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Toddler's Killer Sentenced

Centralia Man Will Serve More Than 37 Years in Prison for Koralynn Fister's Death

By Stephanie Schendel
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The Centralia man who pleaded guilty to rape and murder charges in relation to the death of a 2-year-old girl last May was sentenced to serve a minimum of 37½ years in prison Wednesday morning.

Lewis County Superior Court Judge James Lawler chose to impose the maximum sentence for the charges.

James M. Reeder's total time in prison, however, will be determined near the end of his 37-year term when the state Department of Corrections' Indeterminate Sentence Review Board reviews his case and determines how much additional prison time, if any, he will serve. The sentence could result in life in prison, depending on the board's decision.

The courtroom was filled Wednesday morning with family and friends of both the biological parents of the toddler, Koralynn Fister. Many of them cried throughout the hearing.

The parents of the toddler, Becky Heupel and David Fister, sat in the front row of the courtroom as victim advocates read their prepared statements.

"Kora was everything to me and everyone in my family," Fister wrote in the statement read aloud in court. "(Reeder) took the life of Kora, and ruined many more."

In the statement written by the girl's mother, she told Reeder he not only took Koralynn from her, but his actions resulted in her losing custody of her other child.

"You pretended to help me while using my daughter," she wrote.

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James Reeder hangs his head in a Lewis County Superior courtroom prior to the start of a sentencing hearing on Wednesday afternoon at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis. On Jan. 9, Reeder pleaded guilty to homicide by abuse, two counts of rape of a child, second-degree assault and possession of methamphetamine. On Wednesday, Lewis County Superior Court Judge James Lawler sentenced Reeder, 26, to a minimum of 37 years in prison for the rape and abuse of Centralia 2-year-old Koralynn Fister. It is possible that Reeder may serve a life sentence.

Mother to be Charged

Toddler's Mother
 Accused of Mistreatment
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VIDEO: James Reeder Sentencing Hearing Clips

Hear written statements from Koralynn's family members and statements by Judge James Lawler

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Weather

TONIGHT: Low 33
TOMORROW: High 52
Few Showers
see details on Main 2

Weather picture by Hannah James, Onalaska Elementary, third grade

Deaths

Farrell, Don, 83, Chehalis
Knapp, Dana Ellen, 71, Centralia
Hawley, Vera, 94, Renton
Green, Earl T., 88, Glenoma
Agren, Merle A., 87, Centralia

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Community Calendar

Today

Event to Give Advice on Cutting Home Heating Costs

Tips on trimming the costs of heating your home will be given during an event at the Centralia Timberland Library 5-6:30 p.m. tonight.

The Home Energy Action Training Event, local energy experts will cover:

- DIY energy improvements
- How much insulation you really need
- Cost-effective air sealing
- Ductless heat pumps
- Rebates, credits and incentives
- Solar power
- Low-interest loans

Centralia City Light and the Lewis County Public Utility District offer a variety of programs for their customers. Representatives from both utilities will be at the event to answer any questions about what rebates are available, how their rebates work and what you need to qualify for them.

For details, call (360) 870-8180 or visit www.NorthwestEnergyTeam.com/heat-training.

Disaster Preparedness Is Subject of Thursday Talk

A representative from The Survival Center, McKenna, will be providing information on disaster preparedness at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Lewis & Clark Hotel in Centralia.

The Survival Center's staff has a combined experience of more than 90 years. The for-profit business provides preparedness supplies. Items may be available for purchase.

The free event is sponsored by the Lewis County Tea Party.

The Lewis & Clark is located at 117 Magnolia St.

For more information, call Marcia Bretz, 262-9343.

Centralia Hispanic Students' Parents Invited to Meeting

Parents of Hispanic students in the Centralia School District are invited to a meeting to discuss the academic achievement of Hispanic students and programs to assist them to learn English as quickly as possible.

School district administrators have been asked to attend to share the state test scores of Hispanic students and programs offered to assist Hispanics learn English. Other topics will include communicating with Hispanic parents and any other topic parents want to discuss.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. tonight at Edison Elementary, 607 H St., Centralia. Babysitting will be provided.

For additional information, call Adrianna Garibay, (360) 807-2054, or Nate Yanez, (360) 480-9882.

Sailish the Hypnotist, 6 p.m., Corbet Theatre, Centralia College, free admission with canned food donation for local food banks, 736-9391, ext. 224, or email activities@centralia.edu

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

Organizations

Oakview Grange, 7 p.m., 2715 N. Pearl St., Centralia, (360) 736-5639

Lewis County Robotics Society, 6 p.m., room 128, Kemp Hall, Centralia College, (360) 304-9660

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, (360) 330-2640

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

Multiple sclerosis, 6-8 p.m., Providence Centralia Hospital chapel conference room, (360) 736-5394, Facebook page: Lewis County Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061

Fellowship meeting with Marlene, 10-11 a.m.

Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation

Editor's Best Bet

Comedian to Perform at Riverside Golf Club

Comedian Matt Claybrooks will be making an appearance at the Riverside Golf Club, Chehalis, at 8 p.m. Friday.

Claybrooks has written episodes for the show "Everybody Hates Chris" and "The Game." After writing for the show that chronicles the life of comedian Chris Rock, Rock brought Claybrooks along with him as a consultant on his first world tour entitled the "No Apologies Tour." Since then, Claybrooks has worked alongside Rock on a number of projects and opens for him regularly.

Laugh Factory, Los Angeles, had this to say about Claybrooks: "Relentless, provocative, edgy, and hot are just some words that have been used to describe screenwriter/comedian Matt Claybrooks. ... His style is political, socially aware and raw. Claybrooks has opened for some of today's biggest comedians on the planet ... If you're easily offended, his show is probably not for you."



Ashley Jena Sorenson / Courtesy photo

Comedian Matt Claybrooks, who has frequently worked with star Chris Rock, will perform at the Riverside Golf Club, Chehalis, at 8 p.m. Friday.

Admission is \$12. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com. Doors open at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (360) 748-8182.

Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m.
Morton Senior Center, (360) 496-3230

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

Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, (360) 785-4325

Knitting and crocheting, 10 a.m., for all skill levels, all ages, \$1 donation

Cook's choice lunch, noon

Bingo, 12:30-2 p.m.
Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331

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

Quilting project class, 3:30 p.m.
Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Zumba, 6-7 p.m.

Cook's choice lunch, 11:30 a.m.
Wood carving class, 1-3 p.m.

Quilt class, 1-3 p.m.

urday.
The Friday session will run 6:30-9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

This event provides a fresh approach by weaving together a variety of teaching elements along with personal projects to help married couples practice what they learn.

The cost for "The Art of Marriage" is \$55 per couple, which includes all materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. Child-care is available for an additional \$10 per child.

Register online at www.cccog.com or call the church office at (360) 736-7606.

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlitz Prairie Grange, (360) 864-2023

Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m., Twin Cities Senior Center

Potato and taco salad bar, open to everyone, \$6, 4:30-7 p.m., Olequa Senior Center, Winlock, (360) (360) 785-4325

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

Spring rummage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506

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Friday, March 8

'The Art of Marriage' Coming to Centralia Community Church

A 1½-day video conference called "The Art of Marriage" is coming to Centralia Community Church on Friday and Sat-

The Weather Almanac

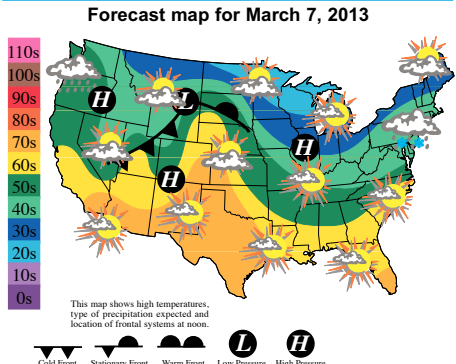
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Few Showers 50° 33°	Partly Cloudy 52° 32°	Mostly Sunny 54° 34°	Cloudy 54° 40°	Mostly Cloudy 50° 40°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Stage	24 hr. Height Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	55.07	65.0 -0.14
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	75.13	85.0 +0.01
Cowlitz at Packwood	2.12	10.5 -0.08
Cowlitz at Randle	6.22	18.0 -0.14
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	8.99	---
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National Map



Centralia

Data reported from Centralia

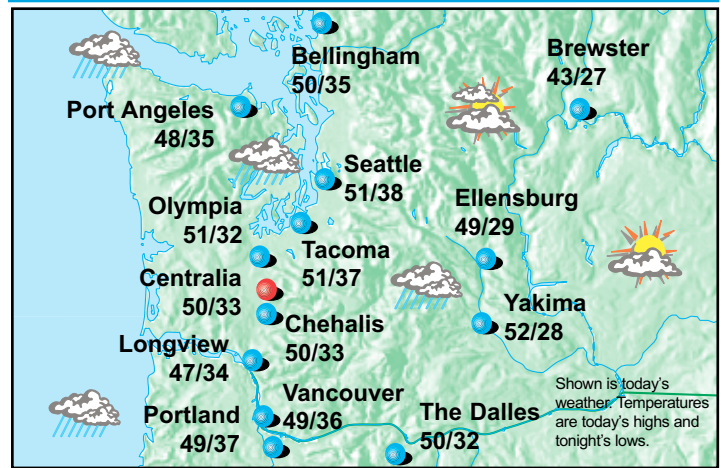
Temperature

Yesterday's High 45
 Yesterday's Low 41
 Normal High 55
 Normal Low 38
 Record High 70 in 2005
 Record Low 24 in 2004

Precipitation

Yesterday 0.03"
 Month to date 0.40"
 Normal month to date 1.07"
 Year to date 6.55"
 Normal year to date 13.10"

Regional Weather



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:39 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:07 p.m.
 Moonrise 3:57 a.m.
 Moonset 1:49 p.m.

Phase	Date
New	3/11
First	3/19
Full	3/27
Last	4/2

Pollen Forecast

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

World Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi/Lo	Wx	P	Hi/Lo	Wx	P
Baghdad	66/46	s	69/47	mc		
Beijing	67/33	pc	69/35	s		
London	51/43	sh	52/45	sh		
Mexico City	79/49	s	81/51	s		
Moscow	33/11	mc	25/4	pc		
New Delhi	85/58	s	86/59	s		
Paris	56/47	sh	55/48	sh		
Rio de Janeiro	89/74	t	91/77	pc		
Rome	60/53	ra	59/51	sh		
Sydney	79/65	s	78/66	pc		

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Contract Liquor Stores Feeling Pinch Following Privatization

STRUGGLING: Some Lewis County Liquor Stores May Close Doors Due to Increased Competition

By Amy Nile
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By now, most Washington residents know the easy access of privatized spirit sales did not come with greater affordability. But the state's former contract liquor stores are experiencing another cost of convenience.

Many of those stores in Lewis County are struggling to keep their doors open, with some reporting sales slashed in half. Now, they're looking to legislators in Olympia for help, but aid may come too late for some.

Toledo Mayor Jerry Pratt, who owns a former state contract store, said he has lost more than half of his income since people have been buying booze from big box retailers or going to Oregon in search of better prices. The Toledo Liquor Inc. owner said he's been putting his own money into keeping the business afloat.

"But eventually you gotta quit beating a dead horse," Pratt said, who has been in the business since 1999. "When do I give up?"

Pratt said he will evaluate sales at the end of the month and decide if its worth operating in the newly privatized industry.

The Washington State Liquor Control Board turned liquor sales over to the private sector on June 1, as mandated by voter-approved Initiative 1183.

The 167 formerly state-run stores and about 160 shops that operated under liquor board contracts, including Pratt's shop and several more in the greater Lewis County area, are the only small retailers allowed to sell spirits. The Costco-backed initiative requires all other liquor retailers to measure at least 10,000 square feet.

Many voters thought increasing competition would drive prices down, but customers have learned otherwise in



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Toledo Mayor Jerry Pratt poses for a portrait in his liquor store in downtown Toledo on Tuesday. He said his business has been reduced by about 50 percent since liquor sales were privatized by voters.

the checkout lane.

Pratt said he does not think the public considered that stores like his pay a 17 percent retailer licensing fee and a 10 percent distributor fee.

"They voted me out of a job," he said. "It's that 27 percent that's killing us."

Those costs are passed along to the consumer, on top of a 20.5 percent spirit tax, and an additional 3.77 percent per liter.

The fees are also creating problems for Jim Kunz, who runs the Winlock Liquor Store, which has also seen sales decrease by about 50 percent since the law took effect. "We're right on the fence, deciding whether we're going to have to close our doors," Kunz said.

With all the fees, Kunz said, the state is taking about half the profit from each bottle he sells.

"It's like a kick in the face," he said.

Even after offering more products such as wine and mixers to increase sales, Kunz said,

his business remains shaky. Still he thinks some former contract store will make it.

"But most of the small mom and pop shops are going to get squished out," he said.

That can be prevented if the state changes the rules for stores such as his to sell liquor to bars and restaurants, he said.

A substitute was offered late last month on House Bill 1161, which would waive the 17 percent fee for retail licensees that were contract liquor stores, allowing them to resell spirits to bars and restaurants for on-site consumption beginning Jan. 1. The measure was referred to the House Rules Committee last week and a Senate panel is considering a similar measure.

"If that passes, it might be enough to save us," Kunz said.

Katrina Sapegin, who owns Morton Liquor Store, said her spirit sales also dropped after the law took effect but are starting to pick up.

"We're actually doing better

than quite a few of the stores," she said.

Sapegin said she has less competition than other locations and her beer sales increased when liquor prices skyrocketed, which helped her bottom line.

But, another measure, Senate Bill 5731, which would allow beer and wine specialty shops to sell malt liquor and spirits produced by craft distillers starting in December, has Sapegin worried.

She said some people would not have bought liquor stores if they had known the state would expand the number of small businesses allowed to sell spirits.

"There's a lot of things out there that were really unfair," Sapegin said.

Still, others, such as Rudy Contreras, who owns Grand Mound Liquor and Beverage, think competition is good for the public.

Under the state-run system, Contreras said, some stores did

not provide good service because the government guaranteed the shops a paycheck and the public had no other options for buying alcohol.

The 10-year industry veteran said while he too lost some business to the large retailers, business owners need to diversify their offerings to still turn a profit and keep customers coming back.

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Report: Washington Gained 24,000 Jobs in January

OLYMPIA (AP) — New numbers released Wednesday show the state reportedly gained more than 24,000 jobs in January, but state officials believe that number is too high to be accurate.

Economists with the state employment Security Department said that it's been more than 17 years since the state saw that significant of a gain in job growth in one month, and that the preliminary numbers from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics are likely to be revised.

The average job growth for the state over the past year has been more than 5,000 a month, said Joe Elling, chief labor econ-

omist for the department.

"The trend over the past year probably gives us a better idea of what's happening in the job market," he said in a prepared statement.

The job numbers were released Wednesday along with the unemployment rate, which was unchanged at 7.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for January was 7.9 percent.

Industries that had the most gains in January, according to the report, included government, which added an estimated 5,500 jobs, leisure and hospitality, which added 4,600, and retail, which added 4,000. Professional and business services added

3,200 jobs, and construction added 2,300 jobs.

Only one industry lost jobs in January, the private-sector education and health services industry, which saw a decrease of 1,500.

An estimated 261,000 people in Washington were unemployed and looking for work in January, including more than 151,000 who claimed unemployment benefits.

More than 3,300 unemployed workers ran out of unemployment benefits last month. A total of 128,808 people have exhausted their benefits since extended benefits were activated in July 2008.

Rep. Ed Orcutt Sorry for Comment on Cyclists' Breathing

OLYMPIA (AP) — A Washington state lawmaker apologized Monday for asserting in an email last week that bicyclists pollute the air with their heavy breathing.

But while 20th District Republican Rep. Ed Orcutt of Kalama, the ranking minority member of the House Transportation Committee, said that his statement was "not a point worthy of even mentioning," he didn't retract his claim that cyclists contribute to climate change with their "increased heart rate and respiration."



Rep. Ed Orcutt
R-Kalama

"What I was trying to say is bicyclists do have a lower footprint but not a zero footprint in relation to automobiles," Orcutt said. "I didn't close that thought out very well. It was poorly worded."

came in a response to an email sent to more than 30 state lawmakers from Dale Carlson, the owner of three South Sound-area bike stores. Carlson was upset about a proposal to create a \$25 fee for all new bicycle purchases of \$500 or more as part of a transportation revenue package.

Orcutt, a conservative who opposes most tax increases, told Carlson by email that cyclists should help pay for the upkeep and construction of roads.

In support of his view, he wrote that "the act of riding a bike results in greater emissions of carbon dioxide from the rider. Since CO2 is deemed to be a greenhouse gas and a pollutant, bicyclists are actually polluting when they ride."

Carlson said he appreciated Orcutt's subsequent apology, but said the lawmaker's views "still seems way out there."

"Cycling has so many positive attributes to society," Carlson said. "It should be encouraged and not discouraged."

Dr. Lonnie Thompson, a climatologist and glaciologist at The Ohio State University, called Orcutt's line of reasoning "crazy."

"We have to breathe whether we're riding a bike or not," said Thompson, who added that burning through a 12-gallon tank of gas releases 314 pounds of carbon dioxide into the air.

A 2011 study by the European Cycling Federation found that bicycle riding is not emission-free, but is more than 10 times less polluting than driving a car. That study took into account the manufacture of the raw materials of a bicycle and the increased food consumption that fuels the physical activity, but did not factor in increased rates of respiration.

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Mother of Murdered Toddler Will Face Criminal Charge

CHARGED: Prosecutors Allege Developmentally Disabled Woman's Criminal Negligence Led to Her 2-Year-Old Daughter's Death at Hands of Boyfriend

By Stephanie Schendel
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The mother of the 2-year-old girl who died as a result of being sexually and physically tortured at the hands of the Centralia woman's boyfriend last May will be facing criminal mistreatment charges, Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said Wednesday afternoon.

The mother, 30-year-old Becky Heupel, has obvious mental disabilities, both police and prosecutors said.

Heupel was not home at the time of her daughter's death on May 24. She had left town for the afternoon with her older daughter, sister and grandmother to travel to Morton, leaving Koralynn Fister in the care of her live-in boyfriend, James M. Reeder — the man who was sentenced 37½ years to life in prison for the child's slaying Wednesday morning.

"Reeder's a shark and he was looking for weak prey," Meyer said. "And he found it."

According to a police report obtained by The Chronicle through a public records request, family and friends of Heupel described her as a good mother and a caretaker to her disabled, elderly grandmother and her mentally handicapped sister, who both lived down the street from her at the time of the child's death.

The report, as well as audio recordings of Heupel's interview with police, detailed how Reeder, a man with a violent past, manipulated his way into a developmentally delayed woman's life and isolated her youngest daughter.

THE CASE began when Reeder brought Koralynn's body to a neighbor's house, screaming the small child had drowned in a bathtub. But when paramedics arrived at the mobile home park on West Oakview Avenue at about 3 p.m., the toddler's body was limp and already cold to the touch, indicating to police she died long before they arrived. Her small body was spotted with bruises and covered with cuts and other injuries, including two palm-sized chunks of skin missing from her buttocks. Reeder told police he was



Becky Heupel, center, mother of 2-year-old Koralynn Fister, sits in the front row of the gallery at Lewis County Superior Court prior to a sentencing hearing for James Reeder on Wednesday at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis.

giving the toddler a bath when he left the room momentarily to grab a towel. When he returned, the child was facedown in the bathtub. Authorities later ruled the child's death a homicide and said she died due to blunt-force head trauma and drowning.

FOR THE PAST nine months, as prosecutors negotiated a plea agreement with Reeder's attorney, the question remained how the toddler's mother could be oblivious to the abuse that authorities allege began weeks prior to her daughter's death.

Since his arrest, prosecutors refused to comment on the possibility of Heupel facing charges.

"We needed her as a witness, and my first and foremost responsibility was the case against Reeder," Meyer said.

Heupel, who suffers from chronic pain, panic attacks and obsessive compulsive disorder, is partially deaf and wears a hearing aid, according to police reports. In her initial interview with police, she said she was a special-needs student throughout her childhood and functions at an eighth-grade level, adding she knew 13-year-olds who were smarter than her. Police later confirmed the validity of these conditions through her medical reports. She also admitted to police it was often difficult and overwhelming to manage both children.

WHILE HEUPEL first met Reeder several years ago at a party in Centralia, she told detectives they reconnected in March, two months before Koralynn's death, on the dating website Plenty of Fish.

Reeder was one of three different men — all boyfriends of Heupel — to move in and out of her house that year where she

lived with her two daughters, ages 2 and 4.

They began communicating shortly after Heupel's previous live-in boyfriend, Joey Michaels, was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Missouri. A few days after reconnecting online, Reeder moved into her home.

Heupel told investigators that her previous boyfriends, including Koralynn's biological father, David Fister, seemed uninterested in helping her around the house or caring for the girls. Heupel told police that Fister, who also lives in Centralia, told her shortly after Koralynn was born that he "didn't do the baby thing" and instead would come home from work and drink alcohol and play video games instead of helping her care for their daughter. Fister and Heupel eventually broke up, and he moved out in February. Fister later told police he had not seen his daughter in the five weeks prior to her death.

When Reeder moved in with Heupel in March, however, he cooked, cleaned and offered to help toilet train Koralynn. One month into their relationship, he encouraged her to divide the parenting responsibilities with him. Reeder, who has two of his own biological children, did not have contact with either one.

Heupel told police she was grateful for his help, and that she thought he loved and cared about her, according to the report. But after they divided up the childcare responsibilities, she told police, their sex life started to decline.

She also began to notice some of Koralynn's severe injuries, including an abnormal bruise near the 2-year-old's vagina, according to the report. About two weeks before Koralynn's death, Heupel's grand-

mother also noticed the injuries on the child and pointed them out to Heupel.

When Heupel asked Reeder about them, he made excuses for the injuries — the dog, falls and self-inflicted bruises from hitting her head against the wall, according to the report. When Heupel suggested taking the toddler to the doctor, she later told police, Reeder would belittle her, telling she would be "wasting the doctor's time and that all kids had cuts and bruises."

AS THE RELATIONSHIP progressed, Heupel said Reeder became more verbally abusive and would frequently accuse her of cheating and would demand to see her phone. He also told her that his friends would come and "take care of her" if she disappointed him.

"We have a good relationship except for when I make him kind of mad," she slowly told Detective Pat Beall, of the Centralia Police Department, the lead detective who handled the homicide investigation, on the day of Koralynn's death.

Heupel's relationship with Reeder, just like the relationships he had with past girlfriends, were that of a typical domestic violence cycle, Beall said.

The ex-girlfriends Beall interviewed told him a similar story: Reeder would grow more verbally abusive and condescending. He then would demand to see their cellphones, accusing them of cheating, and in many of the relationships, he escalated to violence.

Most of the women never called the police, and the ones who did often changed their stories once officers arrived, Beall said. Afterward, Reeder would cry and apologize to the women for his behavior, promising to never do it again.

"Predators prey on people like that," Beall said. "Reeder is a predator."

Both women who previously had children with Reeder told police he would frequently punch their pregnant bellies, according to the report. One of them told the detective that four days after she gave birth, he pinned her down, choked her and raped her, tearing the sutures she had from the birth.

Like the other incidents of domestic violence, the woman never called police.

Multiple friends of Heupel told police they tried to warn her about Reeder's violent past, but Heupel shut them out, according to the report. She also told police

that she was scared of Reeder and his threats of violence.

Despite her fear, she continued to allow him to take care of Koralynn.

HEUPEL DID NOT attend any of Reeder's previous court appearances and was absent from the candlelight vigil where more than 250 community members gathered to mourn her daughter's death last June in downtown Centralia.

When a small group of family, friends and community members gathered in the same spot for a balloon release on the six-month anniversary of her daughter's death in early December, Heupel sat in a car a distance away, wearing large sunglasses that covered her face, shying away from the small group and a television news crew filming the event.

During Reeder's sentencing hearing Wednesday morning, she sat in the front row of the courtroom, surrounded by family, friends, victim's advocates and women from a domestic violence support group. Heupel declined to be interviewed.

Heupel's other daughter remains in custody of Child Protective Services.

DESPITE HER developmental disabilities, prosecutors believe Heupel's inaction played a role in her daughter's death, Meyer said. She put her relationship with Reeder above the health and wellness of the child, he said.

"We had to look to see if the developmental issues played a part in her ability to understand what was going on (with Reeder)," Meyer said. "We decided her developmental issues did not play a part, and that there was a culpability on her part."

Formal charges will likely be filed later this week, Meyer said. She will be charged with second-degree criminal mistreatment. In summary, the statute alleges that a parent recklessly created an imminent and substantial risk of death or great bodily harm for their child. It is a class C felony and carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

"She was reckless in leaving the child with Reeder," Meyer said. "We believe she has some responsibility in this whole thing."

Law enforcement and prosecutors have previously said this is one of the most severe cases of child abuse they have dealt with.

"In most cases, you see an instance," Meyer said. "In this case, it's prolonged."

Sentenced: Judge Says 'This Called For a Much Higher Sentence'

Continued from front

Reeder had moved into Heupel's house with her and her two children when the couple began dating 10 weeks prior to Koralynn's death on May 24. The biological father, Fister, who also lives in Centralia, told law enforcement he had not seen his daughter for several weeks prior to her death.

Since his initial arrest, Reeder has denied responsibility for the rape, torture and death of the child.

Throughout his sentencing Wednesday, the 26-year-old stared at the table in front of him. He declined to address the court when asked by the judge if he had something to say.



Koralynn Fister killed in May 2012

Reeder pleaded guilty to homicide by abuse, two counts of rape of a child in the first degree, second-degree assault and possession of methamphetamine in early January. He used a so-called Alford plea, which allows him to avoid admitting any guilt, but acknowledges if the case were to go to trial, the evidence against him was substantial enough to lead to a conviction.

On Feb. 1, Reeder once again appeared before Lawler and requested the judge disregard the Alford plea deal he had made only three weeks prior. Reeder

"I can imagine her screams and her cries as she was tortured by you."

James Lawler
Lewis County Superior Court judge

also accused his court-appointed attorney, David Arcuri, of lying and tricking him into accepting the plea bargain.

During the sentencing hearing Wednesday morning, Lawler told Reeder he should be grateful for Arcuri, adding that if the case would have gone to trial, Reeder would have likely been found guilty to several aggravating factors that were added onto the charges that would have given Lawler the discretion to sentence Reeder to up to 100 years in prison.

"This called for a much higher sentence, but I don't have that discretion," Lawler told Reeder.

The aggravating factors were dropped as a result of a plea agreement.

Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said previously the prosecutor's office had been attempting to negotiate a plea deal with Reeder from the time he was charged. By accepting the plea deal, Reeder gives up his legal right to appeal his sentence in the future. Also, Meyer added, with the plea agreement,



James Reeder, right, enters Lewis County Superior Court, as his lawyer, David Arcuri, prepares for Reeder's sentencing on Wednesday afternoon at the Lewis County Law and Justice Center in Chehalis.

Reeder potentially faces life in prison.

The plea agreement also saves the family, the community as well as the emergency responders, who saw the toddler's extensive injuries, the stress and devastation of a trial, he said.

Both Lawler and the deputy prosecutor handling the case, Will Halstead, read the details of the toddler's injuries in great detail to the court.

"It's graphic, but I think it's important," Lawler said before he started reading direct

phrases from the probable cause affidavit that detailed the girl's injuries due to the sexual and physical abuse she went through.

"I get a sense of the trauma, a sense of the horror, by just looking at the words," Lawler told Reeder Wednesday, later adding, "I can imagine her screams and her cries as she was tortured by you."

Lawler also acknowledged that he received a series of letters from Reeder's family members, including his grandmother, sister and mother.

"I accept that the person sit-

ting before me is not the same person they know," Lawler said.

Reeder's mother sat in the back of the courtroom with her head down throughout the sentencing, covering her face every time TV news crews scanned the courtroom. She left before the hearing was over.

"I hope that everybody in this courtroom can eventually find some peace and heal," Lawler said at the end of the hearing.

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Rainier Ends Contract With Tenino Police Department

DONE: Rainier Mayor Cites Discontent With Tenino Mayor, City Council

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"I compare it to a marriage: We went for eight years and had a great run, but now it's come to time when one wants a divorce."

Eric Strawn
Tenino mayor

The city of Rainier last week severed ties with the Tenino Police Department, making official a December proclamation that the two would terminate the nine-year partnership at the end of June.

Rainier instead will pay Thurston County about \$220,000 a year for law enforcement services, according to Rainier Mayor Randy Schleis.

