his address to the nation over the killings in Newtown, Conn., are the ultimate in hypocrisy. If he truly had an ounce of compassion, drone attacks, killing dozens to maybe get one terrorist, would cease, the arming of terrorist insurgents in Syria who are killing thousands of civilians would be terminated, those involved in "Fast & Furious" resulting in the deaths of untold thousands in Mexico would be brought to trial and the planned economic disas-

ter causing many to commit suicide would come to an end.

The too big to "fail and jail" bankers would also pay for their crimes. However, we know that President Barack Obama is only following his master's orders.

The reality is that the only obstacle in the way for the immoral criminal elite, who have masterminded the takeover of America and who have global aspirations, is that an armed population creates a major problem. The solution: disarm them, and that is what they are in the process of doing. After all, as Rahm Emanuel has said: "We can't let a good opportunity go to waste."

One final aspect of politicians' utter hypocrisy: They claim that the banning of guns is "for the children." Come on. They care not about children or they would halt Obama's foreign war of aggression policy. Their attitude is when a gunman kills 26 people at an elementary school it's a tragedy. When our government bombs an elementary school by a remote controlled drone, it's called collateral damage.

The Second Amendment was designed by the Founding Fathers to protect the citizens from a government gone rogue as ours has definitely become.

DICK KNOLLS
Centralia

State Tries to Take Over Parental Responsibility

To the Editor:

Every year in our state government, some member of the House puts forth a bill called "parental notification." This bill, if passed, would force Planned Parenthood and its friends that do similar procedures to notify

the parents of these minor girls before an abortion can be given. When this intrusion or assumption of parental rights happened, our state government pleaded good intentions, saying the girl is afraid to confront her parents about her situation.

Parents in most families work to instill the moral values in their child, but these agencies do not want the parents involved, and our state Sen. Brian Hatfield and Reps. Brian Blake and Dean Takko play the part of Pontius Pilate by washing their hands of this gross intrusion of parental rights.

It is not too much to say that the Constitution was made to guard us from our elected officials' good intentions.

The allegiance of those who represent us should be the people here in the 19th Legislative District and not their fellow senators and representatives in Seattle.

A former leader of the Democratic party, John F. Kennedy once stated, "The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who remain neutral during a moral issue."

HUGH FLEET
South Bend

Presented by
Dr. John Pham
X-RAYS GO DIGITAL

Today's dentist is no more likely to use traditional x-ray film than Facebook users might be expected to take pictures with film cameras, have the images developed in a lab, and mail them to their friends. Now, dentists are bypassing film and chemical processing in favor of digital x-ray sensors. With sensing pads positioned precisely in the mouth, information is sent to a digital image capturing device that displays x-ray images of the patient's teeth on a screen for immediate viewing. This technically advanced process saves time and allows images to be transferred, enhanced, and stored in a computer. A technique known as "subtraction radiography" also makes it possible to compare current images with older ones to show changes.

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Right-Wing Concept Plays Out at Sandy Hook

To the editor:
Let's talk about "personal responsibility."

It appears that many high-flung right-wing concepts have come to fruition in the Sandy Hook massacre. A successful, wealthy, gun loving, paranoid mother isolates and homeschools her child to follow in her footsteps.

What could be better than that? Who could have predicted that the firearms and ideals she relied on for comfort would only bring about destruction and terror all around? This tragic story is a microcosm of a grand story line that is finally playing itself out in broad daylight for all to examine.

Many more strands of this conservative "lifeline" are beginning to unravel, yet we are told: All will be well if we ignore reality and embrace the ideology instead. Just give these ideas more time to grow and prosper, and if they fail, blame someone else.

We hear that almost half of American citizens are on the take, living off government handouts and paying no taxes. But if you are doing this on a grand corporate scale, you are living the "American dream."

We hear that tax cuts for the rich will create jobs, when in fact it has led to rampant unemployment. The answer — more tax cuts.

We hear we need to cut government spending, but only to those who cannot buy representation and legislation. Otherwise we should just continue to shower more trillions on those that have the "right" connections.

We are told that deregulation will allow a free market to prevail. When that plan leads to an economic meltdown, the answer is to empty the public treasury to continue that "free market."

We are told that this economy has collapsed; and maybe it has — for the 98 percent. But it is extremely hard to find any large American/international corporation that is not making record profits.

All these ideals have been adopted and proved to be miserable failures. But we are told that we must be patient and wait for the now-withered tree to bear fruit: that the fault lies in some unforeseen place beyond these policies.

One would think that when one is digging themselves into a hole, the solution would be to stop digging. But we are told that if we keep digging (all the way to China apparently) we will finally find our pot of gold.

As much as I enjoy the time-honored traditional comedy of Rush Limbaugh explaining why the Republicans have lost yet another election because they just weren't nasty enough, I am still awaiting the time when his ditto heads finally realize that "personal responsibility" cuts both ways.

DENNIS SHAIN
Centralia

Ban on Guns Would Be Wrong, and Futile

To the editor:

With every tragedy such as the recent school shooting in Newtown Conn., the news media and spineless politicians start blaming guns in our society. It is a fact that there are 300 million guns in our country of 300 million people. Yes, I know that not everyone owns a gun, but an attempt to ban them would not only be wrong, it would be futile.

While it is true that guns are used in senseless acts of violence, it is also true that not all senseless acts of violence are the result of guns.

When Timothy McVey blew up a federal building in Oklahoma, these same people did not call for a ban on fertilizer. In fact, acts of violence involving knives, hammers, baseball bats and other objects kill folks just as dead as people using guns do. The gun is no more evil in itself than a hammer or baseball bat. It is the user that makes any weapon deadly, and almost anything can become a weapon in the wrong hands.

So what is the common denominator for senseless acts of violence? What is the one thing that all these mindless deadly

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Assault

• Ricky J. Lafferty, 53, Seattle, was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail for fourth-degree assault after he allegedly assaulted his adult son and daughter on the 1300 block of Windsor Avenue shortly after 4 p.m. Thursday.

• Juan M. Gonzalez-Rosa, 37, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for fourth-degree assault after he allegedly assaulted his girlfriend during a dispute on the 1000 block of North Tower Avenue at 11:22 p.m. Thursday.

Theft

• Carey R. Costrove, 32, Chehalis, was arrested on the 1300 block of Lum Road for allegedly shoplifting clothing from three different stores at

Death Notices

• **WILLIAM "BILL" THOMAS**, 72, Toledo, died Thursday, Dec. 27, at home. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel, Toledo.

• **JAMES LEE SMITH**, 81, Rochester, died Thursday, Dec. 27, at home. A celebration of life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at McKenzie Road Baptist Church, 215 McKenzie Road S.W., Olympia. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

• **HENRY W. SLIVA**, 87, Dryad, died Thursday, Dec. 27, at Providence Centralia Hospital. At the family's request, ser-

9:49 a.m. Wednesday.

• Unauthorized use of credit cards were reported at 8:25 p.m. Wednesday on the 1000 block of Belmont Avenue after the victim left a wallet at a grocery store.

Left-Behind Drug Paraphernalia

• A woman who had permission to stay at a residence on the 700 block of South Silver Street left drug paraphernalia behind and allegedly broke some windows. The incident was reported at 7:28 p.m. Wednesday.

Meth and a Warrant

• Jason R. Slighte, 42, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for alleged possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding warrant on the 100 block of South King Street at 12:57 a.m. Thursday after officers contacted him in regards

vices will be held later. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$3.36 (AAA of Washington)
Crude Oil — \$90.62 per barrel (CME Group)
Gold — \$1,656 (Monex)
Silver — \$30.03 (Monex)

Corrections

A story in Thursday's Life

Lewis County District Court

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

Held Oct. 24

• Joshua Allen Hamilton, 36, Morton, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed with prejudice.

• Chrystal Roxann Keeling, 39, Puyallup, fourth-degree assault, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 356 suspended, fined \$750, \$1,143 in fees.

• Brandon Mycal Wenning, 24, Othello, rental theft, leased property, less than \$250, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 350 suspended, fined \$750, \$2,069 in fees.

• Brittany Cole Alton, 23, Toledo, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed without prejudice.

• Nicholas Ray Kos, 25, Onalaska, three counts of third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, fined \$600 on count 1, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 65 suspended, fined \$600 each on counts 2 and 3, concurrent, \$4,687 in fees.

• Karrie Denise Delafield, 22, Centralia, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, fined \$600, \$1,376 in fees.

• Lance Richard Elliott, 20, Olympia, two counts of third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 71 suspended, fined \$600 on count 1, count 2 dismissed with prejudice, \$2,177 in fees.

• Geri Joyce Fox, 51, Deming, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, fined \$600, \$1,276 in fees.

• Barry W. Worley, 36, Winlock, (1) violation of no contact/protection order, (2) fourth-degree assault, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 321 suspended, fined \$750 on count 1, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 340 suspended, fined \$750 on count 2, consecutive, \$4,593 in fees.

• Heidi S. Blackburn, 46, Chehalis, fourth-degree assault, dismissed with prejudice.

• Mark Steven Chesler, 32, Centralia, two counts of violation of protection order, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 361 suspended, fined \$600 on count 1, count 2 dismissed with prejudice, \$383 in fees.

• Kristi Marie Holcomb, 45, Tumwater, fourth-degree assault, dismissed with prejudice.

• Matthew Ray Logan, 20, (1) possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (2) use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, both counts dismissed with prejudice.

Held Oct. 25

• Elwyn D. Armstrong, 34, Morton, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

• Robert E. Eckard, 46, Olympia, (1) possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (2) use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, (3) operating vehicle without ignition interlock, counts 1 and 2 dismissed with prejudice, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 364 suspended, fined \$750 on

count 3, fined \$386.

• Cleonies Odom Jr., 46, Toledo, (1) fourth-degree assault, (2) second-degree criminal trespassing, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$500 on each count, \$283 in fees.

• Tyler Denten Working, 22, Chehalis, first-degree negligent driving, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$287 in fees.

Held Oct. 26

• Scott Michael Liden, 52, Centralia, first-degree negligent driving, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 78 suspended, fined \$500, \$1,086 in fees.

• Roland Martin Stacy III, 31, Chehalis, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

• William Arthur Cook, 32, Monroe, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed with prejudice.

• Domingo Luis Ortiz, 43, Chehalis, first-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 23 days in jail, fined \$750, \$2,653 in fees.

• April Sunshine Ringo, 35, Chehalis, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 80 suspended, fined \$600, \$1,276 in fees.

• Alex Bradley Teitzel, 21, Winlock, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$750, \$974 in fees.

• Jordan Robert Donald Royce, 22, Duvall, possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, dismissed with prejudice.

Held Oct. 29

• Michael G. Tonkin, 17, Eatonville, first-degree negligent driving, dismissed with prejudice.

• Nadine L. Liaina, 23, Federal Way, no valid operator's license, without identification, dismissed without prejudice.

• Robert J. Spradlin, 30, Randle, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 1 day in jail, fined \$600, \$235 in fees.

Held Oct. 30

• Richard A. Jacobi, 61, Mineral, (1-2) two counts of third-degree driving while license suspended, (3-4) two counts of possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (5-6) two counts of use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, sentenced to 3 days in jail and 87 days electronic home monitoring with 30 suspended, fined \$600 on count 1, count 2 dismissed with prejudice, sentenced to 180 days electronic home monitoring with 175 suspended, fined \$1,025 on count 3, count 4 dismissed with prejudice, count 5 dismissed with prejudice, sentenced to 180 days electronic home monitoring with 165 suspended, fined \$1,025 on count 6, \$1,508 in fees.

Held Oct. 31

• Raymond Gene Denault, 32, Oakville, littering greater than 1 cubic yard, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 363 suspended, fined \$750, \$429 in fees.

• Zachary James Johnson-Penrose, 20, Chehalis, (1) fourth-degree assault, (2) interfering with reporting domestic violence, (3) third-degree malicious mischief, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 286 suspended, fined \$500 each on counts 1 and 2, count 3 dismissed with prejudice, \$983 in fees.

Sirens

to an assault that occurred the previous night.

Stolen Bikes

• Two BMX-style bikes were reported stolen at 3 a.m. Thursday from the 1400 block of Harrison Avenue. The theft is believed to have occurred sometime during the previous evening.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

100-mph Attempt to Elude

• Jonathan R. Cook, 18, of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, was arrested and booked into jail for allegedly attempting to elude police. A deputy who was on patrol on the 200 block of Maurin Road spotted Cook who was allegedly driving about 100 mph in a 35-mph zone at about 9:45 p.m. Thursday. Cook failed to

section incorrectly reported that the New Year's Eve midnight breakfast at O'Blarney's Pub & Grill would be free with the price of admission. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.

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• Benjamin N. Tucker, 31, White Swan, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed without prejudice.

• Allison Eileen Campbell, 32, Chehalis, (1-2) two counts of driving under the influence, (3) reckless endangerment, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 154 suspended, fined \$1,500 each on counts 1 and 2, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 309 suspended, fined \$500 on count 3, concurrent, \$34,313.

• Holly Dawn Jensen, 33, Chehalis, driving under the influence, sentenced to 365 days in jail with 363 suspended, fined \$850, \$1,186 in fees.

• Dennis Harold Jordan, 58, Winlock, (1) fourth-degree assault, (2) interfering with reporting domestic violence, both counts dismissed with prejudice.

• Jacob Robert Easter, 19, Winlock, second-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 358 suspended, fined \$750, \$1,020 in fees.

• Ryan Russell Johnson, 41, Centralia, first-degree negligent driving, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

• Justin William Miller, 38, Seattle, driving under the influence, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 363 suspended, fined \$850, \$748 in fees.

• Wendy Gale Bostwick, 40, Winlock, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

• Kenneth Charles Nollette, 54, Randle, (1) telephone harassment, (2) resisting arrest, both counts dismissed with prejudice.

• Robert E. Placer Jr., 55, Winlock, (1) fourth-degree assault, (2) interfering with reporting domestic violence, (3) third-degree malicious mischief, all counts dismissed with prejudice.

• Jason Bryce Roehl, 30, Westport, fourth-degree assault, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 323 suspended, fined \$750, \$4,032 in fees.

• Shirlene Marie Thrall, 37, Randle, possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, sentenced to 180 days in jail with 177 suspended, fined \$1,025, \$650 in fees.

• Derek Allen Reed, 28, Des Moines, (1) reckless driving, (2) possession of marijuana, 40 grams or less, (3) use/delivery of drug paraphernalia, sentenced to 364 days in jail with 362 suspended, fined \$750 on count 1, counts 2 and 3 dismissed with prejudice, \$564 in fees.

• Jeremy Ray Kisner, 24, Wapato, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

• Donald Edwin Roth Sr., 71, third-degree driving while license suspended, dismissed with prejudice.

• Gabriel Santiago-Lagunes, 23, Seattle, third-degree driving while license suspended, sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 suspended, fined \$600, \$386 in fees.

stop at a stop sign and proceeded westbound onto Rush Road. He then pulled into a driveway on the 1800 block of Bishop Road in an attempt to hide but the deputy pulled in behind him and arrested him.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Broken Bar Window

• Aaron A. Cogburn, 22,

Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for disorderly conduct and malicious mischief after he allegedly broke a window, valued at \$500, in the Paradise bar on the 300 block of Northwest Chehalis Avenue. Cogburn allegedly became angry after the bar refused to serve him alcohol because he was too intoxicated. He sustained injuries to his hand and was treated on scene.

DORENE H. (HARRIS) KNOPFLER

June 9, 1946 - November 21, 2012



Dorene H. (Harris) Knopfler passed away at her home in Centralia, Wash., on Nov. 21, 2012 after a year long battle with cancer. She was 66.

She was born on June 9, 1946 in Idaho to Dwight and Dorothy Harris.

The family moved to Centralia in 1957. She graduated from Centralia High School in 1965. She received her cosmetology license in 1966.

She married Stanley Knopfler on May 6, 1972 in Centralia. They had two children; Jenie and James.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, gambling at the casinos, going to the beach, baking and recently making various crafts.

She loved being a beautician. She cherished the friendships that

were developed with her clients, while working at various salons over the years. In 2005, she retired after suffering a stroke.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Harris, daughter, Jenie Knopfler, son, James (Nalani) Knopfler, siblings, Dale (Kay) Harris, Deanna (Ernie) Schmitt, all of Centralia, Don Harris of Fresno, Calif., and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Stan, father, Dwight Harris and brothers, Duane and Dean Harris.

There will be an open house, with refreshments served, to celebrate Dorene's life on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013 at Boccata Deli at 405 N. Tower, Centralia, from 1-4 p.m. Please come by and help the family celebrate her life.

Private burial will be held at Mt. View Cemetery.

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

In Remembrance



DAVID SAMUEL BUSSARD



David Samuel Bussard, a harbor resident of almost 80 years, passed away Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012 in Centralia. He was 98. David was born Dec. 11, 1914 in Tryon, Neb., to Henry Clayton and Lucy Lucille (Prosie) Bussard.

He grew up and attended school through the 8th grade in Nebraska. David came to Washington as a young man during the dust bowl days of the 1930s. He went to work in the timber industry and dairy farming. He went on to working at mills in McCleary, Hoquiam and Copalis crossing before retiring to Oakville. David served in the Pacific Theatre with the Army Air Corps during WWII as an aircraft turret mechanic and belly gunner. He saw action in the Philippines, Korea and Okinawa. David Married Margaret Mary May Snyder in McCleary, on June 22, 1940. She preceded him in death in 2006.

He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign

Wars, the American Legion, the Grange and the Oakville Methodist Church.

David was an avid gardener. He enjoyed feeding wild birds, travel, fishing and tinkering with wood, metal and mechanical things. He was very active in the Oakville community and was instrumental in the development and placement of the Oakville cemetery sign.

David is survived by his son, Henry Leroy "Lee" (Mary) Bussard of Raymond and his daughter, Rita Marie (Michael Shaw) Bussard of Centralia. He is also survived by his brothers, Walter Hershel Bussard of Montesano and Homer Lee Bussard of Chehalis. In addition to his wife, Margaret, he is preceded in death by his parents, infant sister, Stella Lucratia Bussard and her twin brother, Harland Victor Bussard, sister, Velma and Brother Ivan. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Oakville Food Bank.

Graveside services with military honors will begin at 1P.M. on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 at Masonic Cemetery in Elma.

Please visit and sign the online tribute to David @ www.whitesidefamilymortuaries.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Whiteside Family Mortuary in Elma.

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

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Look for our Tuesday commentary by Julie McDonald

The Chronicle

Nation/World

Nation in Brief

White House Meeting With Congressional Leaders Presents a Last Chance for a Fiscal Deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid partisan bluster, top members of Congress and President Barack Obama were holding out slim hopes for a limited fiscal deal before the new year. But even as congressional leaders prepared to convene at the White House, there were no signs that legislation palatable to both sides was taking shape.

The Friday afternoon meeting among congressional leaders and the president — their first since Nov. 16 — stood as a make-or-break moment for negotiations to avoid across-the-board first of the year tax increases and deep spending cuts.

Obama called for the meeting as top lawmakers alternately cast blame on each other while portraying themselves as open to a reasonable last-minute bargain.

Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid all but conceded that any effort at this late date was a long shot. “I don’t know timewise how it can happen now,” he said.

NRA Envisions Armed Volunteers, But Experts Say Trained Police Are Needed for School Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — The student’s attack began with a shotgun blast through the windows of a California high school. Rich Agundez, the El Cajon policeman assigned to the school, felt his mind shift into overdrive.

While two teachers and three students were injured when the glass shattered in the 2001 attack on Granite Hills High School, Agundez confronted the assailant and wounded him before he could get inside the school and use his second weapon, a handgun.

The National Rifle Association’s response to a Connecticut school massacre envisions, in part, having trained, armed volunteers in every school in America. But Agundez, school safety experts and school board members say there’s a huge difference between a trained law enforcement officer who becomes part of the school family — and a guard with a gun.

Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf Chose Charities Over Politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Truth is, retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf didn’t care much for his popular “Stormin’ Norman” nickname.

The seemingly no-nonsense Desert Storm commander’s reputed temper with aides and subordinates supposedly earned him that rough-and-ready moniker. But others around the general, who died Thursday in Tampa, Fla., at age 78 of complications from pneumonia, knew him as a friendly, talkative and even jovial figure who preferred the somewhat milder sobriquet given by his troops: “The Bear.”

That one perhaps suited him better later in his life, when he supported various national causes and children’s charities while eschewing the spotlight and resisting efforts to draft him to run for political office.

He lived out a quiet retirement in Tampa, where he’d served his last military assignment and where an elementary school bearing his name is testament to his standing in the community.

Schwarzkopf capped an illustrious military career by commanding the U.S.-led international coalition that drove Saddam Hussein’s forces out of Kuwait in 1991 — but he’d managed to keep a low profile in the public debate over the second Gulf War against Iraq, saying at one point that he doubted victory would be as easy as the White House and the Pentagon predicted.



Rick Bowmer / The Associated Press

Teachers listen during concealed weapons training for 200 Utah teachers Thursday, in West Valley City, Utah. The Utah Shooting Sports Council offered six hours of training in handling concealed weapons in the latest effort to arm teachers to confront school assailants.

Group Offers Gun Training For Educators in Utah

By Paul Foy

The Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Jessica Fiveash sees nothing wrong with arming teachers. She’s one herself, and learned Thursday how to safely use her 9 mm Ruger with a laser sight.

“If we have the ability to stop something, we should do it,” said the elementary school teacher, who along with nearly 200 other teachers in Utah took six hours of free gun training offered by the state’s leading gun lobby.

