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County Sheriff's Office Cold Case Unit Revisits 1985 Murder

FOCUS: Lewis County Detectives Seek Answers in Unsolved Homicide

By Natalie Johnson

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On Sept. 29, 1985, Roberta D. Strasbaugh, who went by Dee, was heading north on Harrison Avenue when her vehicle ran out of gas. Witnesses saw her carrying a gas can and walking north across the county line.

That was the last time Strasbaugh was

seen alive, as far as detectives know, before her body was found Oct. 18, 1985, by a logger off Lincoln Creek Road.

Detectives compiled a detailed case, complete with 6,000 pages of reports. But

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Roberta D. Strasbaugh is seen in a photograph found in the original 195 case file from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office.

Snow Buries Western Washington



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Snow falls as people walk across Centralia College Boulevard on Monday in Centralia.

ICED: Schools Closed, Power Outages Widespread as Winter Weather Hits Hard

By The Associated Press and The Chronicle

A snowstorm that blanketed Western Washington into Tuesday morning prompted wide-

spread school closures, flight cancellations and power outages for more than 100,000 electrical utility customers, officials said.

Several Lewis County area schools were closed Monday and Tuesday while others operated on two-hour delays. Meanwhile, power outages were reported by Lewis County PUD

throughout the area.

"We're just inundated at the moment," PUD Communications Liaison Corene Moses told The Chronicle Monday morning. "Things are coming up all over the place. The guys have been working all through the night."

In some areas, outages were repaired only to have further

snowfall undo work and knock out power again, Moses said. The power was knocked out in areas of Onalaska, Toledo Winlock, Ashford, Elbe, Mineral Doty, Dryad, rural Chehalis and north Centralia at times Sunday and Monday.

By Tuesday morning, Lewis

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Tax Break Sought for TransAlta

LEGISLATURE: Tax Break Would Act as Incentive to Transition from Coal to Natural Gas or Other Source

By Graham Perednia

For The Chronicle

A proposal to give TransAlta a tax break until its facility north of Centralia can convert from coal to natural gas or some other fuel has made its way to the Washington state Senate.

Introduced by Sen. John Braun, R-Centralia, the measure would make TransAlta exempt from all sales and use taxes until 2021, or one year after the completion of the update. During the tax break, TransAlta's employment could not drop below 25 percent of its current levels from one year after the update is complete, a condition that lasts until 2031. If employment drops below more than a quarter, TransAlta has to repay the taxes it was exempt from during the update.



Sen. John Braun
R-Centralia

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Help for Burglary Victim



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Deaths

Kirkpatrick, George Elmer, 95, Rochester.
Clevenger, Kenneth Dale "Casey," 88, Morton
Colglazier, Mary Ell (Kaech), 65, Lacey
Pipes, Ruby A., 28, Winlock
Coady, Lottie A., 93, South Bend
Larson, Dana E., 68, Mineral
Holten, Betty L., 76, Toledo
Gress, Michael D., 67, Chehalis

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News of the Weird

Someone Bid \$100,000 For a Cheeto That Looks Like Harambe

By The Associated Press

Someone bid nearly \$100,000 on eBay for a Cheeto that bears a resemblance to slain gorilla Harambe.

The seller said he found the cheese snack in a bag of Flamin' Hot Cheetos. Bidding began at \$11.99 on Jan. 28. It ended early Tuesday morning with a winning bid of \$99,900. The listing showed a picture of the Cheeto side-by-side with a gorilla climbing a tree.

Harambe has become fodder for internet jokes since his death last May. He was shot by handlers at the Cincinnati Zoo after dragging a small boy who had gotten into his enclosure.

Yellow Car Loathed by Visitors to English Village Vandalized

LONDON (AP) — Vandals have struck a banana yellow car blamed for ruining visitors' photos of a famous English village.

"Move," someone scratched into the hood of Peter Maddox's car in the Cotswolds village of Bibury as part of a January rampage that caused around 6,000 pounds (\$8,000) in damage.

For the past three years, the 84-year-old widower has parked his Vauxhall Corsa outside his retirement cottage on Arlington Row in Bibury. The gray-stone 14th century homes are among the oldest inhabited dwellings in Britain and feature in the artwork of British passports.

With locals' public backing, the retired dentist says he won't have his style dictated by tourists. Told by mechanics that his car was probably an insurance write-off, Maddox says he plans to buy a replacement — in lime green.

French Candidate Uses Hologram to Travel Campaign Trail

PARIS (AP) — French presidential candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon can't be in two places at once.

But the 65-year-old hard-left hopeful is trying his hardest thanks to advances in technology.

As Melenchon held a rally in Lyon on Sunday, a hologram of him was projected by satellite to

crowds in Paris. Critics called it a headline-grabbing gimmick that obscures his firebrand politics. Meanwhile, supporters of conservative candidate Francois Fillon hit the streets Sunday to try to stem damage to his campaign. They distributed tracts entitled "Stop the Manhunt."

Prosecutors are investigating the jobs that Fillon's wife and two of their five children had working as his parliamentary aides. The preliminary probe involves suspicions of embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds

A California Doctor Removed a 130-Pound Tumor From Man

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A California doctor removed a 130-pound tumor from a Mississippi man who had been told by other physicians that he was just fat.

Roger Logan, 57, had the non-cancerous growth removed on Jan. 31 at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital, where he will remain for another week or so before returning to Gulfport, Mississippi.

The tumor probably started as an ingrown hair that became infected, swelled and developed its own blood supply, Logan's surgeon, Dr. Vipul Dev, told the Bakersfield Californian.

It sprouted from his lower abdomen more than a decade ago.

Doctors told him: "You're just fat, it's just fat," Logan told KERO-TV in Bakersfield.

Virtually unable to move, he spent most of his time in a recliner in one room of his home.

By the time the tumor reached 130 to 140 pounds, doctors told Logan it was too risky for him to have surgery, giving him only a 50 percent chance of surviving it.

But his wife, Kitty, scoured the country for specialists to perform the operation and found Dev, who had performed similar surgeries.

"She just kept pushing," Logan told the Californian. "She wouldn't let me quit."

Logan finally made the 2,000-mile, 40-hour trip to Central California with his chair bolted to the floor of a cargo van, "just like I was in my living room at home," Logan told the paper.

From Pretty to Icky ...



A Centralia Public Works snowplow clears Scheuber Road on Monday in Centralia.

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Notable Quote



"So I was like, 'Hey, stuff like this doesn't happen for boys from Tenino, Washington.' I figured Tenino was a pretty safe word that has never been said on the Opry."

Adma Craig
country music artist
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Today in History

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1817, America's first public gas street lamp was lighted in Baltimore at the corner of Market and Lemon streets (now East Baltimore and Holliday streets).

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Madame Bovary."

In 1931, aviator Amelia Earhart married publisher George P. Putnam in Noank, Connecticut.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army

chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1971, women in Switzerland gained the right to vote through a national referendum, 12 years after a previous attempt failed.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered spacewalk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos. Haitian President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier fled his country, ending 28 years of his family's rule.

In 1991, Jean-Bertrand Aristide was inaugurated as the first dem-

ocratically elected president of Haiti (he was overthrown by the military the following September).

In 1992, European Community members signed the Maastricht Treaty, which led to creation of the euro.

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son Abdullah.

Ten years ago: U.S. officials confirmed a new security operation was under way in Baghdad; U.S. armor rushed through streets, and Iraqi armored personnel carriers guarded bridges and major intersections. A Marine CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter was shot down by insurgents northwest of Baghdad, killing all seven people on board. The Food and Drug Administration approved Alli, a diet pill that could be bought without a prescription.