Frustration with Tenino's administration — not with the Tenino police force — spurred Rainier's decision not to renew the approximately \$215,000 a year contract, which provided the city with emergency response, traffic control and court services, Schleis said.

"We have no problems with the police department. If the city council could get along with each other and with the mayor and not make us feel like we're being jerked around, maybe we could have found a way to sit down and work it out," Schleis, 60, said.

Rainier first grew concerned about the stability of the Tenino police force when, in late 2011, city officials learned that Tenino might disband its force, according to a resolution passed by the city. As a result, Rainier began to explore its options — including contracting services from Thurston County.

The concerns of city officials increased when Tenino fired two police chiefs and lost a number of officers to other employers. By early 2012, Tenino's force consisted of a police chief

and one commissioned officer, "a situation that was wholly inadequate to provide services to both cities," according to Rainier's resolution.

The city first made notice on Dec. 12, 2012, of its intention to terminate services with the Tenino Police Department. Rainier confirmed its decision through letters dated Jan. 22 and Feb. 26.

Tenino has yet to respond, according to the Rainier resolution.

Though Thurston County's services are more expensive, Rainier would rather swallow the cost than deal with Tenino, according to Schleis.

"We have to look out for Rainier," the former police chief said.

Tenino City Councilor Wayne Fournier also voiced frustration at his city's shortcomings — including a lack of communication, cooperation and foresight.

Mayor Eric Strawn is responsible for many of Tenino's failures, according to Fournier.

"I think it's absolutely unfortunate that someone in office 12 months could cost the city a quarter million dollars in a year," Fournier, 32, said about Strawn. "The city has been shaken to its foundation. I'm scared as to what the next three years will hold."

Strawn admits he's made mistakes — "I don't mind being accountable" — but says the city council is as much to blame for the broken relationship.

"I'm not pushing blame, but if the council got along with me better and projected a condition of unity, Rainier would have a lot more confidence," he said.

LEADERS OF THE TWO CITIES disagree, however, when it comes to a contract addendum that requires Tenino to provide a daytime police officer for 40 hours a week to oversee traffic and school safety. The conditions of that July 2006 contract — in which Rainier promised to pay an additional \$60,000 annually — have not been met for "a long time," according to Rainier Mayor Schleis.

As such, Rainier will pay only the original contract amount, not the remaining addendum payments, until June 30. Rainier already has made its March payment and will make three additional payments of \$10,070 each through June, according to a letter sent from Schleis to Strawn.

But Tenino Councilor Fournier contests Rainier's assertion that the required services were not provided.

According to Fournier and Tenino Police Chief John Hutchings, a school officer was indeed provided 40 hours a week — as

well as duty officers who were available to both cities, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The law enforcement services provided by Tenino were of the highest caliber, and it's unlikely that the services provided by Thurston County will be of the same quality, Fournier added.

"Even if one of our officers is in Tenino, it's still going to be a better response time (to Rainier) than if a deputy in Littlerock responded," he said. The city's average response time, according to Fournier, was 2.5 minutes; speed that is of particular importance to both Tenino and Rainier, which Fournier described as "cities wrapped around schools."

"That's what you need for an urban centers ... A police department that's going to be there in 2.5 minutes, not 12 minutes," Fournier said. "When you think about school shootings and things like that, a lot of bad things can happen in 12 minutes, and it really only takes one officer to make the difference."

Fournier also contests that Rainier's decision has anything to do with the police squad. The city's decision to buy what Fournier describes as "diminished services" at an increased price, emphasizes the fact that Rainier is seeking organization and stability rather than improved law enforcement services.

"That makes it obvious to me that this is not about law enforcement," he said. "If I was on the Rainier City Council, I would have concerns too."

WHILE RAINIER and the Tenino Police Department are contractually committed until June, Rainier continues to hope, and request, that Tenino's city council will allow them an early exit.

Rainier deserves that courtesy because — as Schleis tells it —

the city originally was promised a flexible end date.

In December 2011, then Mayor-Elect Strawn made known his intention to disband the Tenino Police Force once he took office. Former Chief of Police Sean Gallagher subsequently resigned.

At that time, Strawn, 36, told Schleis that if Rainier wanted to terminate its contract early, Tenino would have no issue with that.

It's a position the mayor maintains.

"I compare it to a marriage. We went for eight years and had a great run, but now it's come to time when one wants a divorce," Strawn said. "Do we part amicably and still have a friendship afterwards? Or do we part as enemies and vow never to work together on another thing, ever?"

"I want the first one," he said.

This is in part because, according to Strawn, both entities will benefit from breaking up. For Tenino, keeping its officers in one city will save about \$30,000 in mileage reimbursement; for Rainier, contracting with Thurston County will provide the level of services they desire, Strawn said.

"The quickest way to start healing the cities is for all of us to take responsibility for the partnership going bad and move forward," he added.

But, with about \$40,000 at stake, the Tenino City Council is less understanding, and it appears that the council — the entity with authority over the contract — is unlikely to honor the mayor's wishes.

Rainier is resigned, according to Schleis.

"That's their prerogative," he said. "We don't know if (they will let us out). We'll find out at next council meeting. If they want to hold us to the 18 months,

Lewis County Sheriff's Office Considers Patrolling Pe Ell River Run

RESPONSE: Drowning of 24-Year-Old Man Last Year Brought Safety Concerns to the Forefront

By Kyle Spurr
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Following the drowning of 24-year-old Daniel Kuhn during last year's Pe Ell River Run, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office is determining ways to patrol the event for the first time in the event's 34-year history.

"We have never quote 'manned' it before," Lewis County Sheriff's Office Commander Steve Aust said. "Just now that there has been a death, people are thinking more about it."

Kuhn's death was the first reported at the Pe Ell River Run, an annual event on the second Saturday in April during which participants navigate the Chehalis River from Pe Ell to Doty using various flotation devices.

Aust said the sheriff's office wants to have a presence at the unofficial event to help out if something goes wrong, like another drowning.

Aust said the sheriff's office is facing two major hurdles. It doesn't have a boat, and the sheriff's office would need permission to go on private property surrounding the river.

"We don't have a vessel, and even if we did, there are some parts of the river that are 6 inches deep," Aust said.

The sheriff's office does have a swift water rescue team, which Aust said could hold its training the day of the river run.

"It's an option," Aust said. "But then you create an expectation on people's part that it's safe because a swiftwater rescue team is there."

Kuhn, an Iraq War veteran, separated from a group of friends during the river run last April. He told his friends he would meet them at the Chandler Road Bridge but never appeared.

When Kuhn did not show up by 8 p.m., the rest of his group left. They thought he may have left with other friends, the sheriff's office said.

The swift water rescue team found Kuhn's body five days later, and the coroner's office determined he drowned.

Aust said he remembers observing a Pe Ell River Run years ago and thinking how dangerous the event can be for the participants.

"Most of what people do there is legal, maybe not safe, but legal," Aust said.

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The Chronicle, file photo

Jason Pickett, Pe Ell, fights the current that has him trapped in an eddy on the Chehalis River at Rainbow Falls State Park in April 2010. An eddy is a whirlpool-like area also known as a hole, in this case caused by a boulder obstructing the flow of water.

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Ritchie Bros. Sells More Than 1,800 Pieces of Equipment at Auction

By The Chronicle

Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers sold more than 1,800 pieces of heavy equipment at its most recent sale Tuesday in Napavine.

Ian Malinski, a spokesperson for Ritchie Bros., said the public company would not release the exact amount of the sale but that 3,000 bidders registered on-site and online from close to 50 countries around the world.

Ritchie Bros. sold a 2012 Chevrolet 2500HD Silverado pickup truck for \$40,000 at the auction to an online buyer from Dayton, Ore. All proceeds from the sale of the truck will be going directly to support Chicks n Chaps, a Montana-based organization that teaches women about the sport of rodeo while raising awareness and funds for breast cancer patients and their families.

Other equipment sold during Tuesday's auction included 25 hydraulic excavators, 24 crawler tractors, and 18 rock trucks.



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A man raises his hand to indicate a bid during Ritchie Bros. Auctions in Napavine on Tuesday.



Trucks line up along the viewing area as "catchers," who scan the crowd for bidders, looking out for bidding in their respective sections at the Ritchie Bros. auction site in Napavine on Tuesday.



A man walks past a line of truck cabs in the Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers lot on Tuesday in Napavine.



A "catcher," who scans the crowd for bidders, encourages bidding in his section at the virtual auction site at the Ritchie Bros. auction in Napavine Tuesday.

Intensified Tech Security Could Cost County, Cities More Than \$35,000

SHORE UP: Federally Mandated Security Measures Will Protect Criminal Justice Records, Burden Local Budgets

By Lisa Broadt

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Lewis County and the incorporated cities within the county will soon begin measures to fortify security on laptops and

mobile devices. Ramping up the security on phones and tablets — namely adding a four-digit pass code — will be straightforward and free. Security on the laptops, however, could cost the county more than \$20,000.

A directive from the Department of Justice handed down to each state will require all members of law enforcement to safeguard their laptops through fobs — USB plugins, specific to each computer, that help to protect

sensitive information like criminal justice records.

Each fob costs \$150 to \$200, and Lewis County must provide them for about 120 laptops in the sheriff's office, according to Central Services Director Michael Strozyk. Local police departments, including Centralia, Chehalis, Morton and Toledo, also will have to purchase the security devices. Fire departments, which typically do not access criminal justice

records, will not be required, Strozyk said.

When the Department of Justice first announced the new mandate earlier this year, Lewis County was told it would have to buy the fobs by Sept. 1. But last week, the deadline was extended to Sept. 1, 2014, to allow local entities more time to prepare for the additional cost.

How Lewis County and the incorporated cities will fund the extra expense — which could

cost the county and incorporated cities as much as \$36,000 — is not yet known, Strozyk said.

"\$150 or \$200 is not a lot of money until you put a multiplier behind it," he said.

The deadline extension will, however, provide some cushion from the unexpected budget blow. In the coming months, Lewis County will seek "alternative funding sources," possibly in the form of a grant, Strozyk said.

Construction Postpones Proposed Pedestrian Bridge over Skookumchuck River

TRAIL: City of Centralia Told to Apply for Grant Again After Construction is Finished

By Kyle Spurr

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Plans for a pedestrian bridge over the Skookumchuck River in Centralia will have to wait at least two more years until construction work from the Interstate 5 widening project is completed, Lewis County Community Trails President Steve Ward said.

The nonprofit Lewis County Community Trails proposed the pedestrian bridge, which would connect the Fort Borst Park trail system and the Airport Trail system, and had the city of Centralia apply last year for about

CONTACT LEWIS COUNTY COMMUNITY TRAILS

Lewis County Community Trails meets at noon on the first Thursday of each month at Hansen Hall on the Centralia College campus.

To volunteer or send contributions, contact Lewis County Community Trails at info@lewiscountycltrails.org.

\$500,000 in grant funding.

"WSDOT liked the proposal, but they felt we had applied a bit too early," Ward said. "The proposal was two years ahead of its time."

CREWS WORKING on the Washington State Department of Transportation widening project between Mellen Street and Blakeslee Junction are finishing two bridges over the Skookum-

chuck River, which will connect two collector-distributor lanes.

The bridges are expected to be complete by this summer, but will not be connected to the collector-distributor lanes until later in the project, WSDOT Assistant Area Engineer Ty Hilbrand told The Chronicle in December.

WSDOT Local Program Manager Ken Hash said once the bridges are completed, Lewis County Community Trails will be left with a 10-foot-wide shoulder for bike and pedestrian traffic on the southbound bridge.

The grant money would then fund building ramps from the trail to the bridge, Hash said.

WHILE COMMUNITY Trails waits for one bridge connection, Ward said the nonprofit is moving for-

ward with building a trestle over the Chehalis River on the Willapa Hill Trail, which would expand the trail from the Veteran's Memorial Museum to the Doty area.

LEWIS COUNTY Community Trails will meet with the state parks department next month to discuss the trestle, proposed to allow pedestrian, bike and emergency vehicle traffic.

"That trestle would allow us to cross the Chehalis River and go 20 miles where now just past Adna you have to stop," Ward said.

Ward said the trestle over the Chehalis River has already been approved by the county and will be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Construction on the trestle could begin as early as this sum-

mer, Ward said.

Lewis County Community Trails formed in 2006 to work with city and state agencies, local business owners, the chamber of commerce and local citizens to create an entire network of trails in Lewis County.

The current trails in the county are Discovery Trail, Borst Park Trail, Seminary Hill Natural Area,

Airport Levee Trail, Willapa Hills Trail, Stan Hedwall Park and the walking trail at Rotary Riverside Park.

Ward said all the trails are disconnected and in the future he hopes to create a direct north to south connection, which could happen by connecting the Willapa Hills Trail, commonly known as Rails to Trails, to let people travel from Centralia to Pe Ell.

News in Brief

Braun Pleased With Progress in Fight Against Sex Trafficking in Washington

By The Chronicle

Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, on Tuesday voiced his approval of Monday's unanimous Senate votes for two bills aimed at fighting human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of children.

Senate Bill 5669 would provide law-enforcement officers and the criminal justice system with more tools to go after traffickers, and Senate Bill 5488 would establish an enhanced penalty for perpetrators who use the Internet to assist in the commission of a sex-trafficking crime.

"People may not realize how big of a problem human trafficking is in our state," Braun said. "Too many people are falling victim to these predators, and right now law enforcement needs all the help it can get to stop the traffick-

ers. They have the resources to relocate their operations very quickly, and these bills give law enforcement and local prosecutors additional tools to combat the abuse of our children."

Braun commended the Senate for its commitment to protecting the victims of human trafficking and bringing the perpetrators of these crimes to justice.

"Sadly, slavery is still alive in the form of child prostitution and human trafficking," he said.

Power Outages Scheduled Next Week in Salkum, Chehalis

By The Chronicle

The Lewis County Public Utilities District has scheduled two power outages next week in the Salkum Heights area and on Brook Drive in Chehalis.

The first power outage will be on Monday from 9 to 11 a.m. in Salkum Heights for the repair of electrical equipment. About 30 accounts will be impacted.

The second power outage will be Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Brook Drive area in Chehalis also for electrical equipment repairs. About 46 accounts will be affected.

Letters have already been printed and mailed to impacted customers.





The Chamber will now
be open on Saturdays
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Business Connections

Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

It's a Time of Growth and Renewal Letter from Sen. Braun

Spring is just over the horizon, and March is officially here. I have been thinking a lot about what lies ahead in the next few months at the Chamber. I always feel inspired by the growth and renewal that spring represents, and while its a bit cliché, I feel the Chamber is entering its own spring season. As you drive by the Chamber office, you may notice potted plants hanging off the front porch and small plants in our yard beginning to bloom.



Alicia Bull
Executive Director

Walking in the door, you're greeted with a friendly hello and a smile from the Chamber staff. The walls gleam with a fresh coat of paint. If you have driven by lately, you may have noticed a fair amount of cars parked in our lot and a good stream of people coming in to the Chamber. We've re-organized the office and are excited to have our board room available for meetings. We have been really pleased with the steady flow of visitors coming from out of town to check out our activity calendar and brochures. Our website is updated and fresh with Home and Garden Show information. The Events Calendar is chock-full of activities for the whole family and for

out-of-county visitors. It's an exciting time of organization and focus for the Chamber. We are ready for increased involvement and are thrilled to be teaming up with local businesses, cities, and the county to make the Chamber a premier resource for business growth and development. Please consider taking time to stop in at the chamber. We encourage you to tell us about your business needs and would love for you to share information about sales or activities going on inside your company. As the Chamber grows in this time of renewal, we want you to feel the growth within your business as well. We care about helping you succeed.

When I was elected 20th Legislative District senator I promised to hit the ground running and work toward a better Washington. Here we are, several weeks into the 2013 legislative session and those of us in the Senate Majority Coalition Caucus are working hard to pass the major reforms that members of the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce have requested from the Legislature for several years. The Majority Coalition Caucus is a group of legislators, composed of 23 Republicans and 2 Democrats, working collaboratively to solve the state's problems through a bipartisan approach. We organized this coalition to promote an agenda that focuses on jobs, education and passing a sustainable budget. One of our goals is to make sure you have a say in the political process — because when it comes to creating jobs, who knows better than chamber members? Even before taking office I was appointed as Chairman of the Senate Trade and Economic Development Committee and Vice Chairman of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. In the commerce committee, we have passed bills that addressed the much-needed reforms to the workers' compensation system. Our committee has also worked to limit the scope of Seattle's paid sick-leave ordinance — keeping it from harming businesses located outside Seattle. As chairman of Trade and Economic Development I am able to dedicate my time to promoting laws that will help you create private-sector jobs.



John Braun
State Senator

This includes eight bills that will help bring stability, predictability and efficiency to your business, so Washington's small-business community can do what it does best, grow our economy and create jobs. Too many people in our state are unemployed or underemployed. These proposals strike at the core issues making it difficult for our families, friends and neighbors to find work. I have long believed that if government can make it easier for the private sector to grow our economy, the private sector will grow our economy. It is really that simple. I am working hard to make sure these two committees are dedicated to promoting bills that will improve the conditions for employers in Washington. Long gone are the days of competition between businesses in other states. We have to make sure your business can compete in a global market. We are at that stage of the session when bills passed by the Senate are going over to the House of Representatives and vice versa. As my committees start to examine legislation passed by the House, rest assured that I will have your best interests at heart. The costs of doing business in Washington far exceed most other states. As a part owner of a family-owned manufacturing company, I know the challenges you face every day. My commitment to reducing the burden placed on you by government is reflected in the bills I have sponsored this year. It is a great privilege to serve as your state senator. I look forward to working with you over the next four years as I represent you in Olympia. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with your concerns.

Power Partners: How Important They Are in Networking

The best compliment anyone can give your business is a referral. In today's world, the best form of advertising is a handshake and a big mouth. At United Women in Business Network, we give your business the opportunity to be heard — not only by the members in the group but by their connections as well. When you are a part of a smaller group, it's often the same people you do business with time and time again. However, what is important to remember are the power partners within that group. For example, UWBN has a Realtor Tia Barrett from Realty World. She is a great power partner for our janitorial company Mrs. Klean Janitorial.

Tia refers potential homeowners, new constructions and empty homes to Mrs. Klean Janitorial. Other great power partners for Tia Barrett at Realty World would be an insurance agent or mortgage broker, which are currently open positions within United Women in Business Network. These would also be a great power partner for a janitorial company. Another example of power partners within United Women in Business Network: We have a weight loss/maintenance consultant and a company that focuses on healthy living environments. In life, when you are working toward a healthier lifestyle, it doesn't just start at your diet but everything around you. Getting toxins out of your life helps with that healthier lifestyle; therefore, these two businesses within our group

really complement each other. Within United Women in Business Network we have multiple "Power Partners" but you can never have too many. Some great opportunities and available spots within our group could be a photographer, web designer, insurance agent (auto, life and home), a jewelry consultant, mortgage broker, personal trainer and many more open industries. If you are or know someone in an industry who are looking for power partners to help your business grow, please don't hesitate contacting Amanda Berg at uwbncentralia@gmail.com. Feel free to check us out on www.meetup.com/U-W-B-N and, finally, don't forget to follow us on Facebook!

Upcoming Chamber Events

Chamber Forum, Monday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Shannon Fuhman, manager of new sales, Regence BlueShield, Individual, Medicare and Employer Group products will be our keynote speaker. Fuhman has been in the healthcare industry for 17 years and has been with Regence since 1999. Shannon is originally from Olympia, Wash., and currently resides in Snohomish, Wash., with her family. Monthly Chamber Drawing prizes benefitting the Rob Fuller Scholarship provided by Custom Security, Keysar Center, Tires Inc., and Washington Tractor. Lunch Menu: Corned beef and cabbage, vegetables, soda bread and apple crisp. *The Chamber Forums are held at O'Blarney's Irish Pub in downtown Centralia. Please pay for your lunch at the bar downstairs, and the meeting will be held upstairs.*



Business After Hours, Thursday, March 21, 5-7 p.m.
Hosted by Live 95/KITI, 1133 Kresky Ave., Centralia. Join Live 95 and KITI for an anniversary event! Celebrating 35 years of local ownership, Lewis County's Number One Rated Radio Station thanks the business community with great vacation giveaways, gift certificates, and other fun prizes. We'll also have a sneak preview of our Classic Camaro, our promotion for the summer of 2013. Heymann Winery will provide beverages, and there will be great food and much more.

48th Annual Home & Garden Show, March 22-24, 2013
Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Browse over a hundred booths from local and national businesses to inspire home improvement and gardening ideas. Featured guests include Ciscoe Morris, Meeghan Black and Flood Valley Homebrew on Saturday, Sam Benowitz of Raintree Nursery on Sunday, and Master Gardeners and Master Recycler/Composters throughout all three days. Sunday is Family Day featuring a show from magician Jeff Evans at noon and kids projects with Ernie Von Seggern and Home Depot from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call the Chamber at (360) 748-8885.

Chamber Is Looking for Volunteers for the Home and Garden Show

The Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers for the upcoming 48th annual Home & Garden Show, held March 22-24 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. Spend some time at The Chamber Information Booth helping people find their way around the show, taking in the slips for our raffle drawing, passing out tourism information and promoting The Chamber. For more information or to sign up, please email thechamber@chamberway.com or call (360) 748-8885.



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Tips for Hiring a Contractor

By Erik Jensen, General Contractor

It's that time of year again! The dark days of winter are coming to a close and the spring season is just around the corner. The arrival of spring presents an ideal time of year to begin any home renovation projects. The first step is determining which areas to renovate first. Believe it or not, deciding what you want to renovate will likely be the easiest part of the process. The hardest, but most important, part of this process, though, is hiring a contractor. The good news is you have full control over the hiring process. As the old saying goes "a well-informed customer is a confident customer." That's why we created the following guidelines to assist you with this process:

- **Track Record** — Research the contractor's and company's history using Labor and Industries website at <http://www.lni.wa.gov>. It's fast, easy and, best of all, it's free.
- **Compare Costs** — Obtain at least three bids in writing. This will allow an accurate comparison of things like specifications, warranty, labor, and time. Make sure that you

- are comparing 'apples to apples' and not just taking the lowest bid. Getting the job done right is very important!
- **Licensing** — Check to see if the contractor you want to hire is properly and legally licensed. You can do so by using the same Labor and Industries website mentioned above.
- **Verify valid insurance** — It's important to verify the company's liability insurance to ensure you're protected against any damage.
- **Ask for references** — Ask for references from the contractor's previous three jobs and check them out before you sign a contract. You don't want to hire someone who happens to be 'driving-through' your neighborhood, stuffing flyers in your mailbox, and claims to be doing work for your neighbors. He very easily could be an out-of-state contractor, using his truck as an office.
- **Written contract** — Never allow any work to begin until you have a signed and written contract in-hand. The contract should include project start and completion dates, specifics of the work to be done, exact costs of said work, and applicable



- warranty info.
 - **Required deposit and payment** — Never pay a deposit of more than 25% - 30% of the total job cost. Present final payment only when the job has been completed to your satisfaction. Pay either by credit card or check. NEVER PAY CASH.
 - **Get a warranty** — Make sure to obtain all relevant warranty information in writing. Warranty information should include any and all qualifying products and installations. It's important to check and re-check all the fine print carefully.
 - **Bonding** — Be sure the workers are legitimately employed by the contractor. This ensures you're protected against any damage and theft.
 - **Don't be afraid to ask questions** — Good communications with your contractor are vital to a successful project. Get the answers that satisfy your needs — after all, it is your home!
- Erik Jensen is a partner in Jensen-Hall Construction, Inc., and the 2013 President of the Lewis County chapter of the Olympia Master Builders.

Planning a Meeting or Event? It All Begins With a List

By Jodi Baker, catering manager, Great Wolf Lodge

Planning a meeting or an event can be exciting and daunting. However with a little pre-planning, you can put together an event that is successful and memorable for your attendees — and your boss! What's the best way to get started? Make a list and yes, check it twice. Consider the goal of the meeting, the number of people who will attend, technology use, and whether food and beverage may

be needed. As the list comes together, the overall look and feel of your event will too. If you are coordinating the meeting for someone, talk with them. Ask if there is something they really want to take place or avoid during the meeting. This first step will also help you consider the proper location for your meeting or event.

In addition, it is never too early to understand your budget. During the list-making and brainstorming phase, it is easy to come up with every idea possible. Successfully bringing

those ideas to life within the constraints of a budget is where you have the opportunity to shine.

By creating a list of wants and needs, and knowing how much money you have to spend, you are well on your way to coordinating the perfect meeting.

At Great Wolf Lodge, this is advice I share with my clients every day. My goal is to exceed expectations, and the best way to do that is to work with my clients to understand their goals, their desires, and yes,

their budget, so that we can put together the perfect event. And whether that event is a simple off-site meeting or a large-scale banquet, I begin each planning session with a list and a number. From there, the possibilities are endless.

Jodi Baker is the catering manager for the Great Wolf Lodge, Centralia. To learn more about hosting your event at the resort's conference center, contact (360) 347-0013 or at jobaker@greatwolf.com.

Water Is Everywhere ... Be Prepared!

By Jenni Bodnar, general manager, Thorbeckes FitLife Centers

Although as I write this article, it is pouring down buckets of rain, I know that soon, the sun will show itself again, the days will be longer and people will be outside more enjoying our beautiful area. We are surrounded by lush, green open areas that are filled with rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes. In keeping with the theme of living a healthy life and enjoying the outdoors, my article this month is about water safety.

These bodies of water are

beautiful resources and should be enjoyed, but I cannot stress enough the fact that everyone needs to be proactive to remain safe by learning some basic rules of water safety. Whatever time of year it is, safety is always warranted around bodies of water.

In the spring, rivers are often high and swift from rains and snow melt and can easily overwhelm the strongest swimmer. Even on hot spring days, lakes, ponds, and rivers are still cold and are dangerous for swimmers. Hypothermia can occur quickly in very cold water.

In the summer, water that is warm on the surface may be much colder below. Use caution when swimming and always supervise young children playing in or near the water. Rivers may not be moving as fast, but log jams can trap swimmers and large rocks and logs could tip over rafts, canoes, and kayaks. Illnesses can also be prevented by not swallowing the water. If you want to learn more about recreational water illnesses, go to www.cdc.gov.

In autumn, early warm days of autumn can be like summer. But like spring, this time of year is unpredictable so be prepared for sudden weather changes and cold water later in the season.

- and lakes.)
 - Always enter shallow and unknown water feet first. Absolutely never dive head first into a body of water where you cannot see clearly to the bottom. Water depth can be deceiving. It's always best to go feet first to see how deep it really is.
 - We all know what a tragedy it is when we hear a news story of a missing person by a river, a flipped boat on a lake, a youngster that is missing that was diving off a bridge, or some other terrible incident. So please, use caution and wear a lifejacket. If you need additional local resources, our amazing police and fire departments have wonderful staff to assist you. They will be more than happy to provide you with as much information as you need. At our local pools, professionally trained lifeguards are there to supervise, instruct, and assist you.
 - A free community resource is coming up soon. April Pools' Day, a nationally recognized water safety program will be held at Thorbeckes FitLife Center's Aquatic Center on Monday, April 1 from 1-3 p.m. This event is for children and parents to learn all they can about water safety. Police and fire professionals will also be there, along with The Optomist Club, who will be hosting a Bike Rodeo. If the kids can bring their bikes, they will also learn about bike safety.
- During the winter, waters are always cold and can quickly go from being calm to rough, especially during storms. If you are on the water for hunting, fishing, or recreational activities, wear protective gear and life jackets. Tell someone where you are going, when you plan to return, and be prepared for sudden weather changes.
 - Here is a list of safety tips provided by the International Open Water Drowning Prevention Guidelines Task Force. This is a resource available at www.seattlechildrens.org.
 - Always keep yourself safe:**
 - Learn swimming and water safety skills- the earlier the better.
 - Always swim with others, never alone.
 - Always obey all safety signs and warnings.
 - Never go into the water after drinking alcohol and this means the hot tub too!
 - Know how and when to use a life jacket. This is important for any age & any level of swimmer. In this case, the fit and the size really do matter.
 - Swim in areas with lifeguards and if no lifeguards are present, and warning signs are posted, then this is not a safe place to swim. Even if you cannot see the danger, what lies beneath can be treacherous.
 - Know the water and weather conditions before getting in the water. Go to www.doh.wa.gov and look up Beach Advisories & Closures. (They also cover rivers

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Bizz Buzz

What is going on with your business? Submit a small paragraph (200 words or less) and let the community know about new hires, promotions, business awards and other business news. Deadline is the last Friday of each month. email thechamber@chamberway.com.