It is among the latest efforts to arm or train teachers to confront assailants after a gunman killed his mother and then went on a rampage through Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., killing 20 children and six adults before killing himself.

IN OHIO, a firearms group said it was launching a test program in tactical firearms training for 24 teachers. In Arizona, the attorney general is proposing a change to state law that would allow an educator in each school to carry a gun.

The moves to train teachers come after the National Rifle Association proposed placing an armed officer at each of the nation’s schools, though some

schools already have police officers. Parents and educators have questioned how safe the proposal would keep kids and whether it would be economically feasible.

“We’re not suggesting that teachers roam the halls.”

Clark Aposhian

chairman of the Utah Shooting Sports Council

SOME EDUCATORS SAY it is dangerous to allow guns on campus. Among the potential dangers they point to are teachers being overpowered for their weapons or students getting them and accidentally or purposely shooting classmates.

“It’s a terrible idea,” said Carol Lear, a chief lawyer for the Utah Office of Education. “It’s a horrible, terrible, no-good, rotten idea.”

KRISTEN RAND, the legislative director for the Violence Policy Center, a gun control advocacy organization, said to believe that a “teacher would be successful in stopping someone who has made the decision to engage in

a shootout is just not rationale.”

“No teacher is ever going to be as effective as a trained law enforcement officer,” Rand said. Even trained police officers don’t always hit their targets, and arming teachers could put innocent students at risk of crossfire, she said.

GUN-RIGHTS ADVOCATES say teachers can act more quickly than law enforcement in the critical first few minutes to protect children from the kind of deadly shooting that took place in Connecticut. They emphasized the importance of reacting appropriately under pressure.

“We’re not suggesting that teachers roam the halls” looking for an armed intruder, said Clark Aposhian, chairman of the Utah Shooting Sports Council, the state’s biggest gun lobby. “They should lock down the classroom. But a gun is one more option if the shooter” breaks into a classroom.

Honoring Gen. George Washington on Christmas Day



Joseph Kaczmarek / The Associated Press

A group of Revolutionary War re-enactors row a Durham boat during the re-enactment of George Washington crossing the Delaware River, Tuesday, in Washington Crossing, Pa. A strong current kept the re-enactors from making the crossing to New Jersey.

Volunteers Toughen Up Bobcat Kitten Who’s Too Nice

PLACERVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A Northern California animal rescue group is trying to help an orphaned bobcat kitten with a problem: She’s too nice.

The friendly baby bobcat was only a few weeks old and had burned paws and infected eyes when fire crews found her in August while battling a 75,000-acre



Chips rescued from Plumas Wildfire

fire in the Plumas National Forest. They named her Chips, after the wildfire.

Volunteers at the Sierra Wildlife Rescue in Placerville now are trying to toughen the kitten up, with plans to release her back into the wild next spring, The Sacramento Bee reports.

As part of her training regimen, Chips has had to start chasing down her own mice and rabbits for meals and stop sleeping on a soft bed like the one she’d grown accustomed to while she was receiving medical treatment.

She’s also been introduced to two male bobcats, Tuffy and Sierra, that hiss and bare their claws at humans.

“If you have a friendly bobcat in the wild, that’s not going to work,” said volunteer Jill Tripoli, who squirts the kitten with a water bottle if she tries cuddling up to humans.

The firefighters who found Chips wandering in circles on Aug. 25 noticed right away that she was affectionate. She followed them as they went about their work and nuzzled the boots of a hand crew member every time they stopped.

World in Brief

Russia Says It’s Ready to Meet With Syrian Opposition Coalition

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia’s foreign minister says Moscow has proposed talks with the main Syrian opposition coalition, despite previous Russian criticism of Western countries’ recognition of the group.

Sergey Lavrov told a news conference on Friday that Russia has contacted the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces through the Russian Embassy in Egypt and “we expressed readiness to conduct a meeting” with coalition leader Mouaz al-Khatib.

The statement comes in the wake of comments by officials, including President Vladimir Putin, that suggest Russia is resigned to its longtime ally Syrian President Bashar Assad losing power.

Asian Stocks Up, Europe Mixed as U.S. Leaders Prepare New Round of ‘Fiscal Cliff’ Talks

BANGKOK (AP) — Asian stock markets rose Friday, hours before President Barack Obama and key lawmakers were to meet at the White House to try to hammer out an 11th-hour budget compromise to avert the so-called fiscal cliff. Wall Street also appeared set for a session of gains.

Lawmakers have until Monday night to reach a deal before hundreds of billions of dollars in automatic tax increases and deep cuts to government spending kick in. Such a drastic reshuffling of money could throw the U.S. into another recession, economists have warned.

However, failure to avoid the fiscal cliff doesn’t necessarily mean tax increases and spending cuts would become permanent, since the new Congress could pass legislation canceling them retroactively after it begins its work next year.

Official Acquitted in Prison Death of Russian Whistleblowing Lawyer; Case Sparked U.S. Law

MOSCOW (AP) — The only official charged with the death of a Russian whistleblowing lawyer walked free on Friday after a Moscow court acquitted him of negligence, in a case that has become a rallying point for human rights advocates and sparked escalating legislation in the U.S. and Russia.

Sergei Magnitsky died in jail in 2009 after his pancreatitis went untreated, and an investigation by Russia’s presidential council on human rights concluded he was severely beaten and denied medical treatment. Prison doctor Dmitry Kratov was the only person to face trial in the case.

Judge Tatyana Neverova said she found no evidence that Kratov’s negligence could have caused the lawyer’s death. The acquittal was widely expected after prosecutors earlier this week dropped their accusations, saying they had decided there was no connection between Kratov’s actions and Magnitsky’s death.

The case has angered both Russian activists and the West. The U.S. Congress passed legislation this month in Magnitsky’s name, calling for sanctions against officials deemed to be connected with human rights abuses. The bill provoked retaliation from Moscow, including a measure barring Americans from adopting Russian children that President Vladimir Putin is expected to sign.

Magnitsky, a lawyer for the Hermitage Capital fund, was arrested in 2008 on suspicion of tax evasion by the same Interior Ministry officials he accused of using false tax documents to steal \$230 million from the state. He died while in custody awaiting trial.

Top News of 2012

Cold Case Arrest, World-Class Auction Site and Downtown Fire Top Our List of the Biggest Local Stories of the Year

By The Chronicle

Editor's note: It's been an eventful year, with national and local elections dominating the news as the economy — particularly in Lewis County — continues a slow, unsteady recovery marked locally with the opening of a world-class auction site. From murders and arrests to epic snowstorms and tumultuous small-town politics, this has been a year to remember.

Along with this list of what we judge to be the top stories of 2012, we also take a look at some of the quirkiest crime news of the year, as compiled by Chronicle crime reporter Stephanie Schendel. Chronicle cartoonist David Ford adds his own mirthful take on these off-beat 911 calls and arrests (see pages Main 15 and 16).

Chronicle Visuals Editor Pete Caster brings some of the year's best images to you on pages Main 8 and 9, with many more online at www.chronline.com.

If you'd like to share your own votes for the top stories of 2012, talk about it with us at www.facebook.com/thecentraliachronicle.

3 — Murders Shock Community

Outrage in late May after news of the death of 2-year-old Koralyann Fister.

On May 24, James Reeder reportedly carried the girl's lifeless body to a neighbor's home off of West Oakview Avenue in north Centralia and claimed the girl had drowned while taking a bath.

Investigating authorities found many problems with Reeder's story and ruled the death a homicide. Reeder, 26, has been charged with homicide by abuse, two counts of rape of a child, two counts of assault and possession of methamphetamine.

Investigators said the child had been exposed to "systematic torture" prior to her death.

In the wake of the tragedy, the community has come together on multiple occasions for vigils in Washington park.

It was not the only murder this year.

On March 7, Joshua Vance stabbed his father Terry Vance, 58, at least 11 times in their Onalaska home on Pennel Avenue. Vance admitted to police that he had also intended to kill the three other family members home at the time, including his 11-year-old nephew, his 79-year-old grandmother, as well as his uncle.

The only reason he was unable to follow through with his intentions was because he cut his hand so severely that he called 911 for medical help, according to the prosecutor's office.

Vance pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and third-degree assault as a result of a plea agreement. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Still facing charges is Weston Miller.

Authorities say Miller, 30, allegedly killed David Wayne Carson on March 13 inside Miller's Centralia home, according to court documents. Family, friends and neighbors said Miller was gripped by paranoia and openly discussed his gun collection prior to the fatal shooting.

He has pleaded not guilty to the murder.



The Chronicle, file photo

Tenino Mayor Eric Strawn has shaken up the town since sweeping into office a year ago. A medical marijuana patient, he inspired a "Mayorjuana" T-shirt and was written up in an election-day roundup of stories in USA Today.

4 — Tumultuous Tenino

The small town of Tenino received bigtime mentions in the press in the past year, and many were not positive.

First, new Mayor Eric Strawn took office in in unconventional form, donning Bob Marley T-shirts and tattoos that juxtaposed with the traditional appearance of the council.

He was initially barred from city records due to his criminal history and a spat with the former police chief.

After that storm passed, it became apparent that there were several controversial characters on the council.

The Chronicle reported that Frank Anderson owed the city more than \$140,000 in fees for a dilapidated property he owned within city limits, though Anderson disputes the merit and col-

lectability of the fees and charges.

Councilor Robert Scribner was discovered to have used resources when working at the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries in June to access personal and confidential records on the mayor and other city employees, according to internal investigation records obtained by The Chronicle.

In September, Strawn, was accused of having sexual contact with a woman inside a city vehicle, but did not face any charges for the incident.

"I didn't break any laws," Strawn told the audience at a council meeting. "I probably broke a few people's support."

All the controversy resulted in the creation of a recall committee and an ethics review task force.

Strawn recently announced he would form his own committee as well.



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Dennis Hadaller, of Mossyrock, speaks to the media after a press conference at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis on Monday, shortly after a suspect was arrested in the death of his parents more than 20 years ago.

1 — Arrest Made in 1985 Double Murder

The bodies of Minnie Maurin, 83, and Ed Maurin, 81, were discovered Christmas Eve 1985 in a wooded area on Stearns Hill Road, west of Adna.

It took more than 26 years for an arrest to come for the murders of the couple, and it happened on July 8 in rural Alaska.

Investigators with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office arrested Rick Riffe, 53, King Salmon, Alaska, for the murders.

Rick and his brother John, both originally from Mossyrock, allegedly abducted the Ethel couple from their home several days earlier, forced them to withdraw money from the bank, then later shot and killed the couple in their car, according to court documents.

They then allegedly dragged their bodies about 100 yards off the road, and dumped them.

"At my mother's funeral, I put my hand on her casket and I said, 'I won't ever give up as long as I live,'" Dennis Hadaller, Minnie's son, told The Chronicle at the time of the arrest.

While authorities suspected Rick and John for more than two decades, private investigators and detectives at the sheriff's office reportedly gained enough information to move forward with the arrest in July, according to a press release at the time.

John Riffe died before authorities closed in.

The case continues to move through Lewis County Superior Court where Riffe faces an upcoming trial. His attorney had continued to maintain his innocence, citing a lack of evidence in the hands of prosecutors.



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A firefighter takes of cell-phone picture of the Dr. Matz Building ablaze early Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2012. The building was so damaged by the fire that it was torn down days later.

2 — Fire Destroys Dr. Matz Building

The sky above Centralia was aglow in the early morning hours of Feb. 14 as fire engulfed the historic Dr. Matz building in the heart of the downtown area.

The blaze ultimately gutted the building, leaving dozens

homeless and rendering several businesses destroyed.

By the end of the week, crews had torn down the charred skeleton of the building and began the work of hauling off tons of debris.

Stories of heroism and compassion soon rose from the ashes of the building. Jake Dow risked his

own safety to rush into the burning structure and warn others of the smoke and flames. Community members stepped up and offered donations to residents sent scrambling for a place to call home.

The space where the Dr. Matz building once stood is now home to a temporary modular location for Washington Federal Bank.

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The Lewis County political scene changed this year when longtime commissioner Ron Averill, center left, was defeated in the general election by Edna Fund, center. Chehalis businessman Jerry Lord, right, tried unsuccessfully to unseat Commissioner Bill Schulte, center-right.

5 — Incumbents Fall as General Election Shakes Up Political Scene

Longtime incumbents fell hard and the voters of Washington chose to legalize marijuana and same-sex marriage.

It was a landmark election in November when initiatives added historic flavor to the ballot. Locally, voters chose to replace longtime state Sen. Dan Swecker with businessman John Braun. They also unseated Lewis Coun-

ty Commissioner Ron Averill in favor of Centralia City Councilor Edna Fund.

Outgoing Sen. Swecker made a statement perhaps indicative of the overall theme of the election when contacted about his loss.

"I guess the voters were just ready for a change," he said.

The general election also resulted in the acceptance of charter schools in Washington and a confirmation of the voter-approved two-thirds tax requirement in the Legislature.

He agreed to resign as Toledo Elementary School principal as part of the offer, which brought to an end a long standoff that began when Reynolds was officially named a murder suspect.

Reynolds had been on paid administrative leave since October of 2011, when a coroner's



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An aerial photo of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers shows a full lot of heavy equipment for their June auction at their new facility south of Napavine.

6 — Ritchie Bros. Comes to Town

Years of sluggish economic activity have meant few new businesses in Lewis County. That made news of the arrival of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers all the more welcome by local leaders.

The international auction company opened its doors at a sprawl-

ing facility between Napavine and Winlock where it sold more than 2,300 heavy equipment items and its former property in Maytown on opening day.

Lewis County Treasurer Rose Bowman said the estimated annual benefit to the county from the auctions would be about \$800,000. She said the sales tax revenue from the auc-

tion in March brought somewhere between \$40,000 and \$66,000 to the county coffers.

Lewis County Commissioner Lee Grose summed up the thoughts of many elected officials when asked about he felt regarding the newest area business.

"We appreciate when we can grow without raising taxes," he said.

7 — Ron Reynolds Leaves District With Payoff

A community controversy came to an apparent end as Ron Reynolds agreed to take \$140,000 as part of a separation agreement Aug. 23.

inquest jury identified him and his son Jonathan as suspects in the December 1998 shooting death of his wife, Ronda Reynolds.

The murder had made for fodder for an Anne Rice true crime novel and cable news shows in the years that Ronda

Reynolds' mother Barb Thompson had tirelessly navigated the criminal justice system in pursuit of who she believed was her daughter's killer.

Authorities at the time ruled the death a suicide, though that determination was challenged and changed multiple times.

The jury inquest verdict is the apparent end of Thompson's appeals.

Ron Reynolds has maintained his innocence and, despite the inquest jury's ruling, authorities were unable to find cause to charge him with a crime.



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WSDOT assistant area engineer Ty Hillebrand stands by the new bridge over the Skookumchuck River in late December. The freeway through Centralia is changing dramatically as extra lanes are added and the Mellen Street interchange is completely reworked.

8 — Interstate 5 Widening Project Begins

A long-awaited Interstate 5 widening project aimed at easing congestion and allowing for smoother transition of traffic between Mellen Street and Har-

rison Avenue began in earnest this year.

The Washington State Department of Transportation is constructing collector-distributor lanes between Mellen Street and Harrison while widening and realigning the Interstate 5

curve at Blakeslee Junction.

Drivers began seeing construction and the beginnings of traffic delays as work on phase one of the project got under way June.

The entire project is expected to be complete by early 2015.



The Chronicle, file photo

Mike Masters shovels the sidewalk outside of his Centralia home on Jan. 18 as Lewis County shuddered under heavy snowfall.

Cities reporting as much as 20 inches.

Snow plows went out in full force as most local school districts closed down for several days.

The storm also knocked out power to many areas for a week or longer.

Heavy snowfall concentrated here, along with other meteorological peculiarities, led Cliff Mass, a regional weather scientist and author, to declare the greater Twin Cities area a weird weather zone that he dubbed "The Napavine Triangle."

10 — Lewis County Buried in Snow

Residents of Southwest Washington woke the morning of Jan. 19 to more than a foot of snow.

The white stuff piled up in record amounts with many areas in and around the Twin



The Chronicle, file photo

Search and rescue workers look for any sign of a 16-year-old boy who was dragged away by the current while swimming with friends in the Chehalis river south of Rochester in May. This was the third of three Chehalis River deaths this year.

9 — Three Drown During Separate Incidents on Chehalis River

It was a deadly year on the Chehalis River.

Three lives were claimed within a short of time on different spans of the regional waterway.

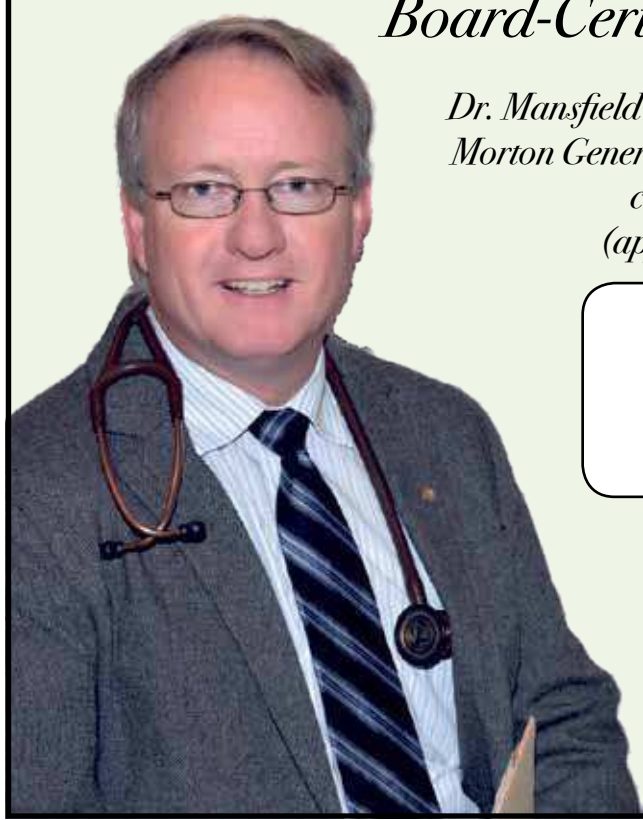
Daniel Kuhn became the first during the annual Pe Ell River Run. His body was recovered April 19. Kuhn, an Iraq War veteran, hadn't been seen since he separated from a group of friends on the Saturday before. He said he would meet them at

the Chandler Road Bridge but never appeared.

Eight-year-old Nicky Matchett was last seen May 4 swinging on the back deck of his mother's porch on Ceres Hill Road. He is believed to have wandered to the edge of the yard where he fell into the Chehalis River — where his body was later recovered — off of an eroding bank.

Sixteen-year-old Chris Puentes Garay's body was found in the river May 16 near Rochester after he drowned while attempting to swim across the river with his 14-year-old brother near Independence Road.

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Man Accused in Slaughterhouse Stabbing Pleads Guilty

PLEA DEAL IN BEEF SHOP ASSAULT: Chehalis

Man Will Serve More Than Four Years in Prison and Then Likely Will Be Deported

By Stephanie Schendel

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The Chehalis man accused of stabbing a coworker in the neck in early November at the Beef Shop in Centralia has been sentenced to more than four years in prison.

He will likely be deported as a result of the conviction.

Sabino Barriga-Gomez pleaded guilty to second-degree assault with a deadly-weapon enhancement, amended from the original charge of first-degree assault, Thursday afternoon in Lewis County Superior Court as a result of a plea agreement. Judge Richard Brosey sentenced him to 54 months in prison.

The 36-year-old man got into a verbal argument with the victim, identified in court documents as 21-year-old Jorge Juarez, shortly after 11:30 a.m. Nov. 7 at the Five Star Beef Co. on 1721 Airport Road, a slaughterhouse.

The argument quickly esca-

lated after the victim punched Barriga-Gomez in the face, and in response Barriga-Gomez grabbed a sharp boning knife used to cut meat then stabbed the him directly in the throat, according to court documents.

The plea agreement was reached because Juarez disappeared after he was released for the hospital, said Lewis County Deputy Prosecutor Shane O'Rourke. The prosecutor's office, detectives from the sheriff's office, in addition to Labor and Industries, have been unable to locate him.

Even though there was a witness to the assault, it would have been difficult to convict Barriga-Gomez by jury without a victim, O'Rourke said. He did not know why Juarez refused to cooperate with the prosecution. He also did not know if Juarez had a criminal record or if he was living in the U.S. legally.

Barriga-Gomez told law enforcement that he stabbed Juarez because he did not want to look like "a kid" in front of their female coworkers, according to court documents.

A coworker who witnessed the assault told authorities that it was a miracle that Juarez survived the stabbing due to the volume of blood, O'Rourke said.

The witness also said the



Sabino Barriga-Gomez walks through Lewis County Superior Court prior to a hearing at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis in November.

victim was the aggressor in the fight, in an apparent "fit of rage," Barriga-Gomez stabbed him, O'Rourke said. Afterward, Barriga-Gomez looked shocked at what he had done.

"I don't think he intended that particular result," his court-appointed attorney, Joseph Enbody, told the court Thursday.

Barriga-Gomez had no criminal history prior to the assault.

News in Brief

Washington Ending Year With Drier Weather

SEATTLE (AP) — After recent rain and snow storms, forecasters say Washington will end the year with drier weather.

About the only rain Friday is forecast on the coast.

The National Weather Service expects only scattered rain showers in most of the state or light snow in northeast Washington on Saturday. Sunday should be a dry day with sun at times.

Cloudy skies return Monday with a chance of showers, but forecasters say the new year should start with relatively uneventful weather.

Winter Construction Planned on I-5 in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — The Transportation Department says construction crews will be working this winter on Interstate 5 through Seattle.