The Weather Almanac

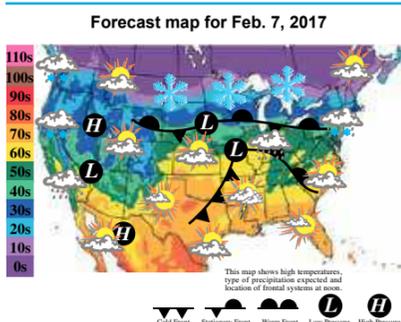
5-Day Forecast for the Lewis County Area

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rain/Snow 39° 31°	Rain/Snow 42° 37°	Cloudy 50° 40°	Showers Likely 48° 36°	Mostly Cloudy 47° 34°

River Stages

Gauge	Flood Stage	24 hr. Change
Chehalis at Mellen St.	65.0	+0.08
Skookumchuck at Pearl St.	85.0	+0.20
Cowlitz at Packwood	10.5	0.00
Cowlitz at Randle	18.0	+0.05
Cowlitz at Mayfield Dam	---	+1.20

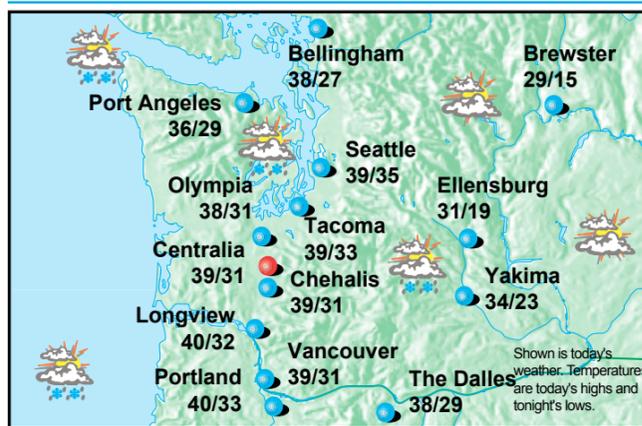
National Map



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Data reported from Centralia
Temperature
 Yesterday's High 41
 Yesterday's Low 34
 Normal High 50
 Normal Low 36
 Record High 64 in 1993
 Record Low 10 in 1989
Precipitation
 Yesterday 0.11"
 Month to date 2.39"
 Normal month to date 1.23"
 Year to date 5.62"
 Normal year to date 7.73"

Regional Weather



Regional Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx
Bremerton	39/35 rs	42/38 rs	Spokane	34/18 mc	33/28 sn
Ocean Shores	42/34 sh	43/39 ra	Tri Cities	37/27 mc	32/29 mc
Olympia	38/31 rs	41/36 rs	Wenatchee	30/19 mc	28/27 sn

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:25 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:26 p.m.
 Moonrise 2:13 p.m.
 Moonset 4:39 a.m.

Pollen Forecast

Allergen	Today	Wednesday
Trees	None	None
Grass	None	None
Weeds	None	None
Mold	None	None

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx	City	Today Hi/Lo Wx	Wed. Hi/Lo Wx
Baghdad	64/41 s	64/46 s	New Delhi	70/50 cl	72/50 s
Beijing	37/25 fl	39/21 s	Paris	50/36 cl	43/34 cl
London	50/37 pc	43/34 pc	Rio de Janeiro	91/79 t	90/77 t
Mexico City	77/48 s	77/48 s	Rome	61/39 s	57/43 cl
Moscow	-2/-11 s	3/-2 s	Sydney	81/72 t	77/72 pc

Come by and view upcoming local events postings at The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia. The What's Happening Window is located in the middle of the building on Pearl St.

Are you having an event and have posters made?

The Chronicle will post your event in our What's Happening Window! Bring your event poster to The Chronicle, 321 N. Pearl St., Centralia

Construction of W.F. West's New STEM Wing to Begin Soon

DECEMBER COMPLETION
DATE: *Several Travel Impacts Will Take Place During Construction Phase to Sidewalk, Street*

By Justyna Tomtas
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The Chehalis School District is steadily moving forward to create a new STEM wing at W.F. West High School with construction to begin by early March.

Tommy Elder, assistant principal at W.F. West High School, said bids for the project have already been submitted. He said the school board will likely award a contract at its next meeting.

The STEM — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — wing is funded by a \$5.5 million state grant. Some main features of the 16,000 square-foot building include six labs, two classrooms, a cell culture lab and a scanning electron microscope lab.

Elder said there will also be a collective learning space that connects to an interactive learning room with seven flat screen televisions that students can connect to via their Chromebooks. That will allow students to work together on larger projects, he said.

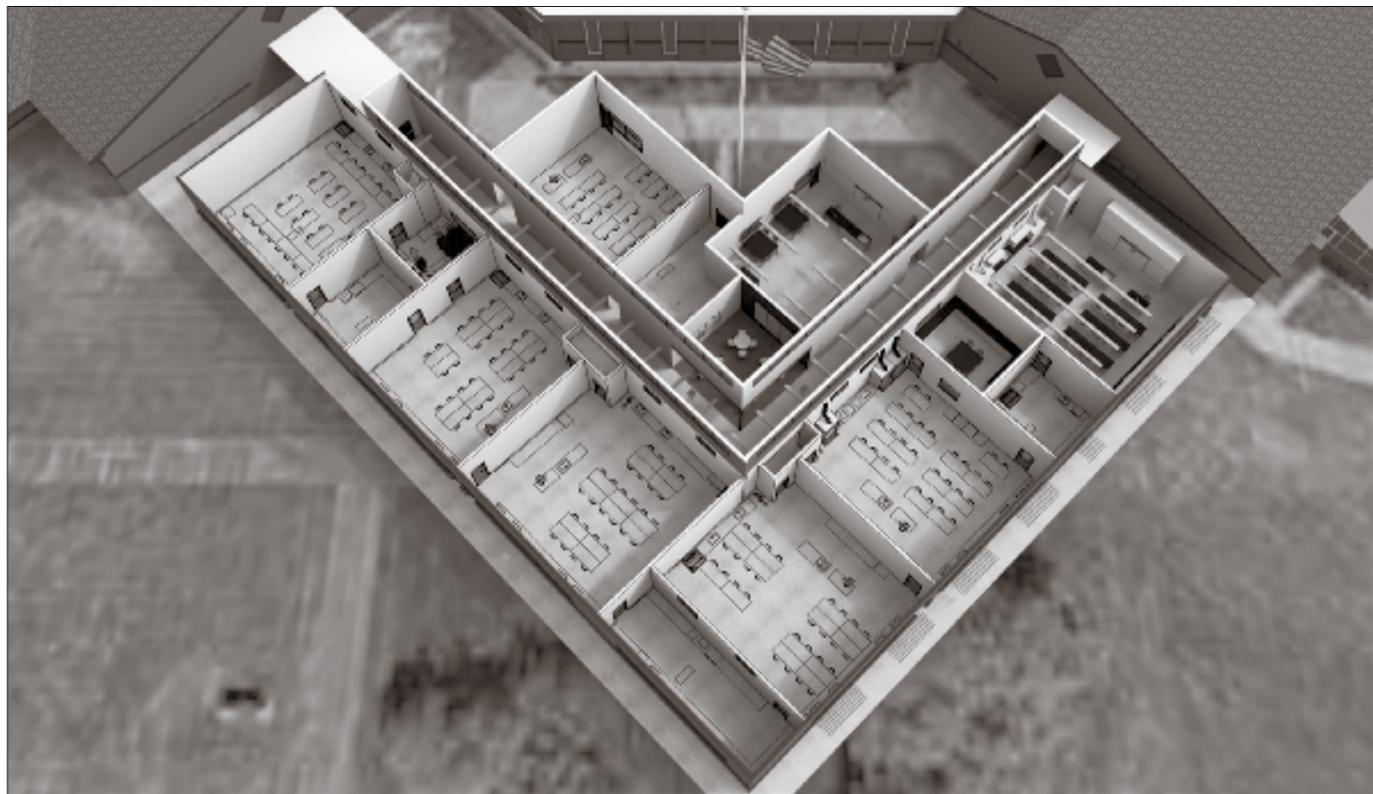
The building is designed to accommodate the high school's future growth, and many of the classrooms currently serving STEM classes will be repurposed for other functions.