Dick's Brewing Company Partners With Sounders Charity

Dick's Brewing Company has partnered with Gorilla Football Collective, an official supporter group of the Seattle Sounders FC, to produce a craft beer for the 2013 soccer season. Proceeds from the beer will benefit Gorilla FC charities.

A release party for both beers will be held from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Friday, March 15, at Golazo Headquarters, 714 E. Pike, Seattle.

Kiwanis to Hold Auditions for Youth Talent Show

They're ba-a-a-ck! Remember those great Kiwanis talent shows featuring our youth a few years ago? Save the date for April 27, because the Soroptimist and Kiwanis Service Clubs are partnering to once again showcase the many talented young people throughout Lewis County. As a bonus, Historic Fox Theatre Restorations non-profit will also benefit from the fundraiser.

The two service clubs are encouraging local businesses to support this countywide event, so if you can help as a sponsor please contact Bob Holland, Centralia General Agencies, at bobh@localaccess.com. All sponsors will be recognized in the event program.

Tryouts are 6 to 9 p.m. on April 10, and 1 to 4 p.m. on April 13, at the V.R. Lee Building, Chehalis. Performers must select one of the tryout dates when submitting their application, and all must provide their own accompaniment.

The April 25 dress rehearsal and April 27 talent show will be held at the Fox Theatre, Centralia.

Applications are available online at swwfamilly.com or by contacting Donna Karvia at jwdmka@aol.com and must be submitted by March 20 to the address on the application.

Performer categories are up through age 8, ages 9 through 13 age 14 through senior in high school.

In each age category, 1st prize is \$250, 2nd prize is \$100, and 3rd prize is \$50.

For more information, contact Donna Karvia at jwdmka@aol.com.

Miss Lewis County Pageant to Be Held March 9

The 51st Miss Lewis County Scholarship Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on March 9 at the R.E. Bennett Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Chamber for \$15 until Friday, March 8. Tickets will also be available at the door the evening of the program for \$20.

We have 10 talented young women vying for the crown of Miss Lewis County 2013 and an opportunity to compete in the Miss Washington Scholarship Pageant in July 2013.

Summer Shoes Have Arrived at HUBBUB

Spring will be popping up in and around HUBBUB during the month of April! The fruits of owner Rebecca Staebler's buying trips to New York and Philadelphia arrive almost daily. Stop in often and share in the unveiling of exquisite handmade jewelry, crazy fun clocks, the most adorable stuffed animals you'll ever see (perfect for baby, tots, teens, and yes, big people too), and bright metal flowers that will last all summer long. Our summer shoes have also just arrived, step into spring with wonderful color and style from Fidji, Dromedaris, and Naot!

Mark your calendars for GIRLS NIGHT OUT, Saturday, April 27, 3 to 8 p.m. Start the fun at HUBBUB! First 200 gals get a goody bag.

HUBBUB, 505 N. Tower Avenue in Downtown Centralia, 360.736.1517, Visit us online

at www.hubbubshop.com & [hubbubshop](https://www.facebook.com/hubbubshop) on Facebook.

Yardbirds to Host Easter Egg Hunt

Yardbirds Merchant Association and Shop'n Kart Stores are sponsoring an Easter egg hunt from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Yard Birds Mall. Over 1,200 eggs will be hidden for four age groups with over 200 prizes to be given away. Face painting and kids games will also be set up.

For more information, call 740-6900.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend Fish Style

Mark your calendar and find a babysitter for the weekend of Friday, March 15, through Sunday, March 17. The Devilfish Public House will be celebrating the Irish with all the grandeur and style you've come to count on from us.

On Friday, we'll host a Brewers Night/Tap Takeover welcoming the owners of Iron Horse Brewery of Ellensburg to kick off the weekend festivities. Iron Horse is best known for their handcrafted ale Irish Death. What a great way to start St. Paddy's weekend! Drink specials, giveaways and raffles will be held all night.

On Saturday, live music with The Whateverly Brothers starts off at 8 p.m. Special menu items include corned beef and cabbage, Irish nachos, stuffed cabbage rolls, corned beef hash and our one-of-a-kind reuben. We have also brought in six special beers from across the big pond for this weekend.

We will have a special opening at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The Devilfish Public House is excited to present The Whistlin Oysters (Irish renegade music) on St. Patrick's Day from 3 to 6 p.m. This is a first for Lewis County, and this trio will delight you with their unique style of Irish gigs and thrill you with their rebellious tunes. Be prepared to go home exhausted and satisfied after a weekend of fun-filled revelry.

There is no cover charge the entire weekend!

The Devilfish is an old-world-style public house at 289 N.W. Chehalis Ave., Chehalis. We can be reached at 996-1682. We are a 21 and over establishment.

Ethereal Touch Moves to New Location inside Thorbeckes

There are so many exciting things going on at Ethereal Touch. I have joined Brianna's Place Salon and Wellness Spa located at Thorbeckes Fitlife Center in Chehalis. My office is upstairs next to Brianna's, so stop in and say hello!

I have a new book that has just been published, 'Heart Magick — Where Healing Begins.' Press releases will be going out soon, and I'm very excited about this. The book is available for purchase through me, Book N Brush, Balboa Press, or any of the other major book retailers.

In addition to my energy healing, I have completed my training with the HeartMath Institute to be a Licensed 1:1 Provider. In this capacity I offer Stress Management Coaching and Zone Performance Coaching. I use the EmWave technology along with my coaching.

Don't forget, I am also certified to offer 8 CE credits for nurses by teaching Practical Reiki levels I, II, and III.

For more information on any of the programs mentioned above, please contact me at 360-520-4841 or 360-748-2112.

Shop The Bath Depot for Something Green

The Bath Depot, Inc. is the perfect place to find something green for St. Patrick's Day. Green tea soap or a green soap dish is just a couple ways you can add

green to your day. Also, The Bath Depot has perfect items for Easter baskets including LaLavande shea butter egg-shaped soaps and the Fluffy Bunny hand cream and body cream by Farmhouse Fresh. Those are just two of many ideas for Easter that can be found here at the shop.

Also, available now at The Bath Depot are Gelato Sugar Scrubs and Body Creams by Feeling Smitten. In addition to the wonderful bath and body essentials already here at the shop, new items and fragrances are arriving all the time.

Come down and visit The Bath Depot, Inc. located at 108 West Pine St. in downtown Centralia. For information, call Sandi at 623-1016.

Lucky Eagle to Have Crystal Gayle and Lee Greenwood, Mystery Dinner Theatre

The Lucky Eagle Casino will host Songwriter's Circle featuring Trent Tomlinson, Jamie Paulin and Bobby Pinson on April 20. Tickets start at \$15 and will be available starting March 4.

Country stars Crystal Gayle and Lee Greenwood will perform on April 27, and ticket prices start at \$40 and go on sale March 4.

Don't miss the mystery dinner theatre on May 4. Tickets go on sale March 11 and will start at \$35.

For more information, visit www.luckyeagle.com.

W.F. West High School Receives Recognition as Lighthouse STEM School

At the Feb. 5, 2013, Chehalis School Board meeting, Dennis Milliken, STEM Director at Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, awarded a statue and banner to President Daniels and Principal Walters for W.F. West High School being designated as a Lighthouse STEM (Science, Technology, Mathematics and Engineering) School. He commended the high school for their current work in the area of STEM, and especially noted BioTech Day activities and MATLAB classes.

The function of a Lighthouse school is to be a model for other high schools in the state by opening its doors to visiting educators and sharing best practices.

Sign Ups Starting for Growing Places Farm and Energy Park CSA

It may be the middle of winter, but seeds will soon be sprouting in the greenhouse for this year's crops. Sign up now and secure your farm share! This 14-week program provides you with a box of fresh, locally grown produce planted, cultivated, and harvested by our youth crew. Each week's box of produce will contain vegetables and a recipe. As the season progresses the CSA box may also include fruit and herbs when available. The first CSA box will be available mid-June. The cost is \$350 for your CSA share. Each box will feed a family of 4 for \$25.00 a week. The new year brings the promise of another exciting season and we're already looking forward to seeing you on the farm again.

We will be interviewing and hiring Youth for the Summer Program. If you know of an at-risk youth aged 15 to 19 who is enrolled in high school and may be at-risk for not graduating on time, please contact us.

Donate your slightly used clothing, jewelry, furniture and household items to our Thrift store, open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. We will have a storewide 50 percent off sale on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2013.

A farm stand will be available at our Thrift Store, 515 A Harrison Ave., and at the farm itself, 2905 Sawall, Centralia. Contact Lynn Ford at 269-8837.

March Madness at O'Blarney's Irish Pub

Everyone is a VIP "Very Irish Person" on St Patrick's Day. This year we will be celebrating all weekend long. Some of the highlights this year will be The Olympia Highlanders Pipe & Drum Band and The Comerford School of Irish Dance. Both will be performing throughout the weekend. Don't forget the food: Corned beef and cabbage, shepard's pie, Irish stew, bangers and mash, sodabread, and fish and chips, to name a few.

What would St. Patrick's Day be without a cold beverage to wash it all down with? O'Blarney's features 12 drafts beers and many of your favorite Irish Spirits. Don't miss out on Southwest Washington's best St. Patrick's Day celebration. Book your reservations now.

We set the bar high with our state-of-the-art, all-HD satellite television system where you can watch the entire NCAA Basketball tournament simultaneously don't miss a second of the action. If basketball isn't for you, opening day of baseball is just around the corner, and to get you in the spirit, we are offering a free hotdog to anyone who comes in to watch the Mariner's opener April 1.

Precision Printing and Copy Depot

In the past few months, we have had several specials in the Chamber Business Connection with products that we offer. This month, we would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves at Precision Print and Copy Depot.

We love what we do. The passion we have for our work enables us to take ownership of our client's projects. We constantly strive to deliver the highest-quality product in a timely manner.

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We are proud of the roots we have had in the community for the last 20 years as we have supported our schools, nonprofits and community.

Although we're proud of our products, services and technology, nothing matches the pride we have in our staff. Every person on our staff is committed to providing excellent customer service and production.

'Sound of Music' Coming to Fox Theatre

The Fox Theatre is alive with "The Sound of Music" in March!

Volunteers have been busy in the theatre this winter making improvements for all of the exciting events coming up this spring. We kick off the event season with our 5th annual Volunteer and Member Appreciation Night: Friday, March 22, at 6 pm. Join us for a FREE evening of entertainment, fun, food and awards and bring

the whole family. RSVP please.

We follow with the first film in our new movie series, "The Sound of Music," presented by Hubbub and friends, on Saturday, March 30, at 2 & 7 pm. Admission is \$8 or \$20 per family (4 people).

Enjoy all of your favorite movie snacks including popcorn and all of the treats from Holley's Place Frozen Yogurt and Tegardens Fine Chocolates & Pastries.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20, for the next movie night, featuring "All About Eve," and April 27 for the Finals of the Kiwanis Talent Show AND Girls Night Out in downtown Centralia.

For more info, visit centraliafoxtheatre.com or call (360) 623-1103. Like us on Facebook at [Historic Centralia Fox Theatre](https://www.facebook.com/HistoricCentraliaFoxTheatre).

The restoration of our beautiful art deco theatre continues - please make a donation or become a member today!

Spring Fling to Be Held in Chehalis March 30

Join us for Spring Fling in beautiful historic downtown Chehalis on Saturday, March 30 (the day before Easter). We will once again be having free pictures with the Easter Bunny from noon to 2 p.m. at Kaija's Garden and Pet in Chehalis. Kids and pets welcome. Just bring your own camera.

And make sure to visit all the participating businesses in downtown Chehalis to pick up Easter eggs with candy and coupons inside. Kind of like trick or treating but Easter style. Another fun, free family event brought to you by The Chehalis Business Association.

Debbie's Boutique to Host 'Sundress to Impress'

Hello and Happy Spring from Debbie's Boutique. We're back from our buying trip and spring has sprung at Debbie's. Lots of fun handbags and new denim as well as tops and dresses.

We will be doing our "Sundress to Impress" event again this year on Sunday, April 21. Tickets are on sale at Debbie's Boutique as well as the United Way office. The price is \$25 and includes your lunch, beverage and dessert as well as \$5 of your ticket price going directly to United Way of Lewis County for your personal donation. All proceeds from the silent auction and random chance drawings will benefit the Human Response Network.

Donna and Nettie are very pleased to share with us what Human Response Network does for our community. We are featuring designer Bri Seeley whose line received awards last spring as she presented on the runway in LA. She will actually be here to showcase her beautiful designer line for us. What fun! If anyone is interested in modeling, please contact Debbie at 269-6033.

If you haven't had a chance to stop in since our relocation, we are right across from the Fox Theatre and next door to the Brownstone Coffee Lounge.

Remember to like us on Facebook and keep up-to-date with our happenings by visiting our website at debbiesfashionboutique.com.



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Networking Events

Chamber Forum

Todd Chaput, chairman of the Lewis County Public Facilities District, was the keynote speaker at the Feb. 11 Chamber Forum at O'Blarney's Irish Pub in Centralia. Attendees enjoyed a lunch of chicken alfredo with penne pasta, Caesar salad, garlic toast and cheesecake.

The next Chamber Forum will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, March 11. The keynote speaker is Shannon Furhman, manager of new sales, Regence BlueShield, Individual, Medicare and Group products.



Guest speaker at February's forum was Todd Chaput.



New Centralia City Council member John Elmore won a coffee basket.

Keep up to date with the Chamber. Scan the QR code with your smart phone!



February's forum was a full house.



New Executive Director Alicia Bull

Business After Hours

The February Business After Hours, hosted by The Evergreen Playhouse in Centralia, was well attended. After the event, attendees watched a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," one of the great comedy plays by William Shakespeare.



Chamber Ambassadors Kelly Robinson and Shari McFarland pause for a photo.

The next Business After Hours is Thursday, March 21, 5-7 p.m. Hosted by Live 95/KITI, 1133 Kresky Ave., Centralia



The stage was set for "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Evergreen Playhouse, Centralia.

Ambassador Spotlight

Full Name: Rachelle Denham

Home town: Chehalis

Birthday: February 20

Siblings: Two brothers and one sister

Occupation of Parents: Retired

Update on Career: I am the branch manager for Security State Bank — South Chehalis Branch. This year, I will be celebrating my 17th year with the bank and look forward to many more years.

If you didn't grow up in Lewis County, where were you born? I was born in Kodiak, Alaska, and moved to Lewis County when I was two years old.

How did you end up here? My father was an EMT/firefighter for Kodiak Fire Department when I was born and my mother's mom was battling cancer, so we moved back to the area so my parents could help my grandmothers.

Does your spouse work in the area? My husband Stacy is a sergeant for the Centralia Police Department. I have an awesome 11-year-old son, Colby!

Do you have any hobbies? In my spare time I love trying exotic foods, traveling to tropical warm places, singing karaoke and seeing the sights in



Rachelle Denham and family

our motorhome. We go to the dunes and ride our quads. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends!

What would others be surprised to know about you? I was crowned Queen of Alaska in 1977 for the prettiest baby contest.

Why are you an Ambassador?

I joined the Ambassadors in 2008 looking to expand my business contacts and strengthen my relationships with other community leaders in our area. The business connections that have been built and deepened are invaluable to me which has helped me grow personally and professionally. I have also learned that in order to be successful leaders, we need to know our own weaknesses and surround ourselves with people that compliment our traits.

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Rep. Orcutt Makes His Point, Despite Apology

We think our new state Rep. Ed Orcutt, R-Kalama, is going to fit in just fine with his new constituents in the greater Lewis County area.

Orcutt joined the 20th District this past election following statewide redistricting. Rep. Orcutt has made it clear his top two priorities are more jobs and no additional taxation. That meshes well with his fellow 20th District seatmates Sen. John Braun and House Minority Leader Richard DeBolt, also fellow Republicans.

Orcutt made the news big-time this week over his email remarks to a group of bicycle en-

Our Views

thusiasts. Orcutt was less than pleased with a proposed \$10 billion transportation package floated by Rep. Judy Clibborn, D-Mercer Island. She is chair of the House Transportation Committee. Orcutt is the top ranked Republican member of that committee.

Within the transportation proposal is a proposed fee of \$25 on any purchase of a new bicycle costing \$500 or more. Dale Carlson, owner of Bike-Tech in Tacoma, emailed about 30 legislators stating the fee is

inappropriate.

Orcutt replied back that the \$25 fee was about the only aspect he supported in the transportation plan. Orcutt then wrote, "Also you claim that it is environmentally friendly to ride a bike. But if I am not mistaken a cyclists (sic) has an increased heart rate and respiration. That means the act of riding a bike results in greater emissions of carbon dioxide from the rider. Since CO2 is deemed a greenhouse gas and a pollutant, bicyclists are actually polluting when they ride."

That email was sent out to a larger audience via the Cascade

Bicycle Club. The story went viral, including into the popular national Huffington Post website and advocacy blogs. Suffice to say many were not pleased with Orcutt's retort.

Obviously this was a tongue-in-cheek remark, one that highlights some of the overspending and climate change silliness that often comes from our state politicians.

Still, Orcutt shortly offered an apology, stating he understands that strenuous bicycling is not a pollution problem.

Orcutt then reached out and asked Carlson and other bicycle enthusiasts if they had any

alternatives to the bicycle purchase tax.

How does this make Orcutt a good fit in Lewis County? He is disgruntled with a proposed massive spending spree on state transportation projects, and he made his point via a sarcastic sense of humor. He's one of us.

Olympia just doesn't get it. Orcutt does. It is time to slow down the spending spree going on at the state capitol.

Keep up the good work, Rep. Orcutt, and don't let Olympia blunt your sense of humor. You have a long future here in the 20th District.

COMMENTARY: I Was Just Thinking ...

Recounting the Ups, Downs and Ups Again of a SWW Singer

Occasionally, I've written about people of the area who have made "the big time" in their field. I'd like to add another name to the list.

Back when I was a disc jockey in the late '50s and early '60s, one of my favorite singers was a young man who grew up only a few miles south of here in the small (then) town of Camas. Anyone in his or her mid-sixties will remember his first hit, "Honeycomb," the poignant "Kisses Sweeter than Wine" or the bouncy and effervescent "Oh-oh, I'm Falling in Love Again."



By Bill Moeller

Those are only three of the 22 worldwide gold records acquired by Jimmie Rodgers, and there's a dramatic reason why he's not still making hits today. Let's remember the good parts first.

After returning from the Korean War and then playing in small clubs around the Memphis and Nashville area, Jimmie's big break was getting an audition and subsequently winning an episode of Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts on TV. He had already recorded "Honeycomb" for Roulette Records, and when that recording was eventually released he was on his way to stardom. "Honeycomb" stayed on the Top Forty charts for 22 weeks, seven of those in the number one spot.

He soon appeared on just about every top variety show on TV, ranging from The Ed Sullivan Show (four times) to the Perry Como Show (twice) and even Hee Haw twice. He appeared with Buddy Holly, The Everly Brothers, Paul Anka, Jerry Lee Lewis, Sam Cooke, Les Paul & Mary Ford, The Mills Brothers, The Kingston Trio, Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Tony Bennett, among many others.

In a career which spanned ten years, he recorded 28 albums and more than 450 songs, and is listed as composer or arranger on more than 50 of them. He wrote the song "It's Over,"

which became a big hit for Elvis Presley before Jimmie even had a chance to record it himself.

After ten years, everything came to a stop. On Dec. 1, 1967, Jimmie was found in his car, unconscious, the apparent victim of a savage beating. An off-duty Los Angeles cop maintains he stopped Rogers for alleged drunken driving, although it raises the question, "What was he doing, stopping a suspect while off duty?"

Early newspaper reports of the event stated that he had been beaten with a blunt instrument. Treating physicians first blamed the skull fracture on a beating, but later changed that opinion.

The officer said that Jimmie stumbled and fell, hitting his head. Now, does that sound like the sort of injury which would require three major brain surgeries as well as other operations over the years, forcing the victim to wear a 24 square inch titanium plate in his head for the rest of his life?

Two on-duty police officers were apparently also following Jimmie, and backed up the off-duty officer's story. They said the three of them put the unconscious Rodgers back into his car and left the scene. He was later found by a worried friend.

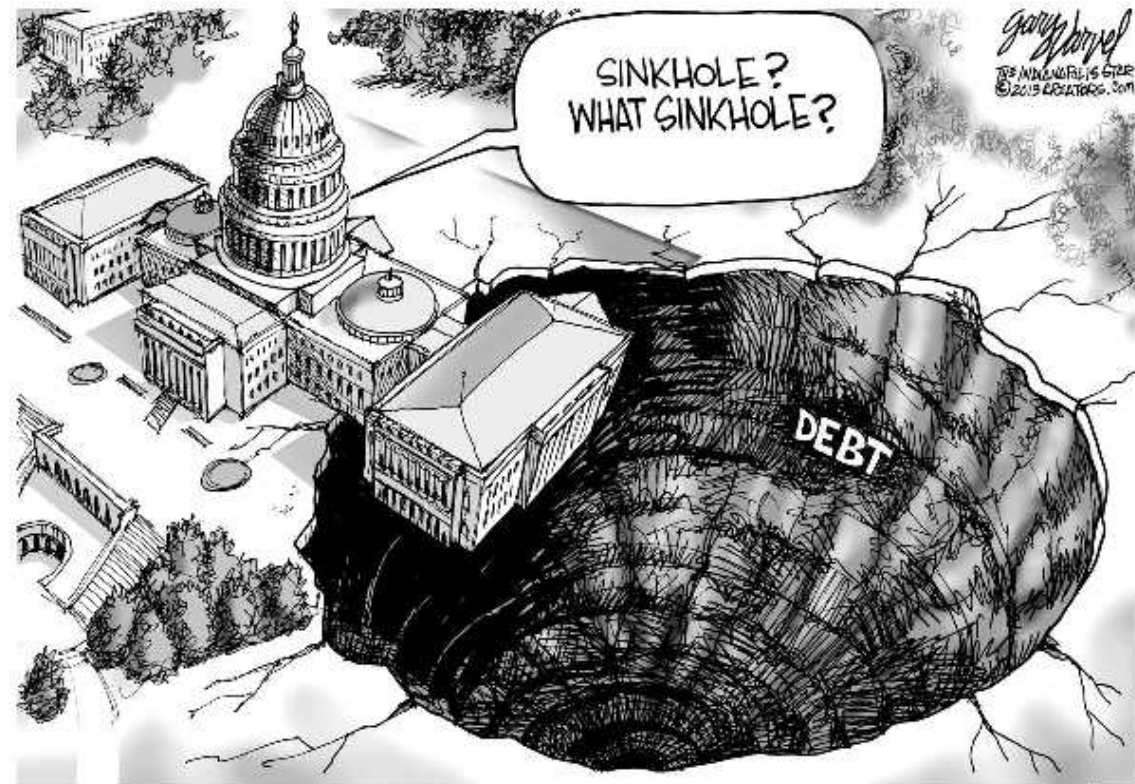
Among other injuries, Jimmie's arm was broken, he couldn't speak, and was told he would never walk again.

Was it only coincidence that Jimmie had been threatening to sue his record company at the time over unpaid royalties, and that the Mafia was believed by most people to be involved in the recording business? He sued the L. A. Police Department for \$11 million, but eventually accepted a much smaller settlement.

His family is said to believe that the beating was, indeed, a Mafia "hit".

Jimmie's recovery is phenomenal, but that's not all the story. More next week.

Bill Moeller is a former entertainer, mayor, bookstore owner, city council member, paratrooper and pilot living in Centralia. He can be reached at bookmaven321@comcast.net.



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Letters to the Editor

Chronicle's Inquiries Into Scams Praised

To the editor:

This newspaper has begun to take some brave leaps of faith in regards to the intelligence and fair-mindedness of its readers. I would like to congratulate and encourage these efforts.

The Chronicle's investigative reporting of local issues, scams and swindles has begun to encroach upon sacred ground.

Inspection and criticism of the "good old boy" network that shuttles money around under the radar seems to be a brand new radical approach to journalism that this area has never known.

Too often, corruption, embezzlement and theft have been the underground railroad to success and it's time we work to abolish it.

If one can judge from the reactions these stories have generated in the letters column, our local yokels don't mind being ripped off by the pillars of society if they happen to be friends with them.

When they state that they don't mind paying thousands of dollars for services they never receive it makes me curious as to what qualifications a thief must have in order to conduct one's business without objection.

I might be inclined to take up the occupation myself if I can meet those vague standards.

If we were to take these defenders of truth, justice, liberty and the American way seriously, one must come to the conclusion that many cases never go to court at all.

All that is required is to have an attorney tell the presiding

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judge, "Sure, the accused has made some petty, little mistakes, but he really is a nice person." Then the judge would apologize for inconveniencing the defendant and buy him lunch. Meanwhile, a select crew prepares the balloon for a hasty retreat from Oz.

DENNIS SHAIN
Centralia

L&I is More Costly Than Alternatives

To the editor:

I saw what I never thought I would see in the letters to the editor on March 2: a defense of the Department of Labor and Industries and the monopoly industrial insurance program (page Main 9, "Braun Bill Would Hurt State's Injured Workers").

It was amazing to me, for I have personal knowledge of workers, employers and medical professionals who have tried to make the system function, and they all have strong criticism of L&I.

In addition to frustrating service, our state-run monopoly system, when all relevant factors are considered, is more

costly than other systems.

Then I recall the perennial reports that government employees making insurance benefit awards have missed or ignored fraudulent claims. These also cost everyone in the system even more.

Sen. John Braun has introduced legislation to expand insurance options, stimulate competition and motivate efficiency. Improving efficiency, accountability and services does not mean that workers are hurt.

In fact, it usually means that service levels are higher, benefits are better and rates are lower. This conclusion has been reached by most other states.

The attorney who represents injured workers for a cut of the award asks, "Can a profit-making insurance company possibly provide good coverage cheaper than a non-profit state agency?" I rephrase the question, "Can a number of providers competing to satisfy workers, caregivers and employers possibly provide better service at a lower rate than a government-run monopoly?"

The answer to both questions is "yes."

JAMI LUND
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First Amendment Center Quote of the Day

"You can't have democracy without a free press. Period. End of debate."

George W. Bush
43rd U.S. president, 2008

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Washington and Colorado 'Potpreneurs' See Opportunity

HIGH HOPES: Would-Be Business Owners Prepare for Possible Regulated, Taxed Marijuana Sales

By Gene Johnson
The Associated Press

LACEY — Kim Ridgway and her wife, Kimberly Bliss, can well envision the shop they plan to open — where they'll put the accessories, the baked goods and the shelves stacked with their valuable product: jars of high-quality marijuana.

Like many so-called "potpreneurs" throughout Washington and Colorado, they're scrambling to get ready for the new world of regulated, taxed marijuana sales to adults over 21 — even though the states haven't even figured out how they are going to grant licenses.

Farmers and orchardists are studying how to grow marijuana. Some medical pot dispensaries are preparing to switch to recreational sales. Labs that test the plant's potency are trying to figure out how to meet standards the states might develop.

It's a lot of work for something that might never happen.

"We don't want to devote all our time and finances to building a business, only to have the feds rip it out from under us," Bliss said. "There's a huge financial risk, and a huge personal risk. We could end up in federal prison."

While marijuana remains illegal under federal law, both states legalized the possession of up to an ounce of marijuana last November and are setting up rules to govern state-licensed growers, processors and retailers.

Attorney General Eric Holder, who appeared Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the Justice Department has not yet decided whether to sue to block the measures. State laws can be trumped if they "frustrate the purpose" of federal law.

A group of former Drug Enforcement Administration heads and the United Nations drug control group this week renewed calls for the administration to sue, and some legal scholars say it's hard to see how the schemes would survive a court challenge.

Nevertheless, tempted by dreams of changing people's perception of pot and making some decent money, Bliss and Ridgway are meeting with lawyers, recruiting investors, sketching store plans and scoping out locations — all in the hopes of a grand opening on their first wedding anniversary.

After 28 years together, they got married in December on the first day the state's new gay marriage law allowed it. They say they like the idea of becoming pioneers in the cannabis indus-



Kimberly Bliss, left, and her wife Kim Ridgway, right, look at recipes for marijuana "edibles" as they sit at their dining room table, Feb. 27 at their home in Lacey. The couple got married on Dec. 9, 2012, thanks to the state's new gay marriage law, and now they are trying to take advantage of another measure voters approved in November by planning to open a state-licensed marijuana store.

try, too.