Twenty weekend closures are planned from now to April. There are four projects totaling \$30 million, including replacing bridge expansion joints and grinding and smoothing lanes.

The freeway through Seattle is more than 50 years old.

Eastern State Hospital Accreditation Suspended

MEDICAL LAKE, Wash. (AP) — Eastern State Hospital is working to regain accreditation that was suspended after a patient was strangled in a unit that houses the criminally insane.

The authorizing agency, called The Joint Commission, suspended its approval of the Medical Lake mental hospital last week after it determined patients had too much access to items that could be used for strangulation.

State Department of Social and Health Services spokesman Thomas Shapley says the hospital has removed and secured such items.

Spokesman John Wiley tells The Spokesman-Review an internal review of the homicide should be complete by mid-January.

A 30-year-old patient, Amber Ilene Roberts, has pleaded not guilty to a murder charge in the Nov. 20 death of 56-year-old Duane Charley. She said she strangled him with an electrical cord.

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NWAACC Men's Basketball

Trailblazer Men Win Clackamas Opener

By The Chronicle

CLACKAMAS — The Trailblazers overcame plenty of adversity for their 76-65 victory over Walla Walla here on Friday night at the Clackamas Holiday Tournament. Centralia point guard Van Lockett had his minutes limited due to foul trouble and Kyler Shula broke his foot in a prior practice.

"We kind of challenged everybody to step up," Centralia coach Jason Moir said. "It was nice to see our guys do that. I was happy with the balance on offense and defensively we had good help defense."

Mozeek Waggener led the Trailblazers with a double-double, scoring 18 points and 15 rebounds. As a team Centralia outrebounded Walla Walla 45-25. The Trailblazers also shot 15 of 19 from the free throw line.

Centralia opened up an eight-point lead in the first half and added three more points to their lead in the second half. Zach Carras scored 15 and John Dumetz added 13 for the Trailblazers. Moir was also pleased with the defensive play of Jordan Dam, who took on Walla Walla's leading scorer, Case Rada.

Centralia (5-4) plays Clackamas today at 7 p.m.

Raymond New Year's Classic Basketball

MWP Suffers First Defeat, in Double OT

TIGHT: Hoquiam Overcomes Dunlap's 32 Points in 79-78 Win

By The Chronicle

RAYMOND — The Timberwolves' only loss of the season, to date, was one to remember.

Kalen Dunlap scored 32 points, but the Timberwolves lost 79-78 in double overtime to 1A Hoquiam here Friday in the boys basketball matchup of the Raymond New Year's Classic.

"We actually came out hot in the first," Timberwolf coach Tony Gillispie said. "We basically laid an egg in the second."

Morton-White Pass led 22-13 after a quarter.

"We were defensively strong and forced a lot of turnovers. I was pleased with our quick lead," Gillispie said.

Hoquiam held MWP to just 5 points in the second frame, though, and the game tightened up.

"We never got the lead established after that. It was a good battle from then on," Gillispie added.

Dunlap's 32 points were a career high for the junior guard, who went 13 of 21 from the floor and hit six 3-pointers. Kylon Gillispie added 17 points.

"We were looking forward to this game. They are a tough team and we knew we would learn from this game," Gillispie said. "We got what we came here for."

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Prep Girls Basketball



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W.F. West's Jamika Parker puts up a shot against Olympia in nonconference basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis.

Bearcats Pound Olympia

By Aaron VanTuyl

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Maybe it was a case of too much Christmas ham. Maybe their minds were still on all of the fantastic presents they opened Tuesday morning. Or maybe the Bearcats were just a bit out of sorts after a week away from the basketball court.

Whatever it was, the Bearcats weren't themselves in the first two quarters of Friday's

nonleague matchup with Olympia — but the doppelgangers didn't make it out of the locker room for the second half, and W.F. West cruised to a 54-27 nonleague win over the visiting Bears Friday night in Chehalis.

The halftime speech, according to coach Henri Weeks, featured more simplification than fire and brimstone.

"I'd already done my yelling," he joked afterwards. "It was

more of, offensively, I just said, 'What is it?' You've got to let the game come to you, and simplify things."

W.F. West held a slim 21-17 lead at the break, but outscored the Bears 22-2 in the third quarter to essentially put the game on ice.

Jamika Parker scored on an inbounds play a few seconds into the third frame, quickly swatted two shots, and hit a

3-pointer from the top of the key less than a minute later. Julie Spencer and Raegan Nelson added 3s, and in the span of 3 ½ minutes a tight game had turned into a 15-point rout.

The key, Weeks pointed out, was simply focusing on getting into the set high-low offense, and letting the press do its thing against a Bears team that committed nearly 30 turnovers.

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Prep Boys Basketball

Host Beavers Go 2-0 at Hal Williams Classic

By The Chronicle

TENINO — Tenino proved to be a tough host for Three Rivers Christian in a 59-33 win here Friday in the Hal Williams Christmas Classic boys basketball tournament.

"We came out playing really well and our shooting was on," Beaver coach Rod Enos said. "We were attacking the basket a lot more."

Tenino opened up scoring 15 points in the first quarter and allowed just six from Three Rivers Christian.

"They are a small team, but they are tough," Enos said. "I have heard that they were tough from other coaches."

Devante Harris led the Beavers with 16 points while Justin Conklin added 12.

"This was another balanced, team effort win for us," Enos mentioned. "We pressured their scorers and shut down their offense."

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Tenino's Justin Conklin drives to the hoop during nonconference basketball action on against Wishkah Valley Thursday night in Tenino during the Hal Williams Christmas Classic.

Jumper

Tenino's Devante Harris shoots against Wishkah Valley Thursday night.



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The Final Word

Fans to Join Beyonce Onstage at Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — All the single ladies — and fellas — will have a chance to join Beyonce onstage at the upcoming Super Bowl.

Pepsi announced Friday that 100 fans will hit the stage when the Grammy-winning diva performs on Feb. 3 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans. A contest that kicks off Saturday will allow fans to submit photos of themselves

in various poses, including head bobbing, feet tapping and hip shaking. Those pictures will be used in a TV ad introducing Beyonce's halftime performance, and 50 people — along with a friend — will be selected to join the singer onstage.

The photo contest — at www.pepsi.com/halftime — ends Jan. 19, but Jan. 11 is the cut-off date for those interested in appearing onstage with Beyonce.

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Justice Served



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Centralia's Justice Tasby puts up a shot over a pair of Port Angeles defenders Thursday during nonleague boys basketball action on Ron Brown court in Centralia. Tasby scored 36 in the Tigers' 85-63 win.

Tasby Scores 36 in Tigers' Blowout of Port Angeles

By Aaron VanTuyl

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Given the outcome the first time the Tigers faced Port Angeles, the final score on Thursday night was no surprise.

Justice Tasby's output, however, was enough to raise an eyebrow or two.

The 6-foot senior scored a career-high 36 points — more than double anyone else on the floor — and Centralia put away visiting Port Angeles, 85-63, in a nonleague boys basketball contest that was nearly over after the first quarter.

"It went pretty good," Tasby said. "We didn't rebound well, but we got our fast break points, and that's what we thrive on."

Tasby, in particular, turned the fast break lanes into his own belated holiday buffet line and converted 9 of his 12 field goals inside the 3-point arc. He was efficient everywhere, however, hitting 4 of 6 from long range and knocking down all six of his foul shots.

Tasby hit a trio of 3s in the first quarter, and helped the Tigers jump out to a 27-10 lead.

"He got himself going that way, and made some nice drives," Tiger coach Ron Brown said. "He can be so much better, even though he's pretty spectacular at times. But he is coming together a little bit more the last five games."

Tasby scored 12 the first time Centralia faced the Roughriders,

which turned out to be a 92-53 win for the visitors on Dec. 8 in Port Angeles.

"It's tough to play a team a second time when you've shellacked them pretty good at their place," Brown said. "I thought we would win, but I thought I wouldn't be thrilled with the finish, as far as how we won."

Port Angeles recovered after its slow start and outscored the Tigers 39-35 over the middle quarters, but Centralia opened the fourth quarter on a 15-0 run. Tasby scored 8 during that streak, and was removed during a Port Angeles timeout that came after his putback bucket with 4 minutes, 38 left in the game.

Trevor Baumann scored 10 points with 12 rebounds for Centralia, and Baylor Scott scored 11 with seven boards. Joe Blaser and Levi Studeman came off the bench to score 9 and 8 points, respectively.

Oscar Jackson, Brown added, grabbed three rebounds and did a nice job in a limited amount of time.

Centralia shot 14 of 17 from the foul line and 6 of 17 from the 3-point line, and outrebounded Port Angeles 37-34. Hayden Gunderson led the Roughriders with 15 points.

Centralia (9-2) is off for a week, and will play at Tumwater on Friday.

Note: The Tiger JV won 87-47, and the C-team won by a wide margin as well.



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Centralia's Levi Studeman (34) goes up for two against Port Angeles' Austin Polly, left, Thursday night in Centralia.

College Football

Pryor to Start for Raiders Against Chargers

ALAMEDA, Calif. (MCT) — Ready or not, here he comes.

Terrelle Pryor will start the Oakland Raiders' regular-season finale Sunday at quarterback against the San Diego Chargers at Qualcomm Stadium, coach Dennis Allen announced Friday.

"I feel that I'm ready," Pryor said. "I felt comfortable. I felt like a leader in the huddle when I was in there. I feel good about it and look forward to the opportunity."

Allen said Pryor and backup Matt Leinart had been told earlier in the week that Pryor was the likely starter in place of Carson Palmer, who is out with a bruised lung and cracked ribs.

It will be Pryor's first start since leading Ohio State to a 31-26 win over Arkansas while being named Most Valuable Player of the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4, 2011.

A third-round supplemental draft pick in 2011, Pryor was a late arrival last preseason, then served five-game suspension imposed by the NFL related to NCAA infractions for accepting improper benefits.

Active for the last four games this season, Pryor got three snaps in each of the last two games — a three-and-out series against the Kansas City Chiefs and three plays in specialty situations as a shotgun quarterback against Carolina.

Allen said the decision was based on giving the Raiders (4-11) the best chance to win against the Chargers (6-9), as well as keeping an eye toward 2013.

Thursday's Prep Girls Basketball

Toutle Lake Pulls Away in Second Half to Beat Toledo

By The Chronicle

TOLEDO — Toutle Lake pulled away in the second half for a 49-24 nonconference victory against Toledo here on Thursday night. Despite 14 points by Casee Rice, the Indians scored just 9 points in the

second half of the loss.

"We played a really good first half defensively," Toledo coach J.B. Ewers said. "We stayed right there with them before halftime. In the second half, they changed their defense and put more pressure

on the ball. That caused turnovers and led to some easy baskets for them."

Toledo trailed 22-15 at halftime, but was worn down by Toutle Lake's size and managed just 17 rebounds in the game. Chaslin Rice was the

leading rebounder with six.

"We didn't get a whole lot of second-chance opportunities," Ewers said.

Toledo (3-7 overall, 3-5 league) will host Castle Rock on Thursday.

Jack Q. Pearson Holiday Classic

Trojan Girls Finish 2-0 at Willapa Valley Tournament

By The Chronicle

MENLO — Pe Ell stood out against Pacific County competition in the Jack Q. Pearson Holiday Classic here Thursday and Friday, topping South Bend by 40 on Thursday and the host Willapa Valley Vikings by 23 on Friday in a pair of nonleague girls basketball games.

Alissa Brooks-Johnson scored 15 with eight rebounds, and Taylor Ratkie added 12 in the 56-16 win over South Bend on Thursday.

"We jumped on South Bend early on," Dawna Robinson said. "They had a hard time dealing with our press."

The Trojans trailed 20-12 after a quarter against Willapa Valley, but held the Vikings to just 19 points the rest of the way for an easy win.

"They were hot in the beginning," Robinson said. "We had a hard time finding them. It was rough."

Brooks-Johnson scored 22 points and Kayla Capps contributed 19 on Friday. Sami Robinson and Tabatha Skeen both had seven rebounds, with Robinson adding 10 points.

"We made some defensive adjustments which really worked. Willapa Valley is a very athletic quick team, but our girls did a really good job coming back," Robinson added. "They stayed calm and got to work."

Pe Ell (9-0 overall) will play at Napavine on Friday.

Trojans Fall to Willapa Valley

MENLO — The Trojans exploded for 22 points in the fourth quarter, but couldn't quite edge out the host Vikings in a 54-46 nonleague boys basketball loss here Friday night in the final game of the Jack Q. Pearson Holiday Classic at Willapa Valley High School.

Dustin Lusk scored 12, Austin Arrington added 11 and Devin Toepelt scored 10 and held Valley post Stephen Camenzind scoreless.

"That was the best basketball we've played all year," Trojan coach Dana Cox said, adding that freshman Red Arrington saw big minutes and contributed with 8 points.

Pe Ell, however, struggled at the free throw line, converting just 7 of 19 attempts — while Valley went 22 of 28 from the charity stripe.

Pe Ell shot 17 of 44 from the floor, but nearly half of the misses, according to Lusk, were from within about 6 feet of the hoop.

"Overall, defensively, this was our best game," Lusk pointed out. "Offensively, it's obviously not our best game."

Matt Konigsberger led Willapa Valley with 22 points.

Pe Ell (2-6, 0-4 Central 2B League) will host Napavine on Thursday.

Toepelt, Arrington Lead Trojans Past South Bend

MENLO — The Trojans jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter and held off South Bend, 59-49, here Thursday in nonleague boys hoops action at Willapa Valley's Jack Q. Pearson Holiday Classic.

Devin Toepelt scored 21 points with nine rebounds, and Austin Arrington scored 18.

"Austin Arrington just came over having a bad flu. He got over it yesterday and felt good enough to play," Trojan coach Dana Cox said, "and had the best game of his high school career so far."

Arrington shot 6 of 9 from long range, and drew praise from Cox for his ability to move without the ball and find open shots.

Dustin Lusk scored 5 points with 11 rebounds for Pe Ell, which led 19-8 after a quarter.

"The kids kind of still struggled with turnovers," Cox said, "but the kids played hard."



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Tenino's Devante Harris battles Wishkah Valley's Trey Berge for the basketball during nonconference Class 1A basketball action Thursday night in Tenino.

Tenino: Beavers Resume League Play Wednesday at Home

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Tenino (7-3, 3-0 in league) will host Hoquiam on Wednesday.

Beavers Shut Down Wishkah Valley

TENINO — The Beavers opened the inaugural Hal Wil-

liams Christmas Classic with a 56-37 win over Wishkah Valley here Thursday in nonleague boys hoops action.

Devante Harris scored 12 points, and all eight Beavers that saw the floor scored at least 3.

"We looked a little shaky at first, but our goal's always to win the first quarter," Tenino

coach Rod Enos said. "We did that, and were pretty balanced tonight."

Wishkah Valley, a 1B squad, came into the game with a 7-1 record with guard Brady Anderson averaging over 20 points a game. Dustin Hammond held Anderson to 12 points and just one field goal.

Ben Peterson scored 9, and Mac Shaw and Justin Conklin each scored 8.

The Beavers (6-3, 3-0 SWW 1A League Evergreen Division) will host Three Rivers Christian at 6 p.m. as the Christmas Classic concludes Friday.

College Basketball

Huskies Get Chance For Showcase Victory

BRING ON UCONN:

Matchup at Hartford's XL Center on ESPN2 is UW's Final Test Before Next Week's Pac-12 Opener and Last Chance to Knock Off a Big-Name, NonConference Opponent

By Percy Allen

The Seattle Times

For C.J. Wilcox and the Washington Huskies, Saturday's game at Connecticut is a chance to show they truly belong on the big stage with a college basketball powerhouse.

Washington has feasted on lesser competition the past two weeks while building a four-game winning streak.

The 4:30 p.m. matchup at Hartford's XL Center on ESPN2 is UW's final test before next week's Pac-12 opener and one last chance to knock off a big-name, nonconference opponent.

Washington is 1-1 against teams from BCS conferences — an 84-73 overtime win over Seton Hall and a 77-66 defeat to Ohio State in mid November in the Tip-Off Hall Fame Tournament in Connecticut.

"If we get this win, then it would kind of make up for where we messed up early in the season," Wilcox said. "It would be a big win."

Washington (8-4) is still

searching for a signature victory in a season that's included surprising defeats to Albany and Nevada. According to the RPI, its best win is against Saint Louis — which is 77th in that index.

UConn (9-2) is 25th in the RPI, and a road win for UW would bode well in March if the Huskies are on the bubble and in need of an at-large berth into the NCAA tournament.

"We had our first dose of playing on a big stage against Ohio State, and I think we handled it OK," Wilcox said. "I think we can be better. If we're dialed in and focused, we can win the game."

The allure of the nonconference matchup lost some luster during a tumultuous offseason for Connecticut.

Due to sub-standard scores on the Academic Progress Rate, UConn was banned from the 2013 postseason. Legendary coach Jim Calhoun retired in September with two years remaining on his contract.

Connecticut also suffered a mass exodus of players, including Andre Drummond and Jeremy Lamb, who were taken in the NBA draft, and Alex Oriakhi and Roscoe Smith, who transferred to Missouri and UNLV, respectively.

Despite the losses, the 2010 national champions have been impressive this season under the guidance of new coach Kevin Ollie. Guards Shabazz Napier, who averages 16.8 points, and Ryan Boatwright, who averages

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C.J. Wilcox,
UW Huskies player

16.1, have led the way while the big men have been serviceable.

Connecticut's backcourt should provide a formidable test for Wilcox, who averages a team-high 19.6 points, third in the Pac-12.

The 6-5 junior guard has scored in double figures in every game. He leads UW with 16 blocks and is third with a 4.5 rebounding average.

Wilcox is one of the best shooters in the Pac-12, and he has also taken on the role of defensive stopper.

It's been a major transformation for the unheralded three-star prospect from Pleasant Grove, Utah, who redshirted as a freshman and has not started more than 12 games in a season.

"I knew coming in with the guards we had — we had five people in front of me — that I really didn't want to waste a year not playing or playing three

minutes a game," Wilcox said. "That's why I redshirted. There were times people would say I wish you could play because we weren't shooting the ball very well."

"But I knew it would pay off later."

Coach Lorenzo Romar likened Wilcox's maturation to Brandon Roy and Quincy Pondexter, former UW players who developed into stars after four years in the program.

"Sometimes when it's your turn, you step up," Romar said. "We've had other guys do that. When it's their turn, they really stepped up."

"C.J. has really improved in all areas of the game. He's not just one-dimensional."

The additional responsibilities feel familiar to Wilcox.

"I did a little bit of everything in high school," he said. "My squad wasn't the greatest, so I had to do a little bit more. When I came here, other people were doing all of those things, so I had to dial it back and just take a few shots."

"Now my role is kind of being back to what it was in high school. I'm having to do a little more."

Notes: Saturday's matchup is the first meeting between Washington and Connecticut since the 2006 NCAA Sweet Sixteen, a 98-92 overtime Connecticut win. UConn beat UW 75-74 in the Sweet 16 on a last-second shot in 1998. UW is 0-3 in the series.

Timberwolves with 13 points and added nine rebounds.

"We attacked more in the second quarter and were able to get a better lead," Allen said.

Morton-White Pass, after a 6-3 lead in the first quarter, scored 17 points in the second and cruised for the rest of the game.

"It wasn't the prettiest of games, but I am glad to get a win on the road," Allen added. "Especially during our break. It was another good team win and I am pleased with them."

Morton-White Pass (6-2 overall) will continue tournament play today against host Raymond.

Raymond

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Morton-White Pass (6-1) will continue tournament action against Montesano today.

MWP Girls Drop Hoquiam

RAYMOND — Morton-

White Pass held off 1A Hoquiam, 47-33, here Friday in the girls portion of the Raymond New Year's Classic basketball tournament.

"It definitely was a slow start," Timberwolf coach Darrin Allen said. "It was a rough first quarter but we picked it up after that."

Lina Hieronymi led the

2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge



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Onalaska's Autumn Durand takes a shot in the key against Naches Valley during the 2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge on Friday night in Winlock.

Loggers Go 2-0 at Winlock Tournament

By The Chronicle

WINLOCK — Onalaska finished Winlock's 2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge with a 2-0 record after a 43-32 win over 1A Naches Valley here Friday in nonleague girls hoops action.

"We started off slow and struggled offensively," Logger coach Doug Ashmore said. "We slowly began to hold them."

After giving up 11 points in the first quarter, the Rangers scored 7 in each frame for the remainder of the contest.

Autumn Durand scored 22 points for the Loggers and added nine rebounds, and Karlee Hutchinson got credit from Ashmore for her performance (9 points).

"I was glad to see Hutchinson scoring for us and driving the team," he said.

"We got to get better at attacking and shooting better," Ashmore added. "Our bench helped a lot in the second half, which we will need down the road."

Onalaska (9-1) will play at Winlock on Friday in a Central 2B League contest.

Cardinals Fall to Goldendale

WINLOCK — The Cardinals held tough at first, but eventually faded in a 47-26 loss to 1A



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Onalaska's Jessica Simons takes a shot in the key against Naches Valley during the 2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge on Friday night in Winlock.

Goldendale here at the 2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge on Friday night. Jazmine Lopez made four shots in the first quarter en route to a team-high 10 points but Winlock was out-

scored 25-13 after halftime.

"Turnovers are our biggest nemesis right now," Winlock coach Scott Ashmore said. "I was happy with the way we played and our energy was a lot

better than Thursday. We just haven't been able to put together four quarters."

Winlock (1-7 overall, 0-5 league) will host Central 2B opponent Onalaska next Friday.