The school currently has teachers instructing in the library and in large storage spaces that were converted into classrooms, according to Elder. The hope is to get the teachers into more functional spaces and to give them some flexibility for the different classes they teach.

"This allows us to not only have the classes we vacated to be opened up for growth, new staff, or flexible spaces ... but the classrooms (in the STEM wing) are extremely large and are able to handle the growth in more students and more staff," Elder said.

Each lab will be approximately 1,400 square feet, while the classrooms are just over 1,000 square feet. Both the labs and the classrooms are designed as "flexible spaces," allowing the teachers to design their learning environment with moveable tables, and chairs, among other features.

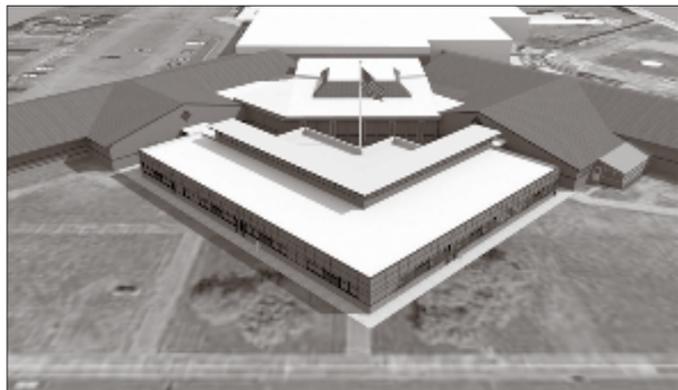
"Our teachers have worked so hard to not only stay current, but to kind of stay in front of the new science and STEM trends that have been coming with genetics



The 16,000-square-foot STEM wing at W.F. West High School will have six labs, two classrooms, a cell culture lab and a scanning electron microscope lab.



The inside of the STEM wing is pictured in a schematic design. The wing, funded by \$5.5 million in grant funds, will be 16,000 square feet.



A schematic design shows what the outside of the STEM wing at W.F. West High School will look like. The wing is expected to be constructed by December.

"It's been a fantastic experience and I think everyone is really excited to see it go up and to move in such a short time frame."

Tommy Elder
speaking about the planning of the new STEM wing

and robotics," Elder said, also mentioning the high school's state of the art scanning electron microscope. "We are able to now modernize the space for them and for all the kids to have just a very unique and dynamic learning environment."

The goal is to have the STEM wing constructed by the end of the year, allowing teachers to

move in over Christmas break, Elder said.

"The timeframe is short, and that's why again we are hoping we can get approved and get started by the end of the month," he said. "That's a big key to that."

During the construction phase, there will be several impacts to the adjoining roadway and sidewalk. Elder said the con-

struction area will butt up against the sidewalk on 16th Street, closing part of that sidewalk. The street will also have to be turned into a one-lane at various points in the construction phase, Elder said. To make sure students are not walking on half a sidewalk or on the street, the school will alter some of its after-school bus pickup times. There will also be reduced parking spaces as well as construction noise.

"It's an inconvenience and we have to deal with it, but we are all going to be excited when it's done," Elder said.

He thanked Superintendent Ed Rothlin, Assistant Superintendent Mary Lou Bissett and the science teachers for their exceptional work on planning, and also thanked James Hill, with

GET A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STEM WING

To watch a fly through video of plans for W.F. West's new STEM wing, go online to the district's website at chehalisschools.org.

For questions or more information on the project, contact W.F. West Assistant Principal Tommy Elder at telder@chehalisschools.org, or call him at 360-807-7235.

KMB Architects.

"They've been phenomenal working with us and really getting our ideas into the design," Elder said. "It's been a fantastic experience and I think everyone is really excited to see it go up and to move in such a short time frame."

News in Brief

Providence Launches Survey to Highlight Greatest Needs in Lewis, Thurston Counties

By The Chronicle

Providence Health and Services is conducting a community health needs assessment to refine how to best meet identified health-related needs, particularly for the most poor and vulnerable in their service area.

The assessment takes place every three years.

The information provided by community members, along with quantitative data from government and private sources, will be used to identify the program areas of greatest need in Lewis and Thurston counties, according to a press release.

Feedback from patients, local organizations and community groups who have participated in the hospital's community outreach program are also included in the assessment.

The multiple data sources form the foundation of Providence's analysis of community needs and helps shape the hospital's community benefit plan for the next three years.

To fill out the survey, go online to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/providencehealthsurvey>. The deadline to respond is before Feb. 17.

"Your input will help guide us as we plan for the next three years," according to the press release. "The results of the survey will be posted on the Providence website in late spring."

For questions regarding the survey, contact Angela Maki, director of communication and external affairs at 360-493-7907 or email angela.maki@providence.org.

Guardian Friends of Lewis County to Hold Breakfast Fundraiser

By The Chronicle

Guardian Friends of Lewis County will be hosting a flapjack-style breakfast 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at the Chehalis Applebee's.

Tickets are \$10 each. The breakfast will include two pancakes, two pieces of bacon, two sausages, scrambled eggs, and coffee, orange juice or apple juice.

Ticket purchasers will receive a raffle ticket to be entered into a drawing to win a \$350 gift certificate for the Great Wolf Lodge, which was donated for this event.

The proceeds go to help local foster children in Lewis County. Guardian Friends helps meet the needs that the state does not cover. These needs include specialized therapy, tutoring, sports fees, driver's education fees, summer camp fees, clothing, bedding and much more.

Tickets are also available at Santa Lucia Coffee and Holley's Place Frozen Yogurt in Centralia; the Morton Police Department; and Sahara Pizza and Let's Play Something in Napavine.

For more information about Guardian Friends, visit <http://guardianfriendslc.org> or search Guardian Friends of Lewis County on Facebook.

By The Chronicle

Numbers provided by the Northwest Multiple Listing Service show Lewis County had an almost 29 percent decrease in active home and condominium listings in January when compared to a year ago.

In January, 263 active listings were reported, while in January 2016 there were 369. However, new listings increased from 79 in January 2016 to 93 this January.

Western Washington's "high velocity" market continued during January, according to a press release from MLS, with the number of pending sales outgaining the number of new listings.

That trend also took place in Lewis County where there was an almost 9 percent increase in pending sales, increasing to 98 this January.

"Properties are moving through the market at an unusually fast pace," John Deely, chairman of the board at Northwest MLS and the principal managing broker at Coldwell Banker Bain, said in the release. "Although we have a high number of new listings, they are moving into a pending or sold status within the typical 30-day reporting period. This phenomenon causes a low active listing count."

Only Ferry, Jefferson and Kitsap counties reported improvements in the number of active listings compared to the same month last year.

Service wide, there were 9,752 active listings in the MLS service area, a 21 percent decline from the year-ago volume of 12,357.

In the 23-county service area, MLS brokers added 6,507 new

listings to inventory last month — 163 less than the same period a year ago — while year-over-year pending sales increased by 492 transactions for a gain of about 6.8 percent. The new listing volume was the highest monthly total since October when members added 7,591 properties.

Closed sales for January in Lewis County increased by three from numbers reported a year ago, landing at 78. The median closed sales price increased over

26 percent to \$189,050 last month. Lewis County had 3.37 months of inventory in January, while neighboring counties of Grays Harbor and Thurston had 5.43 and 2.06 months of inventory, respectively.