Hilary Bricken, a Seattle lawyer advising those interested in the marijuana industry, said she's heard from people in many walks of life. Among them are a consulting firm that wants to help state-licensed growers make their operations environmentally friendly; a plant nursery that figures it already has the greenhouses; and a struggling chocolatier who sees financial salvation in "pot chocolate."

"It's super-exciting, and it's a testament to the power of industry," she said. "It's a solution for many people that are hurting economically right now, and for better or worse, they're brave."

"These are the people who are going to push the buck to change the national conversation," Bricken said.

Her law firm, Harris and Mours, has been advising clients to write business plans that cover everything from where they're getting their seed money and insurance to their security plans and protocols describing how they'll treat their employees or shareholders.

Kristi Kelly, owner of the Good Meds dispensary chain in the Denver area, is shopping for real estate and lining up investors for a potentially big expansion to the recreational market while she awaits the DOJ's decision.

She had some words of caution for green-eyed entrepreneurs looking to cash in on pot, though.

"Whatever you think it's going to cost, it's probably going to be 10 times that," Kelly said.

Since 2009, when Colorado's medical pot industry was booming, Kelly has seen many growers and sellers go bust. The industry has declined by at least a third since then, thanks in part to federal crackdowns and natural market adjustment.

Josh Chudnofsky, a 32-year-old who grows medical marijuana for patients in Snohomish, northeast of Seattle, wants to position himself to obtain a grower's license, but isn't sure how.

"Do I try to get an agricultural license and try to transfer it to a pot license? Do I get a small-business license?" he asked. "I've been calling around but nobody has any answers."

In the meantime, he's been making tentative plans to expand his 30-plant grow operation. He has lined up investors, checked on industrial and commercial spaces he could rent and talked about buying his own building.

He has no criminal record, he noted, and he doesn't want one. If he doesn't get a license, he won't do it.

Ridgway, 50, and Bliss, 52, don't have much experience in the pot business, but Ridgway is an authorized patient and said she's been around dispensaries enough to know how they work. She uses marijuana to treat arthritis and severe anxiety; Bliss uses it occasionally to relax after work.

They have another thing going for them, they said: They previously worked at a wholesale meat company run by Ridgway's family, and know what it

like to have nitpicking inspections and regulations.

Ridgway hasn't worked since the company closed in 2010, and Bliss works as a part-time bookkeeper for a restaurant. Opening a marijuana store would give them earning potential they don't otherwise have as under- or unemployed women in their 50s, they said.

But their primary goal is to help change attitudes by helping to teach people how useful cannabis can be in its medical, recreational and industrial uses. Bliss said it will not only increase state tax revenue but benefit the entire community.

Smiling, she added: "I'm not going to be used to having that kind of money."

RICHARD "CARL" LATSCH

Richard "Carl" Latsch, 82, passed away in his home Jan. 4, 2013. Born and raised in Montana, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and earned several honors, including the United Nations Service Medal and Navy Occupation Service Medal. Carl returned to his home state after his discharge, where he met and wed Lauren. The couple lived in Great Falls, Mont., until Carl accepted a position with Boeing and moved his young family to Renton. Carl and Lauren moved to Ryderwood for a brief time before settling into retirement life in

Centralia. Lauren preceded Carl in death in 2004. He is survived by two sons, Richard and his wife, Diane, of Big Lake, Minn., and Thomas and his wife, Brenda, of Maple Valley, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial will be held March 10, 2013 at Centralia Nazarene Church, 1119 W. First Street at 2:30 p.m. A private ceremony at Tahoma National Cemetery will occur the following day.

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



'Jesus Christ' Banned From Longview Council Invocations

LONGVIEW (AP) — Ministers should refrain from invoking Jesus Christ in invocations for City Council meetings, Longview Mayor Don Jensen said.

Jensen told the Kelso-Longview Ministerial Association last month that such prayers were not acceptable because they could expose the city to a lawsuit, The Daily News reported Tuesday.

"It's not my choice to stop this, but I don't know how we can put our citizens at jeopardy and cost our city and our citizens a lot of money," said Jensen, who met with the association upon the advice of the city attorney.

If they can't speak the name Jesus Christ, association ministers will no longer provide the invocation, said President Mark Schmutz, pastor of Northlake Baptist Church. He called the development sad and disappointing.

"They're asking us not to do what we're (called) to do," he said. "This is the one and only true God, and so we're not trying to be against anybody — we're just

being clear about what we're for."

A Christian invocation has started Longview City Council meetings since the 1950s. There was no invocation at last Thursday's meeting.

The invocation complaint was lodged by Longview resident Dan L. Smith, 69, who describes himself as a "very comfortable atheist."

Smith has emailed council members for years, saying that people of other faiths or no faith shouldn't have to endure a Christian prayer at a government meeting.

He didn't want to take the case to court, even though he "would undoubtedly win" based on prior court decisions, he wrote.

"All I am asking is that you remove ... the invocation from the council's agenda and that you sever any council ties with the (ministerial association's) responsibilities for the delivery of the invocation," Smith wrote in a March 2012 email, which he copied to the city attorney. "I do fully realize that this may not be a popular thing for you to do,

but as an elected public official it is the right thing to do."

Longview City Attorney James McNamara said the U.S. Supreme Court law has made it clear that invocations can be given at city council meetings.

"The more unclear answer is whether the prayer can invoke the name of Jesus Christ," he said Monday, adding that different courts have reached different conclusions on the matter.

Smith said people can pray privately all they want, but there shouldn't be a designated time for prayer in a public building.

"Religion should not be a part of government," Smith said. "Who cares what (religion) anyone is. When they're there to conduct business of government and you have an invocation, then all of a sudden people start to look around to see who's standing and who's sitting."

Jensen, however, likes the invocation.

"I just think it sets a tone for the meeting that we'll be more friendly," he said. "I guess I really can't explain it, but it just seems right to me."

KARI JONES

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Kari Jones, a longtime resident of the Port Angeles area, went home to be with her Heavenly Father, Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, at St. Andrews Place Assisted Living.

Born in 1939, in Centralia, Kari (originally Clara Ann Henderson) was an excellent student at WF West High School, Chehalis, Wash. Her parents were Ervin O. and Laura L. Henderson, of Chehalis. She studied at Centralia College and Evergreen State University and was very intelligent. She worked in law offices, State of Washington offices, and as a caregiver for the elderly later in her life. One of her passions included writing, she published many articles for a variety of papers and magazines. She also thoroughly enjoyed traveling and camping in her Toyota

RV, "Gypsy". She spent many hours volunteering for reading programs at Jefferson Elementary and at the Port Angeles Senior Center.

Kari had three half-brothers, since deceased, Edgar, Jim, known as Rolland and Clarence Potter and is survived by her brother, Earl Henderson. She is survived by four children, Michael and David Painter, Laura Dodd and James H. Pearman, III, seven grandchildren, Ervin and Jeremy Painter, Tricia, Rebecca and Travis Painter and Andrew Pearman and Gary Blunt, and one great-grandchild, Jacob Pearman.

Kari loved spending time with her family and friends, playing pinochle and bingo, working crosswords and other brain-teasing puzzles, reading mystery stories and making others feel special.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Andrews Place Assisted Living.

You are sincerely invited to celebrate her life with friends and family at the Centralia Christian Church at 1215 W. Main Street in Centralia on Saturday, March 9, 2013, at 1:00 PM. Buffet reception immediately following.

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

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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Burglary

• There was a report at about 9 a.m. Wednesday of a burglary to a building on the 2000 block of Johnson Road, where vehicle keys and other items were taken.

Criminal Trespass

• Kristin L. Dubras, 21, Centralia, was cited and released for criminal trespass on the 1900 block of Ahlers Avenue at 9:34 a.m. Wednesday.

Shoplifting

• Chelsea L. Monroe, 24, Chehalis, will be referred for third-degree theft charges for allegedly shoplifting a watch on the 300 block of North Tower Avenue at 5:37 p.m. Wednesday. The watch was recovered.

John Baker Gets Arrested, Again

• John C. Baker, 69, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for fourth-degree assault after police responded to a reported dispute at his house on the 1900 block of Johnson Road at 10:09 p.m. Wednesday.

Death Notices

• **DON FARRELL**, 83, Chehalis, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, at home. A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Peace Lutheran Church, 2071 Bishop Road, Chehalis.

• **DANA ELLEN KNAPP**, 71, Centralia, died Friday, Feb. 15, at Capital Medical Center, Olympia. A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Central Bible Evangelical Free Church, Centralia. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

• **VERA HAWLEY**, 94, Renton, formerly of Bucoda, died Friday, March 1, at Valley Medical Center, Renton. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Newell-Hoerling's Chapel, Centralia. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Centralia. Arrangements are under the direction of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

• **EARL T. GREEN**, 88, Glenoma, died Sunday, March 3, at Morton General Hospital. No services are planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

A 42-year-old woman, who is reportedly Baker's employee, had barricaded herself in a room in the house by putting a filing cabinet in front of one of the doors. She told police she was upstairs talking about a math question when Baker allegedly got angry and put a hand on her arm and another one on her head and threatened to snap her neck.

Fraud

• A man reported that a suspect used his credit card to purchase three laptop computers at a Best Buy store in Federal Way. The incident was reported at 9:21 a.m. Tuesday from the 1300 block of West Main Street.

DUI

• Tyler D. Wright, 18, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for suspicion of driving under the influence of a drug on the 600 block of Hanson Avenue at 4:23 p.m. Tuesday.

• Laura K. Harrison, 42, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol after she lost control of her car and struck a utility pole guide wire near Galvin Road and Eschom Road at 8:23 p.m. Tuesday.

• **MERLE A. AGREN**, 87, Centralia, died Sunday, March 3, in Centralia. Visitation will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday at Sticklin Funeral Chapel, Centralia. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Sticklin. Arrangements are under the direction of Sticklin.

Lotteries

Washington's Tuesday Games

Mega Millions: 06-20-39-41-46, 42
Next jackpot: \$26 million
Match 4: 08-13-14-16
Daily Game: 4-1-0
Keno: 06-12-15-16-24-25-28-32-33-44-48-50-59-60-62-63-65-67-69-71

Washington's Wednesday Games

Powerball: 06-10-23-41-45, 1
Next jackpot: \$123 million
Lotto: 18-25-32-38-40-41
Next jackpot: \$2.1 million

Sirens

She was not injured in the collision.

Pot Possession

• Richard A. James, 19, Centralia, was arrested and booked for possession of marijuana and an outstanding warrant near West Pear Street and South Tower Avenue at 10:16 p.m. Tuesday.

Smashed Windshields

• Someone broke the windshields on two vehicles parked on the 600 block of Alder Street at about 1 a.m. Wednesday then fled the area. The incident is still under investigation.

Violation of a Protection Order

• Francisco T. Lamas, 27, Centralia, was arrested and booked into jail for violation of a protection order on the 1500 block of Delaware Avenue at 7:32 a.m. Wednesday.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Malicious Mischief

• Maribeth E. Secrest, 23, Toledo, was arrested and booked into jail at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday for second-degree malicious mischief after she allegedly smashed out four windows of a man's 1997

Hit 5: 09-14-18-27-39
Next cashpot: \$150,000
Match 4: 01-06-15-23
Daily Game: 2-5-6
Keno: 01-03-04-08-16-17-19-22-27-28-29-35-36-42-51-60-64-65-70-79

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$3.79 (AAA of Washington)
Crude Oil — \$91.43 per barrel (CME Group)
Gold — \$1,575 (Monex)
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Corrections

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Oldsmobile with a golf club on the 100 block of Conifer Lane outside of Toledo. The total damage is estimated at \$1,200.

DUI

• Aleesa R. Paulson, 48, Winlock, was arrested and booked into jail for suspicion of driving under the influence on the 300 block of Meier Road outside of Winlock at 9:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Burglary

• A burglary to a commercial building on the 3500 block of Harrison Avenue was reported at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. The suspect forcibly entered the building and stole 100 feet of copper wire, a steam cleaner and a welding torch sometime in the past two weeks.

Felon in Possession of a Firearm

• Stanley E. Heimbuch, 56, Mineral, was arrested and booked into jail for alleged possession of a firearm after deputies contacted him at 3:20 p.m. Tuesday on the 500 block of Mineral Hill Road. Deputies found a large caliber rifle, which was confirmed to be stolen out of Tacoma, as well as a 12-gauge shotgun.

Collision

• A 79-year-old Toledo woman was transported to a hospital for treatment after she collided with a utility pole on the 2800 block of Jackson Highway in Chehalis at about 5 p.m. Tuesday. She had been driving a 2006 Ford 500 four-door sedan when her vehicle went off the road for unknown reasons.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Child Rape

• James L. Emery, 43, Chehalis, was arrested and booked into jail for the alleged rape of a 13-year-old girl at about noon Tuesday.

DUI and Obstructing

• Christopher B. Mellon, 39, Chehalis, was arrested and booked into the Lewis County Jail for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol as well as obstructing at 9:24 p.m. Tuesday. His girlfriend, Morgan L. Genize, 39, Rochester, was also arrested for obstructing after she allegedly got mad that her car, which Mellon was driving, was going to be towed due to the DUI arrest. She allegedly tried to take the keys from the officer.

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MERLE A. AGREN

March 21, 1925 - March 3, 2013



Merle A. Agren, 87, Centralia, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 3, 2013 in Centralia, Wash. On March 21, 1925, Merle was born to Isaac and Iva (Smith) Agren in Vader, Wash. Merle served our county during World War II in the Army Infantry, he then went on to marry the love of his life, Iris. Together Merle and Iris reared three children, son, Ken and daughters, Kathy and Robin, all of whom they loved dearly.

Playing cards was a passion of Merle's, Cribbage and especially Backgammon with his son, Ken. When he wasn't playing cards, you could find him outside in his garden or traveling. Some of Merle's favorite destinations were Reno and the beach with his beautiful wife, Iris. Merle was a member of the American Legion and the Eagles, both of Chehalis. Above all, Merle adored any activity involving his family. He took great pride in his children,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his three great-great-grandchildren.

Merle was cared for by the wonderful staff at Colonial Residence in Centralia, beginning in February 2010. Most recently he was cared for at Best Quality Home Care of Centralia.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents, Isaac and Iva, brother, Loren and grandson, Nicholas. He is survived by his loving wife, Iris, son, Ken (Cindy) Agren of Darrington Wash., daughters, Kathy (Rick) Salle, Eugene Ore., and Robin (Rick) Williams of Chehalis, brother, Arvon Agren of Seattle, and grandchildren, Alan (Cherry) Salle, Scott (Robbie) Salle, Michael Williams, Kyle Williams, Bre Anne (Josh) Brown, Katie (Mike) Humphrey, Asa Williams and Arlo Agren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Merle will be Friday, March 8, 2013 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at Sticklin Funeral Chapel. A funeral service will be held on Saturday March 9, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Sticklin Funeral Chapel.

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

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MARY GERALDINE WOOD

January 15, 1916 - March 4, 2013



Mary Geraldine Wood ne Suver, daughter, student, teacher, aunt, wife and mother, passed away March 4, 2013 at Chandler House in Yakima, Wash., at the age of 97. She was a steadfast and faithful servant of the Lord.

She was born on Jan. 15, 1916 in Ellensburg to Harry Suver and Eileen Suver ne Kelly. She was happy growing up on their farm on the Dolor Way, surrounded by her family including brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles. She graduated from Lourdes Academy, Ellensburg High School, and Ellensburg Normal School (now CWU).

After earning her teaching certificate at the age of 20, she began her new life, away from all she knew in Eastern Washington, at a small school on Puget Island near the mouth of the Columbia River. She taught there for two years, but returned to Ellensburg for the summer months. Fearful of becoming an "old maid school teacher," on an island populated mostly by Norwegian

fishermen, she left to continue studies toward her degree and fifth year. She spent this time at the University of Washington and lived at Newman House. Her next teaching job led her to Hoodsport on the Hood Canal. While there, her principal introduced her to his hunting and fishing buddy Claude Wood. They married in Ellensburg on Aug. 1, 1940. She was no longer an old maid school teacher! After a time, they moved to Centralia, where they raised their three children. She mostly devoted herself to being a fine wife and mother, but did spend some years substitute teaching in the public schools and also at St. Mary's Grade School and St. Joseph's Grade School.

Her husband, Claude, died unexpectedly in 1969. After that, she completed her fifth year certificate at St. Martin's College and began teaching at Jefferson Lincoln Elementary. She retired in 1978. During retirement, she traveled several times to Europe and to China, Australia, South America and the Middle East. She also explored our own America. She gardened, sewed, played bridge and enjoyed her growing family and circle of friends. Besides serving her parish of St. Mary's, she tutored adults in ESL. Gone before her marked with the sign of faith, besides her parents and husband, are her brother, John Suver, son, John Wood, and great-granddaughters, Chloe and Clara Wood.

She is survived by her brother, Chet Suver, and sister-in-law, Betty. She is also survived by her daughter, Claudia and son-in-law, Glenn Wade and their children, Christina (Martin) Stanborough and Brian (Teri) Wade. She is also survived by her daughter, Mary and son-in-law, Bryan Evenson and their daughter, Emily (Nathan) Fulfs. She is survived by daughter-in-law, Ellen Wood and children, Margaret (Shane) Campbell and Joel (Addie) Wood. In addition to five great-grandchildren, she is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Vigil Service will be Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at Keith & Keith Funeral Home. Viewing will be on Sunday from noon to 6:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Monday, March 11, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul Cathedral Chapel with burial service at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Ellensburg. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to: Sisters of Saint Dominic of Tacoma, 935 Fawcett Ave. S. Tacoma, WA 98402.

The family would like to thank: all the nurses and caregivers at Chandler House, but especially Irene, Lila, and Maria for their compassionate, cheerful, and willing care of our Mom. Your kindness has been a great solace to us.

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

Nation/World

Nation in Brief

Prospects Shaky for Expanding Background Checks as Senate Panel Ready to Vote on Gun Curbs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's prospects for winning near-universal background checks for gun purchases seemed shaky as the Senate Judiciary Committee prepared for Congress' first votes on curbing firearms since December's horrific shootings at a Connecticut elementary school.

The Democratic-led panel had four bills on its agenda Thursday as lawmakers began shaping their response to the slaughter of 20 first-graders and six staffers in Newtown, Conn. The shootings elevated guns to a top-tier national issue, though many of Obama's proposals have encountered opposition from the National Rifle Association and many Republicans.

Besides expanding background checks, the other measures would ban assault weapons and ammunition magazines carrying more than 10 rounds, make gun trafficking and the purchase of firearms for people barred from owning them federal crimes, and provide more money for schools to buy video cameras and other safety equipment.

Efforts To Avoid Government Shutdown Move to Senate as Obama Seeks Talks on Bigger Budget Deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to stave off a late March government shutdown shifted to the Senate after House Republicans swiftly passed legislation to keep federal agencies running, while also easing some of the effects of \$85 billion in budget cuts.

The House legislation, approved Wednesday on a bipartisan vote, is the first step toward averting a possible fiscal showdown this month. If another budget crisis can be avoided, it could clear the way for lawmakers and President Barack Obama to restart talks on a longer-term deficit reduction plan.

That was Obama's focus during a rare dinner with a dozen Republican senators Wednesday night at a hotel near the White House. While no real breakthroughs appeared to emerge from the two-hour meal, the mere fact that it happened was significant given the lack of direct engagement between Obama and rank-and-file Republicans over the past two years.

At Arizona's Border Morgue, Bodies Keep Coming Despite Drop in Illegal Traffic

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The body of Ildefonso Martinez arrived on a Friday night last April as John Doe, Case No. 12-01000. He wore black Nike shoes, a Perry Ellis belt, jeans with a 34-inch waist, a Casio watch.

For medical examiners at the Pima County morgue, his was an unusual case. Not in how he died — making the same arduous journey that has claimed thousands of illegal immigrants — but rather because he was identified so quickly.

The death of migrants crossing the border has long been a tragic consequence of illegal immigration and, many say, the increase in U.S. border enforcement. For some, the problem is a powerful motivator in pushing Congress to act this year on immigration reform. But critics say proposals offered so far call for more enforcement with few specifics on how to save lives.

Thousands more Border Patrol agents, hundreds of miles of fencing, and cameras, sensors and aircraft have made it more difficult to enter the U.S. illegally, prompting smugglers to guide migrants to remote deserts. People walk up to a week in debilitating heat, often with enough bottled water and canned tuna to last only days.



Jon Chol Jin / The Associated Press

North Koreans attend a rally to support a statement given on Tuesday by a spokesman for the Supreme Command of the Korean People's Army vowing to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War as well as boasting of the North's ownership of "lighter and smaller nukes" and its ability to execute "surgical strikes" meant to unify the divided Korean Peninsula, at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea, today. North Korea today vowed to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States, amplifying its threatening rhetoric hours ahead of a vote by U.N. diplomats on whether to level new sanctions against Pyongyang for its recent nuclear test. The billboard in background depicts a large bayonet pointing at U.S. army soldiers with writing reading, "If you dare invade, only death will be waiting for you!"

Furious Over Sanctions, North Korea Vows to Nuke U.S.

By Edith M. Lederer and Hyung-Jin Kim

The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea vowed on Thursday to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike against the United States, amplifying its threatening rhetoric hours ahead of a vote by U.N. diplomats on whether to level new sanctions against Pyongyang for its recent nuclear test.

An unidentified spokesman for Pyongyang's Foreign Ministry said the North will exercise its right for "a preemptive nuclear attack to destroy the strongholds of the aggressors" because Washington is pushing to start a nuclear war against the North.

ALTHOUGH NORTH KOREA boasts of nuclear bombs and pre-emptive strikes, it is not thought to have mastered the ability to produce a warhead small enough to put on a missile capable of reaching the U.S. It is believed to have enough nuclear fuel, however, for several crude nuclear devices.

Such inflammatory rhetoric is common from North Korea, and especially so in recent days. North Korea is angry over the possible sanctions and over upcoming U.S.-South Korean military drills. At a mass rally in Pyongyang on Thursday, tens of thousands of North Koreans protested the U.S.-South Korean war drills and sanctions.

Army Gen. Kang Pyo Yong told the crowd that North Korea is ready to fire long-range nuclear-armed missiles at Washington. "Intercontinental ballistic

"When we shell (the missiles) Washington, which is the stronghold of evils, will be engulfed in a sea of fire."

Gen. Kang Pyo Yong
North Korean military

missiles and various other missiles, which have already set their striking targets, are now armed with lighter, smaller and diversified nuclear warheads and are placed on a standby status," Kang said. "When we shell (the missiles), Washington, which is the stronghold of evils, will be engulfed in a sea of fire."

THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL is set to impose a fourth round of sanctions against Pyongyang in a fresh attempt to rein in its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current council president, said the council would vote on the draft sanctions resolution Thursday morning.

The resolution was drafted by the United States and China, North Korea's closest ally. The council's agreement to put the resolution to a vote just 48 hours later signaled that it would almost certainly have the support of all 15 council members.

THE STATEMENT BY the North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman was carried by the North's official Korean Central

News Agency.

It accused the U.S. of leading efforts to slap sanctions on North Korea. The statement said the new sanctions would only advance the timing for North Korea to fulfill previous vows to take "powerful second and third countermeasures" against its enemies. It hasn't elaborated on those measures.

The statement said North Korea "strongly warns the U.N. Security Council not to make another big blunder like the one in the past when it earned the inveterate grudge of the Korean nation by acting as a war servant for the U.S. in 1950."

NORTH KOREA demanded the U.N. Security Council immediately dismantle the American-led U.N. Command that's based in Seoul and move to end the state of war that exists on the Korean Peninsula, which continues six decades after fighting stopped because an armistice, not a peace treaty, ended the war.

In anticipation of the resolution's adoption, North Korea earlier in the week threatened to cancel the 1953 cease-fire that ended the Korean War.

Senator Uses Old-Style Filibuster on CIA Nominee

By Richard Lardner

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator and Tea Party favorite from Kentucky used an old-style filibuster lasting nearly 13 hours to take control of the chamber and block Senate confirmation of John Brennan's nomination to be CIA director.

Sen. Rand Paul ended his filibuster Thursday shortly after midnight, but Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, also a Kentucky Republican, said he would continue to oppose Brennan's confirmation and resist ending the debate on President Barack Obama's nominee to lead the spy agency.

PAUL'S PERFORMANCE, which centered on questions about the possible use of drones against targets in the United States, clearly energized a number of his GOP colleagues, who came to the floor in a show of support and to share in the speaking duties. And even as the night progressed, Paul appeared invigo-

rated despite being on his feet for so long. Actual talking filibusters have become rare in the Senate, where the rules are typically used in procedural ways to block the other party's agenda.

After Paul yielded the floor, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., filed a motion to cut off debate on Brennan's nomination, setting up a vote for later this week.

PAUL, A CRITIC of Obama's drone policy, started just before noon Wednesday by demanding the president or Attorney General Eric Holder issue a statement assuring that the aircraft would not be used in the United States to kill terrorism suspects who are U.S. citizens. But by the time he left the Senate floor, Paul said he'd received no response.

Paul wasn't picky about the format, saying at one point he'd be happy with a telegram or a Tweet. Paul said he recognized he can't stop Brennan from being confirmed. But the nomination was the right vehicle for a debate over what the Obama White House believes are the limits of the federal govern-

ment's ability to conduct lethal operations against suspected terrorists, he said.

"No president has the right to say he is judge, jury and executioner," Paul said.

THE OBAMA administration has said it has not conducted such operations inside U.S. borders, nor does it intend to. Paul and backers said that wasn't good enough. They wanted the White House to rule out the possibility of them happening altogether.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee used Paul's stand to raise money for GOP candidates and said Thursday that they received donations "in the high five figures as of last tally."

ABOUT A DOZEN of Paul's colleagues who share his conservative views came to the floor to take turns speaking for him and trading questions. McConnell congratulated Paul for his "tenacity and for his conviction," and he called Brennan a "controversial nominee."

World in Brief

UN Says Number of Syrians Fleeing Their Country, Seeking Assistance Hits 1 Million

BERLIN (AP) — The number of Syrians who have fled their war-ravaged country and are seeking assistance has now topped the one million mark, the United Nations' refugee agency said Wednesday.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, said in a statement released in Geneva that the figure is based on reports from his agency's field offices in neighboring countries that have provided refuge for Syrians escaping the civil war.

"With a million people in flight, millions more displaced internally, and thousands of people continuing to cross the border every day, Syria is spiraling towards full-scale disaster," Guterres said.

Syria's uprising began in March 2011 with protests against President Bashar Assad's authoritarian rule. When the government cracked down on demonstrators, the opposition took up arms and the conflict turned into a full-blown civil war. The United Nations estimates that more than 70,000 people have been killed.

The relentless violence also has devastated many cities and forced hundreds of thousands of Syrians to seek refuge abroad.

Russian Dancer Accused in Attack on Bolshoi Ballet Chief Denies Ordering Use of Acid

MOSCOW (AP) — The star dancer accused of masterminding the attack on the Bolshoi ballet chief acknowledged Thursday that he gave the go-ahead for the attack, but told a Moscow court that he did not order anyone to throw acid on the artistic director's face.

The judge, however, refused to release Bolshoi soloist Pavel Dmitrichenko on bail and ordered him held until at least April 18.

Ballet chief Sergei Filin's face and eyes suffered severe burns in the Jan. 17 attack, which exposed a culture of deep intrigue and infighting at the famed theater.

Dmitrichenko said he had complained about the ballet chief to an acquaintance, who offered to "beat him up."

"It's not true that I ordered him to throw acid at Filin," the 29-year-old dancer told the court, speaking from a cage. He said he had never intended for the attack to cause such bodily harm.

Multitudes Bring Late President Chavez 'Home' to Military Academy After Emotional Procession

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Hugo Chavez has been carried back to the military academy where he started his army career, his flag-draped coffin lying in state in the echoing halls until Friday's funeral.

As a band played the hymn from his first battalion, a long ribbon of tearful mourners numbering in the hundreds of thousands bid farewell to the larger-than-life leader Wednesday after a procession carried his casket through Caracas.

With the entire government, including anointed successor Nicolas Maduro, caught up in the seven-hour procession, there were few answers to the most pressing question facing the country — the timing of a presidential election that must be called within a month.

Generations of Venezuelans, many dressed in the red of Chavez's socialist party, filled the capital's streets to remember the man who dominated their country for 14 years before succumbing to cancer Tuesday afternoon.

Rochester Designer Hits the Runway

BLING: Former Surgery Technician's Sparkling Crystal Sleeves Make It Into Major Retail Store

By Amy Nile
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Most new designers don't make it into major retailers or onto the runway, especially within the first month of doing business. But Stephanie Floth, a surgery technician turned designer from Rochester, has done just that with her sparkling crystal sleeves.