Onalaska Defeats Goldendale

WINLOCK — The Loggers didn't have any rust from the Holiday break and downed 1A Goldendale 51-32 in their first game of the 2B/1A Holiday Basketball Challenge at Winlock on Thursday night.

"We just kind of kept the same intensity the entire game and got to see a lot of kids play," Onalaska coach Doug Ashmore said. "Overall it was a good game and a good win for us."

Autumn Durand led the team in scoring with 24 points and six rebounds, while Karlee Hutchinson added nine points. Onalaska led 22-14 at halftime, and outscored Goldendale by 11 points after the break.

"It was good for our girls," Ashmore said. "We knew nothing about the team so it was nice to see them adjust."

Winlock Drops Tournament Opener to Naches Valley

The Cardinals fell to Naches Valley 49-20 here on Thursday night, despite six points from Sydney Bradley.

"We didn't have a lot of energy and Naches Valley likes to get out and run," Ashmore said. "They're very quick and got up and down the court. We just didn't get back and play defense."

North Beach Holiday Tournament Basketball

Beavers Go Fall to Hyaks, Mary M. Knight at North Beach

By The Chronicle

OYEHUT — Tenino played three strong quarters, but gave up 17 points in the fourth for a 48-35 loss to Holiday Tournament host North Beach here on Friday night. The Beavers led 28-21 heading into the fourth quarter but the Hyaks outscored them by 10 in the final stanza.

"The kids came out to play

and they did so many good things in this game," Tenino coach Wanda Blanksma said. "It was a shame to see things unravel for us but all the kids got in the game and did positive things."

Nicole Huber and Taylor Tibbetts both led the team with nine points. Blanksma added that she liked the defense and leadership that seniors Lindsay

Morales, Bridgette Blosl and Huber provided.

"The kids played great, by far the best game of the year," Blanksma said. "I liked seeing the balanced scoring and more people attacking the basket. We just didn't take care of the basketball in the fourth. We tried to do too many things and force too many things. They stepped up and hit some shots."

Tenino will resume league play at home on Wednesday against Hoquiam.

Tenino Falls to Mary M. Knight

OYEHUT — Mary M. Knight pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 38-28 victory against Tenino at the North Beach Holiday Tournament on Thursday. The Beavers trailed

by a bucket at the half, 16-15, but the Owls outscored them by nine in the second half.

Taylor Tibbetts led the team with 15 points and 11 rebounds. Bridgette Blosl added five boards. "The kids came out ready to play and won the first quarter," Blanksma said. "We just didn't finish the game. We missed a lot of shots early on that could have stretched things out for us."

Prep Girls Basketball

Mountaineers Top Mossyrock, 50-40 Clippers Rally to Win 16th Straight

By The Chronicle

MOSSYROCK — Mossyrock may have still been in winter break mode in a 50-40 loss to Rainier here Friday in girls non-league basketball action.

"I think we might have taken a ton of steps backwards tonight," Viking coach Tori Nelson said. "We had a nice streak going for us, too."

Calli Hensch led Mossyrock with 18 points and eight rebounds, and Autumn Moorcroft added 12 points.

"We couldn't run our offense well and didn't do great defensively either," Nelson noted. "Our free throws (11 of 29) were horrible."

The Vikings had been looking for a little payback after a

loss to the Mountaineers earlier in the season.

"I thought we'd be ready to come out, but we were outplayed and out-coached," she said. "We just did not execute."

Mossyrock (3-6, 2-3 in league) will play at Wahkiakum on Friday.

NBA

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Chris Paul scored 29 points and the Los Angeles Clippers rallied from a 19-point deficit in the third quarter to beat the Utah Jazz 116-114 on Friday night, stretching their winning streak to 16 games.

Ex-Clipper Randy Foye's three-pointer at the buzzer was contested by Matt Barnes, but no foul was called. Foye finished

with a season-high 28 points for Utah.

Paul scored the Clippers' final seven points, most from the free-throw line, as Los Angeles extended the NBA's longest winning streak this season.

Paul provided the offense with 13 points on 4-of-6 shooting in the third. He added nine points in the fourth.

NWAACC Women's Basketball

Lady Blazers Win Lady Devil Opener

By The Chronicle

LONGVIEW — Centralia College won its opener in the 2012 Lady Devil Holiday Tournament here Friday night, blasting Mount Hood 85-48.

Kristen Schoenherr led the Blazers with 18 points and six rebounds, while Kyahri Adams added 15. Leah Davis scored 13 and Ali Brossard chipped in 10.

"I thought we came out and played a lot better team ball tonight," Centralia coach Shane Schutz said. "We attacked the basket well, but we also distributed the ball well, and just played great team ball tonight."

Schoenherr, Brossard, Davis and Shanae Sauls all grabbed six rebounds for Centralia, which led 41-22 at halftime.

The Blazers (6-2) will face Whatcom in the tournament semifinals at 6 p.m. today.

College Basketball

Seattle U Men, Women Make WAC Milestones Saturday

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

The Seattle University men's basketball team crosses another milestone as it plays its first game in the Western Athletic Conference at 7 p.m. Saturday night in KeyArena against Idaho.

The contest is the first NCAA Division I conference game in 33 years for Seattle U, which moved to Division I basketball in 2008. Since then, the Redhawks have been playing as an independent, having last played a conference game in the Division II Great Northwest Athletic Conference in the 2007-08 season.

As a member of the WAC, the Redhawks are eligible for the NCAA men's basketball tournament and will play in the WAC postseason tournament March 12-16 in Las Vegas for a shot at the conference's automatic bid.

Utah State, tabbed by the media as the preseason favorite, has so far lived up to the hype, standing at 9-1 as conference play begins.

Seattle U, meanwhile, is 5-5, having beaten Campbell 72-49 in its most recent game last Saturday.

The Redhawks are led in scoring by junior forward Clarence Trent, a UW transfer, at 10.8 points per game. Redshirt freshman Deshaun Sunderhaus is next at 10.3. Junior guard D'Vonne Pickett Jr. is coming off his best game as a Redhawk with 16 points, 10 rebounds and five assists in the win over Campbell.

Idaho (4-6) was picked fifth in the preseason media poll; Seattle U. was eighth.

The game will be broadcast on 770-AM KTTH and also televised live on ROOT Sports.

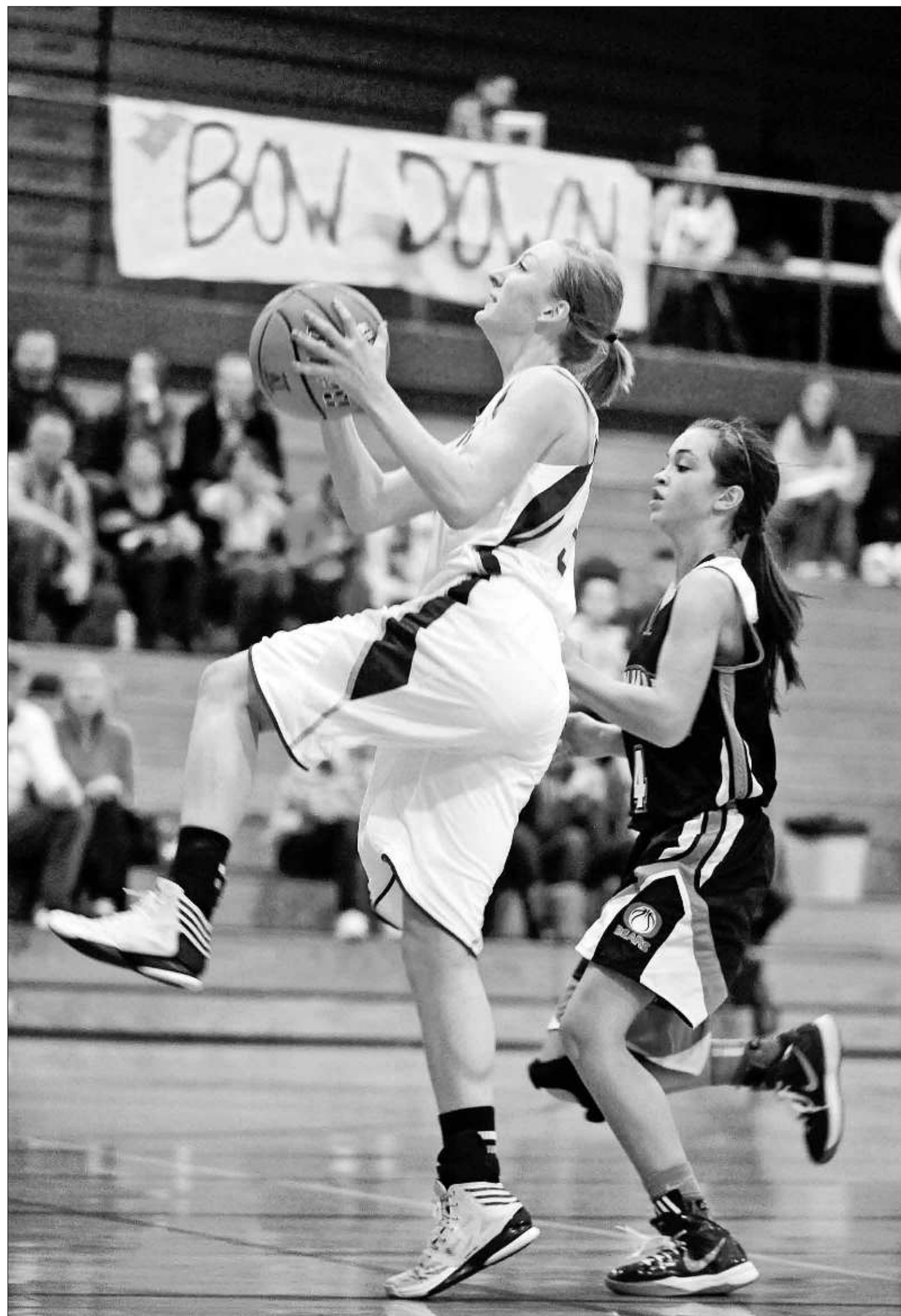
Seattle U Women Also Open in WAC

The Seattle U women heard the same comment after nearly every game: They'll surprise teams in conference play.

SU (3-6) will have the chance beginning with its WAC opener at Idaho (3-8) on Saturday. It's SU's inaugural season as an NCAA tournament-eligible team after transitioning back to Division I status. The Redhawks were picked to finish fourth in preseason conference polls.

Seattle U appears weaker than that due to its record after a competitive nonconference schedule. But the Redhawks' losses have been by an average of 3.5 points. Two were overtime defeats.

Still, the Redhawks are deep in the pack headed into conference play where only three WAC teams have winning records.



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W.F. West's Raegan Nelson attempts to lay the basketball in against Olympia in nonconference basketball action Thursday night in Chehalis.

Bearcats: Nelson Scores 14 Points; Cats Host Port Angeles Today

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The Bearcats then finished the third on an 11-0 run to make the final stanza more of a formality than anything.

Nelson shot 5 of 7 from the floor and finished with a team-high 14 points for the Bearcats, while Parker added 12 points and 10 rebounds. Katie Hankins scored 8, and Julie Spencer scored 7 with six boards.

W.F. West (6-3) will host Port Angeles at 5 p.m. today.

Tigers Slip Past Washougal

The Tigers played a close battle with Washougal and pulled it out at the end 68-64 in nonconference action on Friday night at Ron Brown Court in the Hub City. Alyx Fast led the team with 26 points while Michaela Hall added 21 and Katie Gabbard

scored 13.

The Tigers trailed 34-31 at the half, but outscored the Panthers by 5 in the third and held onto the lead in the fourth.

"I'm happy to have the win. We got it at the end by hitting some free throws and working the clock." Centralia coach Tom Kelly said. "But there are some things we have to work out. Our defense was very soft and I thought we looked out of shape.

That's definitely going to be our focus."

Hall and Abbey Slorey both pulled down 14 rebounds for Centralia.

"At the beginning of the game and throughout it we were missing too many layups," Kelly said. "That's got to quit too."

Centralia (7-4 overall, 1-2 league) will host Tumwater next Thursday.

Prep Boys Basketball

Bearcats Drop Meridian in SunDome Shootout

By The Chronicle

YAKIMA — W.F. West fired up its offense in the fourth quarter to come back and beat Meridian, 41-38, here Friday in the all-boys SunDome Shootout.

"We could not shoot for most the game," Bearcat coach Ryan Robertson said. "The dome is a strange feeling place and it's new for us."

Meridian led 30-19 at the end of the third, but the Bearcats scored 22 in the final frame to eke out a win.

"They played good defense against us and didn't give us many looks at the net," Robertson said. "When we did get a look we couldn't put it down."

Brock Wade scored 17 points for W.F. West and Tanner Gueller added 5 points and eight rebounds.

"We worked hard defensively for the whole game," Robertson noted. "Finally, in the fourth, we began mak-

ing shots and we executed our game play well. They were a challenge for us, but we made plays when we needed to and I'm proud of the win."

W.F. West (7-3 overall) will play Zillah today at the Yakima SunDome in the final day of the Shootout.

Warriors Top Napavine for Second Win

ROCHESTER — Rochester finished with a strong fourth quarter to top Napavine, 40-38, here Friday in nonleague boys basketball action.

"This game was pretty tight throughout," Warrior coach Mark Goldrick said. "We were down in the fourth but battled back."

Napavine led 31-28 in the beginning of the fourth and stretched its lead as the quarter wore on, before the Warriors were able to fight back.

"We had to scramble late

in the fourth," Goldrick said. "We made some key shots and closed it down."

Tyler Yarber scored 14 points to lead the Warriors and Colton Smith led in boards with 10.

"I challenged them at the half and the boys responded," Goldrick added. "They rebounded better, tightened up their defense and got after it. That's what allowed us to sneak back into the game. Then, we finished it."

J.T. Kaut led Napavine with 11 points.

Rochester (2-8, 0-4 in league) will host Elma on Friday, while Napavine is at Pe Ell on Thursday.

Pirates Win in Chelan

CHELAN — Adna pulled out a back-and-forth, 58-48 win over Life Christian here Friday in boys portion of the Chelan Goats Holiday Hoop

Tournament.

"We came out with good intensity and jumped on them early," Pirate coach Casey Dotson said. "They came back and found their stride in the second quarter and the game was evenly matched from then on."

Tucker Coleman led the Pirates with 21 points and Brenden Webster picked up eight rebounds to go with 9 points.

"We had a one point lead at the half and we picked up another good quarter in the third," Dotson said. Adna led 43-33 at the end of the third and both teams went on to score 15 points.

"Tucker gave our team a good lift on both sides of the court," Dotson mentioned. "He played hard for four quarters of the game."

Adna (6-1) will play in the tournament championship against host Chelan today.

Sports Briefs

UW Women Down UC Davis

The Seattle Times

DAVIS, Calif. — It must have been a heck of a half-time speech by Washington women's basketball coach Kevin McGuff. After trailing by two at halftime, UW had a remarkable second half in an 81-56 win over UC Davis. The Huskies (8-3) outscored the Aggies 54-27 in the second half. Jazmine Davis scored 25 to lead Washington, and she was 6 of 9 from three-point range. Talia Walton had 15 points and 12 rebounds for UW, and Aminah Williams had 12 points and 13 rebounds. Sydnee Fipps scored 18 for UC Davis (5-5), which led 29-27 at halftime.

Rochester Places Four Grapplers at Rock Island Tournament

By The Chronicle

VASHON ISLAND — Rochester had four wrestlers stand on the podium at the Rock Island Tournament on Friday. Lucas Eastman took first place in the 145-pound division, while Juan Jimenez took third place at 152 pounds. Rochester also got fifth place finishes from Bobby Brien (126) and Matt Shields (220).

Lewis County Volcano Soccer Club Hosts Winter Academy

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Volcano Soccer Club will be putting on their winter academy starting Jan. 3. The Academy will be held at Tiger Stadium in Centralia at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings through January, February and March. Players will get the opportunity to continue training and playing small-sided games. Cost is \$40 and ages 6 to 17 are welcomed to attend. You can find more details and register online at www.volcanosoccer.com.

Sports on the Air

SATURDAY, Dec. 29 COLLEGE FOOTBALL 8:45 a.m.

ESPN — Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas, Rice vs. Air Force

12:15 p.m. ESPN — Pinstripe Bowl at New York, West Virginia vs. Syracuse

1 p.m. ESPN2 — Fight Hunger Bowl at San Francisco, Navy vs. Arizona State

3:45 p.m. ESPN — Alamo Bowl at San Antonio, Texas vs. Oregon State

7:15 p.m. ESPN — Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl at Tempe, Ariz., TCU vs. Michigan State

9 a.m. ESPN2 — Santa Clara at Duke

11 a.m. ESPN2 — UNLV at North Carolina

FSN — Tulsa vs. Florida State, at Sunrise, Fla.

1 p.m. CBS — Kentucky at Louisville

1:30 p.m. FSN — Air Force vs. Florida, at Sunrise, Fla.

3 p.m. PAC-12 — Washington State vs. Idaho State

4:30 p.m. ESPN2 — Washington at UConn

NBA BASKETBALL 5 p.m. WGN — Washington at Chicago

SOCCER 6:55 a.m. ESPN2 — Premier League, West Bromwich at Manchester United

SUNDAY, Dec. 30 NFL FOOTBALL 10 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader

FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader

1:25 p.m. CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader

game FOX — Regional coverage, doubleheader

5:20 p.m. NBC — Teams TBA

MONDAY, Dec. 31 COLLEGE FOOTBALL 9 a.m.

ESPN — Music City Bowl, NC State vs. Vanderbilt, at Nashville, Tenn.

11 a.m. CBS — Sun Bowl, Southern Cal vs. Georgia Tech, at El Paso, Texas

12:30 p.m. ESPN — Liberty Bowl, Iowa St. vs. Tulsa, at Memphis, Tenn.

4:30 p.m. ESPN — Chick-Fil-A Bowl, LSU vs. Clemson, at Atlanta

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 9 a.m.

ESPN2 — Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

11 a.m. ESPN2 — Michigan St. at Minnesota

1 p.m. ESPN2 — Indiana at Iowa

3 p.m. ESPN2 — Gonzaga at Oklahoma St.

5 p.m. ESPN2 — Harvard at Saint Mary's (Cal)

NBA BASKETBALL Noon

WGN — Charlotte at Chicago

Scoreboard

FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A
Three Rivers Christian (33) — Martinez 6, Cadell 1, Hoffman 4, Carns 6, Hull 8, Moore 8
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A

At Rochester
WARRIORS 40, TIGERS 38
 Rochester 12 8 8 12 —40
 Napavine 10 12 9 7 —38
Rochester (40) — Yarber 14, Gedney 6, Blanchard 6, Ranger 5, Smith 4, Riggsbee 3, Wilson 2
 FG: 15 of 56 —.268 FT: 9 of 21 —.429
 Reb. 28 (Smith 10)
Napavine (38) — Kaut 11, Twidwell 8, Doughty 5, Brossard 5, Hoyt 4, Sherwood 3, Grace 2
 FG: n/a FT: 10 of 26 —.385 Reb. n/a

Girls Basketball
At Chehalis
BEARCATS 54, BEARS 27
 Olympia 9 8 2 8 —27
 W.F. West 12 9 22 11 —54
Olympia (27) — Randich 7, S. Snodgrass 4, Frank 2, Cooper 2, Cebula 10, Snodgrass 2
 FG: 11 of 43 —.255 FT: 4 of 9 —.444
 Reb. 21 (Cebula 7)
W.F. West (54) — Weeks 2, Nelson 14, McKay 6, Parker 12, DeTray 5, Spencer 7, Hickman 8
 FG: 16 of 42 —.381 FT: 17 of 24 —.708 Reb. 30 (Parker 10)

At Menlo
TROJANS 62, VIKINGS 39
 Pe Ell 12 19 11 20 —62
 Willapa Valley 20 7 4 8 —39
Pe Ell (62) — Robinson 10, Ratkie 8, Skeen 2, Brooks-Johnson 22, Capps 19, Miller 1
 FG: 19 of 44 —.432 FT: 15 of 25 —.600 Reb. 30 (Robinson, Skeen 7)
Willapa Valley (39) — Hoover 4, K. Freise 19, Walker 8, Smarciaz 5, Hardin 3
 FG: 16 of 46 —.348 FT: 6 of 16 —.375 Reb. 29

At Raymond
TIMBERWOLVES 47, GRIZZLIES 33
 Morton-WP 6 17 6 18 —47
 Hoquiam 3 7 9 14 —33
Morton-White Pass (47) — Elledge 6, Atkisknoff 7, Kelly 11, Allen 3, Hieronymi 13, Robbins 7
 FG: 17 of 45 —.378 FT: 8 of 16 —.500
 Reb. 25 (Hieronymi 9)
Hoquiam (33) — Quercia 6, Parker 2, Creston 8, C. Stewart 13, Madison 4
 FG: 14 of 48 —.292 FT: 3 of 4 —.750
 Reb. 19 (C. Stewart 7)

At Winlock
LOGGERS 43, RANGERS 32
 Onalaska 12 10 8 13 —43
 Naches Valley 11 7 7 7 —32
Onalaska (43) — Smalley 2, Urcy 3, Neilson 3, Durand 22, Hutchison 9, Vent 2, Kinsman 2
 FG: 19 of 53 —.358 FT: 3 of 9 —.333
 Reb. 36 (Durand 9)
Naches Valley (32) — Martin 2, Roberts 7, Andrews 5, Smith 7, Romero 5, Jennerjohn 2, Wells 2, Heide 2
 FG: 14 of 42 —.333 FT: 3 of 5 —.600
 Reb. 15