According to MLS, the selection measured by months of inventory is at a historic low in many counties. System-wide there was less than 1.7 months of supply. A year ago there was 2.5 months of supply.

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Adam Craig Gives Tenino a Shout Out on Grand Ole Opry Stage

HOMETOWN: *Country Music Musician Will Return This Summer for the Four Square Mile Music Festival*

By The Chronicle

A big-time country singer from the small city of Tenino gave a shoutout to his roots as he made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, a venue that is the state's No. 1 attraction and a honored pinnacle within the country music scene.

Adam Craig, who grew up in Tenino, was able to achieve one of his dreams of playing on the big stage on Saturday night.

After he walked off the stage, he told Hunter Kelly from Rare Country that the experience was insane.

"There's probably still moments where I'm about to get wet in the eyes," Craig said in the interview. "I'm about to lose it, one would say."

He continued on to say he has dreamed of what he would say on the stage. He wanted to find one word that was never said on the Opry, and that came back to his small city.

"... So I was like, 'hey, stuff

like this doesn't happen for boys from Tenino, Washington," He said. "I figured Tenino was a pretty safe word that has never been said on the Opry."

Craig was surrounded by family members from Washington who made the trip to Tennessee for his performance.

He performed his single "Just a Phrase," which was released to country radio stations on Monday.

Craig first discovered his musical ability when he was in the car with his mom.

"So when you learn how to sing at least for me, it wasn't a professional thing," Craig said in his interview. "I didn't have a voice coach or any of that stuff. How I guess I learned how to sing is someone telling me 'oh man, you can carry a tune.' My mom told me that."

Craig is still passionate about his hometown and gives back through the nonprofit Adam Craig Foundation.

He will be back in Tenino July 28-29 for the Four Square Mile Music Festival. To learn more about the festival, go online to www.foursquaremilefestival.com. To learn more about Adam Craig, go to www.adamcraigofficial.com.



Courtesy Photo

Adam Craig, of Tenino, performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, on Saturday night.

Mobile Tenino Mini Golf Club Aims to Engage Community at Masonic Lodge

AVAILABLE FOR RENT:

Mobile Golf Course Can be Utilized at Events by Community Members

By Justyna Tomtas

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In an effort to spur more community engagement at the Tenino Masonic Lodge, a member of the organization has constructed a mobile golf course that is available to the community.

Franklyn Gallup, worshipful master of the Masonic lodge, began the Tenino Mini Golf Club to provide a fun, family-friendly opportunity for area residents.

The club hosts a free birthday party monthly for people who are celebrating in the community.

Those in attendance can utilize the course for free and also play on a 36-inch Chinese Checkers board.

Gallup said he was inspired to create the mini golf course as a way to get people to check out the lodge.

"It's been a fun time," Gallup said of his endeavor, which started in December.



Courtesy Photo

Franklyn Gallup founded the Tenino Mini Golf Club, which provides a monthly community birthday celebration.

Only four people showed up to the first community birthday party, but the one in January brought in a larger crowd. Gallup said he believes the event will continue to grow.

He intends to rent out the five-hole course to people within a 25-mile radius of Tenino.

The course can be arranged into a variety of layouts. Gallup also said he places obstacles on the course to make it more challenging.

What makes his endeavor

unique is that it's mobile. Gallup can disassemble and transport it. He said the business is small, but it's the only putt putt golf course in Tenino. He also said it is a fun opportunity for all ages and is an especially big hit with the younger crowd.

Any money generated from renting out the course would go toward rent payments for the Tenino Mini Golf Club.

"It's just an idea I came up with," Gallup said. "I'm just going with it to see where it goes, but it's been fun."



Courtesy Photo

The mobile mini golf course is pictured at the Tenino Mini Golf Club.

Individuals who want to see the course are welcome to check it out prior to renting it. The Tenino Mini Golf Club shares the Masonic Lodge building in Tenino. Gallup said the perfect opportunity to test it out would be the community birthday party, which will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Those interested in attending are encouraged to bring a potluck dish. The only thing that is not allowed is alcohol.

Gallup has been a Mason for 3 1/2 years and belongs to seven Masonic organizations. He said

the club is an organization that makes "good men better." Currently, the Tenino branch has about 40 members.

To find out more information on Tenino Mini Golf Course, or to rent the course, contact Franklyn Gallup at 360-807-3122. The course is available for rent in Tenino and a 25-mile travel radius. The course can be viewed at the Tenino Lodge 86, at 260 Susset Ave. West in Tenino, by appointments, which can be set up by Gallup.

Two South Thurston County Residents Appointed to Governor's Boards

By The Chronicle

Gov. Jay Inslee appointed multiple people to various state boards in January, including two South Thurston County

residents.

Rochester's Marybeth Queral was appointed to the Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice and the State-wide Reentry Council. She is the superintendent at Green Hill School in Chehalis, a detention and education center for juvenile offenders.

Tenino resident Jody Becker-Green was appointed to the

Criminal Justice Training Commission.

According to the Governor's website, the Criminal Justice Training Commission develops and implements training standards and programs to upgrade criminal justice personnel and establishes physical, mental and moral fitness recruiting standards.

Members of the board are

paid \$50 per day worked and the board is composed of 14 members, 11 of which are appointed by the governor. Becker-Green joins the board as the state's correctional representative.

The Washington State Partnership Council on Juvenile Justice, which Queral was appointed to, consists of 25 positions, all of which are appointed by the governor. It is tasked with ana-

lyzing, planning and advocating for youth involved in the juvenile justice system or at-risk youth.

The group promotes juvenile justice and delinquency prevention, intervention and behavioral health programs, the governor's website said.

The Statewide Reentry Council was formed to assist inmates as they return to society after incarceration.

News in Brief

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Happy Valentines Day, Kameron!

With all my love, Danielle





Happy Valentines Day, Hanako!

Love Mom and Dad, Luigi and Shelby.



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Burglars left a couple sets of keys below the door of Jim Huner's storage unit after they stole upwards of \$10,000 worth of firefighting and tree climbing equipment last weekend.

Crowdfunding Account Set Up for Victim of Bucoda Highway Burglary

By The Chronicle

An online crowdfunding account has been created to help a victim of a burglary of more than \$10,000 in firefighting and tree-climbing equipment late last month, effectively robbing him of his livelihood.

The account is available at <https://www.gofundme.com/stolen-fire-and-logging-equipment>. James Huner reported the burglary on Jan. 28 at his residence in the 21000 block of Bucoda Highway north of Centralia.

According to a report from a responding deputy from the Thurston County Sheriff's Of-

ice, Huner reported that the shed was previously secured with a padlock, but that the lock was now gone and the door was unsecured.

Huner said the thieves made off with a box full of tree-climbing gear, which he uses while working with tree-cutting services, and firefighting equip-

ment he uses as a federal contract firefighter.

Huner recently recovered from serious medical issues and has been trying to get back on track, he said.

"It's just one thing after another and I'm tired," he told The Chronicle last week.

Nurse Ordered to Stop Practicing Without License

MEDICINE: Infractions, Punishments and Reprieves Announced by State Department of Health

By The Chronicle

The Washington State Department of Health recently released a list of at least 118 health care professionals who were sanctioned with official actions in 2016.

Regionally, actions were taken toward health care workers in Lewis, Thurston, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor and Pierce counties.

In Lewis County, the Unlicensed Practice Program in December entered an agreement with Toni Nelson that requires her to cease and desist from practicing nursing without a license and pay a \$2,000 fine. Although Nelson does not have a registered nurse license she testified in at least three court trials that she was in fact a registered nurse.