Floth creates one-of-a-kind sleeves out of crystals, which she affixes directly onto a woman's skin for weddings and formal events.

"It sets a woman apart," Floth said. "I create art pieces on somebody's arm."

Floth designs the sleeves to look like part of what a client is wearing.

"It's an illusion," she said. "It looks like something you slip on."

Floth launched her business, Sparkling Illusions, in January and already David's Bridal has picked her up as a preferred provider for its Tacoma store.

"They're the nation's number one seller of wedding dresses and to have them calling my

ABOUT SPARKLING ILLUSIONS

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phone number was pretty awesome," Floth said.

Additionally, her designs have appeared on the runway at South Sound Wedding & Event Magazine's show at the Great Wolf Lodge.

"It's what I call a Cinderella story," Floth said. "It's that unexpected elegance no one else is putting forward."

Floth, who worked as a stylist and makeup artist in the 1980s before taking her current position at Pacific Cataract and Laser Institute's Centralia surgery center, said she had to do a lot of research to find the right adhesive. Now that she's found the right one, it's

is a trade secret as it is safe, dries clear and stays on all day while still coming off painlessly.

Floth uses Swarovski Crystals, which are highly refractive but increase the cost to about \$400 per arm.

"They are definitely the it crystals," she said. "It's a product for someone who wants that 'wow' moment."

But the wow factor doesn't come quickly. It takes Floth about five hours to complete both arms.

Floth first tried the sleeves on her friend's daughter for a prom in Montesano.

"She's a girl who likes bling and I am too," Floth said.

The sleeve got such a positive response, Floth decided to go into business. Now, Floth travels to customers' homes and designs the crystal pattern based on each client's individual personality. Floth said the crystals take the place of jewelry.

"This kind of steals the show," she said. "It's mostly for any red carpet event in a woman's life."

FLOTH SAID her ultimate goal is to make a client feel as if they are living a fairy tale.

"It's a fantasy product," she said. "There should be some special moments in a woman's life."



Elliott Townsend / For The Chronicle

Anatasia Garza, of Centralia, right, and Brittany Lee, of Rochester, model the art of Stephanie Floth March 1 at Floth's home in Rochester. Through special adhesive and steady hands, Floth individually applies the crystals to her subjects' arms.

Local Home Sale Prices Up Nearly \$47,000 From Last Year

FEBRUARY FIGURES IN: Lewis County's Total Real Estate Activity Drops, But Median Home Price, Pending and Closed Sales Increase

By Amy Nile
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The median home price in Lewis County rose in February to \$160,000. That's up 41.5 percent from \$113,000 the same month one year ago, according to figures released Tuesday by the Northwest Multiple Listing Service.

Pending sales in Lewis County also increased 13.5 percent and closed sales for homes and condominiums rose 2.7 percent in February compared to

the same time a year ago, despite the typical seasonal slowdown.

In Lewis County, the total real estate activity dropped by 10.8 percent in February compared to this time a year ago, but new listings rose slightly from 95 last year to 109 last month.

IN GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, the median home price dropped nearly 16 percent in February to just \$90,750. That's up from just \$108,000 last year.

Pending sales declined 16 percent, with total activity also down 2.4 percent from last February. Closed sales decreased by 14.6 percent in February.

IN THURSTON COUNTY, the median home price increased 3.8 percent to \$219,500 in February, compared to \$211,500 a year ago.

Pending sales rose 2 percent and closed sales went up 29.9 percent over the year. But total activity declined in February by 20.9 percent.

ACROSS THE REGION, the MLS reported a low supply and high demand driving the overall market.

Across the 21 counties Northwest MLS serves, closed sales were up 9 percent, with pending sales seeing a slight 1.7 percent increase in February from the previous year. But the figures showed a 28.9 percent decline in inventory.

The median selling price was \$247,500 regionwide last month. That's up 13 percent from last year's figure of \$218,944.

The MLS reported that indicators are positive for the spring market.

Centralia Business Summit Partnership Scheduled for March 28

By The Chronicle

The city of Centralia and the Centralia Downtown Association will host the Centralia Business Summit Partnership on Thursday, March 28, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Centralia Train Depot's meeting room.

"It's an effort to bridge the gap in communication between the city and the businesses downtown," Councilor Bill Bates said. "Our goal is to let the business owners know we care and want to communicate."

Guest speakers will be City Manager Rob Hill, who will

share the latest developments with the Interstate 5, Mellen Street to Blakeslee Junction, widening project and the Lewis County Event Center construction, and new Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce Director Alicia Bull, who will introduce herself to the local businesses.

A question and answer session will be held toward the end of the summit for business owners.

The summit will be held every three months throughout the year.

For more information, email Bates at bbates@cityofcentralia.com or call him at (360) 269-4263.

News in Brief

Junk 'N Da Trunk Opens in Centralia

By The Chronicle

Junk 'N Da Trunk, a new motorcycle, bike and antique shop, opened at 830 N. Tower Ave. in Centralia on Monday.

Owner Flint De Koker is now buying, selling and trading all kinds of unusual items seven days a week. For more information, call (360) 269-8615.

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South Lewis County Cities Considering Consolidated Police Proposal

COOPERATION: Vader, Toledo, Winlock and Napavine Could Combine Services to Save Money, Increase Service

By Kyle Spurr
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What began as a pitch from the city of Vader to consolidate police services with Toledo, Winlock and Napavine to form a regional police agency recently turned into a written proposal that is now being considered by each city involved.

Members of the Napavine City Council met Tuesday night for a workshop to go over the consolidated police force proposal and weigh the positives for the city.

"We would like to be proactive with our police services," Sayers said. "We are trying to save money the best we can and these kinds of things are a way to do it."

The councilors agreed to pursue the proposal and will schedule another workshop at the next council meeting scheduled, for March 19.

Napavine's Police Department, budgeted at \$268,195 this year, currently has two full-time officers, one reserve officer and a part time clerk.

Sayers said he is intrigued by the proposal, especially about the four cities possibly combining court services as well.

Napavine has its own court service, which costs \$90,615 per year, while Vader uses Winlock's court service and Toledo contracts with Lewis County.

Vader Mayor Ken Smith said his city will hold a workshop on Monday.

"I suppose we might have been the spark that initiated the collective effort," Smith said. "All the mayors have been involved in the last two months. We are now proud to report the proposal is with the city councils and they have taken over the responsibility of amending it."

Smith said the proposal for joint law enforcement hinges on a three-pronged approach that includes improving police coverage in each city, improving the quality of life for each officer and keeping costs low.

If those goals are not met by each city, the proposal will fail,

Smith said.

"We are hoping what will emerge is a final document that will constitute a co-op between the four cities resulting in improved law enforcement services that would not negatively impact the officer's lives," Smith said.

The proposal being examined by each city outlines a funding plan with contributions based on each city's population, land area and law enforcement budgets.

The proposed agreement also requires a five-member agency board made up of the mayors from each city and a Lewis County Sheriff's Office representative, who would serve as a tie-breaking vote.

Smith said his city is especially interested in pursuing the regional police agency since Vader currently has no police department and is contracting with the Lewis County Sheriff's Office at \$110 per call.

The Vader City Council decided in January not to renew a one-year, \$77,000 contract with Winlock to use its police services because Vader wanted to reinstate its own police force.

"We wanted to maintain the

standalone image of our community," Smith said.

Without the extra funding from Vader, Winlock lost an officer, who took a police dog with him. The city is now down to just Police Chief Terry Williams.

Toledo Mayor Jerry Pratt said the possibility of consolidating the police departments has come up in the past, but this is the closest the discussion has come to reality since he became mayor nine years ago.

As talks continue, Pratt said, the mayors will address concerns from the police officers, including who will become the chief of the regional police agency.

"Our plan is that nobody

would lose their jobs," Pratt said. "We wouldn't cut the salaries at all. We actually are looking to add a couple officers."

Toledo currently has two full-time officers, one reserve officer and a part-time clerk. Toledo's law enforcement budget is about \$180,000 per year.

Smith said all four cities will continue to hold work sessions and a final decision will not be made quickly, but potentially within the year.

"We are creating something that is distinctly unique in the state of Washington," Smith said.

Calendar: Bigfoot Talk at Library

Continued from Main 2

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Stony Balony with Mike & Mark, 8 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$6, 740-049

Spring Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., for donations or other information, call 736-7311

Organizations

Skookumchuck I.O.O.F. Lodge 129, 7:30 p.m., Bucoda Oddfellows Community Center, 202 S. Main St., Bucoda, (360) 273-3604

Support Groups

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

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

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061

Music with Carlean and Dean, 10-11 a.m.

Lunch, noon, \$3 suggested donation

Pinochle tournament, 1 p.m., Dance night, Melodies Recycled, 7-9:30 p.m.

Morton Senior Center, (360) 496-3230

Tai Chi exercise, 8:30-9 a.m. Open recreation, pool, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Pinochle, 10 a.m. Crafters 10 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

Olequa (Winlock) Senior Center, (360) 785-4325

Nutrition lunch, noon-1 p.m. Baked potato bar, 4:30-7 p.m., taco

meat, cheese, chili, chips, broccoli, sour cream and salad, coffee, dessert, \$7

Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331

Coffee klatch, 9 a.m. Sewing and crafts, 10 a.m.

Pinochle and Scrabble, 12:30 p.m.

Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Nutrition lunch, noon, suggested donation \$3 for 60 and over, under 60, \$6.74

Exercise class, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Open pool, 9:30 a.m.

Acrylics classes, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

Ten Hope for Miss Lewis County Title

Ten young ladies will be competing in the Miss Lewis County Scholarship Pageant Saturday in the Chester V. Rhodes Auditorium at R.E. Bennett School, Chehalis.

Featured will be Jordyn Hall, Miss Lewis County 2012, and Mandy Schendle, Miss Washington 2012.

This year's contestants are Mallory Arnold, Onalaska; Miriam Ash, Centralia E. Neisha Bhagwandin, Onalaska; Amanda Briggs, Pe Ell; Katie Britten, Toledo; Danika Macomber, Winlock; Catie Murphy, Chehalis; Amanda Navolynski, Toledo; Lacey Scott, Winlock; and Abrielle Sheets, Chehalis.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the pageant starts at 7 p.m. The pre-sale ticket price is \$15, and may

be obtained 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce. On pageant night, tickets are \$20.

R.E. Bennett is located at 233 S. Market Blvd.

Bigfoot Is Topic of Centralia Library Presentation

Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization field investigator Scott Taylor will be at the Centralia Timberland Library 2:30-4 p.m. Saturday for a discussion about report investigation, evidence and observed behavior of Bigfoot.

Bigfoot, also known as sasquatch, is the name given to an ape-like creature that some people believe inhabits forests, mainly in the Pacific Northwest.

Taylor will also share the history of the BFRO and explore the famous 1967 Patterson-Gimlin film of an unidentified subject that the filmmakers believed to be a Bigfoot. In addition, Taylor will answer the questions: "Are these creatures dangerous? And what do you do when you encounter one?"

Founded in 1995, the BFRO states on its website that it is "the only scientific research organization exploring the bigfoot/sasquatch mystery." The website is www.bfro.net.

The Centralia Timberland Library is located at 110 S Silver Street. For more information, contact the library at (360) 736-0183 or visit www.TRL.org.

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

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

Caleb Ross, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$6, (360) 740-0492

Wes Knodel Gun & knife Show, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Blue Pavilion, Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, breakfast available at 8 a.m., admission \$6, (503) 363-9564

Spring Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Centralia United Methodist Church, 506 S. Washington Ave., for donations or other information, call 736-7311

Organizations

Prairie Steppers Square and Round Dance Club, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5, potluck at break, Oakview Grange, Centralia, (360) 736-5172 or (360) 273-6008

Support Groups

Alzheimer's support group, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Cooks Hills Community Church, 2400 Cooks Hill Road, Centralia, (360) 628-4980

Senior Centers

Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061

Game room, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Toledo Senior Center, (360) 864-2112

Pancake breakfast, \$5 Packwood Senior Center, (360) 494-6331

Painting class, with Bill Carnahan, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 9 and 13, \$57.75, call (360) 494-6331 to register

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Prep Basketball

CC's SW Washington Senior All-Star Games Coming Friday

By The Chronicle

The annual Southwest Washington Senior All-Star Basketball Games will be played Friday night at Centralia College.

The girls game will tip off at 6:30 in the college's Health and Wellness Center, followed by the

8 p.m. boys game. Each contest will, as usual, feature a halftime 3-point shooting contest, and an MVP will be named after each game.

W.F. West's Henri Weeks and Morton-White Pass' Darin Allen will coach the girls teams. As a coach is barred from having

his own players on his All-Star team, Bearcat standouts Jamika Parker and Olivia Erskine will play for Allen on the White teams, along with Pe Ell's Taylor Ratkie, Napavine's Demi Sahlinger and Josie Dekoker, Rainier's Kelsey Eygabroad, Mossyrock's Autumn Moorcroft, and

Yelm's Anushaska Maldonado.

Weeks will have the services of Pe Ell's Sami-Jo Robinson and Alissa Brooks-Johnson, Onalaska's Autumn Durand and Karlee Hutchison, Timberline's Sarah McKee, Napavine's Kalli Brown and Alexa Peters and Kelso's Sierra Richards.

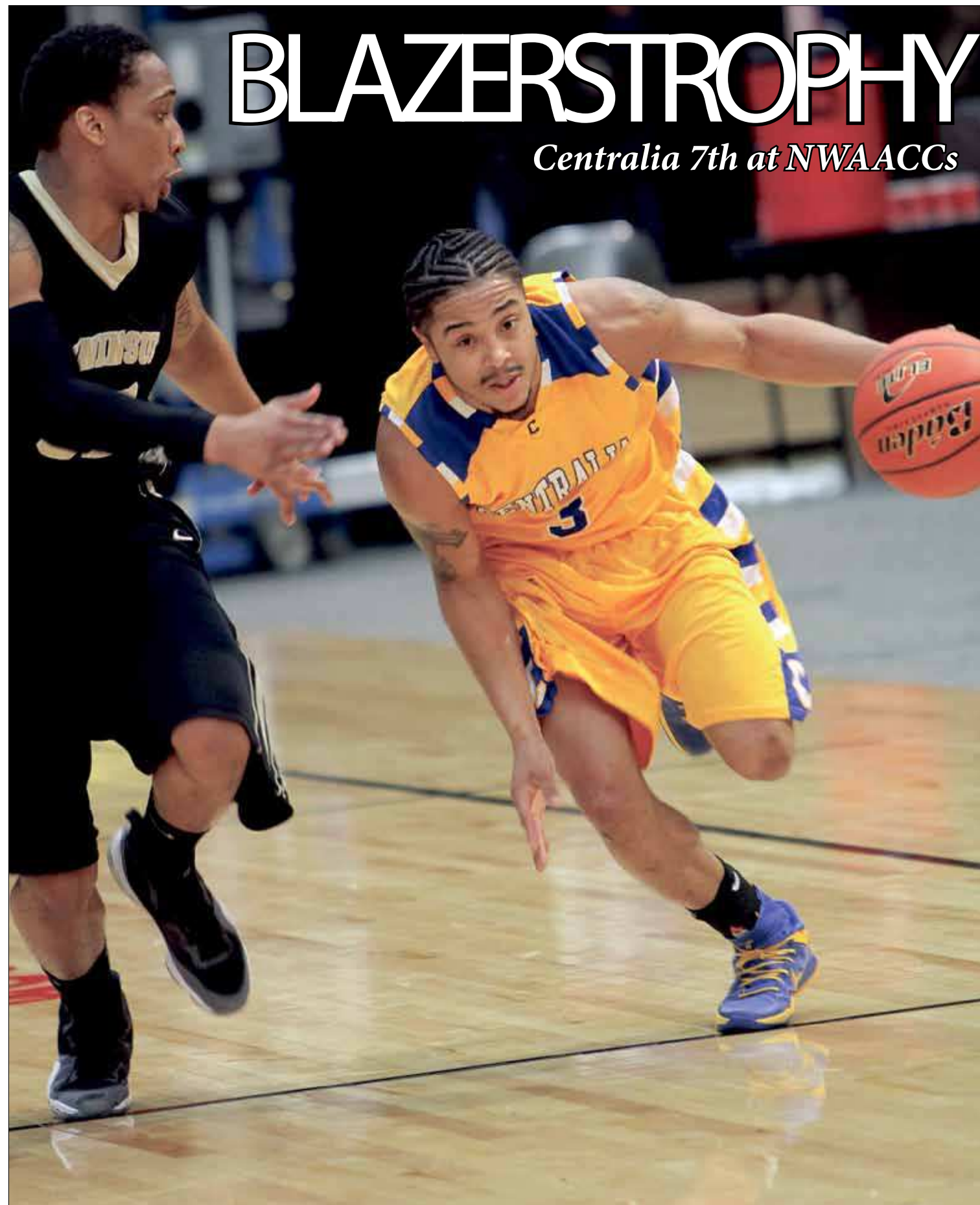
Winlock's Dennis Tauscher and Tenino's Rod Enos will coach the boys teams.

Tauscher will have Enos' top two scorers, Devante Harris and Justin Conklin, on his squad, along with Toledo's Brennan

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NWAACC Men's Basketball

2B Boys Basketball



BLAZERSTROPHY

Centralia 7th at NWAACCs

Tracy Swisher / NWAACC

Centralia College's Van Lockett drives the ball against Peninsula Monday in the NWAACC Championships in Kennewick. The Blazers beat Peninsula on Monday and Pierce, 63-60, on Tuesday to finish seventh in the tournament.



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Morton-White Pass' Kalen Dunlap (13) cheers from the bench during a win over Mossyrock in the District 4 basketball tournament, as teammate Kaleb Poquette (right) grins. Dunlap was voted the Central 2B League MVP, and Poquette was named to the All-League first team.

MWP's Dunlap Voted C2BL's Most Valuable

By The Chronicle

Kalen Dunlap didn't score the most points in the Central 2B League — but his team did.

Dunlap and the Timberwolves won the C2BL title with a 15-1 regular-season record, and the junior point guard was voted Most Valuable Player at the C2BL's annual All-League meeting.

"We had so many guys that could score, with four guys in double-figures," MWP coach Tony Gillispie, who was voted the league's Coach of the Year, said. "I thought he was the best player on the floor. He made our team click, and made our team go."

Dunlap scored 12.5 points a game, with a team-best 5.7 rebounds and 4.9 assists a contest. He also notched 2.9 steals a game and, though voting was completed prior to the District 4 tournament, scored 18 and 20 points in the Timberwolves' two State 2B tournament games. The guard also got stronger and improved his passing over the sophomore-to-junior offseason, Gillispie pointed out.

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Trailblazers Overcome 19-Point Deficit in Win Over Pierce

By The Chronicle

KENNEWICK — Centralia exploded for 40 points in the second half and needed nearly every one here Tuesday to defeat Pierce, 63-60, and bring home a seventh-place trophy from the NWAACC Championships.

It was the first trophy for Centralia's men's basketball team since 2006, when the Trailblazers finished fifth.

Zach Carras scored 17 and hit a trio of 3-pointers for Centralia. Van Lockett scored 15 with six rebounds and three steals, and Mozeek Waggener

scored 16 with eight rebounds.

Pierce, the No. 1 seed out of the West Division, led by 19 at one point in the first half and held a 33-23 advantage at the intermission, but Centralia shot 15 of 32 in the second half to put in 40 points.

"We made a couple of adjust-

ments," Centralia coach Jason Moir said, of the early 19-point deficit. "They were just kind of losing track of the 3-point line and where the shooters were, and we started to do a little better job of rotating and doing a

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Lay-Up

Washington's Aziz N'Diaye (5) shoots over Southern California's Dewayne Dedmon in the first half of the Huskies' win Wednesday in Seattle.



Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

The Final Word

Suggs, Jarreau Lead Washington Past USC 65-57

SEATTLE (AP) — Scott Suggs scored 18 points and redshirt freshman Jernard Jarreau added a career-high 12 to lead Washington to a 65-57 win over USC on Wednesday night.

Jarreau and the Huskies (17-13, 9-8 Pac-12) combined to make 17 consecutive free throws over the final 17:40, following five consecutive misses to start the game.

Andrew Andrews scored 5 of his 7

points in the final 2:07. Suggs scored 11 of his 18 points after halftime, making 8 of 13 shots for the game. Washington won its third straight game.

Dewayne Dedmon had 18 points for USC, which was leading 41-39 when he collected his fourth foul and came out of the game with 11:51 remaining. Washington went on to score nine unanswered points and never trailed again.



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Outdoors

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Local Fishing Guide Has Positive Outlook On Fishing Forecasts

By Jack Royle
For the Chronicle

ETHEL — Born and raised in the heart of Lewis County, local fishing guide Nathan Bryant offered his experienced perspective on the local fishing trends and future forecasts.

From guiding fishing trips in the local rivers and lakes to questing north to Alaska in the summers to fish, Bryant has been fishing all of his life and

expresses no concerns to the “smaller fish population” talks.

“I’ve been fishing since I was a kid. Everything I have learned I have applied it to my work now and there is still a lot of success out there for salmon,” Bryant said. “All I do is fish. I guide six to seven days a week, eight hours a day, so I know there is plenty of fish still around.”

Bryant guides locally for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon with West Coast Anglers. He

also guides in the Humptulips area and the Columbia River.

“My main fishing area is the Cowlitz and as of now it does seem like we are in a low spot,” Bryant said. “Everyone always talks about the fish population being down, but its like that every year. It goes up and down all the time.”

Despite recent projections and estimated forecasts, Bryant stays busy and says if things stay the same as they have been for

years that his business will continue to be a success.

“Lots of people get worked up about smaller projections of fish, but its just fishing. You have to wait for the water conditions to be right and it’ll take off again,” Bryant added. “The fishing is still good enough to where it makes fish-guiding a full-time lifestyle. I pretty much live out there for a few months at a time.”

Each day, Bryant heads out to the Cowlitz at 4 a.m., fishes

all day then prepares the boat for the next day.

So despite what some say, there seems to be plenty of fish out there to be caught and fun to have.

“For me, catching fish is great, but there is more to it than just catching fish. Spending all day with a few new people each day and getting to hang out in the boat is tons of fun, fish or not. That’s the best part, Bryant noted. “

OLD FASHIONED

Skiing

By Craig Hill
The News Tribune

STAMPEDE PASS, Wash. (AP) — The instructions for time travel are as follows:

Step one: On a winter weekend, follow Interstate 90 east to Exit 62, then drive south until the road ends.

Step two: Haul your gear to the southeast corner of the parking lot and step into your skis.

Step three: Put on a pair of heavy duty leather gloves and wait.

You’ll hear a rumble rising from the woods before you see your escort to the winter of 1938.

Seventy-five years ago, Washington’s ski scene took a giant step toward the future thanks to the arrival of a device called the rope tow. The relatively simple contraption used a long rope loop, a car engine and pulleys to tow skiers up hills that they previously had to hike.

A Tacoma lumber baron urged on by an East Coast visionary installed rope tows on Snoqualmie Pass, Mount Rainier and Mount Baker while others assembled a tow on Steven Pass.

Meanwhile, near Stampede Pass, an outdoor recreation club called The Mountaineers built its own rope tow at its 10-year-old ski hut, Meany Lodge.

Most of Washington’s first rope tows saw popular ski areas take shape around those tows before these glove-shredding lifts were replaced with comfy chairlifts.

But at Meany Lodge, it’s as if time stood still. Here, just 10 miles from the Summit at Snoqualmie’s crowds and modern lifts, a Chevy truck engine still powers the longest of three rope tows.

But that’s not the rumble you’ll hear as you prepare for time travel. That noise is from Tom-Cat, a 1954 Bombardier snow tractor.

When it arrives, two long ropes are tossed off the back of the covered tractor with tank-like tracks. Skiers grab hold and are towed down a popular snowmobile road before veering left onto a less-used route. Here, the tractor might pick up speed, slowing only to cross the railroad tracks that once delivered skiers from Seattle

for 50 cents each before service stopped in 1960.

After 2.7 miles, Meany Lodge comes into view.

Most lodge visitors these days come Friday night and stay for the weekend. Because I was the only person arriving on a recent Sunday morning, I was towed in by a snowmobile.

While the 80 guests in the lodge enjoyed a pancake breakfast, I followed ski instructor Jim Fahey to the tow house where Andy Smith was firing up Mach, the main lift.

Fahey calls the tow house “a living museum,” and I immediately saw why. A still working — but barely-used — hand-crank phone hung just inside the door. Ropes, pulleys and tools hung from the walls.

But the real piece of history is the Chevrolet truck skeleton that fills most of the room. From the radiator to the rear wheel that moves the rope, the machine is painted red. A protective casing around the fan is fashioned from wire fencing.

I watched as Smith opened the fuel line, checked the radiator and turned on the battery. Fahey checked the oil.

Smith pushed a button on the wall to start the engine.

“Like an old car engine it takes a while sometimes,” Smith said. On the fifth try, the old engine sputtered to life.

In the middle of the contraption sits the four-on-the-floor gear shift. To shift gears, Smith engages the clutch by pulling a yellow rope above his head.

He puts the engine in third gear, which moves skiers up the hill at about 15 mph, the maximum speed allowed in Washington, Fahey said. Before high speed chairlifts necessitated speed limits, Fahey said the old engine ran in fourth gear moving skiers at 21 mph.

Mach is the oldest rope tow in the state, just as Meany Lodge is the state’s oldest ski area. But fire code is forcing a new chapter in Meany history.

Because the tow house doesn’t meet code, the engine will be replaced by a modern electric motor after this season. The Chevy engine will be saved as a backup for Tom-Cat.

As Mach warmed up for one of its final weekends of work,

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Dave Otten, of Mossyrock, fishes below the Taidnapam fishing bridge east of Morton on Sunday, March, 3.

Fishing Report

Cowlitz River Reports Only One Steelhead

By The Chronicle

The Lower Columbia River reported that from March 1st to the 3rd, 174 bank anglers caught one steelhead, and released one chinook and five steelhead.

270 boats with 566 anglers caught 13 chinook and two steelhead, and released three chinook; eight bank anglers caught no sturgeon.

16 boats with 35 anglers caught two sturgeon and released 12.

Columbia River in The Dalles Pool reported March 1st through the 3rd that 27 bank anglers released two sturgeon; 15 boats with 37 anglers caught one sturgeon and released 47.

Five bank anglers caught one steelhead and released two; three boats with six anglers caught one steelhead and released three; three bank anglers caught no walleye; 11 boats with 19 anglers caught nine walleye and released one; one boat angler caught no bass.

Columbia River in John Day Pool reported March 1st through the 3rd, 48 bank anglers caught one sturgeon.

26 boats with 56 an-

glers caught one sturgeon and released five; 16 bank anglers caught no steelhead; one boat with four anglers released one steelhead.

31 boats with 58 anglers caught five walleye and released eight; one boat with two anglers caught no bass.

Cowlitz River reported

March 1st through the 3rd, 15 bank anglers caught no steelhead; four boat anglers caught one steelhead.

Washougal River reported March 1st through the 3rd, 38 bank anglers released four steelhead.

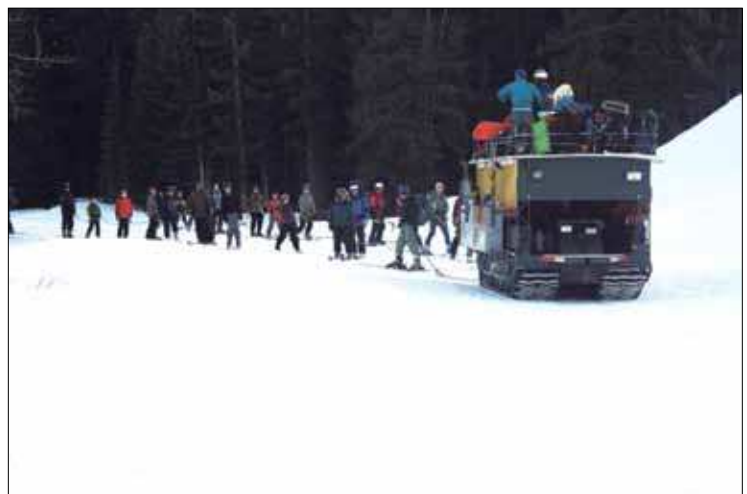
13 boat anglers released three steelhead.

CATCH OF THE WEEK



Nathan Bryant/West Coast Anglers Guide

A 13-lb. salmon was caught out of the Cowlitz River near the Blue Creek boat launch last week.