At Mossyrock
MOUNTAINEERS 50, VIKINGS 40
 Mossyrock 8 16 4 12 —40
 Rainier 14 11 12 13 —50
Mossyrock (40) — Brown 5, Quintlan 2, Moorcroft 12, Nelson 1, McCoy 2, Hensch 18
 FG: 13 of 39 —.333 FT: 11 of 29 —.379 Reb. 27 (Hensch 8)
Rainier (50) — Mortlock 11, Thomas 2, Turcott 2, Eygabroad 4, Honaker 8, Naumann 5, Brown 10, Dungan 6, Justice 2
 FG: 19 of 50 —.380 FT: 11 of 19 —.579 Reb. 20

At Oyeheut
OWLS 38, BEAVERS 28
 Mary M. Knight 10 9 13 —38
 Tenino 8 7 6 7 —28
Tenino (28) — Morales 3, Richardson 4, Bosl 4, Huber 2, Taylor Tibbets 15
 FG: 13 of 49 —.265 FT: 2 of 9 —.222
 Reb. 30 (Tibbets 11, Bosl 5)
Mary M. Knight (38) — Valley 6, Sowle 6, Ackley 7, Adsero, Dierkop 10, Frost 8
 FG: 15 of 54 —.277 FT: 7 of 11 —.636

At Centralia
TIGERS 68, PANTHERS 64
 Centralia 12 19 19 18 —68
 Washougal 10 24 14 16 —64
Centralia (68) — Fast 26, Crews 2, Gabbart 13, Hall 21, Slorey, Pocklington 4, Brower 3
 FG: 19 of 59 —.322 FT: 25 of 36 —.694 Reb. 47 (Hall 14, Slorey 14)
Washougal (64) — Briggs 2, Sharp 26, Allen 9, Kitchen, Chase 2, Townsend 2, McDowel 8, Blankenship 14
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A

At Winlock
T-WOLVES 47, CARDINALS 26
 Goldendale 13 9 14 11 —47
 Winlock 8 5 6 7 —26
Winlock (26) — Bradley 5, Alvord 7, Lopez 10, Stalcup 4
 FG: 12 of 36 —.333 FT: 0 of 2 —.000
Goldendale (47) — Bishaw 2, Counts 5, Holbrook 2, Lewis 18, C. Smith 12, H. Smith 5, Ladiges 3
 FG: 18 of 44 —.409 FT: 9 of 17 —.529

Thursday's Results
Boys Basketball
At Centralia
TIGERS 85, ROUGHRIDERS 63
 Port Angeles 10 15 24 14 —63
 Centralia 27 13 22 —85
Port Angeles (85) — Gunderson 15, Trieder 13, Hathaway 3, Peyton 12, Schumacher 12, Rixon 2, Isett 6
 FG: 27 of 81 —.333 FT: 5 of 8 —.625
 Reb. 34
Centralia (63) — Tasby 36, Blaser 9, Scott 11, Studeman 8, Baumann 10, Housden 3, Neely 5, Waring 3
 FG: 32 of 72 —.444 FT: 14 of 17 —.824 Reb. 37 (Baumann 12, Scott 7)

At Tenino
BEAVERS 56, LOGGERS 37
 Wishkah Val. 5 9 11 12 —37
 Tenino 10 13 17 16 —56
Wishkah Valley (37) — Olson, Brady Anderson 12, Gardener 2, Phein 1, Jace Anderson 5, Arnold 4, Gavin 9, Trey 5
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A
Tenino (56) — Hammond 3, B. Harris 6, Nihls Peterson 4, Conklin 8, Egge 6, D. Harris 12, Shaw 8, B. Peterson 9
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. N/A

At Menlo
TROJANS 59, INDIANS 49
 Pe Ell 19 11 15 14 —59
 South Bend 8 16 14 11 —49
Pe Ell (59) — D. Justice 1, Ai. Arrington, A. Smith 2, N. Bailey 5, Compton, Russell, Au. Arrington 18, D. Lusk 5, Toepelt 21, Speck 7
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. 31 (Lusk 11)
South Bend (49) — Morales, Diaz 5, Johnson 9, Davis 13, Lewis 9, Madrid, Johnson 3, Kunke, Edwards 8, Elliott 2
 FG: N/A FT: N/A Reb. 31

Girls Basketball
At Toledo
DUCKS 49, INDIANS 24
 Toutle Lake 8 14 11 16 —49
 Toledo 8 7 4 5 —24
Toledo (24) — Casee Rice 14, Chaslin Rice 2, Hailey Tausher 1, Kaley Whipp 7
 FG: 10 of 29 —.345 FT: 3 of 10 —.300
 Reb. 17 (Chaslin Rice 6)
Toutle Lake (49) — Woodley 14, Hockett 13, Kent 4, Hockett 6, Gardner 1, Gardner 3, Adams 8
 FG: N/A FT: 16 of 27 —.592 Reb. N/A

At Winlock
LOGGERS 51, TIMBERWOLVES 32
 Onalaska 13 9 14 15 —51
 Goldendale 6 8 9 9 —32
Onalaska (51) — Jessica Paxton 2, Neilson 9, Durand 24, Hutchinson 9, Vint 3, Kinsman 4
 FG: 23 of 48 —.479, FT: 2 of 5 —.400,
 Team Rebound 21 (Durand 6)
Goldendale (32) — Counts 5, Holbrook 4, Lewis 19, H. Smith 2, Ladgies 2
 FG: 10 of 33 —.303, FT: 11 of 18 —.611,
 Team Rebounds: 22

At Menlo
TROJANS 56, INDIANS 16
 Pe Ell 19 13 15 9 —56
 South Bend 6 5 2 3 —16
Pe Ell (56) — Robinson 6, A. Alden 6, Ratkie 12, Skeen 3, Brooks-Johnson 15, Capps 7, Miller 7
 FG: 22 of 61 —.361 FT: 10 of 18 —.556 Reb. 32 (Brooks-Johnson 8)
South Bend (16) — Cearns 3, Sanchez 3, Russell 4, Curtis 4, Wilson 2
 FG: 7 of 36 —.194 FT: 3 of 6 —.500
 Reb. 23

Friday's Prep Scores
BOYS BASKETBALL
 Aberdeen 62, Shelton 17
 Almira/Coulee-Hartline 64, Wellpinit 59
 Auburn Riverside 67, Rogers (Puyallup) 66
 Ballard 74, Lindbergh 62
 Bellevue 66, Ridgeland, Miss. 48
 Bethel 55, Juanita 50
 Cascade Christian 53, Kentlake 32
 Chelan 51, Kiona-Benton 27
 Cheney 65, Riverside 46
 Chewelah 50, Reardan 34
 Chief Leschi 72, Shoreline Christian 34
 Cle Elum/Roslyn 49, Quincy 39
 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 68, Stanwood 66
 Colfax 54, Lewiston, Idaho 30
 Colton 65, Kamiah, Idaho 60
 Columbia (White Salmon) 62, LaCenter 56
 Connell 52, White Swan 32
 Eastlake 63, Archbishop Riordan, Calif. 62
 Fife 61, Tye 40
 Franklin Pierce 89, Bonney Lake 63
 Glacier Peak 53, Post Falls, Idaho 31
 Granger 53, Columbia (Burbank) 40
 Hanford 62, Mt. Spokane 53
 Ilwaco 54, Seton Catholic 50
 Issaquah 58, Edmonds-Woodway 55
 Jackson 64, Squalicum 37
 King's 70, Enumclaw 66
 Lakeside (Seattle) 48, Wenatchee 47
 Lind-Ritzville/Sprague 82, St. John-Endicott 44
 Mariner 62, Marysville-Getchell 54
 Moses Lake 66, Pasco 54
 Mount Baker 54, Concrete 26
 Mount Tahoma 79, Graham-Kapowsin 63
 Mountain View 59, Lake Stevens 56
 Myrtle Point, Ore. 64, King's Way Christian School 63
 Newport 62, Springdale 34
 Pomeroy 62, Tekoa-Oakesdale 32
 Renton 62, Inglemoor 55
 Rochester 40, Napavine 38
 Roosevelt 57, Righetti, Calif. 54
 Stevenson 68, Klickitat 24
 Tulalip Heritage 55, Muckleshoot Tribal School 44
 Valley Christian 73, DeSales 68
 West Valley (Yakima) 61, Toppenish 50
 Westlake, Calif. 71, Eastside Catholic 58
 Wishkah Valley 59, Northwest Christian (Lacey) 48
 Archbishop Murphy Christmas Tournament

Mountain View 63, Lambrick Park, British Columbia 48
 Semifinal
 Archbishop Murphy 60, Washington 54
 Barlow Trail Tournament
 Skyview 47, St. Helens, Ore. 44
 Springfield, Ore. 57, Evergreen (Vancouver) 44
 Bellevue Tournament
 Oak Harbor 60, Monroe 53
 Kentwood 76, Bear Creek School 35
 Bothell Holiday Tournament
 Shorecrest 72, Ingraham 30
 Brewster Tournament
 First Round
 Brewster 74, Liberty Bell 37
 Cactus Jam
 Ransom Everglades, Fla. 50, Cedar Park Christian (Bothell) 64
 Lake Washington 58, Scottsdale Christian, Ariz. 49
 Cascade Holiday Tournament
 Okanogan 90, Northwest School 40
 Chelan Holiday Tournament
 Adna 57, Life Christian Academy 48
 Coeur D' Alene Holiday Tournament
 Anacortes 68, Chief Sealth 62
 Crush in the Slush
 Auburn Mountainview 51, Sedro-Woolley 47
 Dayton Christmas Tournament
 LaCrosse/Washtucna 55, Elgin, Ore. 27
 Wahkiakum 65, Asotin 64, 2OT
 De Sales Christmas Classic
 University Prep 49, Touchet 32
 Energy Classic Tournament
 Consolation Semifinal
 Battle Ground 55, Casper Natrona, Wyo. 47
 Franklin Tournament of Champions
 Consolation Semifinal
 Clover Park 63, Cleveland 50
 Grant, Ore. 85, Lakes 61
 Semifinal
 Franklin 93, Canyon Springs, Nev. 76
 Union 64, Foss 55
 Greg Larson Memorial Christmas Classic in Freeman
 Consolation
 St. George's 66, Freeman 42
 Championship
 Pullman 65, St. Maries, Idaho 56
 Holiday Classic
 Cascade (Everett) 47, Overlake School 39
 Walla Walla 44, Clarkston 43
 Lake City Tournament
 Consolation Semifinal
 Lakeland, Idaho 62, Auburn 53
 South Kitsap 66, Sandpoint, Idaho 34
 Semifinal
 Garfield 56, Puyallup 21
 Lake City, Idaho 60, Wilson 51
 Les Schwab Hoop Challenge
 Kennedy 58, Kent-Meridian 56
 Les Schwab Invitational
 Consolation
 Semifinal
 Columbia River 54, Southridge, Ore. 51
 Lynden Christian Tournament
 Lynden Christian 63, Sultan 20
 Sehore 60, Cashmere 57
 Max Press Tournament
 Rainier Beach 63, Miller Grove, Ga. 65
 Mountlake Terrace Tournament
 Snohomish 38, Mountlake Terrace 55
 Kelso 39, Arlington 71
 Mark Morris 69, Foster 64
 Ferndale 53, Marysville-Pilchuck 45
 North Beach Tournament
 Taholah 44, North Beach 43
 North Thurston Tournament

Timberline 59, Tumwater 58
 Yelm 47, North Thurston 38
 Orange Holiday Classic
 Kentridge 69, Esperanza, Calif. 55
 Pearson Holiday Classic
 LaConner 62, South Bend 39
 Willapa Valley 54, Pe Ell 46
 Raymond Tournament
 Hoquiam 79, Morton/White Pass 78, 2OT
 Montesano 44, Raymond 40
 San Diego Surf & Slam Tournament
 Lynden 52, Skyline 43
 South Salem Saxon Tournament
 Corvallis, Ore. 52, Woodinville 36
 Liberty 61, Dallas, Ore. 27
 Spartan Holiday Classic
 Odesa-Harrington 58, Wilbur-Creston 46
 Rosalia 54, Davenport 48
 Sun Dome Tournament
 Bremerton 61, Bellevue Christian 32
 Capital 66, Kalama 55
 Castle Rock 51, Goldendale 44
 Hockinson 55, Lakeside (Nine Mile Falls) 48, OT
 Kamiakin 54, Redmond 42
 Kennewick 58, Sammamish 51
 La Salle 55, Friday Harbor 56
 Lakewood 44, North Valley 39

Seattle Academy 64, Northwest Christian (Coburn) 55
 Seattle Christian 52, Ridgefield 45
 Toledo 50, White River 47
 Vashon Island 51, Riverside Christian 39
 W. F. West 41, Meridian 38
 Zillah 55, Steilacoom 50
 Tournament
 Oakville 57, Rainier Christian 49
 Christian Faith 79, Bush 57
 Vince Dulcich Tournament
 R.A. Long 49, North Marion, Ore. 40
 VisitMesa.Com Tournament

Third Round
 Mercer Island 50, Gilbert, Ariz. 45
 Waterville Christmas Tournament
 Waterville 55, Mansfield 18
 West Valley Energy Classic
 Timberlake, Idaho 62, Medical Lake 45
 West Valley (Spokane) 54, Bonners Ferry, Idaho 36

Local Results
Men's Basketball
Friday's Results
At Oregon City
TRAILBLAZERS 76, WARRIORS 66
 Centralia 40 36 —76
 Walla Walla 32 33 —65
Centralia (76) — Lockett 5, Fuller 8, Carras 15, Broussard 18, Dam 4, Mozeek Waggener 18, Dumetz 13, Miles Waggener 8
 FG: 28 of 63 —.444 FT: 15 of 19 —.789 Reb. 45 (Mozeek Waggener 15)
Walla Walla (65) — Radliff 19, Rada 14, Reich 8, Hahn 13, Harr 8, Hight 1, Nooner 2
 FG: 24 of 61 —.393 FT: 12 of 17 —.706 Reb. 25 (Hight, Harr, Rada 5)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Local Results
Men's Basketball
Friday's Results
At Oregon City
TRAILBLAZERS 76, WARRIORS 66
 Centralia 40 36 —76
 Walla Walla 32 33 —65
Centralia (76) — Lockett 5, Fuller 8, Carras 15, Broussard 18, Dam 4, Mozeek Waggener 18, Dumetz 13, Miles Waggener 8
 FG: 28 of 63 —.444 FT: 15 of 19 —.789 Reb. 45 (Mozeek Waggener 15)
Walla Walla (65) — Radliff 19, Rada 14, Reich 8, Hahn 13, Harr 8, Hight 1, Nooner 2
 FG: 24 of 61 —.393 FT: 12 of 17 —.706 Reb. 25 (Hight, Harr, Rada 5)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowl Games
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
BBVA 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

Week 17 Games
Sunday's Games
 Chicago at Detroit, 10 a.m.
 Jacksonville at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
 Houston at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
 Carolina at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
 Philadelphia at NY Giants, 10 a.m.
 Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
 Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 10 a.m.
 NY Jets at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
 Baltimore at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
 Green Bay at Minnesota, 1:25 p.m.
 Miami at New England, 1:25 p.m.
 Kansas City at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
 Oakland at San Diego, 1:25 p.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
 St. Louis at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 5:20 p.m.

PREP

Local Schedule
SATURDAY, Dec. 29
Girls Basketball
 Port Angeles at W.F. West, 5 p.m.

Tournament Basketball
Men's College Basketball
Clackamas Holiday Tournament at Oregon City: Day 2
 Game 5: Linn-Benton vs. Yakima Valley (1:00 pm)
 Game 6: Walla Walla vs. Everett (3:00 pm)
 Game 7: Tacoma vs. Peninsula (5:00 pm)
 Game 8: Centralia vs. Clackamas (7:00 pm)

Women's College Basketball
Lady Devil Holiday Tournament at Longview: Day 2
 Game 5: Mt. Hood vs. Yakima Valley (1:00 pm)
 Game 6: Blue Mountain vs. Lower Columbia (3:00 pm)
 Game 7: Centralia vs. Whatcom (6:00 pm)
 Game 8: North Idaho vs. Big Bend (8:00 pm)

Wilbur-Ellis Yakima SunDome Shoot-out (Boys)
 Ridgefield vs. Seattle Academy, 10:30

NFL



Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

Seattle Seahawks' Marshawn Lynch (24) rushes against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday in Seattle.

KEEPING UP THE MOMENTUM

HOME SWEET HOME:

Seahawks Victory Might Mean Playoff Game at Century Link Field

By Tim Booth

The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — No matter how unlikely, Pete Carroll is grasping at the slim chance his Seattle Seahawks still have of winning the NFC West.

Sure the Seahawks would need a win over St. Louis on Sunday and help from Arizona to make playing at home early in the postseason a reality. But as long as there remains the chance of Seattle getting a home playoff game, and with it a division title, Carroll is going to try and grab it.

"It's been great playing at home during the season, and if this is our last chance at it then we want to make the most of it," Carroll said. "If we can put ourselves in position to come back again, there would be nothing sweeter than that."

The Seahawks (10-5) close out the regular season hosting improving St. Louis. The Seahawks are already in the postseason thanks to a four-game win streak — the longest of Carroll's tenure — that was capped by a 42-13 thumping of San Francisco last Sunday night. Unless they get a lot of help, the Seahawks will likely be the No. 5 seed in the playoffs and will face the NFC East winner — either Washington or Dallas — in the first round of the playoffs.

There remains one hope for Seattle to win the division: beat the improving Rams (7-7-1) and get a shocking upset of San Francisco by Arizona. How unlikely is that scenario? The 49ers are more than two-touchdown favorites at home against the Cardinals and are undefeated the past two seasons coming off a loss.

At the very least, a victory would get Seattle to the 11-win plateau for the third time in franchise history, the most wins for the Seahawks since 2005 when they made their only Super Bowl appearance.

No matter how unlikely the chances of getting the division, that slight possibility is a rallying point for Carroll this week to make sure his team doesn't have

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Pete Carroll,
Seahawks coach

a lull after last week's emotional win over the 49ers.

"It feels good to have 10 wins," Seattle safety Earl Thomas said. "We definitely want to have 11."

Seattle is drastically different from the squad that floundered through a 19-13 loss in St. Louis in Week 4, and no one more so than quarterback Russell Wilson. At that time in late September, the Seahawks were still in the infancy of learning the unique qualities of their new quarterback. That was before Wilson's running became a true threat as a complement to running back Marshawn Lynch.

And it was before Seattle's offense became the efficient machine it's been the past three weeks. The whopping 150 points the Seahawks have scored the last three games stole the attention. But within that points eruption was a stunning run of offensive prowess led by Wilson.

"He's just an athletic guy. He's been playing very well, as a rookie, as a young guy," Rams defensive end Robert Quinn said. "You've got the combo of being a premier quarterback, but the athleticism of some of the best out there as well."

Whether running with his legs, using his dynamic arm, or a combo of both, the Seattle QB has led the offense to 15 touchdowns and six field goals during its blowout wins of Arizona, Buffalo and San Francisco. Those numbers become even more impressive when considering in the first 11 games, Seattle had 23 offensive touchdowns.

"He's grown so much just from the first game," Seattle offensive coordinator Darrell

Bevell said. "You would even say that in terms of the plays that we have, where to go with the ball, what's the answer, where's the quick throws, and then the things that we change up each week, I think he understands why we do that."

With the franchise already on an upward swing, the Seahawks got even better news Thursday when cornerback Richard Sherman's four-game suspension for performance enhancing substances was overturned on appeal. Suddenly, the Seahawks went from possibly being without both starting cornerbacks for the season finale — Brandon Browner is missing the final game of his four-game PED suspension — to having Sherman available against the Rams and, more importantly, both available in the playoffs.

"It was just great to get it over with and get the win and just have that burden off your shoulders and move on and try to make this playoff run with my guys," Sherman said.

Coach Jeff Fisher has engineered an impressive turnaround in his first season with the Rams, taking the franchise from 2-14 last season to the chance at St. Louis' first winning season in nearly a decade. The Rams have not finished above .500 since 2003, when they went 12-4 and last won the NFC West.

The Rams are the only undefeated team within the division this season, going 4-0-1 with a sweep of Arizona, wins over San Francisco and Seattle and a tie against the 49ers. And they are closing the season with a flourish, winning four of five, with the only loss coming to Minnesota when Adrian Peterson went off for 212 yards rushing.

St. Louis has also won three straight on the road for the first time since the 2003 season.

"Sometimes things are just coincidence. Sometimes you play really well and then one or two plays don't go your way or you don't finish. That's how we were earlier in the season," Rams defensive end Chris Long said. "I think we played well on the road, we played toe to toe with some good football teams, but we just didn't finish. We've done a better job of finishing at times, we've gotten turnovers and we've also jumped out ahead a little bit earlier."

Commentary

Richard Sherman:
'Justice Was Served'

COMING BACK: *Seahawks Cornerback Feels like Weight Was Lifted, Returns With Something to Prove After He Won His Appeal*

In the Seahawks' locker room Thursday morning, Richard Sherman put down his cellphone and, like the town crier, hollered the news to his teammates.

Sherman had just been told by his attorney that he had won the appeal of his four-game suspension for using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I won!" he told the players.

Hoots and cheers echoed across the room. High fives were exchanged.

"High fives, as old school as it is, is still the best way to celebrate," Sherman said later in the day, grinning like a kid discovering another gift under the tree. "There was a sigh of relief for the whole team knowing that that was done and over with and we could move on from it. Justice was served."