Also In December, the secretary of health granted a conditional dependency professional trainee credential to Chad Eric Holmes that placed him on probation and mandated that he undergo an evaluation for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2013, Holmes pleaded



guilty to residential burglary and possession of methamphetamine, and in 2014, he pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and third-degree theft.

In June, the Veterinary Board ended conditions on the credential of veterinarian Jenifer Preston.

There were five actions taken in Thurston County, all of which were handed down in December.

The Occupational Therapy Board indefinitely suspended the occupational therapy assistant credential of Amanda L. Roberts, also known as Amanda L. Lawrence, after she failed to comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Sharon Louise Pouncy had her registered nursing assistant credential reinstated by the Nursing Assistant Program so long as she completes education programs on theft awareness and in law and ethics. Pouncy's license was suspended in 2013 after she admitted to stealing money from a resident of an assisted living facility where she worked.

The secretary of health de-

nied a massage practitioner credential to Tanner Michael Bickle due to a 2013 conviction for harassment-threats to kill, and fourth-degree assault. In 2015 Bickle was again convicted, that time of second-degree rendering criminal assistance.

Mandi Joelle Maycumber was granted a conditional agency-affiliated counselor credential by the secretary of health so long as she complies with conditions to her chemical dependency professional trainee credential.

And the Dental Commission ended conditions on the credential of dentist Robert C. Harris.

There were three actions taken in Cowlitz County. In May, Brandi Michelle Olney had her chemical dependency professional trainee and chemical dependency professional credentials suspended by the secretary of health for at least two years after she failed to respond to an inquiry about allegations of her controlled substance abuse.

In June, physician John W. Hamill entered an agreement with the Medical Commission that restricted his ability to prescribe controlled substances, and fined him \$4,000, among other conditions. A statement noted that while Hamill is not a board-certified pain management specialist his substandard chronic noncancer pain manage-

ment created a substantial risk of harm.

And in November, Allison G. Anderson had her certified nursing assistant credential indefinitely suspended by the secretary of health after she tested positive for amphetamine, morphine and methamphetamine while working at an assisted living facility.

In Grays Harbor County in May, the secretary of health denied a home care aide credential to Azucena Fernandez-Island, who admitted to being a recovering heroin addict during the application process.

The Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees in order to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions, ranging from medical doctors to veterinarians.

Information about health care providers is available on the DOH website at doh.wa.gov. Visitors to the webpage should click on the "How Do I" section for more information. The site includes detailed information about the license status of health care workers, including the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. The information is also available by calling 360-236-4700.

News in Brief

Whiskey Deaf Concert at Veterans Memorial Museum Is Sold Out

By The Chronicle

The Washington Bluegrass Association's upcoming Saturday night concert at the Chehalis Veterans Memorial Museum featuring Whiskey Deaf has sold out.

The last of 220 tickets were purchased Jan. 27, marking the first of five WBA winter concerts over the past two years to sell out in advance (the previous four sold out with the aid of walk-up attendees).

Tickets are already on sale at the museum for the WBA's next concert on April 8 when Powell Mountain comes to the Twin Cities.



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Lawmakers Should Remove Gag Order From Student Journalists

By The Seattle Times Editorial Board

High school student journalists, if they're doing their work well, enjoy all the responsibilities and opportunities of professional reporters — except their work can be censored by school administrators.

In Washington schools, administrators retain the right to censor content of student-run newspapers, a position that is allowed under a 1988 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. Ten other states have rolled back that power, granting more autonomy to the students.

The Washington Legislature should join them this year and pass the editing pen back to student journalists.

A bill championed by Sen.

Other Views

Joe Fain, R-Auburn, would eliminate "prior review" of student papers by administrators in K-12 and higher education. The shift would not protect all stories, including those containing libel or incitement of violence or violations of school policy. But it would empower student journalists to dive more deeply in journalism at this critical moment in media literacy. Now more than ever the nation needs a vigorous press and smart, civically engaged young citizens.

Last November, the Puyallup High Viking Vanguard staff decided to "take the temperature" of the school after having three principals in three years. In an

impressive survey of 250 students and 31 staff, the Vanguard documented frustration about a new attendance policy, concern over students leaving the closed campus for lunch and some teacher discontent.

But student editor Jaxon Owens, testifying in Olympia in favor of the student journalist protection bill, said the staff pulled punches. "Because we had to get approval from the very person who we were evaluating, we toned down those stories," he said.

His testimony was followed by student journalists, one after another, talking about the transformative power of journalism. "Censored news is fake news," said Mariah Valles, editor of the Auburn High yearbook.

"Protecting student journal-

ists' rights to free speech will not only help student journalists, it will help the student body. They deserve the right to know what's going on in their school," said Hewan Mengistu, an editor at Seattle's Cleveland High.

Last year, the Legislature rejected a similar bill after hearing objections from principals, who view control of content more as a curriculum issue than a free-speech issue. That's a valid concern, but the best education is rooted in critical thinking and forceful writing — the definition of good journalism.

There is also concern about the potential liability of protecting student expression. In 2010, four students sued Puyallup School District after being included in a high school newspaper story that

quoted them talking about their sex lives. They lost the federal suit, but the case rattled some school administrators.

That type of case is extraordinarily rare. Mike Hiestand, of the Student Press Law Center, said there is not a single published court decision in the nation holding schools liable for the content of student publications, while there are more than 100 cases over injuries in high school football; lawsuits involving injured cheerleaders are also common.

"I always tell school officials if they want to limit their financial liability, they need to get rid of football and cheerleading and leave their student media alone," Hiestand said.

Let the students write. The country needs them.

COMMENTARY: Highlighting Lewis County

Professionals Mentor Students During TRiO/Rotary Job Shadow

A student who wants to be an author? How exciting! Of course, in my heart, I figured few students aspire to write nonfiction books like I do, but rather yearn to create fictional worlds where characters birthed in their imaginations live, breathe, fight and flourish.

So when Kathleen Vodjansky-Ward, assistant director of the TRiO program at Centralia College, invited me to participate as a mentor in the annual job shadowing program, I invited a writing critique colleague who writes fiction to join us.

Kyle Pratt, of Napavine, who writes science fiction and post-apocalyptic novels, joined me last Wednesday morning when we met Centralia High School junior Houston Norton at the college student center. We discussed our reasons for pursuing writing as a career, our training and experience, a typical writing day and the challenges we face.

We also answered questions posed by Houston, who shadowed Chronicle Editor Eric Schwartz in the past. Then we visited Pratt's office on Harmon Road (mine in Toledo should be declared a hazardous area) and joined other mentors and students for lunch at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chehalis.

"It was informative and just fun to go around and learn about these things you wouldn't normally be able to experience," Houston said afterward.

Pratt said he enjoyed talking with Houston. "As a former teacher, I'm comfortable working with students and enjoy providing a glimpse into the writing profession," he said.

Pratt and I were among 61 people in local businesses who agreed to mentor students during the 20th annual job shadowing event — the 18th in partnership with local Rotary clubs, Vodjansky-Ward said. Another 15 or 20 in the medical field will work with students later in the spring, after flu season, in an event sponsored by Providence Centralia Hospital.

The program, which pairs students with veterinarians, mechanics, accountants, and people in dozens of other professions, was the brainchild of former W.F. West High School Principal Linda Smith.

"It really demonstrates how committed our community is to our young people," TRiO Director Liisa Preslan said during the lunch.

Altogether, 80 sophomores, juniors and seniors participated — a dozen each from W.F. West and Rochester; 10 from Centralia; eight each from Onalaska and Winlock, six from Napavine; five each from Rainier, Toledo and White Pass; four from Pe Ell; three from Tenino; and two from Mossyrock.

My son shadowed a deputy from the Lewis County Sheriff's Office when he participated several years ago. I saw quite a few law and justice employees at the lunch, including Lewis County Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer, who has participated every year since his election in 2011.