Craig Hill / The Associated Press

In this photo taken Feb. 10, 2013, skiers and snowboarders are towed back to their cars by a 1954 Bombardier snow tractor after a weekend of skiing at Meany Lodge in Stampede Pass, Wash. At Meany Lodge, it’s as if time stood still where a Chevy truck engine still powers the longest of three rope tows.

2B Girls Basketball

Ony's Durand, Pe Ell's Brooks-Johnson Share C2BL MVP

By The Chronicle

Some of the toughest games Pe Ell's Alissa Brooks-Johnson played this season came when she was lining up against Autumn Durand — and vice versa.

The two standout posts, both just under 6-foot, were lined up next to each other one more time when the C2BL All-League voting was announced. Brooks-Johnson and Durand were tabbed co-MVPs of the league by its coaches.

"I think their toughest games were against each other," Pe Ell coach Dawna Robinson said. "It's hard to come up with really good posts, and when they played each other they battled really well against each other."

Durand averaged 18.4 points and 10.1 rebounds a game for a Logger team that finished tied for second in the league standings, while Brooks-Johnson scored 16 and grabbed 8 rebounds a game for the league-champion Trojans.

"I look at those two as the same," Onalaska coach Doug Ashmore said. "You take those two off of any team, and you're going to notice it."

Sami-Jo Robinson, the Saint Martin's University-bound point guard who averaged 14 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists a game for the Trojans, was named to the All-League first team. Joining her was Morton-White Pass' Ashley Kelly (12.5 points, 6.4 rebounds a game) and Toutle Lake's Sam Woodley.



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Pe Ell's Alissa Brooks-Johnson (21) contests a shot from Onalaska's Autumn Durand (25) during the District 4 tournament semifinals in Centralia. Durand and Brooks-Johnson were voted co-MVPs of the Central 2B League.

croft was also a first-team pick, scoring 18 points and grabbing 10.6 rebounds a game. She posted 11 double-doubles and was twice a WIAA Player of the Week.

Napavine's Demi Sahlinger,

last season's C2BL MVP, was a first-team pick. The Southern Oregon University-bound guard scored 20.4 points with 6 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals a game in her final season for the Tigers.

Morton-White Pass coach Darin Allen, whose Timberwolves were predicted to finish sixth but tied with Onalaska for second, was tabbed the league's Coach of the Year in his first season at the helm.

Adna's Regyn Gaffney, Morton-White Pass' Lina Hieronymi, Napavine's Josie Dekoker, Toutle Lake's Bailey Hockett and Wahkiakum's Sam Boyce were all second-team picks.

2012-13 C2BL

ALL-LEAGUE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Players

Autumn Durand, Onalaska & Alissa Brooks-Johnson, Pe Ell

Coach of the Year

Darin Allen, Morton-White Pass

First Team

Autumn Moorcroft, Mossyrock
Ashley Kelly, Morton-WP
Demi Sahlinger, Napavine
Sami-Jo Robinson, Pe Ell
Sam Woodley, Toutle Lake

Second Team

Regyn Gaffney, Adna
Lina Hieronymi, Morton-WP
Josie Dekoker, Napavine
Bailey Hockett, Toutle Lake
Sam Boyce, Wahkiakum

Honorable Mention

Whitney Elledge, Morton-WP
Alexa Peters, Napavine
Bailee Neilson, Onalaska
Kayla Capps, Pe Ell
Baylee Olsen, Wahkiakum
Maya Stanley, Wahkiakum
Sydney Bradley, Winlock

C2BL

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"He set everybody up by attacking the rim, and defensively he improved a ton," the coach added. "He improved his whole game."

Dunlap scored 21 and 23 points against Adna during the regular season.

"He shot the ball real well against us, and I thought he made everyone else better," Adna coach Casey Dotson said. "That team was so deep. They had a lot of basketball savvy on that team, and Kalen's got a lot of basketball savvy."

Adna's Cooper Zurfluh, MWP's Kaleb Poquette, Onalaska's Travis McMillion, Wahkiakum's Lars Blix and Winlock guard Enrique Hernandez made up the All-League first team.

Zurfluh, the Pirates' point guard and a 4.0 student, averaged 16.1 points, 4 rebounds and 4 assists a game for Adna, which finished fourth in the C2BL standings. Poquette, a freshman, scored 11.2 points and grabbed 4.8 rebounds a game, and led the Timberwolves with 34 blocked shots. He added 2.4 assists and 2 steals a game.

McMillion scored 19.3 points a game and led the second-place Loggers in rebounding, while Hernandez scored 21 points a game and led the Cardinals to the State 2B tournament. Blix, a 6-foot-1 forward, scored 13.9 points a game for a Mules team that would eventually finish third at the state tournament.

2012-13 C2BL

ALL-LEAGUE BOYS BASKETBALL

Most Valuable Players

Kalen Dunlap, Morton-WP

Coach of the Year

Tony Gillispie, Morton-WP

First Team

Cooper Zurfluh, Adna
Kaleb Poquette, Morton-WP
Travis McMillion, Onalaska
Lars Blix, Wahkiakum
Enrique Hernandez, Winlock

Second Team

Lane Wasson, Adna
Shaun Stephens, Mossyrock
Jaron Kirkley, Mossyrock
Kylon Gillispie, Morton-WP
Jonathon Smalley, Onalaska

Honorable Mention

Tucker Coleman, Adna
Kyler Hazen, Mossyrock
Rylon Kolb, Morton-WP
Zach Walton, Morton-WP
David Grace, Napavine
JT Kaut, Napavine
Cole Doughty, Napavine
Trenton Neilson, Onalaska
Devin Toepelt, Pe Ell
Seth Ehrhorn, Toutle Lake
Shane Souvenir, Wahkiakum
Eli McElroy, Wahkiakum
Caleb Rose, Winlock

Adna's Lane Wasson, Mossyrock's Shaun Stephens and Jaron Kirkley, MWP's Kylon Gillispie, and Onalaska's Jonathon Smalley were all second-team selections.

All-Stars: 20-Minute Halves

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Rakoz, W.F. West's Brock Wade, Centralia's Justice Tasby and Trevor Baumann, Capital's Jared Eidenmuller, and Adna's Tucker Coleman and Cooper Zurfluh.

Enos will, at his disposal, have Winlock's Enrique Hernandez, River Ridge's Brad Wallace, Toledo's Austin Trafelet, Adna's Lane Wasson, Morton-White Pass' Kylon Gillispie, Pe Ell's Devin Toepelt, Capital's Keenan Williams and Black Hills' Jacob Burgess.

The Gold team won last year's boys game, 114-85, with Northwest Christian's Zach Carras scoring a game-high 20 points and

six members of the Gold squad scoring in double-figures. Each of the 20 players in last year's boys game scored.

The Blue team won the girls game last year, 83-77, behind 20 points and 16 rebounds from Onalaska's Sarah Barnes, now playing softball at Boise State University. River Ridge's Kyahri Adams scored 18 for the Blue team, and Kaitlin Forest led the Gold team with 13 points.

The games will both be played in 20-minute halves, with local referees volunteering their time to officiate.

Blazers

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better job of communicating, defensively."

The Blazers went on a 10-0 run to tied the game 3 minutes into the second half, and went ahead by 6 on a long 3-pointer from Van Lockett. Pierce answered with a 15-1 run to lead by 8 with less than 9 minutes to play.

Blazer brothers Mozeek and Miles Waggener then took over, combining for 8 points,

six rebounds, three assists and a blocked shot over a 5-minute period to help Centralia go on a 12-2 run and take a 2-point lead with under 4 minutes to go. Zach Carras added a pair of foul shots for Centralia and Pierce's last-second 3-pointer was off, giving the Blazers the larger chunk of hardware.

"All of our guys, they just had a will to win," Moir said. "Our guys just kept fighting, and that was the thing about this year's team. I wouldn't say they were the most skilled guys in the NWAACC, by any means, but those guys have huge heart, and

definitely have the will to win."

Tyrell Lewis led Pierce with 25 points on 9 of 16 shooting with 12 rebounds and five assists.

Centralia shot 42 percent from the field (25 of 59) and 43 percent from the foul line (6 of 14) in the win. The Blazers finished the season with a 21-10 record.

The Trailblazers will lose four sophomore starter (Lockett, both Waggeners and Jordan Dam) to graduation. The team will return five solid freshman from this season's team, the coach added, including starting guard Carras.

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Mariners' Casper Wells Working to Build His Staying Power

By Larry Stone
The Seattle Times

PEORIA, Ariz. — For the Mariners, spring training is about to kick into a higher gear. Pitchers are stretching out their innings. Position players will soon begin to play back-to-back games. Roster battles are going to heat up.

“We’re game-on now,” manager Eric Wedge said after their 10-game winning streak ended with a 7-6 loss to Milwaukee.

Casper Wells is engaged in one of those dramas, competing to win a spot in the Mariners’ crowded outfield picture. With Michael Morse, Raul Ibanez and Jason Bay all added during the offseason, Wells knows there’s



a logjam. In fact, most assessments have the final berth coming down to him or Bay, with Carlos Peguero remaining a much longer shot despite a hot start to spring.

“I think we have a lot of good players on the team, and the Mariners are probably in a good position for themselves,” Wells said. “... It’s always better than not having enough. They’re the ones that have to make decisions. I just go out and play.”

And Wells hopes to keep playing for the Mariners, who acquired him on July 30, 2011, one of four players coming from Detroit in the Doug Fister trade.

Wells’ situation is complicated by the fact he is out of minor-league options, meaning he must clear waivers to remain in the organization if he doesn’t break camp with the team.

That status can often be a

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benefit to a player, giving him an edge because Seattle doesn’t want to risk losing him to another team’s waiver claim; but it can also be unsettling, because the possibility exists of changing teams at the end of camp.

“My goal is to be in the big leagues,” Wells said. “I love the Mariners organization. I’d love to be with the Mariners for my whole career. I love it here. Whatever happens, happens.

“It is a business. I understand

that. I’ve been traded over before, so I understand that. I’m not new to it. I just go out and take care of my business and let the chips fall where they may.”

The only way it would seem possible to keep both Bay and Wells, barring an injury or unexpected trade, would be to go with a six-man bullpen. But with 30 games in 31 days to start the season, that doesn’t appear likely.

Wells, 28, certainly made a positive statement on Monday when he drove in five runs with a single, double and triple against the Rockies.

Wells offers more defensive versatility than Bay and has shown flashes of offensive firepower in major-league stints over the past four seasons. The Mariners are looking for more consistency at the plate after a season in which he hit .228 in

93 games with 10 homers and 36 runs batted in.

Beginning in the second half of last season, which included a demotion to Tacoma in May, Wells has worked to shorten his swing while honing his stroke in other ways. His showing Monday was a welcome dose of positive reinforcement after few balls fell in early in the Cactus League, despite some of them being well-hit.

“It’s kind of reassuring,” he said. “I’ve tried to stick to a diligent plan, stay disciplined in my routines. I talk to Raul (Ibanez) and other veteran guys. It’s all about routines and being consistent with those, outside the field and on the field. That way it can translate into game situations.”

Wells underwent laser eye surgery in the offseason and also stayed in Peoria to work out all winter at the Mariners complex.

“Last year, I probably didn’t swing as much as I should have,” he said. “This year, I was up here at the facility. I was doing a lot of stuff off the tee. Videoing stuff so I could see, just visually, how it looks and how it felt that day, so I could translate it over to just having some swings that felt good in the cage.”

Now he’s trying to carry it over to spring, and after that, into the season. The key, Wells said, is to not let an occasional frustrating game be the impetus to changing his approach.

“Last year, if something wasn’t working, I’d be quick to fix and do something else,” he said. “I’m trying to be consistent with my swing and my approach. If you’re always trying to change something, and switching stuff around, you’re not going to be consistent.”

One of the reasons Wells wants to stay around is the positive feeling he sees developing around the Mariners.

“There’s definitely a different comfort level,” he said. “There’s no kind of tension among any of the players. Everyone gets along. Even the players who came right in here, like Raul and Mike Morse, even Kendrys (Morales), my locker mate, it seems like they’ve been part of the team all along.”

Now Wells will try to ensure that he will be here with them for the long haul.

League	Round	Game	Score	Notes
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HOROSCOPES

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Associates will be more inclined to accept your political or philosophical concepts if you don’t present them in a heavy-handed manner. Keep things light and cheerful.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Difficult developments aren’t likely to intimidate you, and you’ll have no trouble handling them competently. Yet, surprisingly, you could get upset over something that should be fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Although your mate’s point of view may be on the somber side, you’ll see only the positive aspect of things. Try to help brighten his or her perspective as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Even if you feel you deserve far better, try to be grateful for what you get. Do your best to keep your expectations within reasonable bounds.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Guard against inclinations to speculate in unfamiliar areas. It’s never a good day to gamble on things about which you know little or nothing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Although you’ll have a great deal of compassion for others, you aren’t likely to know how to express it. At least you’ll know why your behavior is eliciting a negative response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Do not expect to get more labor out of co-workers than you’re prepared to give yourself. If you want them to work hard, you’ll need to do the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Be generous with those who need it, but be careful not to be manipulated by someone who’s asking for something that he or she doesn’t deserve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Putting forth maximum effort is admirable, but don’t be so determined to achieve your objective that you end up doing everything the hard way. That would only slow you down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Usually, you’re fairly optimistic about most everything in life, but you could step out of character and be a defeatist. Don’t start playing this unproductive role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Problems of all sorts, even social ones, cannot be resolved if you deny their existence. Instead of burying them, put them under the sunshine where you can clearly deal with them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Anybody who cannot help you attain your objective should not be involved in your endeavor. All their contributions and input might do is stymie your efforts even further.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
It’s not a good day to make last-minute changes on something that is steadily moving along on a prescribed course. Instead of making any improvement, you could derail the entire endeavor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Although you’re pretty good at convincing people of the rightness of your case, if you go overboard, you could cause them to backtrack.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
This could be one of those days when you might be able to get a better deal from a stranger than you could from a friend. It proves that it sometimes pays to check outside sources.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Being too indecisive could severely lessen your chances of achieving much of anything. Take plenty of time to figure out what you want to accomplish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
If you’re not too discerning about what you want to get done, you could go off in multiple directions, not knowing where you’re heading or why. Have a goal in mind for best results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Disappointment is inevitable if you set too high a price on some merchandise and/or service that you’re trying to sell. It isn’t likely that you’ll be able to find too many takers, if any.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You will be held accountable for any promises or commitments you’ve made but haven’t as yet come through on. Be ready to pay up, whether you’re ready or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
If you don’t believe in yourself or your abilities, you can’t expect others to. Your colleagues will see you only as you see yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
An arrangement with some friends that you’re presently contemplating might not be as terrific as it appears on the surface. Look closely before you leap.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Because of a strong urge to expedite an important matter, you could easily do something that would be counterproductive. Try to forgo any decision-making for the nonce.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It might take far more self-discipline than you’re able to muster to complete a tedious assignment. Unfortunately, any disinterest on your part destroys productivity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Lucky is your buddy at present, but only up to a point. If you begin to take foolish risks, she’s likely to ignore you and instead favor someone who isn’t trying to beat the odds.

Scoreboard

PREPS

Local Schedules
FRIDAY, March 8
Baseball
 Pe Ell at Ocota, 1 p.m.
 W.F. West at North Thurston (at RAC), 6 p.m.
Fastpitch
 Pe Ell at Cedar Park Christian, 11 a.m.
SATURDAY, March 9
Baseball
 Tenino Jamboree, 1 p.m.
 Mossyrock at Castle Rock, Noon
 Napavine at Toledo-Winlock, Noon

COLLEGE

2013 NWAACC Championships
MENS BASKETBALL
Tuesday's Results
At Kennewick
TRAILBLAZERS 63, RAIDERS 60
 Centralia 23 40 —63
 Pierce 33 27 —60
Centralia (63) — Scott 2, Lockett 15, Fuller, Carras 17, Dam 6, Mo. Waggener 4
 FG: 25 of 59 —.424 FT: 6 of 14 —.429
 Reb. 38 (Mo. Waggener 10)
Pierce (60) — Matthews 4, Clanton 1, Parker 2, Palmer 14, Jacobs 5, Jeffries 3, Lewis 25, Porter 4, Kuiper 2
 FG: 22 of 59 —.373 FT: 9 of 20 —.450
 Reb. 38 (Lewis 12)
Tuesday's NWAACC Scores
 Centralia 63 def. Pierce 60
 Spokane 94 def. Big Bend 85
 Everett 70 def. Tacoma 62

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Tuesday's NWAACC Scores
 Columbia Basin 71 def. SW Oregon 56
 Lane 51 def. Clackamas 49
 Skagit Valley 76 def. Chemeketa 51
 Bellevue 62 def. Clark 61

NWAACC BASEBALL
Saturday's Results
At Walla Walla
WARRIORS 14, BLAZERS 7
 Centralia 100 100 041 — 7 (11) 1
 Walla Walla 050 117 000 — 14 (17) 2
Batteries: CENT — Jake Conover, Connor Atchison (6), Andrew Elam (7) and Jesus Acosta; WW — Houser, Plew (6), Brockman (7), Costello (8), Braich (9) and Turner

At Walla Walla
WARRIORS 9, BLAZERS 6
 Centralia 020 000 130 — 6 8 1
 Walla Walla 000 124 20x — 9 12 3
Batteries: CENT — Garrison Becker, Dean Taylor (7), Chase Wasson (8) and Dylan Young; WW: Campeau, Carkner (8), Smidt (8) Douglas (9) and Holbrook

Sunday's Results
At Pasco
BLAZERS 3, HAWKS 2
 Centralia 001 010 001 — 3 3 1
 CBC 100 001 000 — 2 9 1
Batteries: CENT — Colton Boucher, Chase Wasson (8) and Dylan Young; CBC — Face, Cantu (5), Nevil (9) and Sousley

At Pasco
HAWKS 12, BLAZERS 6
 Centralia 002 021 100 — 6 6 6
 CBC 000 532 200 — 12 (11) 6
Batteries: Brady Batt, David Bones (6), Trevor Blackburn (7), Connor Atchison (7), Dean Taylor (9) and David Tillotson; CBC — Thornton, Nevil (5), Clark (6), Lutz 7, Brunson (8) and Weiss

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday's Results
 Ohio State 67, (2) Indiana 58
 (3) Duke 85, Virginia Tech 57
 (9) Kansas State 79, TCU 68
 (15) Marquette 60, Rutgers 54
 (24) Notre Dame 66, St. John's 40
 (25) Memphis 56, UTEP 54

Wednesday's Results
 Villanova 67, (5) Georgetown 57
 Georgia Tech 71, (6) Miami (FL) 69
 (7) Michigan 80, Purdue 75
 (11) Florida 66, Vanderbilt 40
 (12) New Mexico 75, Nevada 62
 Iowa State 87, (13) Oklahoma State 76
 Xavier 77, (16) Saint Louis 66
 (17) Syracuse 78, DePaul 57
 (21) VCU 93, Richmond 82
 Washington State 73, (23) UCLA 61

Thursday's Games
 (22) Wisconsin at (10) Mich. St., 6 p.m.
 (19) Oregon at Colorado, 6 p.m.

NCAA LEADERS

Scoring

1. Erick Green	VT	25.0
2. Doug McDermott	CREI	23.4
3. Lamont Jones	IONA	23.2
4. Nate Wolters	SDST	22.8
5. Travis Bader	OAK	22.0
6. Shane Gibson	SHU	21.6
6. Kyle Vinales	CCSU	21.6
8. Isaiiah Canaan	MURR	21.6
9. Stan Okoye	VMI	21.5
10. Greg Gantt	FAU	21.2
11. Tyler Haws	BYU	20.9
12. Anthony Ireland	LMU	20.6
13. Corey Hawkins	UCD	20.3
14. Devon Saddler	DEL	20.2
15. Bryce Cotton	PROV	20.0
16. Colt Ryan	EVAN	20.0
17. Deshaun Thomas	OSU	19.8
18. Marshall Henderson	MISS	19.6
19. Khalif Wyatt	TEM	19.6
20. Frank Gaines	IPFW	19.5
21. Jud Dillard	TNCT	19.3
22. Ray McCallum	DET	19.2
23. Jamal Olasewere	LIU	19.2
24. Fred Hunter	NICH	19.2
25. Pierre Jackson	BAY	19.1
26. Anthony Raffa	CCAR	19.1
27. Mike Muscala	BUCK	19.1
28. Trey Burke	MICH	18.9
29. Augustine Rubit	USA	18.9
30. Trevis Simpson	UNCG	18.8
31. Davon Usher	MVSV	18.8
32. Warren Niles	ORU	18.7
33. Marcus Thornton	W&M	18.6
34. Allen Crabbe	CAL	18.4
35. Russ Smith	LOU	18.4
36. Shabazz Muhammad	UCLA	18.3
37. Antoine Mason	NIAG	18.3
38. Kwame Vaughn	CSF	18.2
39. Michael Lyons	AFA	18.1
40. Ian Clark	BEL	18.1

Rebounding

1. Andre Roberson	COLO	11.5
2. O.D. Anosike	SIE	11.4
3. Jerrelle Benimon	TOWS	11.2
4. Mike Muscala	BUCK	11.0
5. Richard Howell	NCST	10.9
6. Augustine Rubit	USA	10.8
7. Jack Cooley	NEL	10.7
8. Jamelle Hagins	DEL	10.5
9. Eric Moreland	ORST	10.5
10. Alan Williams	UCSB	10.5
11. Keith Randleman	UNCW	10.5
12. Ed Daniel	MURR	10.3
13. Shawn Long	ULL	10.3
14. Mason Plumlee	DUKE	10.2

15. Josh Davis	TULN	10.2
16. Majok Djajok	BALL	10.2
17. Gorgui Dieng	LOU	10.1
18. Arsalan Kazemi	ORE	9.9
19. TaShawn Thomas	HOU	9.8
20. Colton Iverson	CSU	9.8
21. Kyle Barone	IDHO	9.8
22. Dylam Bell-Holter	ORU	9.7
23. Murphy Holloway	MISS	9.6
24. Terrell Parks	WIU	9.6
25. Jordan Reed	BING	9.6
26. Demarquelle Tabb	AAMU	9.5
27. Stephen Lumpkins	AMER	9.5
28. Nerlens Noel	UK	9.5
29. Josh Huestis	STAN	9.4
30. Jackie Carmichael	ILST	9.4
31. Brandon Peterson	ARST	9.4
31. Melvin Ejim	ISU	9.4
31. Cole Dickerson	SF	9.4
34. Jarnell Stokes	TENN	9.2
35. Stan Okoye	VMI	9.2
35. Aziz N'Diaye	WASH	9.2
37. Dennis Tinnon	MRSH	9.2
38. Pierce Hornung	CSU	9.1
39. Chris Cunningham	SJSU	9.1
39. Jamaal Franklin	SDSU	9.1

NBA

NBA Standings

Eastern Conference

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	37	21	.638	—
Brooklyn	35	26	.574	3½
Boston	33	27	.550	5
Toronto	24	38	.387	15
Philadelphia	23	37	.383	15

CENTRAL

Indiana	38	23	.623	—
Chicago	34	27	.557	4
Milwaukee	30	29	.508	7
Detroit	23	40	.365	16
Cleveland	21	40	.344	17

SOUTHEAST

Miami	45	14	.763	—
Atlanta	34	26	.567	11½
Washington	19	40	.322	26
Orlando	17	45	.274	29½
Charlotte	13	48	.213	33

Western Conference

NORTHWEST

W	L	PCT	GB	
Oklahoma City	44	16	.733	—
Denver	40	22	.645	5
Utah	32	29	.525	12½
Portland	28	32	.467	16
Minnesota	21	37	.362	22

PACIFIC

L.A. Clippers	44	19	.698	—
Golden State	35	27	.565	8½
L.A. Lakers	31	31	.500	12½
Phoenix	21	40	.344	22
Sacramento	21	42	.333	23

SOUTHWEST

San Antonio	48	14	.774	—
Memphis	40	19	.678	6½
Houston	33	29	.532	15
Dallas	27	33	.450	20
New Orleans	21	41	.339	27

Tuesday's Results

Boston 109, Philadelphia 101
Oklahoma City 122, LA Lakers 105
Denver 120, Sacramento 113

Wednesday's Results

Brooklyn 99, Charlotte 78
Cleveland 104, Utah 101
Boston 83, Indiana 81
Atlanta 107, Philadelphia 96
Miami 97, Orlando 96
New York 87, Detroit 77
Memphis 91, Portland 85
LA Lakers 108, New Orleans 102
Minnesota 87, Washington 82
Dallas 112, Houston 108
San Antonio 101, Chicago 83
Toronto 98, Phoenix 71
LA Clippers 117, Milwaukee 101
Golden State 87, Sacramento 83

Thursday's Games

Oklahoma City at New York, 5 p.m.
 LA Clippers at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
 Indiana at Orlando, 4 p.m.
 Washington at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at Boston, 5 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Miami, 5 p.m.
 Utah at Chicago, 5 p.m.
 Portland at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at LA Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

League Leaders

Points Leaders

1. Kevin Durant, OKC	28.6
2. Carmelo Anthony, NY	27.2
3. Kobe Bryant, LAL	27.4
4. LeBron James, MIA	27.0
5. James Harden, HOU	26.2

Assists Leaders

1. Rajon Rondo, BOS	11.1
2. Chris Paul, LAC	9.5
3. Jrue Holiday, PHI	9.4
4. Greivis Vasquez, NO	9.4
5. Russell Westbrook, OKC	7.8

Field Goal % Leaders

1. Tyson Chandler, NY	.650
2. DeAndre Jordan, LAC	.614
3. Tiago Splitter, SA	.589
4. J.J. Hickson, POR	.581
5. JaVale McGee, DEN	.573

Rebounds Leaders

1. Dwight Howard, LAL	12.1
2. Zach Randolph, MEM	11.6
3. Omer Asik, HOU	11.6
4. Joakim Noah, CHI	11.4
5. David Lee, GS	11.3

Blocks Leaders

1. Larry Sanders, MIL	3.23
2. Serge Ibaka, OKC	2.93
3. Tim Duncan, SA	2.71
4. Roy Hibbert, IND	2.64
5. Dwight Howard, LAL	2.27

Steals Leaders

1. Chris Paul, LAC	2.46
2. Mike Conley, MEM	2.23
3. Monta Ellis, MIL	2.07
4. Kemba Walker, CHA	1.90
5. James Harden, HOU	1.90

Team Leaders

Scoring

1. Houston	107.0
1. Oklahoma City	107.0
3. Denver	105.7
4. San Antonio	104.8
5. Miami	103.6
6. LA Lakers	102.3
7. Golden State	101.3
8. Dallas	101.0
9. LA Clippers	100.6
10. New York	100.1
11. Sacramento	98.7
11. Utah	98.7
13. Milwaukee	98.5
14. Portland	97.6
14. Cleveland	97.6
16. Toronto	97.5
17. Atlanta	97.4
18. Boston	96.3
19. Brooklyn	95.0

20. Minnesota	94.9
21. Detroit	94.6
21. Phoenix	94.6
23. New Orleans	94.4
24. Orlando	94.2
25. Indiana	94.0
26. Memphis	93.5
27. Charlotte	93.3
28. Chicago	92.7
29. Philadelphia	92.1
30. Washington	91.9

Rebounding

1. Indiana	45.7
2. Denver	45.0
3. LA Lakers	44.7
3. Golden State	44.7
5. Milwaukee	43.8
6. Chicago	43.4
6. Washington	43.4
8. Detroit	43.2
8. Minnesota	43.2
10. Oklahoma City	43.0
11. Houston	42.9
12. Memphis	42.8
13. Utah	42.6
14. Orlando	42.3
15. Dallas	42.2
15. Brooklyn	42.2
17. LA Clippers	41.7
17. Portland	41.7
19. Philadelphia	41.6
19. Phoenix	41.6
21. New York	41.6
22. New Orleans	41.1
22. San Antonio	41.1
24. Charlotte	40.7
24. Atlanta	40.7
26. Cleveland	40.6
27. Sacramento	40.5
28. Boston	40.1
29. Toronto	39.9
30. Miami	38.8

NHL

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OTL	PTS
Pittsburgh	23	15	8	0	30
New Jersey	23	10	8	5	25
N.Y. Rangers	21	11	8	2	24
Philadelphia	24	11	12	1	23
N.Y. Islanders	23	10	11	2	22

NORTHEAST

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Montreal	23	14	5	4	32
Boston	20	14	3	3	31
Toronto	24	15	9	0	30
Ottawa	24	12	8	4	28
Buffalo	24	9	13	2	20

SOUTHEAST

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Carolina	22	13	8	1	27
Tampa Bay	23	10	12	1	21
Winnipeg	22	10	11	1	21
Florida	23	7	11	5	19
Washington	21	9	11	1	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Chicago	24	21	0	3	45
Detroit	23	11	8	4	26
St. Louis	22	11	9	2	24
Nashville	23	9	9	5	23
Columbus	23	7	12	4	18

NORTHWEST

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Vancouver	22	11	6	5	27
Minnesota	22	11	9	2	24
Calgary	21	9	8	4	22
Edmonton	22	8	9	5	21
Colorado	22	8	10	4	20

PACIFIC

GP	W	L	OTL	PTS	
Anaheim	22	16	3	3	35
Los Angeles	21	12	7	2	26
San Jose	22	11	7	4	26
Phoenix	23	11	9	3	25
Dallas	22	11	9	2	24

Tuesday's Results

Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
NY Islanders 6, Montreal 3
Washington 4, Boston 3 (OT)
Carolina 4, Buffalo 3
Columbus 4, Edmonton 3 (SO)
NY Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2
Florida 4, Winnipeg 1
Detroit 2, Colorado 1
Chicago 5, Minnesota 3
San Jose 3, Vancouver 2 (SO)
Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 4

Wednesday's Results

Toronto 5, Ottawa 4
Chicago 3, Colorado 2
Calgary 4, San Jose 1
Anaheim 2, Phoenix 0

Thursday's Games

Toronto at Boston, 4 p.m.
 Buffalo at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
 NY Rangers at NY Islanders, 4 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
 Florida at Washington, 4 p.m.
 Montreal at Carolina, 4 p

MLB



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Milwaukee Brewers' Khris Davis and the Brewers ended Seattle's 10-game winning streak in spring training.