He won't serve a four-game suspension, as the Seahawks had feared.

He will be available in January, when they open their playoff run. And he will be reunited with fellow cornerback Brandon Browner, who returns next week from his four-game suspension for testing positive for banned substance.

The news just keeps getting better for the Seahawks.

"It's been like my right hand hasn't been with me the whole time," Sherman said of Browner's absence. "It's been kind of tough on me. We can't wait to have him back."

Athletes hardly ever win these appeals. And when they do, there is the presumption of guilt, as if they somehow scammed the system and got off on a technicality.

Sherman was asked if he cared about the perception of some that he is guilty.

"I know what the truth is and everybody else who knows anything knows what the truth is," Sherman said at his news conference. "The truth has been told today, and people can say what they want. There's always naysayers. There were a lot of mistakes made, on top of me never taking anything. That's kind of the big one."

Former Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren used to say that teams can't win in the playoffs unless their best players are playing at their

best.

Sherman, who is tied for second in the NFL with seven interceptions, has had one of the top three seasons at cornerback. And, as deep as the Seahawks suddenly are at that position, they still can't win in January without Sherman.

"There was obviously a good amount of stress over this," Sherman said. "You just don't know. You know how strong your case is. You know how strong everything is, but it was great to finally get it over with and get the win. Just have that burden off your shoulders and be able to move on and try to make the playoff run with my guys."

"I'm excited. Just knowing, for sure, that I'll be able to go out there and play with my teammates. I think we have a great chance of making a pretty good run."

Sherman motivates himself by reminding himself of the snubs, both real and alleged, that he has suffered. This victory in his appeal process adds more fuel on his already raging fire.

"My chances have always been slim and none, and I've always found a way to win," Sherman said. "You don't make it this far without getting through some kind of adversity. This is just another phase."

He said he believes he should have been a No. 1 pick. He was taken in the fifth round.

On Wednesday, he was snubbed by the Pro Bowl. The league's players and coaches didn't vote him on the NFC team.

Maybe it was the possibility of a drug suspension that discouraged the voters. Maybe it had something to do with his nonstop chatter and his sometimes over-the-top on-field celebrations.

Sherman certainly has angered more than a few players and coaches in his two seasons in the league. The reason really doesn't matter. It's just more coal on Sherman's fire.

"I have no idea, to tell you the truth, why they didn't vote for me," he said. "That's just how it happens sometimes. Fifth-round pick, you're not a very big name out there."

This is how it goes for Richard Sherman. No matter how much success he has, he still thrives on adversity. No matter how many wins, he still rails against the inequities he feels. He carries a chip on his shoulder as proudly as if it were a Phi Beta Kappa key.

During this appeal process, he hasn't gone anywhere, hasn't missed a game, yet Thursday it almost seemed as if he had returned with an attitude.

"I'm still here with a vengeance," Sherman said.



By Steve Kelly
The Seattle Times

"I know what the truth is and everybody else who knows anything knows what the truth is."

Richard Sherman

A LOOK AT THE RAMS

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College Basketball

Pangos Punishes Baylor in Win by No. 13 Gonzaga

FROM DOWNTOWN: Pangos Makes Seven Threes

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Baylor picked the wrong night to go up against No. 13 Gonzaga and point guard Kevin Pangos.

Pangos made seven 3-pointers and scored 31 points to lead the Bulldogs past Baylor 94-87 on Friday night.

Pangos, who came in averaging 10 points and making 36 percent of his 3-point attempts, went 10 for 13 and finished two points shy of his career high.

"The big difference was Pangos," Baylor coach Scott Drew said. "If you take his 31 out and give him his average of nine points, it's a completely different game."

"It was one of those games where I felt like every time we got close, they had an answer. We could never make it where it was a one possession game and really put some pressure on them."

Gonzaga's defense prevented Baylor from anything more than a five-point run over the final 10 minutes of the game.

Pangos took care of things on the offensive side for Gonzaga.

"He's fine," coach Mark Few said. "I never was worried about him. As long as he just keeps shooting. He puts way too much time in the gym. He makes way too many in practice to worry about it. You got a guy that works that hard at it, I don't think he was worried, or the staff was worried."

"It was due time for them to start going in."

Kelly Olynyk added 21 points, Elias Harris had 17, and Gary Bell Jr. added 12 for the Bulldogs (12-1), who shot 52 percent from the field (31 of 59).

"Obviously, he was great," Few said. "He really helped stem a lot of their rallies. I thought we did a nice job all night of being able to withstand their rallies. We'd build up a lead and they'd

come fighting back. It seems like it happened six or seven times."

Pierre Jackson led Baylor (8-4) with 26 points, Isaiah Austin had 20, and Cory Jefferson added 13. The Bears also shot 52 percent, but attempted 21 fewer free throws than Gonzaga.

"Pierre Jackson has to be the fastest guard I've ever gone against," Bell Jr. said. "When he's coming on the break, it's kind of impossible to keep him in front without getting a foul."

Gonzaga didn't hold a lead until 4:53 remained in the first half but never trailed after halftime, leading by as many as 12.

"It was so fun," Pangos said. "High scoring. When you're a basketball player, you love that. You love defense, too, but you love a high-scoring game. It was nice. They never let us relax. Every time we got a double-digit lead, they came back and made some big plays."

The Bulldogs drew two quick fouls on Austin — a 7-foot-1, 220-pound freshman — after halftime and he went to the bench with three fouls. Harris' basket and free throw gave Gonzaga a 47-38 lead.

"That's one thing that we have, a young front line," Drew said. "Their veteran guys did a good job of getting some good position and also picking up some fouls on them."

Baylor made its first three 3-point attempts of the second half, two by Jackson, to cut the deficit to 49-44. Jackson came in as the Big 12's scoring leader, averaging 19 points and 6.3 assists.

Pangos' second 3-pointer of the second half extended Gonzaga's lead to 62-50 with 12:12 left. Pangos and Olynyk combined to score 15 straight Gonzaga points over a five-minute span.

"He (Olynyk) was very patient," Few said. "He took what they gave him. He didn't rush. He's maturing like we've talked about all year. He played very well."



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Gonzaga's Guy Landry Edi dunks during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Baylor in Spokane, Wash. on Friday. Gonzaga won 94-87.

Olynyk was 9 for 12 from the field and helped Gonzaga shoot 65 percent in the second half.

"First half, we held them to 40 percent," Drew said. "I think a lot of that was because we controlled the tempo more. In the second half, we played a little faster game which got them in transition more. But you're not going to win many games letting somebody shoot 66 percent."

Austin showed off his versatile skills for Baylor, making shots from inside the paint, outside the 3-point line and mid-range jumpers. Jackson and Austin made back-to-back 3-pointers, and Baylor stayed within reach at 62-56.

"You have a 7-foot guy picking and popping, shooting 3's," Few said. "We tried to do something else, and then you'd turn

Jackson loose down the lane, and he's something else."

Taurean Prince scored four quick points and drew a charge, leading to a jumper by Austin on the other end, and Baylor pulled within five with 9:39 left.

But the Bears couldn't get any closer.

The first half was a different story. Baylor jumped out to a 8-2 lead in the opening minutes, but Gonzaga made three consecutive 3-pointers to tie it at 13. Jackson scored six straight points for Baylor, and the Bears pushed their lead to 24-18.

Bell Jr. hit a floater in the lane to give Gonzaga its first lead, 30-28, with 4:53 remaining in the half. The basket sparked a 9-0 run.

Austin's baseline jumper ended a four-minute scoring

drought for Baylor and cut Gonzaga's lead to 34-30 with 3:28 left. Gonzaga led 38-33 at the break.

The Bulldogs made five 3-pointers in the first half and attempted nine more free throws than Baylor.

The Gonzaga crowd wasn't its usual rowdy self, partially because most students were away during semester break. Gonzaga is 112-8 in the McCarthy Athletic Center. Earlier this month, Baylor ended Kentucky's 55-game home winning streak at Rupp Arena.

Baylor was Gonzaga's fourth matchup against a Big 12 school this season. The Zags have defeated West Virginia, Oklahoma and No. 25 Kansas State. The Bulldogs travel to Stillwater on Monday to face No. 22 Oklahoma State.

NFL

Jackson Heads Into Finale Amid Questions

NEXT YEAR?: Sunday's Game Might Be Final For Jackson as a Ram

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Running back Steven Jackson will have the option to explore free agency after the season, raising the question of whether Sunday's finale at Seattle will be his final game in a St. Louis Rams uniform.

Jackson intimated Thursday that he might retire at the end of this season. Though he laughed as he said it, the 29-year-old running back didn't retreat from the idea when asked how serious he was about the possibility.

"If I have to write my story," Jackson said Thursday, "I'd rather go out like Barry Sanders and leaving people to want more than to leave too late."

So, how many more seasons does that mean are left for Jackson?

"Maybe this last one," he said laughing. "Those hits hurt."

Jackson negotiated earlier this year for the chance to opt out of his current contract at the end of this season with one year left on the deal. The nine-year veteran has expressed interest in ending his career with the only team he's played for in the NFL, but hasn't publicly committed to returning.

Coach Jeff Fisher said the team wants him back, but if Jackson asks for too many years or too much money he might price himself out of a Rams uniform. The only thing for certain following the season finale at Seattle on Sunday is that the team's active leader in rushing yards has the biggest decision of his



Brian Blanco / The Associated Press

St. Louis Rams running back Steven Jackson (39) dives over the goal to score against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers last Sunday in Tampa.

career to make. Fisher said the team's made its decision.

"I think everybody in the building would like to have him back," Fisher said. "It's just a matter of us sitting down and working things out."

Jackson posted in his locker a list of the NFL's top 10 all-time rushing leaders and the three backs with at least 10,000 yards rushing and 5,000 yards receiving. He stands at 10,083 yards and needs 2,196 yards to equal Marshall Faulk, who Jackson replaced with the Rams, to get into the top 10.

Jackson also has 3,279 career receiving yards, though his 31 receptions and 276 yards this

year are his lowest for a season not interrupted by a lengthy injury since he had 14 and 189 as a rookie in 2004.

He insists that he has neither thought about his future in terms of whether to return to St. Louis or climbing the all-time charts. He said his only considerations this week possibly being his last with the Rams when asked.

"The only emotion I'm thinking about is going undefeated (in divisional play) and secondly my first possible winning season," said Jackson, who needs 10 rushing yards for his eighth consecutive 1,000-yard season. "Those are the only two things I'm thinking about and those

are team things, so that's what's most important."

St. Louis hasn't had a winning season since 2003, the year before Jackson arrived. It has twice finished with 8-8 records, most recently in 2006, before going 15-65 the past five years.

Playing with one of the youngest rosters in the league this season, the Rams are 7-7-1 and 4-0-1 in NFC West play. They also have two first-round draft choices next year, along with several extra picks garnered through trades and there is general optimism at the headquarters for the first time in years.

"I've come to understand in

"I'll allow myself that time to sit back and reflect and think about things I've accomplished in my career and what I've done this season."

Steven Jackson,
St. Louis Rams

this league that it's truly year to year," he said. "What coach Fisher has brought to this organization, the credibility, that going on in the future I definitely see a very bright future for this organization. Why wouldn't I want to be a part of that?"

How he answers his own question won't come until after Sunday and when, in Jackson's mind, the timing is right during the offseason to consider his future.

"I'll allow myself that time to sit back and reflect and think about things I've accomplished in my career and what I've done this season," he said. "And think about how much longer I want to play this game, as well. There's going to be a small window of opportunity and I want to make sure I take full advantage of it."

Life: Home & Garden

DECLUTTER YOUR NEW YEAR

ORGANIZING:

Clutter Can Affect Much of Your Life

By Carrina Stanton

For The Chronicle

If your New Year's resolution involves changing your life for the better, Mardona Wallin suggests starting with clearing the clutter in your life.

Most people don't realize it but a visible mess can very quickly become a mental and emotional mess, Wallin added.

"Clutter and disorganization are the root of a lot of problems. You'd be surprised what comes into play: relationships; health; money," said Wallin, Chehalis, owner of Organized Life Etc. "It's a serious problem and it impacts people in their family and their own wellness."

Whether it be tackling that hall closet that's jammed full or creating a workable desk area, seemingly small project can have a large impact on your daily life, said Becky Graybill, Lacey, who owns Clear The Clutter. Graybill's organizing service serves clients up and down the I-5 corridor, including clients in Centralia, Chehalis and Tenino.

"So many people want to get organized, but they just don't know where to start," Graybill said.

The first step to getting organized is identifying the first step. Often with an area that is cluttered, the first step is to identify what can go.

"It's just all the excess stuff," Wallin said. "People always have too much, more than they need, and they can't bear to get rid of it and then it starts to overtake their space."

Both organizers said paperwork is one of the biggest culprits of clutter in most homes or offices. Graybill said many people have trouble ridding themselves of any paperwork for fear of identity theft. She said having a system in place that makes it easy to deal with junk mail and unwanted papers immediately instead of letting them pile up is the answer.

"Rip the mailing labels off and shred it right there," Graybill said.

For many people, the first step is the hardest to identify because the problem seems so large, Wallin said. She said it is important to recognize can take a long time for a space to get messy so it is just as normal for the clean-up to take a while. Often larger projects need to be broken into smaller tasks. Graybill said she usually works between two and four hours each session with clients, which is just enough time to make a change but not so much time that the task becomes daunting.

"I call it instant gratification," Graybill said. "Within two or three hours you can see progress. It inspires them to keep going."

And often the reality of starting an organizing project is the hardest part, Wallin said. She said often people get about halfway through a task and want to give up because it seems too hard. But she said you have to push through and it will get easier.

"It gets more fun as you go along," Wallin said. "Initially it's hard to get rid of things. It's ugly at first. It almost feels like the mess gets worse before it gets better. But then you get momentum and it gets fun and people get excited about it."

But the cleanup is only half the job.

Once you have a space cleared, the next step is to come up with a system that will keep the clutter at bay. Think of systems for organizing that not only work for you but are fun. For instance, Wallin said she is totally against using



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Professional organizer Mardona Wallin suggests that people go through their closets every season and purge anything that hasn't been worn in a year.

Army green folders for filing. She encourages her clients to choose fun colors of folders for organizing papers so that their filing cabinet looks inviting. Another suggestion from Wallin is getting rid of all of those mismatched hangers in your closet and spring for a matching set.

"It's amazing but little things can make a big difference," Wallin said.

Once you have cleared out the items you no longer need or want, Wallin suggests organizing them into short-, medium- and long-term storage. For the long-term storage, Wal-



Create a healthy habit and work on it every day until it becomes routine.



Courtesy photo
Becky Graybill, Lacey, is a professional organizer who owns Clear The Clutter. She has clients in Chehalis, Centralia and Tenino.

lin suggests against using cardboard boxes. Plastic storage containers are not only stack much nicer but are also pest and water resistant, an especially important attribute for the Northwest.

"I can't tell you how many clients' attics I've been in and they've lost things because a pest got into it or it got wet," Wallin said. "These were their treasures but they were not caring for them like treasures."

And don't forget to take advantage of the digital age when it comes to organizing your home. Graybill said she often encounters families who are inundated with artwork and class projects from their children that they do not want to discard for sentimental

reasons, but that take up a lot of room.

"Take pictures of it and put it on a disc," Graybill said. "What a gift it will be to them when they're grown up. I would love to have a disc of all the artwork I did as a child to look at."

Scanners can also be a help in organizing paperwork. Graybill suggested

taking a large volume of papers, such as a college thesis, and scanning it to keep a digital copy instead of a material copy taking up room on the bookshelf.

And much like any other New Year's resolution, if you want your organization to stick, think of it as an investment in your life, Wallin said. Like a gym membership, successful organizing means not only making a commitment but creating a healthy habit and working on it every day until it becomes a routine.

"Pretty much every season I have an area where I set things aside," Wallin said. "If you do this quarterly or even twice a year it will help you stay on top of it."

SOME TIPS FOR GETTING ORGANIZED IN THE NEW YEAR

- **Find someone who can help you** — Whether it be a friend, a relative or someone you hire, find someone who can help keep you focused and motivated.

- **Allow yourself time** — Some messy spaces can take months or years to become badly organized. Don't expect the mess to disappear in an hour. Block out enough time and possibly break it up over multiple days so you don't get overwhelmed.

- **Find a corner** — If a mess feels overwhelming, try focusing on one small section, such as a corner of a desk, and clean that area.

- **Expect a messy start** — Most messes have to get worse before they get better. Don't give up if things seem messier at first, eventually you will start to make progress

- **Find what's right for you** — The way to get organized and stay organized is to pick a system and stick to it. Try to think about organizational systems that work for your lifestyle and make sense to you so you will be more likely to utilize them. And if the first system you try doesn't work, don't be afraid to change

Smart Technology Can Help Conserve Energy Use At Home

By Mary Beth Breckenridge

Akron Beacon Journal

AKRON, Ohio — Our homes are getting smarter.

Smart technology that automates our homes' devices is becoming mainstream, making it convenient for us to rein in our energy use and cut our energy bills.

Come to think of it, maybe we're the smart ones.

Smart technology isn't new, but until fairly recently it's been complicated to install and priced out of most people's reach. Now many systems boast plug-and-play simplicity, and affordable options are as close as your local big box store.

Probably the biggest factor in that

change is the rise of wireless technology, said Ian Hendler, director of business development for Leviton Manufacturing, which makes home automation devices.

Actually, "wireless" isn't an entirely accurate term, Hendler noted. Some technology is truly wireless, using radio

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Technology: Smart Systems Allow Remote Control of Lights, Thermostats and Appliances

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frequency to send signals. Other technology is more accurately called "no new wire" or power line networking, meaning the signals travel over the home's existing wires.

Sometimes the two technologies can be mixed, opening up even more options.

Smart systems allow automatic or remote control of an array of devices that affect our heating, cooling and electrical costs, such as thermostats, lights, window shades, appliances and electronics, said Laura Hubbard, a spokesperson for the Consumer Electronics Association.

Typically you can use a smart phone, tablet or computer to see what's running and how much electricity is being used, she said. You can then use that information to make decisions, such as turning off your cable box when you're away or overriding your thermostat's programming when you're working late.

Remote access is beneficial because it allows you to override settings you've chosen in advance, Hendler said. Scheduling is great, but "life doesn't always happen on a schedule," he said.

Some of the functions of smart systems won't save on your energy bills, but they do have a wow factor. Imagine entering a code to unlock your front door and having that code automatically turn on certain lights, launch your favorite music and maybe warm up your hot tub. Hendler said Honeywell is even working on a system that will sense your approach using the GPS software on your cell phone, so you won't even have to press a button to make all that happen.

Hubbard said manufacturers are jumping on board, embedding smart technology in ev-

everything from air-conditioning compressors to clothes washers. "You're going to see this taking off," she said.

Evidence of the growing reach of smart technology is Lowe's recent introduction of a smart home-automation system called Iris. It's designed to be affordable for the average consumer, easy to install and capable of accommodating whole-house automation, said Kevin Meagher, general manager and vice president for Lowe's smart home.

Iris comes in three starter kits ranging in price from \$179 to \$299. One kit focuses on home security and monitoring, allowing you to get notifications if a security sensor is triggered. One contains a smart thermostat and also lets you control one other electrical device in your house and monitor its power use. The third kit combines the features of the other two.

Each kit has a hub, which connects to a broadband router and communicates with the various devices in your home. All the kits are expandable.

The kits come with free basic service that provides a limited array of alerts and gives you remote control of some functions. But you'll have to buy the premium service at \$10 a month if you want a more sophisticated system — for example, one that notifies you when your kids get home from school or automatically turns off items in your house when you use more than a predetermined amount of power.

Iris has been available online and at a limited number of stores since summer, and it's expected to be in all Lowe's stores by early next year, Meagher said.

Another smart device that's gotten a lot of attention is the Nest thermostat, which was de-

signed to automate and greatly simplify the process of programming a thermostat.

The need for the Nest was rooted in the simple fact that most programmable thermostats don't get programmed, said Kate Brinks, director of corporate communication for Nest Labs Inc. Homeowners might program a thermostat once when it's new, but they often neglect to tweak the program as their household schedules change, she said.

The Nest, on the other hand, learns your schedule from the adjustments you make to it, either by turning a dial on the unit or operating it remotely. It also senses your presence, so it can adjust the temperature if you're home when you're normally gone or vice versa.

The occupancy sensor is a far-field activity sensor that detects heat and body fluids, so it can differentiate between humans and animals, Brinks said.

The thermostat has some other features, such as a leaf logo that appears when you make energy-saving changes and an Airwave feature that uses a fan to push out additional cold air when the air conditioner cycles off. It's designed for do-it-yourself installation, using lever connections for the wires that are similar to the connectors on stereo speakers, Brinks said.

It's available for \$249 on Nest.com, or you can buy in from Amazon.com or Lowes.com. Nest also offers installation for an additional cost.

Leviton's Hendler said that of all the home automation options, a smart thermostat probably provides the best payback for your investment.

He recommended choosing a communicating thermostat that's capable of supporting Wi-Fi so it can be connected to a

home network. Make sure you have electrical power where the thermostat is installed, or you'll need a battery-operated unit, he said.

Some smart thermostats switch automatically between heating and cooling, so you don't have to switch manually.

All these smart devices, however, do the best job of saving energy when they're paired with smart metering, said Wilson Gonzales, senior energy policy adviser with the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

A smart meter tells the utility company how much power they're consuming and when. The company can then send you a signal inviting you to reduce your usage during peak times, when demand and rates are at their highest. If the meter is connected to a home automa-

tion system, reductions can be made automatically, Gonzales said.