"I think one of the things often missing is the mentorship of the next generation to help in the 'passing of the torch,'" Meyer said, noting that it's important to "try on" different jobs to see what you like and dislike. "While you may not have to love your job, it is certainly easier if you don't hate it."

That's so true. I've met many people who pursued education and training in one field, but left after only a year or two because the reality didn't measure up to expectations. Job shadowing can provide a brief glimpse into a career students may want to pursue.

Through the job shadow program, Vodjansky-Ward said, "everyone benefits."

"The students have the opportunity to explore and discover career paths/passions, while the mentors are presented with the opportunity to reflect and rediscover what it is that they love about their careers," she said.

She's right. I love writing, whether it's newspaper articles, columns, nonfiction books — or even a fictional account. And I love to read, so I look forward to the next generation of writers who will keep me informed and entertained.

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By Julie McDonald



Letters

Ex-School Board Member Backs Mossyrock Levy

I am a senior citizen, a former school board member of Mossyrock School District and a member of the Mossyrock community. I am writing this letter in support of the Mossyrock School District's upcoming maintenance and operations levy.

For many years the state Legislature has struggled to meet the needs of school districts across the state, and for just as many years that struggle has failed, so districts are forced to ask its citizens to pass a levy in order to pay for the gap between what they get from state and federal funds and what they need to operate their district successfully.

Mossyrock School District has been lucky to pass these levies in the past because our community knows how important it is to give our young people the best education possible. We don't have a large industry in our community like a mill to help fill the financial gap; the people of the community need to do it.

As a former school board member, it was my responsibility to ensure that district funds were disbursed wisely. Each month I carefully reviewed every disbursement prior to approving the expenditure. I can tell you that Mossyrock School District staff takes its responsibility in wisely disbursing their funds accurately.

It has been my privilege to see the progress our schools are making. This year our junior and senior high schools each were given an award as a "school of distinction." In order to achieve this, the schools had to show five years of continuous progress.

Each year, many of our students are involved in athletics. They also win many awards for their academic achievements as athletes. Some of our students also choose to take part in Running Start.

Running Start allows our students to attend our local college in their junior and senior years. Some of the students actually get their high school diploma in June and in that same month get their associate degree. That is quite an accomplishment in my eyes.

Some parents and their students choose not to attend the local college, but are still very interested in progressing academically and/or through vocational education. This year Mossyrock School District became partners with Central Washington University and offer students who qualify to take college credit courses in math.

Plans are now being made to add a college credit course in science next year, and the district is hoping to also add college English in the future. This is yet another accomplishment for the district and another "leg up" for our students.

Career technical education (formerly called "vocation") teachers are working toward providing students with accredited courses in their areas of expertise such as technology and welding.

Am I proud to support Mossyrock School District's maintenance and operations levy on Feb. 14? You bet I am! And I urge each of our registered voters to do the same.

DONNA WILSON
Mossyrock

Unstaffing of Amtrak Depot Should be Blocked

Amtrak is proposing to unstaff the Centralia railroad station. This means Amtrak passengers can not check baggage in Centralia before boarding, nor can arriving passengers check baggage to Centralia.

The date of the unstaffing is unclear, but there is already a ticket kiosk in the lobby. I am told "volunteers" will open and close the station but will not sell tickets. Said "volunteers" are unknown at this point.

BILL GANNON
Centralia

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Letters

Chehalis Councilor: Stop the Local Sales Tax Increase

This increase will cost you hundreds, if not thousands, each year. The city claims that this sales tax increase would net them around \$800,000 per year. Last year alone the city made \$4,048,620 in sales tax revenue. That's 1 million more dollars than they collected in 2010.

If they're making 1 million more dollars than they did back in 2010, why do they need an additional \$800,000?

We can all agree that running a business is difficult and you have to capitalize on all of your competitive advantages to attract new and returning customers to your business. Our low sales tax is one of the biggest competitive advantages we have in Chehalis, and the city wants to take that away.

This increase will affect the most vulnerable people the hardest, especially people on fixed incomes. Everything you buy within the city will be increased (that has sales tax on it). While everyday purchases won't seem to affect the average consumer much, if you add up all of the increases you're going to pay on a daily basis throughout the year it will cost individuals hundreds, if not thousands, more in taxes.

People travel to Chehalis because we have lower prices on the products they want, and if you increase the price on those products there's no reason for them to travel to our community to shop; and that definitely brings up another issue. If the number of people that come here to shop decreases because of our higher taxes, the city will net less than what they are anticipating, meaning they might have to come back and ask for even more money. We need to stop this money grab, vote no on the sales tax increase.

I've been representing the city of Chehalis for the past 12 years and it's been an absolute honor and pleasure. One of the things that I have been the most proud of is fighting to keep your taxes as low as possible while making sure that we still provide an outstanding level of service to the community.

I feel that we are blessed to live in such a wonderful town. My wife and I chose to live in this city and raise our two children because of the quality of life and the great people in this community.

I will leave you with one question that you can ask yourself: When we all went through the last downturn in our economy, unfortunately the city had to make some pretty hefty cuts, but did any of you that live in Chehalis feel like your level of service went down? Did your garbage still get picked up? If you had an emergency did the police still come? If you had fire did the fire department still show up? Did the faucets in your homes and businesses still have water coming out?

The answer to all those questions is yes and we did it with one million less dollars in revenue. Well ladies and gentlemen, we have one million more dollars than we had in 2010 so the real question is how do you want to spend it? The city wants to raise sales tax and my question this whole time has been "why?"

I voted no when this came before me on the City Council and I'm asking you to vote no when it comes before you.

CHAD TAYLOR
Chehalis City Council

Support for Centralia Bond Isn't 'Just More Political Rhetoric'

Are you as exhausted as I am from sifting through the exaggerated claims and manipulated statistics that the national political climate has lobbed our way these past many months? On social media, especially, there's a meme or a tagline for every fact — and every opinion disguised as a fact.

I hope that this community's efforts to advocate for Centralia's school bond haven't fallen by the wayside as "just more political rhetoric." I hope that plain and simple facts will resonate with you and help you see the need for supporting this measure.

I've been volunteering in my daughter's classroom for the past six years and working as a substi-

tute paraeducator for four years. I'd like to share a few of my first-hand observations about the state of our elementary schools.

I see kids rushed through lunch so tables can be cleared away in time for P.E. and music class. These classes are often conducted while lunch is being prepared or floors are being cleaned just a few yards away. Working around lunch times, only a limited number of P.E. and music classes can be offered.

I see kids eating off of Styrofoam trays because there's no time between lunches to wash plastic trays — not to mention a space to store the trays or a dishwasher/plumbing system that can handle large loads.

I see families attending standing-room-only evening concerts with poor acoustics. I see students who need extra help working with their specialists in closets, hallways and stairwells.

For four years, my daughter's speech therapy sessions were held in a closet. No heat, no windows, and sheets draped over the shelves. I see students walking through the rain when they need to use the restrooms, visit the library, go to lunch, use the computer lab, and attend P.E. or music class.

I see students miss out on opportunities to do art projects and certain science experiments because their portable classrooms don't have running water and sinks. I see portable classrooms taking over playground space that used to be designated for soccer. Recess games are played on a sloped surface that is half the size, with no boundary or goal lines.

These are only a few of the issues I see on a daily basis. The problems get much more serious when the infrastructures of the school buildings are examined. All of these concerns would be alleviated by the proposed new K-6 schools. These new schools will feature a gym AND a cafeteria because, clearly, our current "multipurpose" rooms are not getting the job done.

New schools will also be large enough to accommodate our growing population, eliminating the need for portables and providing comfortable spaces for all the services we offer our students.