Mariners' 10-Game Win Streak Ends With 7-6 Loss to the Brewers

COOLED OFF: Brewers Stop Powerful Mariners, End Spring Training Win Streak

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Rickie Weeks got three hits and roster hopefuls Khris Davis

and Hunter Morris homered as the Milwaukee Brewers beat Seattle 7-6 Wednesday, ending the Mariners' 10-game winning streak.

Seattle is currently in second place of the Cactus League with a 10-2 record.

Kendrys Morales hit a two-

run homer and Michael Morse also connected for the Mariners. Seattle's winning string had been its longest ever in spring training.

Brewers starter Mike Fiers, vying to open the season with the club, went 3 1-3 innings and allowed two runs and three hits.

Two Mariners pitchers competing for spots in the starting rotation, Blake Beavan and Erasmo Ramirez, pitched three innings each. Beavan allowed three runs on six hits and Ramirez shut out the Brewers on one hit.

Alvin Davis: Mr. Mariner Reconnects With His Old Team

HE'S BACK: Alvin Davis, One of Baseball's Best First Basemen in the 1980s, is Handing Out Wisdom to the Organization's Young Players

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

PEORIA, Ariz. — The man they call Mr. Mariner was on a back field Tuesday, watching intently as the team's rawest minor-leaguers ran through their paces.

Afterward, Alvin Davis patiently helped an equipment manager load duffel bags onto a cart. And a few minutes later, when an infield drill had concluded, he dutifully walked around the field refilling the bucket of balls.

"A Hall of Famer picking up balls!" marveled one of the instructors.

That's Alvin Davis, as solid a person as I've ever encountered in baseball, dating to my very first spring covering the Mariners as a fledgling reporter for the now defunct Journal-American in 1986.

Davis was in his heyday then, just two years removed from his breakout Rookie of the Year and All-Star season in '84. He was on the way to forging the career that made him the first inductee of the Mariners' Hall of Fame.

His warmth and friendliness has always been Davis' calling card, even as he endured one losing season after another. Davis was often the best thing they had going, until the Mariners finally reached .500 for the first time in franchise history in 1991. That would be his final season in Seattle.

And now Davis is back in a Mariners uniform for the first time since he left in 1992 to sign with the Angels.

With his three children grown and successful, the 52-year-old Davis decided last year it was time to return to baseball. He was experiencing, he said with a laugh, "a change in life."

He talked it over with his wife, who prodded him gently by reminding him he wasn't getting any younger.

"You're not going to be able to run around out there pretty soon," she told him.

Staying active with the Mariners in a variety of promotional functions had kept Davis connected with the team. Serving the past seven years as an assistant baseball coach at Martin Luther King High School in



John Lok / The Seattle Times

Alvin Davis, former star first baseman, will spend most of his time working with the organization's minor-leaguers.

his hometown of Riverside, Calif., had kindled an affinity for teaching baseball.

Davis has spent much of his time since retirement from baseball in the ministry, serving as an elder at the Cornerstone Fellowship Bible Church in Riverside, where he is also in charge of their finances. His fellow parishioners gave their blessing for Davis to pursue this renewed dream.

The Mariners, it seemed, were calling him back to the game he realized he still loved.

"It just seemed like the right time," he said. "I would have washed laundry to get back here."

That wasn't necessary, though he may well be doing that. In July, the Mariners hired Davis as a roving instructor, and during the offseason they made the hire permanent. He has been in spring training from the first day of camp, working first with the major-leaguers but now focusing on minor-league camp.

The official title is Minor League Coordinator, and Davis will rove around to all the minor-league affiliates during

the course of the season. Chris Gwynn, Mariners director of player development, believes Davis' presence will help the organization in myriad ways.

"He's someone you can send anywhere to do just about anything, actually," Gwynn said. "He's still learning as far as development, but he's seen a lot of things. He can help the kids. Certain situations will happen, and he'll know how to handle it."

When he started making his rounds last August, stopping first in Tacoma, Davis wasn't even sure whether to put on a uniform. Jack Zduriencik told him it was up to him. The first couple of days, Davis remained in street clothes.

"I think the second day I was in Tacoma, Nick Franklin came to me after the game and said, 'Are you going to put a uniform on tomorrow?' I said, 'OK, that's my cue.' So I put on a uniform."

And now it looks as comfortable on Davis as it did during a seven-year run as one of the most productive first basemen in the American League in the 1980s. Still, Davis couldn't help

NBA

Sacramento Mayor Hopes to Influence NBA Owners Before Vote

HOLDING ON: Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson Told Radio Station Tuesday That He Wants to State Case for Keeping the Kings Before April Vote by Owner

By Bob Condotta

The Seattle Times

The NBA Board of Governors is not expected to vote on a sale of the Kings to a Seattle group until mid-April. But Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson said Tuesday he hopes to meet with league owners a few weeks earlier to state his city's case for keeping the Kings.

"I know there will be an end-of-March, early-April opportunity to go out and present to NBA owners," said Johnson, in an interview with Capital Public Radio in Sacramento.

Johnson indicated he did not expect the NBA to give him any signal of approval at that time, saying "certainly, the final verdict will be April 18-19" when the Board of Governors meets in New York.

The comment shows Johnson remains aggressive as he states Sacramento's case before the NBA. It isn't clear whether he would meet with all owners.

Johnson announced last week that he had assembled an ownership group led by 24 Hour Fitness Mark Mastrov and that billionaire Ron Burkle planned to build a downtown arena.

A Seattle group led by Chris Hansen and Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer announced in January it had reached an agreement to purchase the team from the current owners, the Maloof family. That group has made a \$30 million nonrefundable payment on the Kings.

The purchase and request to relocate the Kings to Seattle must be approved by the NBA Board of Governors.

Mastrov reportedly submitted his bid to the Maloofs and the NBA on Friday. Sacramento, meanwhile, continues to work out details of its arena proposal, which could include as much as \$255 million in city money.

Sacramento city manager John Shirey said at a City Council meeting Tuesday night he intends to bring a financing term sheet for a new downtown arena to the council for a vote at its March 26 meeting, according to the Sacramento Bee.

A spokesman for the Seattle group said Tuesday it will not comment on anything coming out of Sacramento.

Sacramento's push came as reports surfaced that the Seattle group might have to pay a relocation fee of as much as \$75 million. CBSSports.com first reported the figure, noting it would be substantially higher than the \$30 million that Clay Bennett paid in 2008 to move the Sonics to Oklahoma City.

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NWAACC Baseball

Blazers Win 1 of 4 Over Weekend

By The Chronicle

Centralia College got the baseball season started by taking a trip east of the mountains to the Columbia Basin Tournament, but dropped 3 of 4 in two double headers against Walla Walla College and Columbia Basin College.

"I think the east side teams have been outside more and that showed," Centralia assistant coach Jake LeDuc said. "Overall for the weekend it was great to get out on the field against somebody else. The weather hasn't been great here so getting on the east side and getting on the field was nice."

Facing Walla Walla on Saturday, Centralia gave up 17 hits in the first game and fell 14-7. After Centralia got an early 1-0 lead in the first, Walla Walla used rallies of 5 runs in the second and 7 runs in the sixth to power to the victory. Eric O'Bryan led the Blazers with three hits while Justin Rinta and Justin Wilson both had 2 hits and an RBI apiece. Riley Shintaffer hit a two-run homer in the game as well.

"Justin Wilson hit the ball well all weekend as did Riley," LeDuc said. "For them, it was really the first time seeing live pitching in months."

In the second game, the Blazers jumped to an early lead again, 2-0 in the second, but then proceeds to give up 7 runs and couldn't recover. Rinta had 3 hits and an RBI for Centralia while O'Bryan collected two hits and drove in a run.

On Sunday, the Blazers started the day with a 3-2 victory over Columbia Basin College, as starter Colton Boucher went 7 innings allowing 7 hits and just one earned run.

"It was a great first outing for the year," LeDuc said. "We had him on an 80-85 pitch count and it was good to see him go out there and eat innings for us on a limited count."

Centralia broke a 2-2 tie with a run in the top of the ninth and finished the game with 3 hits. Rinta and John Poper both had hits and an RBI.

They dropped the second game, 12-6 with Columbia Basin using 10 runs in the middle three innings to power to the win. Jake Shelley had 2 hits in the game for the Blazers. Both Centralia and Columbia Basin committed six errors in the game.

"Our defense was good all weekend except for that last game," LeDuc said. "Hitting was pretty good for the most part and our pitching kept us in ball game on Saturday. Hopefully we can better from there."

Centralia (1-3) will host Bellevue for 1 p.m. doubleheaders on Saturday and Sunday.

Broadcasting

New Fox Sports Network to Make Its Debut in August

NEW YORK (AP) — For anyone who thinks TV is already saturated with sports of every stripe, stay tuned.

Here comes Fox with an in-your-face challenge to ESPN - a 24-hour sports cable network called Fox Sports 1, set to launch Aug. 17.

"ESPN, quite frankly, is a machine," Fox Sports executive vice president Bill Wanger said Tuesday in announcing the venture. "They have very consistent ratings, obviously huge revenue. We're coming in trying to take on the establishment. It's no different than Fox News or Fox Broadcasting back in the '80s. We're going to have to scratch and claw our way all the way to the top."

To do that, Fox executives are confident they have enough live events, with rights to college basketball and football, NASCAR, soccer and UFC fights. In its first year, the new network will broadcast nearly 5,000 hours of live competition and news.

Fox owns rights to many Big 12, Pac-12 and Conference USA basketball and football games.

NBA

Sodo Arena Design Tweaked, Gets a Preliminary OK

By Lynn Thompson

The Seattle Times

The latest designs for investor Chris Hansen's half-billion-dollar sports arena in Sodo show a gleaming, transparent box around a bladed, central turbine, with a grand stairway and entry plaza rising from one corner.

A bike valet could be beneath the stairway and a transparent "fin wall" could shield the plaza from First Avenue South, creating an outdoor concert or rally space, energized with a changing light display and signage for the future

teams, according to the project architects.

The Seattle Downtown Design Review Board gave its preliminary approval to Hansen's architectural plans Monday night. The arena project now moves to the permitting stage, with at least one more public meeting on the design planned for late spring or early summer.

Hansen's design firm, Architecture 360, reoriented the arena entry plaza and stairway more to the northwest at the request of the Seattle Mariners, which continue to raise concerns about access to their parking garage, just north of

the planned arena on Occidental Avenue South, and the safety of pedestrians attending arena events.

But the Mariners' attorney, Melody McCutcheon, seemed to strike a more conciliatory tone than at previous design meetings. She said the team management remains open to the new arena using its property behind the garage for delivery access to loading docks at the new sports facility.

A representative from Amtrak also raised safety concerns about pedestrian access on South Holgate Street, at the south end of the arena, where

three more rail tracks crossing the street are planned. Right now, the street has no sidewalks and is crossed by several working rail lines.

"Holgate is not only a street but also an active rail yard," said Rob Eaton, director of governmental affairs for Amtrak. "Our primary concerns are for pedestrian safety." Eaton suggested a pedestrian overpass to separate fans from traffic.

Architects for Hansen said they wanted to create a space that would allow for noise and activity in the plaza while still shielding neighbors on First Avenue South.



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Audra Poor, 27, plays the Irish uilleann pipes, while her sister, Mara, 20, plays the fiddle on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Santa Lucia coffee shop in Centralia. Audra and Mara play Irish music under the name The Poor Sisters. Audra Poor will perform on St. Patrick's Day with Fiddlehead at the Olympic Club in downtown Centralia.

Lewis County Roots

CELTIC FLAVOR

ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Locals Find Voices in Celtic Art Forms

By Carrina Stanton
For The Chronicle

St. Patrick's Day brings a celebration of all things Celtic in the Pacific Northwest. From musicians to dancers, Southwest Washington is home to its share of entertainers. Here is a selection of a few of them.

The Poor Sisters Irish Folk Music, Chehalis

For Audra and Mara Poor of Adna, performing Irish music was almost destiny rather than choice. Their father, who dabbled in a variety of music himself, filled their home with music when they were children. He hoped the influence would lead at least one of his children to become a musician.

"But actually all three of us did," said Audra, 27, who plays the Irish uilleann pipes, Irish whistle (also known as penny whistle) and flute.

Audra, a nurse, became serious about music at the age of 12. Her sister, Mara, 20, began playing fiddle when she was 8. Together, they have performed for several years as The Poor Sisters, bringing traditional Irish folk music to venues in Lewis County and beyond.

The sisters said they were drawn to Irish music both for its sound and as a nod to their Irish

heritage

"It's got a very distinctive sound and I just really enjoy the sound of it, the challenge of it and the history of it," Audra added.

Both musicians are mostly self-taught, with only a few informal lessons under their belts. And neither read sheet music, so learning songs is purely by ear. But that has not hindered their abilities in Irish music. In fact, noted Mara, Irish folk music is less formal and is often learned sitting next to more experienced musicians rather than through reading music on a page.

"With Irish music, it's all about finding your own style," Mara said. "Irish music is very personal."

When The Poor Sisters first began performing, Irish music was much more in style with the advent of performers such as Michael Flatley, the "Lord of the Dance," Audra said. In recent years, they said, there has been much less local demand for their music. Audra, whose uilleann pipes are a fairly rare but distinctive Celtic instrument, plays professionally with a couple of bands in the Olympia area. She said they have no idea what the future will bring for their band but she envisions them always making their music in some form.

"We'll probably always play together," Audra said.

You can see Audra Poor perform on St. Patrick's Day with Fiddlehead at the Olympic Club in downtown Centralia. The show begins at 4 p.m. March 17 and Sasparilla follows at 7 p.m. There is no cover for either show.



Chehalis Fire Department Capt. Rob Gebhart plays the Scottish Highland bagpipes at the Chehalis Fire Department on Feb. 12. Gebhart and fellow fire fighter, Jay Birley, will play with the Vancouver Firefighters Pipes and Drums on St. Patrick's Day. You'll be able to see Gebhart, Birley and the rest of the Vancouver Firefighter Pipes and Drums locally at a fundraiser concert, April 6 at the Devilfish Public House in Chehalis.

Rob Gebhart and Jay Birley Bagpipers, Chehalis

On a weekday evening in downtown Chehalis, the haunting sounds of the Scottish Highland bagpipes drift through the Chehalis Fire Department station. Whenever Capt. Rob Gebhart and driver Jay Birley are on duty together, they usually spend their evenings between calls practicing their bagpipes.

Gebhart plays both the Scottish small pipes and the Great Highland bagpipes. He started in 1984 but then took a long hiatus from the instrument before recently returning.

"For me, it was loud and obnoxious and I loved it," Gebhart said with a laugh of what drew him to the instrument.

Birley started playing the Great Highland Pipes about four years ago when Gebhart told him he would help him learn. He said he had always loved the instrument's music and also its place of honor among firefighters.

"Just being able to play an instrument that has a lot of history and tradition is what I liked," Birley said of what he enjoys about the pipes.

Gebhart explained that after the Sept. 11 attacks there was a great deal of coverage of bagpipers who played for

the various memorials and funerals. As a result, there was a huge surge in firefighters wanting to play the instrument. For example, Gebhart explained, in the entire Pacific Northwest there were probably about four or five firefighter pipe bands before Sept. 11. Today, Gebhart could think of at least 14 off the top of his head.

Just about every country in the world has some form of pipes, but the highly regimented Scottish Highland pipes are perhaps one of the most well-known of them. Beginners start with a practice chanter, which looks like a child's recorder and sounds like a honking Canada goose, for about three months before getting to try the real thing. One of the biggest skills involved, Gebhart explained, is learning to balance between blowing into the bag and squeezing the air out in a smooth fashion. He said it is about 70 percent blowing and 30 percent squeezing.

The small pipes Gebhart plays, which are fed through a bellows under one arm like the Irish uilleann pipes, are a folk instrument while the larger highland pipes have become more of a military instrument. With the highland pipes, the goal is to play each song as precisely as possible, and most musicians play the same songs over and

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Caitlin Cornwall performs a Highland dance at the Centralia Ballet Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Highland dancing is an individual dance performed in a traditional kilt dress. Each dance includes very precise footwork, the ability to hold your legs at a 90-degree angle and vigorous leaping, all while trying to keep the apron of a heavy, wool kilt flat.

Celtic: Celebration

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over with the goal of perfection in mind.

"If you put a guitar riff on YouTube, you'll get 1,500 comments from people saying, 'Wow, that was awesome,'" Gebhart explained. "But put a video of yourself playing bagpipes up and you'll get 1,500 comments saying things like you were off on a run or you missed a note or things like that."

Despite being a Scottish instrument, highland pipes players are usually extremely busy on St. Patrick's Day, Birley said. The pair play with the Vancouver Firefighters Pipes and Drums. St. Patrick's Day is typically one of the group's biggest fundraising events, usually playing at eight or nine places in the city's downtown area that day.

You'll be able to see Gebhart, Birley and the rest of the Vancouver Firefighter Pipes and Drums at a fundraiser concert by the group April 6 at the Devilfish Public House in Chehalis. For more information, call (360) 996-4682.

Caitlin Cornwall

Highland Dancer, Centralia

Of all the dances Caitlin Cornwall knows, Highland dancing is her favorite. She said her love with the art form started simply enough.

"My mom asked me if I wanted to try it and I said yes," said Cornwall, 19, who has been Highland dancing since the age of 7.

After years of performing and competing in Highland dancing, Cornwall brought her talents to Centralia this year, offering weekly Highland dancing classes at the Centralia Ballet Academy.

Danced by both men and women, though more prevalently by women, Highland dancing is an individual dance performed in a traditional kilt dress. Each dance includes very precise footwork, the ability to hold your legs at a 90-degree angle and vigorous



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Chehalis Fire Department driver Jay Birley shows off the pipes on his Scottish Highland bag pipes on Feb. 12 in Chehalis.



leaping, all while trying to keep the apron of a heavy, wool kilt flat.

"It's kind of intense and at first when you're not used to jumping straight up in the air for a minute and a half it's pretty difficult," Cornwall said. "But it's always challenging, which is what I like about it."

Besides Highland, Cornwall also dances ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop. She said in most dance forms there is always a new routine or move to learn. But in Highland dancing, the moves are regimented and the dances never change. The challenge, she explained, comes with working to perfect each and every small nuance of every dance.

Cornwall offers weekly Highland dancing classes in Centralia. For more information, call (360) 628-4550.

Rosie and The Posers Celtic Music, Chehalis

There's a long version and a short version of how Rosie and the Posers began, and Dale MacInnis is happy to tell either story. Simply put, somewhere between three and four years ago, MacInnis decided that he wanted

to create something amazing.

"I decided I wanted to be in a band and I'd been writing music for a number of years but I wanted something to leave to my grandkids when I'm gone," MacInnis said.

Though Rosie and the Posers plays a variety of musical styles, its music almost always points toward Celtic traditions. Instruments, including penny whistle, flute, fiddle and the Irish Bodhran drum, help to reinforce that sound. MacInnis said when the original members were choosing a genre of music, they decided they would choose music that nobody else was playing.

"We didn't want to be compared to much more talented musicians," MacInnis joked.

About 90 percent of the band's shows have been benefits for some sort of nonprofit or charitable cause. MacInnis said to begin with, the gesture was a way to get their largely unknown band



Above: Mara Poor, 20, of Adna, plays the fiddle at Santa Lucia coffee shop in Centralia.

Left: Caitlin Cornwall shows off her specialty Highland-dance shoes at the Centralia Ballet Academy on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

exposure. But through events such as the Claquato Church pie social and Community Farmers Market, he said, they have made many amazing connections with people who have truly helped them get off the ground.

"We've met so many people we never would have otherwise," he said.

The original eight members of Rosie and the Posers, which include three of MacInnis' children, has blossomed recently into an alliance of about 40 people who support and occasionally drop in to accompany the band in some way. Last year, they produced four shows under the name of Rosie's Periodic Pub and Fiddle Club. About 100 people are on a waiting list for future events, which only include an audience of about 30 people and are video recorded for broadcast on the Internet. MacInnis said media

such as YouTube are where many musicians are making a name for themselves today.

Another upcoming venture for the band will be in the literary sense. The members are working on a series of fairy tale style e-books with accompanying music on a live website.

MacInnis said he pictures the band continuing to play shows, but also venturing into other arenas in an effort to include as many people as possible in their vision.

"It's basically a community art project I hope will eventually include hundreds of people in lots of different capacities: music, art and literature," MacInnis said.

Rosie And the Posers have no scheduled upcoming shows yet, but "like" them on Facebook to be alerted when shows are added to their lineup.

Upcoming Activities & Events

Master Storyteller to Visit Centralia and Tenino Libraries

Monday, March 11

Woman to Give Demonstration on Making Greeting Cards

Mary White, of Creative Crafts and Supplies, will give a demonstration on how to make specialized greeting cards at a women's luncheon at noon Monday at the Centralia Church of the Nazarene.

Also at the meeting, Pat Patterson, Puyallup, will give a talk on "The Ups and Downs of a Clown."

Admission is \$10. For reservations, call Audrey, (360) 748-6751, or June, (360) 262-3296. Free childcare is available by reservation only.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Centralia-Chehalis Christian Women's Connection.

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Tuesday, March 12

Community Band Will Perform March 12 at College

Music from light-hearted to serious will be featured when the Lewis County Community Band presents a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Centralia College's Corbet Theatre.

Following are the works that will be performed at the concert:

- "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo," by Malcolm Arnold
- "Sheltering Sky," by John Mackey
- "El Relicario," by Jose Padilla
- "Valdres, Norwegian March," by Johannes Hanssen
- "Galop," by Dmitri Shostakovich
- "Jungle Dance," by Brian Balmages
- "Killian," by Clifton Williams
- "Laurel Mountain Overture," by Douglas Court

- "Renaissance Festival & Dances"

The Lewis County Community Band has been conducted by Louie Blaser and Karl Scarborough since 2007.

If you play a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument and are interested in joining the Lewis County Community Band, contact Blaser at lewis-countycommunityband@yahoo.com or (360) 330-7605, ext. 6102.

Pro Musica, the Centralia College Music club, is sponsoring the concert.

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Energy efficiency forum, 7 p.m., Mossyrock Community Center, presented by Rulon Crawford, Centralia College faculty member, sponsored by Economic Development Council, 748-0114 or email jlowery@lewisdc.com

Wednesday, March 13

Veterinarian to Examine Why Cancer Cure Has Been Elusive

Does the environment of the body cause cancer or does cancer change the physiology of a person to meet its needs? Will the answers to these questions be universal for every cancer? Lisa Parshley, doctor of veterinary medicine at Olympia Veterinary Cancer Center, will be taking a look at these questions during the Lyceum lecture Wednesday.

The lecture will be a 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at Centralia College's WAH 103 or, if more space is needed, Corbet Theatre. Lyceum is to free to everyone, and may also be taken as Humanities 286, 1 credit.

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

Young Professionals Lewis County Networking Social, 5-8 p.m., Riverside Golf Club Roof Top Bar, Chehalis, (206) 293-6126

Games Night, 6:30-11 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Thursday, March 14

Storyteller to Be at Centralia, Tenino Libraries

Master storyteller and award-winning public radio producer Joe McHugh will be visiting the Centralia and Tenino libraries during March in connection with a Timberland Regional Library project to record people's stories about their families' and communities' history in the region.

These stories will be featured at events in October during the month-long systemwide program, Timberland Reads Together: Timothy Egan's "Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher."

People interested in having their stories recorded at a Timberland library may speak with an adult services librarian while at the workshop.

The Centralia workshop will be 6-7 p.m. Thursday, March 14. Tenino's will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, March 15.

At each presentation, McHugh will:

- discuss the nature and kinds of family stories, and when and why we tell them.
- share some of his travels on the back roads of America recording family stories.
- examine ways family stories provide ideas for writing fiction and nonfiction.
- provide an overview of affordable audio equipment and digital audio software options for recording a family member.
- demonstrate how to enrich the writing of family histories and memoirs using prime source materials such as photographs, letters, diaries, home movies, etc.

McHugh has been gathering stories across America since 1999. Many have been featured on radio programs such as NPR's Morning Edition and

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Above: This is the magazine cover that helped Aliya Mae Deckert-Ward win the SkillsUSA Southwest Region Photography Competition.



Photographs submitted by **Deborah Carey**, Centralia School District

Right: Aliya Mae Deckert-Ward is shown with her Nikon digital camera.

Deckert-Ward Captures SkillsUSA Photo Competition

Centralia High School senior Aliya Mae Deckert-Ward has her eyes fixed on state competition after reigning supreme at the SkillsUSA Southwest Region Photography Competition at Centralia High School Saturday, Feb. 16.

Deckert-Ward combined her skills in photography, layout/design, portraiture and Adobe Photoshop with her knowledge of photography history and theory

to earn first place with 623 of 700 possible points.

The annual competition included a print competition, on-location photography shoot-out, studio portrait session, magazine cover design, image retouching and optimization challenge, and a written assessment.

The top three finishers in regional competition advance to the SkillsUSA

Washington State Leadership & Skills Conference April 11-13 in Renton.

Until then, Deckert-Ward will be expanding her photographic skills and deepening her understanding of the prominent concepts of photography with CHS photography/journalism instructor Pete Kendall.

"Aliya has all the attributes a state champion photographer should have,"

Kendall said of his top-placing student.

"She loves photography enough to be both a lifelong student and teacher of it, as it is woven through both her academic and personal lives," Kendall said.

"Photography, being her driving force, is very personal to Aliya," Kendall added, "and she shares her love of the craft with all who know her."

Voice of the People

Who would you like to see perform at the Southwest Washington Fair?



"Adam Lambert from 'American Idol.'"

Tyleen Moyr

Chehalis, employee at V.F. outlet store

"Linkin Park."

Tyrell Lund

Centralia, unemployed



"Tenth Avenue North. It's a Christian rock band."

Nickolay Essani

Centralia, Centralia College student

"Merle Haggard."

Dan Grisson

Centralia, retired electrician

Poetry

Handling 'The John'

Communicable diseases, a challenge to rout,
Poor hygiene, a habit so common about.

Officials bewildered, all shout with alarm,
While seeking solutions to keep us from harm.

One problem I see, restroom doors are hung wrong.
They all should swing out as we exit "The John."

With doors that swing in, there's a problem we face.
We must grasp the handle to escape from the place.

And be it a handle or be it a knob,
We're in touch with the privates of the earlier slob,

Who couldn't care less or perhaps doesn't know,
That it's healthful to wash your hands after you "go."

Doors that swing in fail to slow down the pace.
When someone is rushing, we get bashed in the face.

Whereas doors that swing out, help protect us from harm,
As we leave with a nudge from a shoulder or arm.

And with no need to hurry while going away,
The chance of collisions is far less, I say.

So doors should swing out when the structures permit,
But must they swing in, it would surely be fit,

To install the door handles in pairs, not just one,
And reserve one for all of us who wash when we're done.