That could be especially beneficial to customers with plug-in electric vehicles, because it would allow them to charge their cars when rates are lower, he said.

First Energy has a fairly small pilot program, but Gonzales is hopeful that smart metering will be introduced on a wide scale once utilities are sure it works well.

Even without the smart metering, though, consumers can save significantly by reducing their power use when electricity demand is highest — 3 to 7 p.m. in summer and very hot spells that last several days.

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On the House

Building Adjustable Shelving



By James and Morris Carey

On just about any Saturday afternoon in our father's workshop, we'd find Dad drilling, sanding, chiseling and hammering, oblivious to the world around him. No matter how simple the project, his concentration never waned. He loved his workshop. We sometimes wonder where he got his ideas and, if he were still alive would he build the projects we write about.

We think he would have liked this one. It's a project he easily could have finished dur-

ing one of his Saturday afternoon sessions. This is one you will want to undertake if you're interested in doing something a little different. Shelving is something we all need more of. And finding a way to make exposed shelving look interesting often can be a challenge. Although these shelves can be used inside cabinets, the system is best-suited for supporting exposed shelving between two house- or wing walls. This is an end-support system, so shelves that are too long and narrow for the weight placed upon them can sag or even break.

There isn't anything about this project that looks anything like regular shelving alternatives. OK, you can go to your local hardware store or home center and find myriad shelving choices. But that isn't what

this is about. If your room has rounded corners and sweeping shapes, you might want to add more of the same. This is one project that can be done inexpensively. All you will need are a couple pieces of 1x4 for the end supports and some shelving or material.

Begin with the end-support rails. You will need two 1x4s. Use the wood type of your choice. The end supports should be as long as the overall height of your shelving system. In other words, if you want the shelves to adjust over a length of 4 feet, your 1x4s will need to be 4 feet long. It might be cheaper to purchase an 8-footer and cut the two pieces yourself. Do you have a truck, van or SUV? Remember: The shelving can be pretty much

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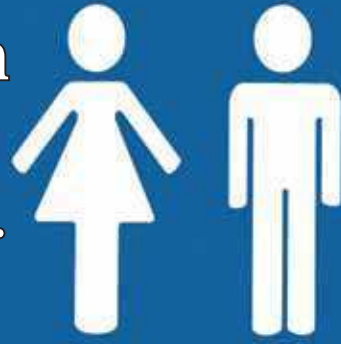
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Have you been thinking about making any New Year's resolutions and if so, what are you considering?



"Not a whole lot lately. I am having a new grandbaby in February."

Mary Serrato
Centralia, sign holder



"Oh, gosh, to stay focused on school and not procrastinate."

Michael Weymouth
Centralia, Centralia College student



"Just to bring peace to the world."

Dewanne Coppersmith
Centralia, housewife



"I have but I'm not going to print it."

Mike Selstrom
Centralia, facilities manager

Births

- **KRISTA AND LUIS TRIANA**, Rochester, a boy, Noah Andrew Triana, Dec. 14, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, Capital Medical Center, Olympia.
- **TERESA MENA AND JORGE GARIBAY**, Centralia, a girl, Giana Itzel Garibay, Dec. 18, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Isidro and Alicia Mena, Salem, Ore., and Roberto and Maria Garibay, Centralia.
- **HALEY CONRAD AND JARIN RUIZ**, Centralia, a girl, Harper Jo Conrad-Ruiz, Dec. 19, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Eric and Sally Conrad, and Ruben Ruiz and Jeanette Spiegelberg, all of Centralia. Great-grandparents are Bill Conrad and Joann Buzzard, Centralia.
- **TORRI WOODRUFF AND NATHANIEL NORRIS**, Centralia, a girl, Verrah Bonnie Lynn Norris, Dec. 19, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Stacey and Patrick Chavez, Sharon, Pa. Great-grandparents are Paul and Gail Woodruff, Orting.
- **KARLEY MARTIN AND LONDON WILSON**, Toledo, a boy, Landon Gregory Wilson, Dec. 19, 7 pounds, 14 ounces, Providence Centralia Hospital. Grandparents are Wes and Cindee Floyd, Adna; Gregory Martin, Rochester; and John and Mary Cole, Centralia. Great-grandparents are Steve and Pat Floyd, Adna; Bonnie Martin, Centralia; and Sandy Van Kooten, Centralia.

AAUW Scholarship Winners



Photograph submitted by Kerry Serl, AAUW

Hillary Peters, left, and Chloe Nelson were the winners of this year's scholarships from the Lewis County branch of the American Association of University Women. Peters is a senior at WSU. She received a \$1,000 upper-class student scholarship. Nelson is a sophomore at Centralia College. She received the Dr. Kate Gregg full-year tuition scholarship. For further information and a scholarship application for the 2013-14 school year, contact Mary Metzger, 748-8017, or e-mail aauwscscholarship@gmail.com. Applications are due Feb. 15.

Five Generations



Photograph submitted by Lori Seaverns, Chehalis

This five-generation photograph was taken recently at Esther Medley's 100th birthday party Nov. 23 in Centralia at Sharon Care Center. Front row, from left, are great-grandfather Larry Ridley, Centralia; great-great-grandmother Esther Medley, Centralia; Hayden Wheeler; Bodie Piper; and grandmother Lori Seaverns, Chehalis. Back row, from left, mother Nicole Piper, Adna; mother Amie Wheeler, Spokane; and Declan Wheeler.

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THE LONG VIEW: *History of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe*

The Black Robes, Part 4: A Succession of Churches

Father Bolduc succeeded Father Modeste Demers as pastor at St. Francis Xavier Mission, and he wrote: "I am greatly pleased with the character of the different nations and I get a great deal of pleasure living with them. They are generally gay and take teasing well. Since I have been with the Cowlitz Tribe I have not converted many. They are unwilling to submit because the conduct of some Canadian servants of the company (Hudson Bay Company) have scandalized them ...



By Roy I. Rochon Wilson

"On the 26th of February, I baptized and married an Indian Man and woman of the Cowlitz Nation. They are possibly the two kindest people of my mission, and I certainly would not change their society for that of many of the Canadians here. They will settle on the land and cultivate in the manner of the white man. The husband is a man of much wit; his wife, whom I have named Ludivine, takes care of my linens and makes me clothes that would not be scorned in Quebec."

As late as 1877, the large house of the "company," as the Hudson Bay Company was familiarly known, was still standing on the mission grounds near the church. Later it caught fire and burned to the ground, so that not as trace of the old land-

mark remains.

Father Francois Norbert Blanchet passed away on June 18, 1883, at the age of eighty-seven.

St. Mary's was founded in 1876 under the name Providence of our Lady, of the Sacred Heart-Cowlitz by three Providence sisters. Because of financial problems due to the small number of pupils, deprivation of daily Mass and the sacraments (a missionary could only visit the school once every two months) The Providence Sisters left the area in 1898. It was not until 1911 with the coming of the Franciscan Fathers that the school was reopened. In that year, Father Aegidius Herkanrath, the Franciscan pastor of the Cowlitz Mission, invited the Franciscan sisters from Stella Niagara to revive the old mission school.

Four Franciscan Sisters responded to the call in 1911. By 1923 the small building proved inadequate to house the number of students. A large wooden structure with chapel, dormitories, kitchen and dining room was added and dedicated with the official title, St. Mary's Academy, for both boys and girls. In 1929, the present building was added. This building stands strong today.

In 1960, the first wooden structure deteriorated and was condemned; planning for the new brick addition was begun. The number of boys had decreased so the decision was made to discontinue accepting boys as boarders. The elemen-

CHINOOK JARGON PHRASE FOR THE WEEK
 "Ikta maika tikegh?" Meaning, "What you want?" or, "What do you want?"

tary school was discontinued a few years later to make room for the high school expansion. Due to lack of enrollment it was decided in 1972, four years after the completion of the new wing, to close the school and sell St. Mary's.

In 1978, the Winlock Baptist Church purchased the facility. Unable to maintain the facility any longer, in 1982, in a gracious gesture, they returned the building to the Sisters, rather than to try to resell it to recap their losses. So it was that in August of 1982 the new St. Mary's was begun. In 1984, the name St. Mary's Retreat and Conference Center was given to the old St. Mary's Academy.

In 1996, the Sisters were once again attempting to sell the property. Today the property belongs to the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Next week: 1840-1847

Roy I. Rochon Wilson was an elected leader of the Cowlitz Tribe for three decades and is the author of more than 30 books, including several histories of the Cowlitz Tribe. He is a retired ordained Methodist minister and current spiritual leader of the tribe. Wilson lives near Winlock.

TODAY IN HISTORY: *Washington State History*

Klickitat County Created, Seattle Symphony First Performs, Groundbreaking for Floating Bridge

By HistoryLink.org

Washington Territorial Legislature Creates Klickitat County in 1859

On Dec. 29, 1859, the Washington Territorial Legislature passes an act to create and organize the County of Klickitat. (In 1869 the spelling will be changed to Klickitat.) Only about 15 non-Indian families reside within the new county's established borders.

"An Illustrated History of Klickitat, Yakima and Kittitas Counties, With An Outline Of The Early History of The State Of Washington," published in 1904, explained reason for the Territorial Government's eagerness to establish the county despite sparse settlement:

"The Klickitat country was so thinly settled in 1859 that it was generally considered by the citizens of the new district that the necessity for county organization had not yet arisen. Few people are anxious to hasten the time when they will be required to pay taxes, especially when no apparent benefit is to be derived from their payment. The territorial government, however, insisted that the settlers must organize and pay taxes" (p. 93).

The organizing Act defined the county's boundaries as "Commencing in the middle of the Columbia river, five miles below the mouth of the Klickitat river; thence north to the summit of the mountains, the divide between the waters of the Klickitat and Yakima rivers; thence east, along said divide, to a point north of the mouth of Rock creek; thence south to the middle of the Columbia river; thence along the channel of said river to the place of beginning" (An Illustrated History of Klickitat..., p. 93).

The county seat was located temporarily on Alfred Allen's land claim at Rockland Flats across from The Dalles, Oregon. Alfred Allen, Robert Tartar, and Jacob Halstead were appointed to the board of commissioners. James Clark was appointed sher-

iff, Willis Jenkins probate judge, Nelson Whitney county auditor, Edwin Grant assessor, William Murphy treasurer, and John Nelson justice of the peace, thus tapping nearly every family residing within the new county's borders.

Klickitat County's new officers, little interested in their appointments, failed to qualify by taking oaths of office and thus could not execute their respective duties. No property assessment rolls were made, nor were county taxes levied.

On January 31, 1861, the Territorial Legislature extended Klickitat County's borders as far north as the northeast corner of Skamania County. The county was enlarged again on January 19, 1868, then decreased on November 13, 1873. When Benton County was established on March 8, 1905, both Klickitat and Yakima counties lost area.

Seattle Symphony Orchestra Performs First Concert on December 29, 1903

On Dec. 29, 1903, Harry F. West conducts the first performance of the 24-member Seattle Symphony Orchestra. West "wields the baton in an easy, graceful manner and shows a familiarity and understanding of the music."

The concert was held in the afternoon in Christensen's Hall, the second-floor ballroom of the Arcade Building, on 2nd Avenue between Union and University streets (now the location of the Seattle Art Museum). The orchestra had rehearsed for three months.

Its first number was the overture from Phedre by Massenet. According to the newspaper account, "The brilliant crescendos of this selection were brought out with much beauty. The ensemble work is worthy of note, since it had few ragged edges" (Seattle P-I). Next the orchestra performed a violin concerto by Max Bruch, in which first violinist William R. Hedley

performed "with taste and skill" (Seattle P-I). The orchestra also played Schubert's Unfinished Symphony in B Minor.

Ida Grey Scott (according to the program — the P-I spelled her first name "Ada") appeared as a soloist, singing a cavatina from The Queen of Sheba and the Jewel song from Faust. The orchestra's performance concluded with The William Tell Overture by Rossini.

The Seattle Symphony Orchestra played in Christensen's Hall until 1905.

Groundbreaking for Lake Washington Floating Bridge Takes Place in 1938

On Dec. 29, 1938, Washington Governor Clarence Martin and Director of the Washington Toll Bridge Authority Lacey V. Murrow, among other dignitaries, break ground for the construction of the Lake Washington Floating Bridge (also called Mercer Island Bridge). Work on the bridge will begin shortly. This is to be the largest floating structure in the world. The bridge will cross Lake Washington from the Mount Baker neighborhood of Seattle, span the north end of Mercer Island and reach the east side of Bellevue, opening up the East-side to suburban development. It will carry US 10 (superseded by Interstate 90) across the lake.

The bridge opened on July 2, 1940, and in 1967 was renamed the Lacey V. Murrow Memorial Bridge.

The bridge, designed by the engineer Homer Hadley (1885-1967), floats on hollow concrete pontoons. Floating bridge technology was both ancient and quite innovative (especially the concrete part) in terms of modern bridge design.

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- 12 "Aquarius" musical
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- 14 Bunion site
- 15 Fuel cartel
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- 18 Overly rushed
- 20 Taj —
- 21 Luau welcomes
- 22 "My gal" of song
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- 33 A Great Lake
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- 37 Elevator name
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- 40 — Horne of jazz

DOWN

- 41 Brainy club
- 43 FBI counterpart
- 45 Big horn
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- 51 — de corps
- 53 Huge
- 56 Imported car
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- 60 Dernier —
- 61 Leisure
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- 1 Oops! (hyph.)
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- 4 Frigid region
- 5 A Baldwin
- 6 Bro's sib
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- 9 Egyptian god
- 10 Teeny bit
- 11 Flake off
- 17 Soda fountain treats
- 19 Large cay

- 22 Flock of geese
- 24 Bakery lure
- 25 Write up a speeder
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- 28 Old hand
- 29 Miss Kitty's barkeeper
- 30 The "Velvet Fog" Torme
- 31 Lemony drink
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- 36 Port near Hong Kong
- 38 Mach 1 breakers of yore
- 42 Nanny from abroad (2 wds.)
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- 49 Jungle warning
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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: O equals X

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CA, ZOLZWK UZ HGPBGC." — PDBJKBG NZDJN

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "All of us are guinea pigs in the laboratory of God. Humanity is just a work in progress." — Tennessee Williams

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Shelves: Do-it-yourself Project Allows for More Customization Than Pre-Built

Continued from Life 2

any kind of 1-by material you want to use. You might like high-density particleboard; we prefer dimensional lumber (it is so much stronger). Also, you can mix and match. The shelving and the end-support rails can be the same specie of lumber or you can be creative and mix species. For example, maple and teak look great together. Also, if you are painting, this is

one system that has endless possibilities. Simple can be beautiful.

Creating the end rails is easy. Just drill a series of equally spaced holes the length of the rail. Clamping the 1x4s together so that their broad sides are in contact will make it easier to get holes that are exactly the same on both boards. Mark equally spaced points along one of the exposed broad faces. We used

3/4-inch holes at 3/4-inch intervals. For best results, the two rails should be clamped down to a third piece of wood so that the drill doesn't tear up the second rail as it exits. You can select any size hole necessary to accommodate your chosen shelving material thickness. Also, the increment (spacing between holes) can vary based on personal choice. We wouldn't go any closer than three-quarters of an inch.

With the holes drilled, do your sanding. Then all you need to do is split the rails down the center. You end up with four 1x2s, each 4 feet long. Once they're split, sand the cut surfaces. Next, you'll need to fabricate your shelves. This means rounding the shelf ends to fit into the end rails. You can round the front edge, as well. We used a router for this task, but if you're a hard-core do-it-yourselfer, you might want to

use a plane and sandpaper or a shaping plane or a rasp.

At this point, you can paint, stain and varnish, oil or otherwise apply your favorite finish. Once it's dry, the end rails can be mounted. If you plan to show off the mounting screws, mount them on the high, flat portions of the rail. If you don't want the screws to be obvious, counter-sink them into the rounded area and fill with matching putty. That's all there is to it.

Simple brackets

Split a 1x4 board into adjustable shelving.

Drill holes at desired intervals. When all holes are drilled into the 1x4 piece of wood, split the wood down the middle and mount it to provide end supports for the shelves. Each 1x4, when drilled and split, makes two shelf supports for one end of the shelf.

1x4 piece of wood

Shelf

Drill two identical 1x4s to make supports for both ends of each shelf. Be sure to drill the holes in exactly the same positions and at the same spacing intervals so they match when affixed at each end of the shelf.

Saw wood down the middle

Provides end supports for the shelves

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Holiday Doldrums Can Spark Kids' Creativity

By Jennifer Forker
The Associated Press

It's inevitable during the holiday season: Kids get bored. But the doldrums are just the thing for unleashing children's creativity. Give them a few ideas and supplies, and step out of the way. Here, three crafts authors offer ideas for turning the blahs into hurrahs.

SOCKS

Brenna Maloney, a Washington, D.C., mother of two, is the author of three sock-project books, including the new "Sock It To Me" (Stash Books, 2012). She turned to sewing with stretchy socks five years ago to offset job stress. Replicating a favorite sock bunny that her mother had made her when she was a girl, Maloney then turned to creating snakes, mice, sea creatures — and, more recently, evil clowns and snowman assassins. Some of her biggest fans are pre-teens, who pose new project ideas and ask for help. "I work with (the kids) and bring them in on it," says Maloney, now an editor at "National Geographic Ex-

plorer" magazine. For kids who know how to use a sewing machine or would like to learn, Maloney suggests starting with a snake, turtle or starfish; the snake project is posted at Maloney's website, www.brenna-maloney.com. "Think about the sock and how it's shaped. Turn it and twist it," Maloney says. She uses a sock's pattern, plus stuffing and embellishments to turn it into a creature.

STORIES

Emily K. Neuburger's crafting projects evolve around storytelling. A former teacher, she offers art and writing classes for children out of her Amherst, Mass., home. The projects in her book "Show Me a Story" (Storey Publishing, 2012) and at her website, www.redbirdcrafts.com, encourage kids to play and experiment. She advises parents to leave out interesting, new supplies, such as pinecones and paint, for children to explore. Help them "begin that process of imagining new worlds and telling stories," she says. For the holidays, Neuburger

suggests that kids can share a personal memory or retell the Christmas story using memory cards or story stones. Pictures from the story are glued to cardboard surfaces or small stones. Neuburger uses colored paper and fabric scraps to make simple images. "Learning to know what to include in a story and what to leave out is an important storytelling skill," Neuburger says in her book. She also recommends making a story grab bag: Allow kids to search through magazines, maps and catalogs, and cut out interesting words, numbers and pictures. Find other images online. Also, kids can draw, paint or stamp their own images. Glue these story-telling prompts to cardstock (or cereal-box cardboard). Neuburger follows with Mod Podge to seal the images, but this step can be skipped. After the images dry, place them in a bag. From there, children can pull cards to build a story together. It can feel like a game, she says. "That element of the unknown and the randomness — kids love it," says Neuburger. "They have to

work with it. There's humor." **ANIMAL TEMPLATES** If they can wield a pair of scissors, children can make the cute characters in Sarah Goldschadt's book, "Craft-A-Day" (Quirk Books, 2012). It provides a quirk motif for each week of the year, and a simple paper cut-out or small felt object each day. There's a new iPad app for downloading templates and instructions. The animal patterns, including a penguin, dog and raccoon,

are most likely to grab a child's imagination. After tracing a template, kids can use it to make ornaments, cards, magnets, gift tags, mobiles and cake toppers. Goldschadt, a graphic designer, recently shared some of her crafts with teenagers in an after-school program at a library near her New York home, and was impressed by the kids' dedication to finishing their owl and bird ornaments. "It was the most quiet they'd ever been," she says, "and they stayed longer to get it done."



AP Photo/C&T Publishing, Chuck Kennedy
Snakes from Brenna Maloney's book, "Socks Appeal" (Stash Books, 2010), which includes an "Easy-Peasy" chapter for kids, with snake, turtle and starfish projects.

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Big Thinker Looks for Big Changes in Slacker Boyfriend

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Lance" for about two years now. We communicate well, have great chemistry and are very affectionate with each other. Lance is kind, creative (he's an artist) and considerate. However, he lacks ambition.



By Abigail Van Buren

I'm a big thinker who wants big things in life. I have traveled extensively and am very involved in the world of academia. Lance works in a bar three nights a week and plays video games when I'm not around. I know from our conversations that he is intelligent and capable of doing so much more.

Is there any way to motivate him without nagging? I feel I may be selling myself short by being with someone who is content to sit on the couch. On the other hand, I have dated more ambitious men who turned out to be jerks. Must women have to choose between nice guys who finish last and dominating power mongers? — ASKING TOO MUCH? IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR ASKING TOO MUCH?: The male sex is not divided into two categories — nice guys who finish last and power mongers. If you look around, you will see there are control freaks who finish last, and nice men who work hard at their jobs or professions and are successful. If you feel you are selling yourself short by being with Lance,

then you probably are. If you would like to motivate him, tell him you think you need to be with someone who has more direction in life. If that doesn't galvanize him to action, nothing will.

DEAR ABBY: After being in a four-year relationship with an alcoholic who was emotionally, verbally and at times physically abusive, I got out. I have moved back with my parents to save money so I can get my own place. When I told my mother about some of the incidents that happened, she said, "I know how you can be." My father seemed more supportive -- until recently.

My ex has a son I grew close to, as did my parents. Last week, I found out my ex had contacted them and his son will be coming

here for a visit. Abby, I don't want my ex to know anything about my current life! I'm afraid he's trying to manipulate and torment me while I try to move forward.