It would be wise to solve these problems now before our situation becomes more desperate, and thus, more expensive. I believe we all have a shared responsibility to improve our community. We've revitalized our downtown and now it's time to breathe new life into our schools.

MEGAN BERRY
Centralia

Chronicle Reader Delighted by 'Kerfuffle'

Personally, I've always considered it a good day whenever I learn something new. Yet little did I expect this to happen as I read the Chronicle's Jan. 19 front-page story "Two Ejected From Napavine Meeting as Citizens Vent," as reported by Jordan Nailon.

You may remember the lengthy article describing issues being presented before the City Council. Maybe you think information about Well No. 6 or decisions related to filling vacant council positions were news to me. Nope, not new.

But what did get my attention was the very long list of nouns, verbs and adjectives that the reporter used to describe the tone and atmosphere among those in attendance. There were grievances, complaints and interjections. Citizens expressing displeasure, frustration, and speaking coarsely, at times a rant or a tirade.

Then, amid all that reporting, appears this perfect gem of a word: "kerfuffle." Behold! My new knowledge for the day, and now I'm off on a mission to learn just what this goofy word means. I learn that "kerfuffle" has its origins in 16th century Scottish English. It means a fuss, commotion, tumult, outburst and uproar.

A "kerfuffle" is exactly what was happening at this 21st century meeting. Now just perhaps some, most, or all of you reading this are already fully familiar with kerfuffle. I'm just saying that, for me, it was a beautiful and joyous moment to learn something new. Thank you, Jordan, for making my day.

MARILYNN CHINTELLA
Chehalis

All Politics Are Local, Even Trump's

Thirty years ago House Speaker Tip O'Neill said, "All politics are local." Given the exponential advance of technology since then, what O'Neill said is even more true today.

President Trump has refused to divest himself of his business assets or put them in a blind trust, which would physically remove his name from them.

Given Trump's provocative and inflammatory nature, it is a matter of when, not if, those assets, many in rather insecure areas of the world, will be attacked by terrorists. Sons and daughters of Lewis County will be asked to risk their lives and die to defend what are essentially Donald Trump's billboards. Will that be local news?

MARTY ANSLEY
Cinebar

We Need a Turning Point on Senior Funding Issue

When I was in the service, I was instructed to "take control of a bum situation or it will take control of you!"

I see what's happening here in our community that I think is a bum situation, which I wish to comment on.

Senior citizens, bless them, established a successful lifestyle throughout our community and it has worked just fine, no major problems to speak of. Now what do we have? Don't have to go far to get an answer on that.

Ask any farmer, "How you doing these days?" In short, farmers are finding it more difficult to make a go of what used to be a pleasure to get up in the mornings to earn a nickel and make it pay. By the same token, other businesses in our community have been slapped in the face by a bum situation, too, no fault of their own, and have been forced out of business and replaced by second-hand stores.

Now, how does this picture look to you so far? Is it getting any better? Ask your kids. They will tell you they don't want to go to work around here at a low- or almost no-paying job.

What is going on with our economics in our area here? It appears we are getting away from what got us to being a good place to work and raise a family. You can look high and low and everywhere else, but how about taking a closer look at our senior citizens.

It was our senior citizens who managed to keep our community affairs in financially good shape, and it was humming along just fine, without a hitch. However, now senior citizens are looked upon as an old shoe. As a matter of fact, some of our legislative leaders want to shut the door on them all-together.

Do you think we need to rethink how our funding is being appropriated? Do you think our education system should be receiving more funding and senior citizens getting less? That's about the way it is.

My humble opinion as to how we might approach this situation is to send a couple delegates like former sheriff John McCroskey and former county commissioner Richard Graham, if you can pry him out of that retirement chair, to sit down and have a discussion with our senior group.

There are some good senior heads in that group. Both McCroskey and Graham are extremely easy to relate to and a perfect fit for this assignment. On the heels of that, let's see what our county commissioners, along with the editor of The Chronicle, do with that information and where we go from there.

I'm certain something positive would result from these negotiations. Then there's Rep. Richard DeBolt and Sen. John Braun we might hear from. With a crew like that, something beneficial is bound to happen. That could be the turning point we are looking for.

ART REYNOLDS
Chehalis

Here's to Those Who Provide for Themselves and Their Families

Just about every day I see an article in the newspaper about the homeless and the helpless.

I would like to give a big thank you to all the people who get up and go to work every day. I applaud people who pay their own rent/mortgage, buy their own food, raise their own kids, and pay for their own health care.

They are the people who brave the rain and icy roads to provide for their families and do not let drugs and alcohol rule and ruin their lives. Your independence and self-reliance are appreciated.

ROBIN ROY
Cinebar

What Could Go Wrong With Flawed Cabinet Picks?

Now that the new administration has definitively shown its complete disregard of reality, truth and the Constitution on his first day in office, I am wondering how those voices for law and order, rule of law or even the strict constitutionalists (Antonin Scalia was one) have to say about his disregard for the Constitution (Emolument clause, Article 1, Section 9, clause 8).

This is a high crime — one of the few directly addressed by the Constitution.

Additionally, there is his nomination of obviously flawed candidates for his Cabinet: Congressman Tom Price, an inside trader in pharmaceuticals; Betsy DeVos, who doesn't even have a clue to the difference in growth and proficiency (big argument in education); Rick Perry, who by his own admission didn't know the tasks of the agency he is being tasked to run; Steven Mnuchin, the "foreclosure king," "to head the Treasury. What could ever go wrong?

RICK STRAW
Chehalis

Former Napavine Councilor: Inconsistencies From Every Angle in Local Government

What started with me as a simple, "It's just wrong to have an employee of the city of Napavine living in Arizona," has ballooned into a bit more than that.

Whereas I still stand by that, I also am hit from every angle the inconsistencies with what is going on with different levels in Napavine. More and more, I am seeing that not only is it hampering development to have an employee out of state, but it is hampering development to have the department Napavine has overall.

I say that because I'm finding more and more developers who have been turned away from Napavine rather than finding ways to see that their businesses are brought here. It's disingenuous to say "no permits are filed" because you don't get to that without some preliminary negotiating, or looking at ways to work with the city's policies and yet make projects affordable.

Case in point: How reasonable is it to require a developer to build sidewalks from Hamilton Road to Rush Road in order to occupy the building known as Cummings Northwest or Uhlmann's RV?

And in the case of Campbell's, I understand it was before they take occupancy. Of course no permit is filed. It doesn't go beyond Steve Ashley and doesn't get to the planning commission, and without that, never to the City Council.

Don't tell me other cities don't make concessions or variations to policies to attract business. Policies are made, but they aren't set in stone. A city does what is necessary to bring revenue into the city. Without that we have what Napavine has — not enough revenue to maintain basic police services and offering our employees even full-time employment.

I wonder why it is so important to have a full-time (actually one and a half time) community development department for development that is not happening. But it isn't important to bring our police department to a place that could maintain future development?

Sounds like the cart before the horse, which is another in-

consistency that I could address. Maybe another time. Instead I'll address another inconsistency — Ashley's statement, "Anyone you ask that knows me, any developer that knows me other than these ones that you talk about" Really? Any developer? I know without much thought of at least two who would disagree.

I don't have room to discuss the inconsistency of John Sayers' statements as to the employment of this department. I can't figure out if it's when he said "if I'm elected, Steve is gone" or "Steve will be here as long as I am" or his latest statement of "Steve will be gone at the end of this year. Oh, he did say "as the community development director"? My next question has to be, "What does that mean?"

Consultant? Now we have a consultant? The job description is community development director. Another inconsistency? And as hiring the present assistant as director? The same person who accused Gerry Graham of threatening her in the parking lot?