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Names in the News

Mossyrock Woman Named to Montana Dean's List

Emily Stanton, Mossyrock, has been named to the fall semester dean's list at the University of Montana, Missoula.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester grade of 3.50 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits.

Fighting Fires With Horses



Submitted by Tom Cunningham for Our Hometowns, Volume 2

The Centralia Fire Department, c. 1900, used true horsepower to combat conflagrations.

TODAY IN HISTORY:

Lewis County-Area History

Big Sale at Enlarged Dewey & McGiffert in 1890

Dewey & McGiffert, at Main and Tower in Centralia, planned a large sale.

"Dewey & McGiffert have decided to give the people of Centralia and vicinity a large stock of clothing, dry goods, boots and shoes, and groceries, to select from in making their purchases, as they can find in any city in the state, and in order to do so we have enlarged our store," the advertisement in *The Centralia Chronicle* began. "So that we now have over double the space we formerly occupied, on next Saturday, March 8.

"We will place on sale the largest stock of goods ever shown in this part of the country. We don't ask you to buy one dollar's worth of us, unless you think that you can save money by doing so; but we think that an inspection of our stock will convince you that we say what we mean, and that we will do what we say."

Sen. Fishback's Daughter Recovering in 1911

The daughter of Senator Fishback was recovering from an explosion.

"Miss Bess Fishback, daughter of Senator Fishback of Lewis

County, is reported as much better," *The Centralia Weekly Chronicle* reported. "She met with an accident several days ago while experimenting in the laboratory of Columbia University where she is taking a post graduate course in chemistry. Some of the generated gas exploded and the young woman was blown up. It was feared that she could not live, but it seems, her injuries have been treated to skin grafting and she will not only recover, but will bear no disfiguring marks of the mishap."

Bomb Throwing at Onalaska Investigated in 1936

On this day in 1936, law enforcement investigated a bomb throwing incident at the union hall in Onalaska.

"Charges that the bomb hurled at the hall at the Onalaska unit of the Sawmill and Timber Workers' union Wednesday night was hurled by radical members of their own organization, were made today by State Patrolman Lou Geer," *The Centralia Daily Chronicle* wrote.

"The dynamite was thrown, Geer believes, to intimidate workers now employed by the mill.

"State Patrolmen Geer and Reynolds investigated the affair yesterday and Wednesday night.

"According to all the information we could gather," Geer said, "the bomb was undoubtedly thrown by a member of the union. Those whom members of the union accused of doing the work are undoubtedly not guilty."

"Geer said that he believed that if the bomb was thrown by anyone who really intended to damage the hall, a more powerful bomb would be used and more care would be taken to see that it lit closer to the building. The bomb exploded about 40 feet away from the main union hall."

All 15 Runaways Are Returned in 1961

Green Hill School Superintendent Robert Quant reported all 15 boys who had run away from the juvenile institution were returned within 24 hours. The boys had fled from a lunch line. Some were apprehended just off the school grounds, and another group caught south of Chehalis on Jackson Highway. The last group had stolen a vehicle from J. Karl

Falls, 1970 Grandview Ave., Chehalis. That car and its seven occupants were pulled over by the Washington State Patrol near Kelso at 2 a.m.

Last Polling Place Closed in 2005

This week in 2005, there were no longer any polling places in Lewis County. The Lewis County Commission voted to convert the last polling place in the county, Prescott precinct in rural northeast Winlock, to vote-by-mail. In late December, the Big Bottom precinct near Packwood had been converted.

"I will not defend the destruction of a Lewis County tradition," Lewis County Auditor Gary Zandell said. "There comes a time when we move away from the tradition ... Our forefathers also demanded that the poor and women not vote. That tradition has changed.

"There's hundreds of people who would prefer a polling place. There happen to be thousands who prefer to vote by mail."

Lewis County Commissioner Richard Graham said voters could still bring their ballots to the auditor's office.

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If you'd like to share your locally themed story, photograph (with caption), or a combination of both, email your items to news@chronline.com or bring them by the front desk. Be sure to leave us your name, phone number and mailing address so we can return the photo to you.

Support Our Community Volunteer

Events: Adna Scholarship Dinner, Home and Garden Show Coming to Fairgrounds

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Weekend America. The recordings can be heard at www.americanfamilystories.org.

For more information, contact the Centralia library at (360) 736-0183, the Tenino library at (360) 264-2369 or visit www.TRL.org. Open mic, 7 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 N.W. Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Open mic, 6:30 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$2 donation, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 15

Stafford Works to Be Shown at Adna Scholarship Dinner

The Adna Scholarship Foun-

ation dinner and auction will be at 7 p.m. Friday, March 15, at Adna High School.

A silent auction will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

A highlight of the event will be a wildlife bronze display by renowned Adna sculptor Jim Stafford. It will be the largest single showing in his 40-year career.

The dinner will be catered by Catrina's Catering, Chehalis.

Tickets are \$20 per person. They can be purchased at Adna High School or at the door. All proceeds go to senior scholarships.

Jayne Sanction Bank, top 40, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

Saturday, March 16

"The Pied Piper," Missoula Children's

Theatre production, 3 and 7 p.m., Corbet Theatre, Centralia College, admission by donation, 736-3202 or 748-0961

Jayne Sanction Bank, top 40, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301

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

Hope on the Slopes, 24-hour fundraiser for American Cancer Society-funded research and programming, 10 a.m. Saturday-10 a.m. Sunday, White Pass Ski Area and Crystal Mountain

The Deep Wile and Quinlan Conley, 8 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, \$6, (360) 740-0492

Sunday, March 17

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

Dancing, Country Four, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Swede Hall, Rochester, (360) 352-2135

Monday, March 18

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Wednesday, March 20

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

Taco Night, 6-8 p.m., Centralia Eagles, hard-shell tacos, two for \$1, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

NW Prindle St., Chehalis, (360) 740-0492

Thursday, March 21

Energy efficiency forum, 6 p.m., Pe Ell Veterans Hall, presented by Rulon Crawford, Centralia College faculty

member, sponsored by Economic Development Council, 748-0114 or email jlowery@lewisdc.com

Open mic, 6:30 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, 434 NW Prindle St., Chehalis, \$2 donation, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 22

Home and Garden Show Coming to SWW Fairgrounds

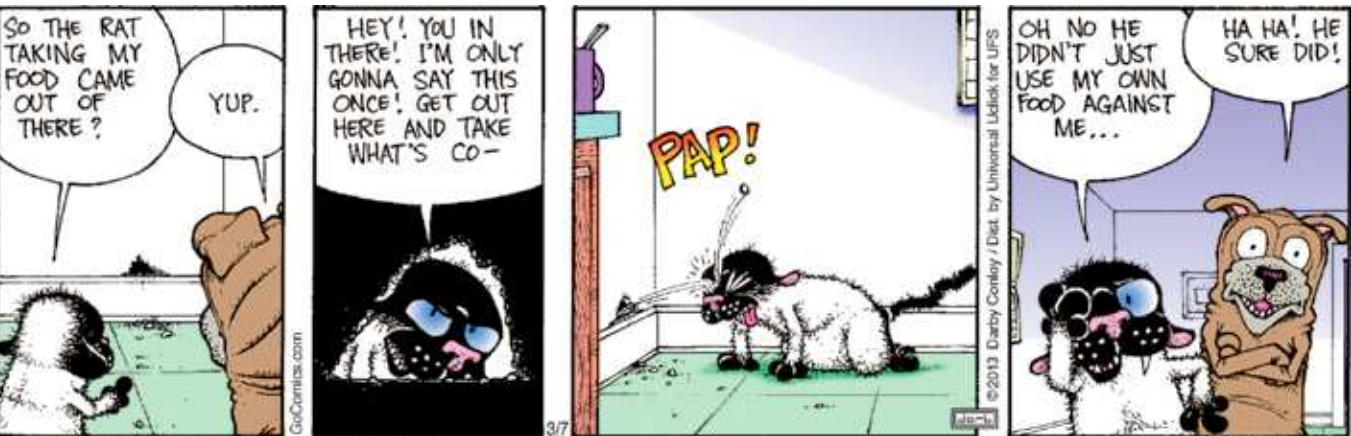
The 48th annual Home and Garden Show will be held Friday through Sunday, March 22-24, at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, Chehalis.

Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

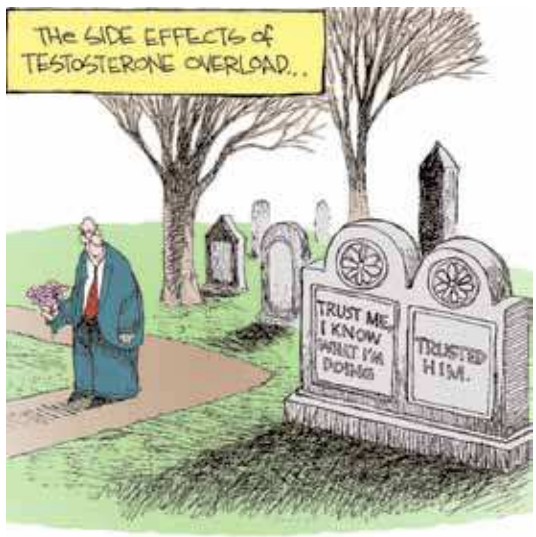
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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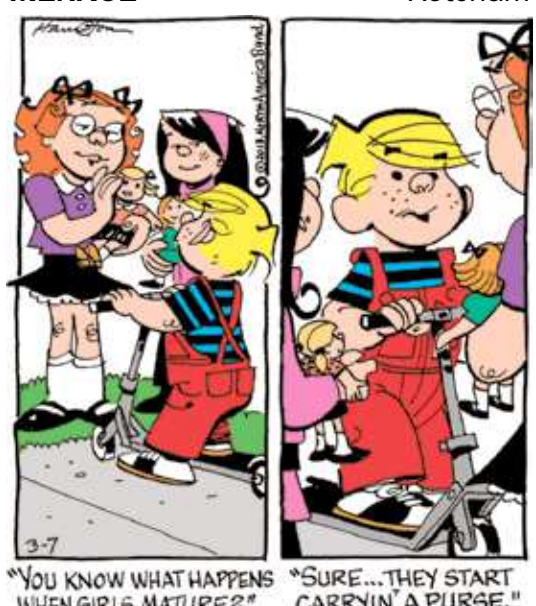
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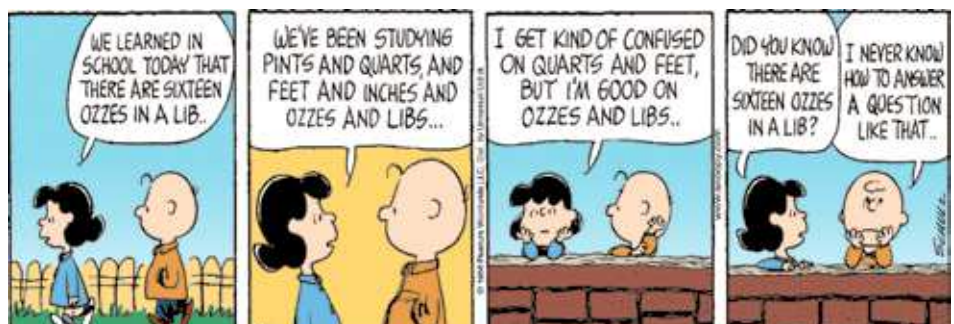
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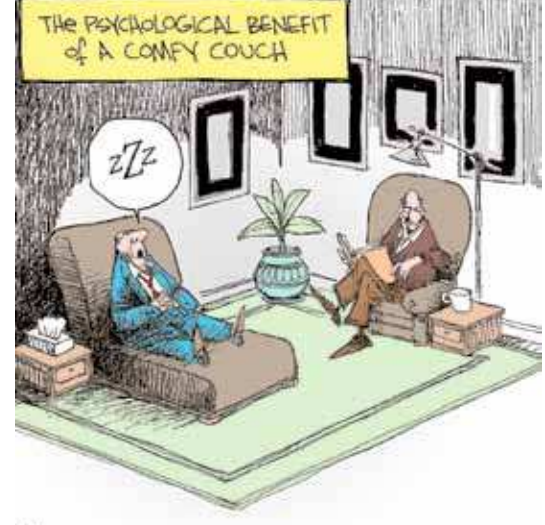
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Puzzle One

Find answers to the puzzles here on Puzzle Page Two on page Life 8.

Sudoku

Difficulty: 4 (of 5)

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Crossword

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
 1 Gaggle members
 6 Math subj.
 10 Baby
 12 Strong cords
 14 Instinct
 15 Jazz fan
 16 Rubicon crosser
 18 Dadaist Jean
 19 Kind of school
 21 Gloss target
 23 Item in a poker pot
 24 "— Te Ching"
 26 Joined the chorus
 29 Robin beaks
 31 Main rd.
 33 Cold feet
 35 Patella site
 36 Goodall subject
 37 Ms. Bombeck
 38 Russian emperor

- 40 Startled cries
 42 Victory sign
 43 Alcove
 45 Level
 47 Quizzical sounds
 50 Odd
 52 Plant science
 54 Flower parts
 58 Cheaper make (2 wds.)
 59 More nimble
 60 — and crafts
 61 Goes it alone
- DOWN**
 1 Martini base
 2 Bambi's aunt
 3 Salamander
 4 Hollandaise, e.g.
 5 Mesmerized
 6 Dweebs
 7 Split
 8 Early Peruvian
 9 Toothed wheel

- 11 Casual wear
 12 Bangkok native
 13 Indy 500 sponsor
 17 No speed demon
 19 Gist
 20 Yokels
 22 Secure
 23 Pen contents
 25 Cry of discovery
 27 Audacity
 28 Pluckier
 30 Penn or Connery
 32 Longbow wood
 34 Funny Charlotte —
 39 Guards make them
 41 Marinates
 44 Black gem
 46 Opening
 47 Wane
 48 Circle dance
 49 Play the lead
 51 FDR had three
 53 Hill builder
 55 Have a cold
 56 August kid, maybe
 57 Almost-grads

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
 Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: L equals M

"RXYK, RXPV VNPKW, FBJ BA KRKPKAZ NY
 WXJP. XZ JFNMREA'Z SK BHNXEKE. XZ
 JFNMRE SK YBOKE." — KEGBWE ANWZNA

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "My perfect day is sitting in a room with some blank paper. That's heaven. That's gold." — Cormac McCarthy

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Events: Dance Festival Northwest at Corbet Theatre, Annual Barbershop Show

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There will be more than a hundred booths from local and national businesses that focus on home improvement and gardening ideas.

Featured guest speakers include Ciscoe Morris, Meeghan Black and Flood Valley Homebrew on Saturday, Sam Benowitz of Raintree Nursery on Sunday, and Master Gardeners and Master Recycler/Composters throughout all three days.

Sunday is Family Day, featuring a show from magician Jeff Evans at noon and kids projects with Ernie Von Seggern and Home Depot from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information or to sign up for a booth, visit ChamberWay.com or call 748-8885.

Friday schedule:
 11 a.m. — Extending the Growing Season with Jack Bruner and Don Enstrom, master gardeners

Noon — "Building a Cold Frame" with Bob Albanesius, master recycler/composter

1 p.m. — "Hugelkultur," with Bram Granger, master gardener

3 p.m. — "Greenhouses," with Barbara Eastman, master gardener

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlit Prairie Grange, (360) 864-2023

Music, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Twin Cities Senior Center, (360) 748-0061

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

Joey Pippa's Delusions of Grandeur, 7:30 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, 512, 740-0492

Saturday, March 23

Dance Festival Northwest to Be Performed at Corbet Theatre

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

Dance Festival Northwest brings dance companies from around the Pacific Northwest to

the Twin Cities area.

The dancers take master dance classes together as a group and then each individual company performs dance pieces they have prepared at the Corbet Theatre performance. This year, the master classes will be taught by Sara de Luis, teaching classical Spanish technique, and Erica Castro, teaching classical ballet technique.

There will be diverse forms of dance performed, including classical ballet, innovative contemporary ballet, creative modern and contemporary dance and dynamic jazz.

The host company, under the direction of Castro, artistic director, is the Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble, Chehalis.

For more than 30 years, Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble has given the gift of dance to the Lewis County area. The Dance Ensemble has performed for audiences at the Lewis County Community Concert, "The Nutcracker," Northwest Wind Symphony and the Merce Cunningham Tribute. They have also danced at Dancepalozza and other festivals in Seattle.

Visiting companies this year include: Ballet Northwest, Olympia; Evergreen City Ballet, Renton; Four Stories Dance, Chehalis/Seattle; Harbor Dance and Performance Center, Gig Harbor; Johansen Olympia Dance Center/Ballet Northwest, Olympia; Studio West Dance Theatre, Olympia; Washington Contemporary Ballet, University Place; and host company Southwest Washington Dance Ensemble, Chehalis.

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

For more information, call the Dance Center, (360) 748-4789

Two Town Tuners to Host Annual Barbershop Show

The Two Town Tuners annual barbershop show, "Celebrate Harmony," will be held at

2:02 p.m. and 7:02 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the W.F. West High School commons.

The event is in celebration of the Barbershop Harmony Society's 75th anniversary.

Participants will include The Two Town Tuners Barbershop Chorus, Puget Sounders Barbershop Chorus, Olympia Sweet Adelines Chorus, and the Common Cents, Midas Touch, Four-Tune Tellers and Nitelife quartets.

Admission for the matinee is \$7, with children under 12 free. Evening admission is \$10 for all ages. Refreshments are included.

Tickets are available at Corwin Insurance Agency, 1307 Harrison Ave., Centralia; Endeavors Gifts and Books, 437 N. Market Blvd., Chehalis; Michael R. Mittge law office, 1079 S. Market Blvd., Chehalis; from Two Town Tuner Chorus members; or call (360) 748-4765.

Land Trust Plans Auction, Fundraiser

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust is hosting "A Not So Silent Auction and Fundraiser" at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Brownstone Coffee Lounge in Centralia.

The event will include a night of coffee, a silent auction and entertainment including local belly dancers, Cricket on the Hearth and Bluer on the Other Side.

Those who would like to donate an item or service to the auction are asked to call (425) 931-6627 or email traist-andtyee@gmail.com.

The Brownstone Coffee Lounge is located at 120 S. Tower Ave.

The Chehalis River Basin Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization that helps landowners in the basin protect the conservation values of their property into perpetuity.

Onalaska Dinner, Auction

The 19th annual Onalaska Scholarship Dinner & Auction



The Chronicle, file photo

Dancers from Studio West Dance Theatre perform at the 20th annual Dance Festival Northwest held at Corbet Theatre in Centralia in 2012. This year's event is set for March 23.

will be Saturday, March 23, in the high school gymnasium.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., at which time the silent auction begins. Dinner will be served 5:30-7 p.m., and the live auction starts at 6:30 p.m.

MasterCard and Visa cards may be used for purchases.

Dinner ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children age 6-12. Tickets are available at the Onalaska School District office, from a member of the Onalaska High School Class of 2013, or by calling Doris Coble, (360) 978-4160, or Linda Sabin, (360) 262-3735. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the event help members of the Class of 2013 pay tuition and other school expenses after graduation.

Items for the auction are still being sought. Those who would like to donate are asked to call Sabin or Phyllis Carter, (360) 978-4434. If needed, the items

can be picked up. It is requested the donations be made by March 15 if possible.

"Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like," 6:30 p.m., Roxy Theater, 223 W. Main St., Morton, (360) 496-5599

Baked potato bar, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Adna Grange, to raise funds for Adna Grange roof replacement, toppings (sour cream, chives, bacon bits, broccoli, cheese sauce, ranch dressing, chili, butter), green salad, decaf and regular coffee, tea, punch, milk, dessert, adults \$6, kids under 10 \$5, (360) 740-1950

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

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

Home and Garden Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. "Seeds 101," with Maryann Albanesius; 11 a.m.-1 p.m., "Brewing Beer," with Flood Valley Homebrew; 2 p.m., Ciscoe Morris and Meeghan Black

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Events: Claude Bourbon and Open Mic Nights at the Matrix Coffeehouse

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Sunday, March 24

Home and Garden Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Southwest Washington Fairgrounds, 10 a.m., "Composting," with Bob Albenesius; 11 a.m., "Growing Fruit Trees and Berries Locally," with Sam Benowitz; 1-3 p.m., kids' projects in the Kids Clinic, with Ernie Von Seggern and Home Depot

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

Monday, March 25

Burger Night, 5-7:30 p.m., Centralia Eagles, quarter-pound hamburgers, \$1.50, other menu items, (360) 736-1146

Tuesday, March 26

Bingo, Chehalis Moose Lodge, doors open at 4:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.; food available, (360) 736-9030

Wednesday, March 27

Guitarist Claude Bourbon to Perform at Matrix

Claude Bourbon, a guitar-

ist who performs medieval and Spanish blues, will be giving a performance at the Matrix Coffeehouse in Chehalis Wednesday, March 27.

Born in France in the early '60s, Bourbon grew up in Switzerland, where he was classically trained for many years. This finger-picking guitarist has performed and studied all over the world; he has crafted a fusion of classical and jazz, with ethereal Eastern influences, Spanish and Latin elements and strains of Western folk.

Bourbon may have his roots in the blues, but he is inspired by music and song from all around the world, taking these sounds and weaving them into a performance of blues, rock, jazz, songs and melodies that defy a label, all delivered with a gravelly voice.

Bourbon's inimitable style incorporates all five digits on each hand dancing independently but in unison, plucking, picking and strumming at such speed and precision that his fingers often seem to melt into a blur.

Thousands of people in Europe and United States have en-

joyed listening to this virtuoso. For the majority of his audience, it is an experience that compels them to return again and again to hear and watch him play.

Bourbon's concert will be at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Dinners of either chicken breast stuffed with brie or a Middle Eastern plate (vegetarian) will be available for \$14.95.

The Matrix Coffeehouse is located at 434 NW Prindle St. Phone number is (360) 740-0492.

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

Thursday, March 28

Open mic, 6:30 p.m., Matrix Coffeehouse, Chehalis, \$2 donation, (360) 740-0492

Friday, March 29

Oregon Trail music and dancing, open mic with Side Kicks Band, 7 p.m., Cowlitz Prairie Grange, (360) 864-2023

Radio 80, '80s pop, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Scatter Creek Grill, Lucky Eagle Casino, (360) 273-2000, ext. 301



Guitarist Claude Bourbon performs medieval and Spanish blues. Courtesy Photo

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Thought of Going to the Dentist Wipes Smile Off Woman's Face

DEAR ABBY: I am writing to you because I can share this anonymously. I am close to 60 years old and I'm terrified of the dentist. Every time I pick up the phone to make an appointment I get so anxious I feel like I'm going to die.



By Abigail Van Buren

Do you think I will be able to find a caring, compassionate and nonjudgmental dentist? Are they out there? Sometimes I wish I could die instead of going to the dentist. Am I crazy? — MRS. ANXIETY IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR MRS. ANXIETY: Let me put it this way — if you're crazy, you have a lot of company. Many people fear going to

the dentist. However, there have been improvements in the field since you were a child — including sedation for people who choose "not to be there" while their dental problems are being attended to.

Good dental health is very important to our overall health, so please don't put off any further making an appointment. Tell the person who is booking the appointment what your needs are, and if that dentist can't accommodate you, ask for a referral to one who can.

DEAR ABBY: I have been a nanny for four families over the last 10 years. I am now working for a family of five. I don't make a lot of money, but I enjoy what I do.

My problem is all the gift-buying I feel required to

do — such as on the children's birthdays, Christmas and the mom's birth of more babies. My employer is expecting yet another baby this summer and her 3-year-old has another birthday coming up.

I'm tired of the gift-buying and really can't afford to do it anymore. When the new baby is born, I am tempted to just say "Congratulations!" Any suggestions? — GIFTED OUT

DEAR GIFTED OUT: Yes. When the newest addition to the family arrives, give your employer a nice card. You should not be expected to come up with a gift. You are already giving these children loving and responsible care and that is gift enough.

DEAR ABBY: During the first year of our marriage, my

husband cheated on me with women from his past as well as new encounters. When I confronted him, he promised to stop. He would then call and email these women, and tell them I was checking up on him and he'd contact them later.

This has gone on for years. He swears he's no longer cheating, and we have sought counseling — which I stopped because the counselor and I agreed that my husband didn't think he had a problem.

When I confront him with my suspicions, he insists that I am "driving him away" by accusing him. He is very arrogant, and people who don't know him believe he's a great guy and I am the problem. I have considered revenge cheating, but it goes against my morals. I think about divorcing him, but then

I think -- what if I am wrong? What if he really is being faithful? What should I do? I love him. — UNSURE IN TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: I agree that "revenge" cheating is not the solution to your problem. Hire a private detective and get to the bottom of this. If you're wrong, you need counseling to resolve your insecurities. However, if he's cheating, you will know you haven't been imagining things and can decide rationally if it's in your best interests to continue being married to a womanizer.

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Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle Page One on page Life 7. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Saturday's paper.

Crossword

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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ACROSS

- 1 Roast beef au —
- 4 "The Voice" host
- 8 Gear tooth
- 11 Muslim mystic
- 12 Sandwich cookie
- 13 Pi follower
- 14 Slow run
- 15 Making less
- 17 Procedures
- 19 Major no-no
- 20 Raised railways
- 21 Happy sighs
- 22 Subatomic particle
- 25 Foresight
- 28 Attempt
- 29 Did laps
- 31 October's stone
- 33 Exasperate
- 35 Scholarly org.
- 37 Festive night

- 38 Beauty parlors
- 40 Host
- 42 Hout fraction
- 43 Spiral molecule
- 44 Juanita's friend
- 47 Aromatic
- 51 Voice boxes
- 53 Mortarboard wearer
- 54 — Baba
- 55 Nerd
- 56 Nile goddess
- 57 "— My Party"
- 58 Catch sight of
- 59 Underwater shocker

DOWN

- 1 Courtroom dozen
- 2 Alien crafts
- 3 Tot minder
- 4 Campus buildings
- 5 Greek war god
- 6 Pioneered
- 7 Teenagers
- 8 Baby's bed
- 9 Cry of woe (2 wds.)
- 10 Disco dancer (hyph.)
- 11 Ave. crossers
- 16 Timex rival
- 18 Moose kin
- 21 Zeros in on
- 22 Game period: Abbr.
- 23 "The Haj" author
- 24 Jean Auel heroine
- 25 UPS trucks
- 26 Oil cartel
- 27 Pew locale
- 30 Robin appendage
- 32 "Annabel —"
- 34 Poem of lament
- 36 Nashville st.
- 39 Juice source
- 41 Stewart's "— May"
- 43 Like twilight
- 44 Jai —
- 45 Fountain order
- 46 Purple flower
- 47 Steal a glance
- 48 Gaelic language
- 49 Hammer target
- 50 NFL events
- 52 Ballot marks

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Sudoku

Difficulty: 5 (of 5)

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Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 7

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9	6	1	5	2	3	4	8	7
6	8	3	2	4	1	7	5	9
1	9	4	6	5	7	3	2	8
7	2	5	3	8	9	1	4	6
3	7	8	1	6	5	2	9	4
5	4	6	9	7	2	8	1	3
2	1	9	4	3	8	6	7	5

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: U equals G

"VL VRHME NWA IDDGH FNMEN M'A ARU RX

TIDV VL DFO ENMCANDDA, VRHMEWC IDDGH

PRMSA MO GNS AWIJSHG HDMC."

— IWL ENWICSH

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 7: "Life, like poker, has an element of risk. It shouldn't be avoided. It should be faced." — Edward Norton

FRIDAY EVENING

March 8, 2013

Movies Sports Kids Bets

Grid of TV listings for Friday, March 8, 2013. Columns include channel, time, program title, and description. Rows range from 6 PM to 11:30 PM.

SATURDAY DAYTIME

March 9, 2013

Movies Sports Kids Bets

Grid of TV listings for Saturday, March 9, 2013. Columns include channel, time, program title, and description. Rows range from 6 AM to 5:30 PM.

SATURDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

March 9, 2013

Table with 14 columns (CEN, CHE, 6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and 62 rows of TV listings for Saturday Evening.

WEEKDAY DAYTIME

Movies Sports Kids Bets

Table with 14 columns (CEN, CHE, 6 AM, 6:30, 7 AM, 7:30, 8 AM, 8:30, 9 AM, 9:30, 10 AM, 10:30, 11 AM, 11:30, 12 PM, 12:30, 1 PM, 1:30, 2 PM, 2:30, 3 PM, 3:30, 4 PM, 4:30, 5 PM, 5:30) and 62 rows of TV listings for Weekday Daytime.