I feel hurt and angry at my parents for not respecting my feelings. I can't seem to get through to my mom, and Dad just looked at me and said, "Well, YOU'RE the one who stayed for so long!" I don't know if I can forgive them for this. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — HURT DAUGHTER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR HURT DAUGHTER: I'll try. When people are attracted to — and stay with — a partner who is emotionally, verbally and sometimes physically abusive, it's sometimes because there was dysfunction in their upbringing.

You don't say how long you have been staying with your parents, but if there is no alternative, you need to stick to your plan and stay until you have enough money to rent a place of your own.

When the boy arrives, greet him warmly and spend as little time there as possible. Give him no information about your work or your social life other than to say you are doing fine and are very happy. And as soon as you have enough money to establish some independence, get out of there.

P.S. If you haven't already joined an Al-Anon group, I recommend it. Attend some meetings before the boy arrives, and don't keep that a secret while he's there.

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

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 5

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Timely question
 - 5 Poker pile
 - 8 Church area
 - 12 Overhaul
 - 13 Mont. neighbor
 - 14 Disturb
 - 15 Burglar
 - 16 Spotted horses
 - 18 Longitude unit
 - 20 Wouldn't hurt —
 - 21 Suppositions
 - 22 "Harper Valley —"
 - 23 Make better
 - 26 Golf club
 - 29 Wobbles, as a rocket
 - 30 Silly
 - 31 Glasgow turndown
 - 33 WSW opposite
 - 34 Oahu welcomes
 - 35 Workout locales
- DOWN**
- 1 Sardonic
 - 2 Pay attention
 - 3 Boundary
 - 4 Heads
 - 5 Gas mains
 - 6 Comic strip dog
 - 7 — kwon do
 - 8 Former Palestinian leader
 - 9 Gopher opinions
 - 10 Agree with
 - 11 Adamson's pet
 - 17 Eccentric
 - 19 Country addr.
 - 22 Word plays
 - 23 Pro vote
 - 24 Tailless cat
 - 25 Basin companion
 - 26 Forked over
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 - 28 Slams into
 - 30 Zorro's marks
 - 32 NASA counterpart
 - 34 Brand of spandex
 - 35 Small pickle
 - 37 Acid in vinegar
 - 38 Meadow
 - 40 Nourishes
 - 41 Cuba, to Castro
 - 42 One-on-one battle
 - 43 Not prerecorded
 - 44 Mask feature
 - 45 Post-kindergarten
 - 46 Campus figure
 - 48 Undergrad degrees
 - 50 Tokyo, to shoguns

Sudoku

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 5

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| 8 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 |
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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: K equals Y

"XTRPS BPUF CGT FZHCRAH UB UCGTPH.
IXTRHT YPZSA PTHIUSHZOXK, RSY ZC'H STJTP
RDDTICROXT CU YPZSA RSY YPZJT."
— AZF ARPYRHGZRS

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 5: "My parents didn't treat me as if there was anything in the world I couldn't do, except be unkind." — Kristin Hersh

GET FUZZY by Darby Conley



NON SEQUITUR by Wiley



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



HERMAN by Jim Unger

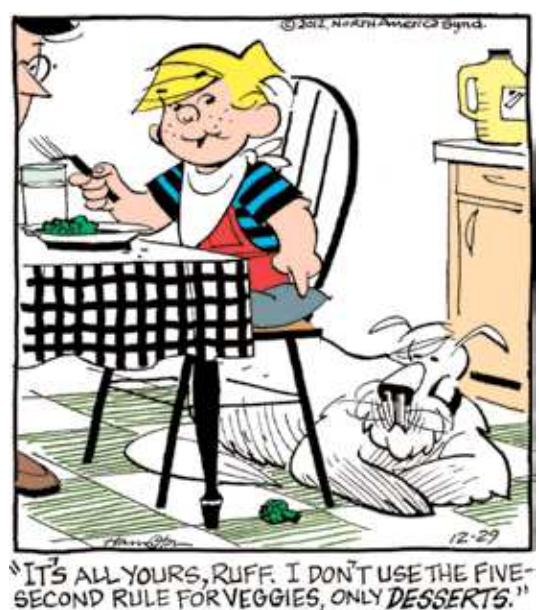


"Whatever that was, I'll have another one."

RHYMES WITH ORANGE by Hilary B. Price

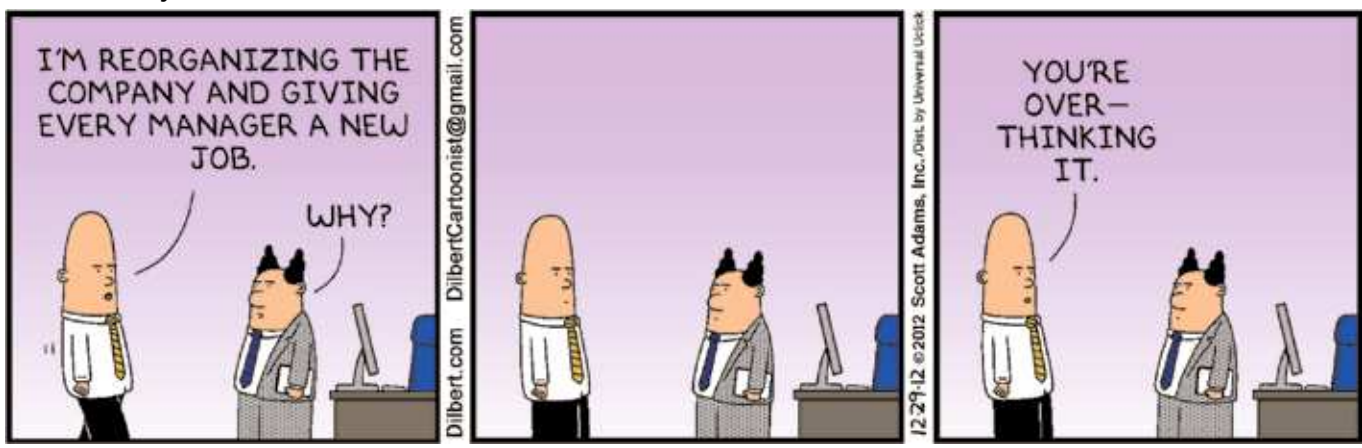


DENNIS THE MENACE by Hank Ketcham



"IT'S ALL YOURS, RUFF. I DON'T USE THE FIVE-SECOND RULE FOR VEGGIES, ONLY DESSERTS."

DILBERT by Scott Adams



PICKLES by Brian Crane



WIZARD OF ID by Parker & Hart



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE by Lynn Johnston



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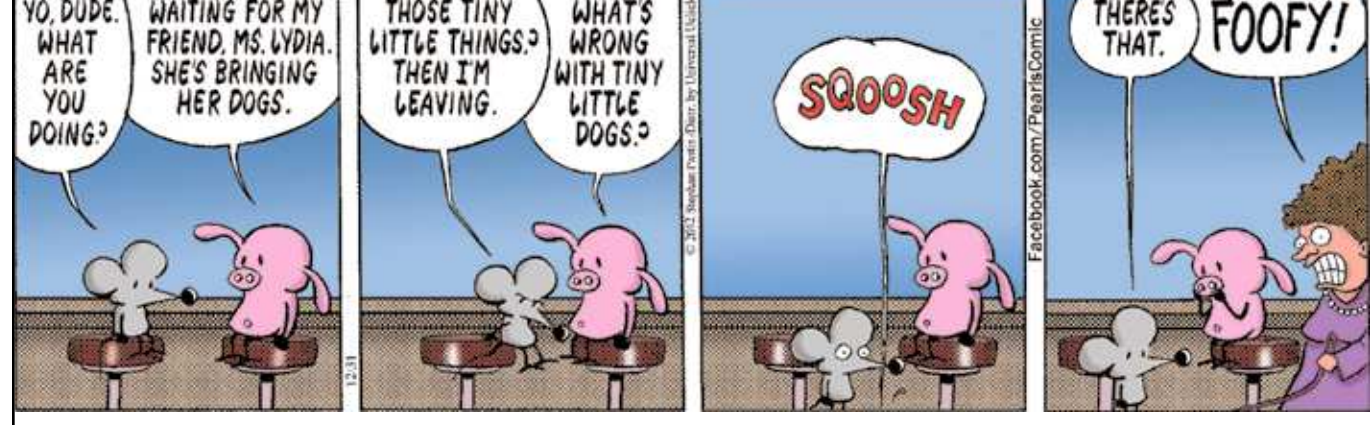
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SUNDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 30, 2012

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| ABC | 4 | 4 | KOMO 4 News Sunday 6:00am | Good Morning America (N) | KOMO 4 News Sunday 8:00am | This Week With George... | Animal Rescue | Paid Prog. | Joint Pain? | Fat Loss | One Last Dance (2003, Drama) Patrick Swayze, Lisa Niemi. | Rudolph's Shiny New Year | Wipeout (CC) | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | KOMO 4 News | World News | | | | | | | | | | |
| NBC | 5 | 5 | Meet the Press (N) (CC) | News | News | News | Mathews | Muffin Top? | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | PGA Tour: Year in Review (N) (CC) | Golf Tyco Skills Challenge, Day 2. | LazyTown | The Wiggles | Football Night in America (N) (S Live) (CC) | NFL Football | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IND | 6 | 6 | Youth | Paid | Smile | Slim 6 | Paid | Arm | Paid | Jillian | Meet the Press | Osteen | Paid | Kds | Mad | Animal | Wild | Hanna | House | Skin | Paid | Wor | Paid | Kids Healing | | | |
| CBS | 7 | 7 | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | CBS News Sunday (N) (CC) | Morning | Face/Nation | The NFL Today (N) (Live) (CC) | NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N) (Live) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PBS | 9 | 9 | Sesame Street (CC) (DVS) | Curious George | Cat in the Hat | Super Why! | Dinosaur | Sid the Science | Thomas & Fr. | Bob the Builder | Wild Kratts | History Making | Heart | Moyers & Company (CC) | Survival With Ray Mears (CC) | Survival With Ray Mears (CC) | Survival With Ray Mears (CC) | The Queen's Palaces (CC) | Martin Clunes: Horsepower | | | | | | | | |
| MNT | 10 | 10 | Apostolic Faith Church | Paid Prog. | Muffin Top? | Why? | Paid Prog. | Skincare | Paid Prog. | Skincare | Paid Prog. | Skincare | Miracles | Paid Prog. | Beauty | Fac Loss | * Are We Done Yet? (2007, Comedy) Ice Cube, Nia Long. | * Chill Factor (1999, Action) Cuba Gooding Jr., Skeet Ulrich. | | | | | | | | | |
| CW | 11 | 11 | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | In Touch W/ Charles Stanley | Transform | Indian News | South Sound | Paid Prog. | Weight | Paid Prog. | Skincare | Faces | Mystery Hunters | Hollywood | Paid Prog. | Ultimate! | P90X! | Skincare | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Cold Case Files (CC) | Leverage "The Bank Shot Job" | | | | |
| PBS | 12 | 12 | Home-time | Old House | Fine Art | Joy/Painting | Burt Wolf | Tracks Ahead | Bob Ross: The Happy Painter (CC) | Heart of Watson | Perfect Health | Inside Olympia | Moyers & Company (CC) | Drop 7 Foods, Feel Better | Victor Borge: Comedy in Music! (CC) | R. Steves' European Christmas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOX | 13 | 13 | Anderson | Faith Center | Key of David | J. Van Impe | Fox News Sunday | FOX NFL Sunday (N) (CC) | NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N) (S Live) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IND | 14 | 14 | Invicta Watches | Renato Watches | Watches | Watches | Watches | Watches | Invicta Watches | Invicta Watches | Watches | Imperious | Watches | Renato Watches | Invicta Watches | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ION | 15 | 15 | International | Tomorrow's | Jeremiah | Discovery | In Touch W/ Charles Stanley | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Say No to Pain | WEN Hair | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Name Is Earl | Name Is Earl | Monk (CC) | Monk Adrian's biggest fan. | Monk (CC) | Monk (CC) | Monk (CC) | Monk (CC) | Monk (CC) | Monk (CC) | | |
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| ABC | 22 | 22 | Good Morning America (N) | KATU News This Morning - Sun (N) (CC) | Your Voice | New You! | This Week With George... | Say No to Pain | Paid Prog. | Recipe | Cash Cab | Juice and Lose! | Rudolph's Shiny New Year | Wipeout (CC) | Su-per-smile | Cash Cab | KATU News | World News | | | | | | | | | |
| NBC | 26 | 26 | NewsChannel 8 at Sunrise (N) | NewsChannel 8 at Sunrise (N) | Meet the Press (N) (CC) | Skincare | Youth Secrets | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | PGA Tour: Year in Review (N) (CC) | Golf Tyco Skills Challenge, Day 2. | Say No to Pain | Younger-Skin | Football Night in America (N) (S Live) (CC) | NFL Football | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOX | 27 | 27 | Fox News Sunday | Good Day Oregon Sunday (N) | FOX NFL Sunday (N) (CC) | NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N) (S Live) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UNI | 28 | 28 | Pagado | Pagado | Vecinos | Vecinos | Para Volver | Al Punto (N) | Fábrica de Risas | República Deportiva (SS) | Festival Acapulco (SS) | 13th Annual Latin Grammy Awards | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A&E | 52 | 52 | Save-CardM | Total Gym | Criminal Minds (CC) | Criminal Minds "Divining Rod" | Criminal Minds "100" (CC) | *** The Perfect Storm (2000, Suspense) George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. | *** The Shawshank Redemption (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton. | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMC | 67 | 67 | Mad Men "The Jet Set" (CC) | Mad Men "The Mountain King" | ** King Kong (1976) Jeff Bridges. An oil mogul seeks to exploit a monstrous ape in New York. (CC) | ** Sahara (2005) Matthew McConaughey. Adventurers search for a Confederate ship in Africa. (CC) | ** Poseidon (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell. | *** The Green Mile (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| APL | 43 | 43 | Ex | Weird | Untamed-Uncut | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot |
| BET | 56 | 56 | BET's Morning Inspiration | Housewives/OC | Housewives/NYC | Housewives/NJ | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | |
| BRAVO | 66 | 66 | Housewives/OC | Housewives/NYC | Housewives/NJ | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | Shahs of Sunset | |
| CBUT | 29 | 29 | Super | Poko | Animal | Art | Cor | Cor | Cor | Cor | Stefano | Market | Steven-Chris | Land | One/ | Q With Jian | Steven-Chris | *** March of the Penguins (2005) | Chronicles-Lion | | | | | | | | |
| CMT | 61 | 61 | CMT Music (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CNBC | 46 | 46 | Paid | Core | Keurig | Skin | Loss | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | |
| CNN | 44 | 44 | State/Union | Fareed Zakaria | Reliable Sources | State/Union | Fareed Zakaria | Next | News | Your Money (N) | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | CNN Newsroom | |
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| COM | 60 | 60 | Wrinkle Mircle | Paid Prog. | Insane Bodies! | Skincare | ** Coneheads (1993, Comedy) Dan Aykroyd, Jane Curtin. (CC) | ** Police Academy (1984) Steve Guttenberg, Kim Cattrail. (CC) | ** Cheech and Chong's Up in Smoke (1978) Cheech Marin. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIS | 41 | 41 | Little | Octo | *** Ratatouille (2007) (CC) | Sofia the First | Good | Jessie | Star New Year | Wiz | Wiz | Good | Good | Austin | Shake | ANT | ANT | Jessie | Jessie | Good | Good | Good | Good | Good | Good | Good | |
| DSC | 8 | 8 | Paid Prog. | Key of David | Paid Prog. | Youssef | In Touch | X-Ray: Yellowstone (CC) | Gold Rush "Up Smith Creek" (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men "Log-jam" (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | | |
| E! | 65 | 65 | Super-smile | Paid Prog. | *** Sex and the City (2008, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrail, Chris Noth. | Hollywood | The Soup | E! News (N) | Fashion Police (N) | *** Sex and the City (2008, Romance-Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrail, Chris Noth. | *** A League of Their Own (1992) Tom Hanks, Geena Davis. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN | 32 | 32 | SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC) | Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live) (CC) | PBA Bowling | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | Strong Man | |
| ESPN2 | 33 | 33 | ProFILE | ProFILE | Outside | Sports | Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live) | Golf | Golf | SEC Storied | SEC Storied | Roll Tide/War | 30 for 30 | 30 for 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FAM | 39 | 39 | Prince | Mads | Boy... | Boy... | ** Alice in Wonderland (2010, Fantasy) | ** Nanny McPhee (2005, Comedy) | ** Nanny McPhee Returns (2010, Comedy) | ** The Princess Diaries (2001, Comedy) | Prin | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FNC | 48 | 48 | FOX and Friends | News | House | News HQ | America's News Headquarters (N) | Fox News Sun. | Journal Editorial | America's News Headquarters (N) | Fox News Sun. | FOX Report (N) | Huckabee (N) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD | 35 | 35 | Paid | Skin | Paula | Paula | Paula | Paula | Trisha's | Trisha's | Pioneer | Pioneer | Wed | Pioneer | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Food Court Wars | My. | Health | | | | | | | |
| FX | 53 | 53 | Say No to Pain | Younger-Skin | Smarter | Smarter | ** Predators (2010, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace. | ** Live Free or Die Hard (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Jason Statham. America's computers fall under attack. | *** Wanted (2008, Action) James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman, Angelina Jolie. | *** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (1941, Comedy) Carol Lombard, Robert Montgomery. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GOLF | 70 | 70 | British Open | PGA Champ. | Masters | Masters | 2012 Ryder Cup Final Day. From the Medinah Country Club in Medinah, Ill. | Golf | PGA Tour Golf AT&T National, Final Round. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HALL | 19 | 19 | *** The Dog Who Saved Christmas (2009, Comedy) Dean Cain. | Santa Jr (2002, Romance-Comedy) Lauren Holly, Judd Nelson. (CC) | Naughty or Nice (2012, Fantasy) Hilario Burton, Gabriel Tigerman. (CC) | ** The Christmas Pageant (2011, Comedy) Melissa Gilbert. (CC) | *** Christmas Song (2012, Romance) Natasha Henstridge. (CC) | *** The Santa Incident (2010) Ione Skye, Greg Germann. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | 68 | 68 | Yng- | Skin | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen | Kitchen |
| HIST | 37 | 37 | CarMD | Paid | Modern Marvels | Weird Weapons | Weird Weapons | Weird Weapons | Weird Weapons | Hilton Family | High Hitter (CC) | WW2- Space | TBA | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | Extreme Homes | |
| LIFE | 51 | 51 | WEN | Back | In Touch | Schr | Jere | Osteen | Paid | Prank | ** The Wedding Planner (2001) | *** Selena (1997) Jennifer Lopez. (CC) | ** Jersey Girl (2004) Ben Affleck. | * The Ex (2006) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC | 47 | 47 | Chris Hayes | Melissa Harris-Perry (N) | Weekends With Alex Witt (N) | Meet the Press | Chris Hayes | Chris Hayes | Minh's Story | Sex Slaves: TX | Slavery-Amer. | Sex Slaves: TX | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MTV | 63 | 63 | Teen Life (CC) | Teen Mom 2 (CC) | Jersey Shore (CC) | Jersey Shore (CC) | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | |
| NBCS | 34 | 34 | Dobbs | Parker | Primal | Alaska | Outd'r | Hunter | Quests | Wild | FLW Outdoors | Outdoor | Fishing | White. | Action Sports (CC) | Ra | Motorsports | Danger. | Danger. | Bucks | White. | | | | | | |
| NICK | 40 | 40 | T.U.F.F. Kung | Parents | Parents | Power | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | Spong | |
| OXY | 50 | 50 | Mira | WEN | Paid | Paid | Snapped (CC) | *** Walk the Line (2005) Joaquin Phoenix. (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | Snapped (CC) | | |
| ROOT | 31 | 31 | College Basketball | Above | World | Quest | Fishing | Outd'r | Hunter | Game | Court | Sports Unlimited | High School Football | Tennis | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SPIKE | 57 | 57 | Teeter Hang | Say No to Pain | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Weight Loss | Insane Bodies! | ** Robin Hood (2010, Adventure) Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett. Robin and his men battle the Sheriff of Nottingham. (CC) | *** The Patriot (2000, War) Mel Gibson, Heath Ledger. A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War. (CC) | *** Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith (2005) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY | 59 | 59 | Paid | Paid | Paid | Paid | Fat | Paid | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | Being Human | |
| TBN | 20 | 20 | Franklin | Jere | Rhema | Winning | Miracle | Re | Love | Touch | Power | Written | Conley | Change | King Is | Franklin | Hagee | Marr | Prince | G. | Jakes | Meyer | Y'sef | Blessed | Osteen | Kerry | |
| TBS | 55 | 55 | Married | Married | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | *** American Pie 2 (2001) Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth. (CC) | ** Delta Farce (2007) Larry the Cable Guy, Bill Engvall. (CC) | *** Tommy Boy (1995, Comedy) Chris Farley, David Spade. (CC) | ** Road Trip (2000) Sean William Scott, Breckin Meyer. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TLC | 38 | 38 | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | Four Weddings | |
| TNT | 54 | 54 | Law & Order "Slaughter" | Law & Order "Castoff" | Law & Order "Brightlight" | Law & Order "Patriot" | Law & Order "Dissonance" | Law & Order "Pro Se" | Law & Order "The Collar" (CC) (DVS) | *** King Kong (2005, Adventure) Naomi Watts, Jack Black. A beauty tames a savage beast. (CC) | *** Gladiator (2000) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Movies Sports Kids Bets

December 31, 2012

Monday Evening TV schedule grid with columns for channel, time, and program details.

TUESDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

January 1, 2013

Tuesday Evening TV schedule grid with columns for channel, time, and program details.