I was there and it is not true, but even so somehow the city attorney was convinced to write him a letter threatening him. No, we don't need more antagonism that has been fueled for the past years, and we don't need an employee who has this to start with. More inconsistencies.

If Ashley agrees, as he said in the article, it isn't in the best interest of the city to have him living in Arizona. If he has any integrity, he should resign immediately. The mayor may want him for whatever reason, but it isn't in the best interest of the city.

If he is truly wanting to find a replacement, I would think by now he would figure out the best way to accomplish that is to resign. On the other hand, he isn't the only one to figure out he could live in Arizona and work for Washington (Lewis County risk and safety administrator). I hope this isn't an epidemic because the next thing we know others will catch on and City Hall will be empty, with every one working from Arizona.

That does look attractive. Maybe we could even sell City Hall and save money. I wonder what a police force would look like that lives in another state, yet serves this community. I guess I have a hard time distinguishing the difference. How do you serve a community you don't live in? Sounds more like the community is serving you. Another inconsistency? Ashley says if it isn't working he'd tell Sayers to pull the plug. Well, the community says it isn't working but Sayers isn't listening. Why? Is this another inconsistency?

Is five hours a day working on the phone? Remember that is taking up time from other employees, the assistant and the clerk. And who else?

And in response to Craig Sullivan saying "a few people got pissed off that we wouldn't play by their rules, so they took their marbles and went home," I can assure you that I did not get "pissed off" and I did not "go home."

I represent the citizens of Napavine and when it was obvious that a 2-1 vote would not accomplish that, I made an assessment that they would be better served by my leaving.

Perhaps then you can hear directly from them. After all, we are a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Instead of one voice that doesn't count, maybe I can join them as a citizen, and they themselves can let you know how they think. That is, if you will let us talk.

Remember this is a "council meeting," not a mayor's meeting. Do you want to hear from the people, or do you want to hide behind not being informed as to who is responsible?

This goes for the budget also. Jennifer Slempp may want to avail herself of a civics lesson on who is responsible for the budget for the city of Napavine. She seems to be misinformed that it is the mayor.

And since we're discussing this, maybe the city attorney could brush up on RCWs that govern a city. Another inconsistency.

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Bills Aim to Beef Up Oil Transportation Safety Through Washington

SEATTLE (AP) — With more crude oil expected to move through Washington state, Democratic lawmakers want to toughen rules around oil transportation and raise more money for spill prevention and response efforts.

Companion bills in the House and Senate aim to reduce the risk of oil spills with provisions that target oil carried by vessels, pipelines and trains. Supporters say the legislation is needed to address the growing risks of oil shipped through state waters.

In November, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau approved Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project, which will increase from five to 34 the monthly number of oil tankers and barges plying the shared waters of Washington state and Canada.

The pipeline will carry oil from Alberta to the Vancouver area where it will be loaded on to barges and tankers for Asian and U.S. markets. Indigenous leaders and environmentalists object to the project over environmental, health and other risks.

"We're really trying to stay on top of the changing landscape of oil transportation," said Rep. Jessyn Farrell, D-Seattle, sponsor of House Bill 1611, which is



Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

In this Sept. 2, 2014, photo, a northbound oil train sits idled on tracks, stopped by protesters blocking the track ahead, in Everett. More crude oil than ever is expected to move through Washington state, particularly since the Canadian government approved the Kinder Morgan pipeline project that will triple the number of tankers and barges plying local waters.

scheduled to be heard Monday in the environment committee. The companion Senate Bill 5462 is sponsored by Sen. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle.

Both measures would require the Department of Ecology to write rules that may require tug escorts and other safety measures for certain vessels such as barges and articulated tug barges through the San Juan Islands and Puget Sound.

Tug escorts are currently required for oil tank ships that

transit parts of northern Puget Sound. But vessels such as barges and articulated tug and barges — ships where the tug and barge are combined — aren't subject to those requirements.

The use of tug escorts for oil-carrying vessels such as articulated tug and barges was identified as the top priority during a recent Salish Sea spills risk workshop hosted by Ecology.

Cliff Webster with The American Waterways Operators testified against SB 5462 at

a hearing Thursday. The state has one of the best oil spill prevention and response programs in the country and there has not been a major cargo spill in waters for years, he said.

But "it only takes one incident to deal a major blow to Puget Sound," said Rebecca Ponzio with the Washington Environmental Council. She said it's a critical year to act, because of the Trans Mountain project and the federal government has lifted a 40-year ban on crude exports, opening the way for oil to be exported through the state's refineries.

Under the bills, oil refiners proposing to handle crude oil for export update their spill response and prevention plans. Railroads would have to show they have the ability to pay for cleanup and damage caused in the event of a major oil spill — something vessels and pipelines are required to do.

Johan Hellman with BNSF Railway told lawmakers the provision was redundant, unnecessary and conflicts with federal government rules governing railroads. He said the state law passed in 2015 required railroads to submit financial reports to state regulators to demonstrate fiscal solvency. Support-

ers say it's needed to ensure that railroads can pay the costs of a major spill.

The state currently levies two taxes for a total of 5 cents on every barrel of oil received by train or vessels to pay for spill response and prevention measures. The bills would extend that tax to pipelines. It would also eliminate a cap on the 4-cent tax that currently takes effect when the account balance hits a certain amount.

Jessica Spiegel, a spokeswoman with the Western States Petroleum Association, said state figures show that only 3 percent of spills are related to the petroleum industry, such as pipelines trains or fuel barges.

"We believe it's time to identify the sources of actual spills and place a share of the funding burden on those who are causing the problems," she said.

Separately, another bill sponsored by Farrell and requested by Ecology, seeks to raise the oil spill administration tax from by 2.5 cents a barrel, from 4 cents to 6.5 cents. Ecology says it is facing a \$4 million shortfall in the next biennium because it only received a one-time transfer of money for work related to the oil transportation law passed in 2015.

A Comparison of Republican and Democratic Ideas of How to Fix Washington's Schools

By Melissa Santos

The News Tribune

Washington lawmakers have a long way to go before they agree on a way to fix how the state pays for schools.

In recent days, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers have released their plans to comply with a court order to fully fund basic education by 2018.

And quickly it became clear that neither side was thrilled with what the other proposed.

Republicans criticized the Democratic plan last week as focusing too much on boosting salaries for teachers, rather than meeting the needs of the state's 1.1 million schoolchildren.

Democrats, meanwhile, said the Republican plan would raise property taxes for too many Washingtonians without putting enough new money into education.

Both sides are working to comply with the state Supreme Court's 2012 McCleary ruling, in which the high court ruled the state was failing to fully fund public schools.

Fixing the problem will require the state to take on the full cost of paying teacher and school employee salaries, which the court said are a state responsibility and can't be paid using local school district property tax levies.

Lawmakers have committed to putting a plan in place by the time they adjourn in 2017, and the high court has threatened to impose harsh sanctions if they don't follow through.

Here are some of the key differences between what Republicans and Democrats have proposed so far.

Taxes

Republicans: The Republican plan would rely on what is commonly known as a property-tax swap, sometimes called a levy swap. The proposal would implement a new statewide property tax of \$1.80 per 1,000 in assessed value, raising about \$2 billion in revenue over the next two years.

At the same time, the GOP plan would eliminate local school district maintenance and operation levies, which would reduce property taxes by about \$2.4 billion statewide.

To ensure all schools receive a minimum funding level of \$12,500 per student, the Republican plan would provide about \$1.4 billion in additional state payments to school districts that aren't able to raise that much money through the statewide property tax.

GOP leaders say the extra money for local school districts can be found in the state budget without imposing new taxes. But they haven't indicated where they'd find the money.

Republicans would send their tax plan to voters for approval in November, leaving open the possibility that it could fail and require lawmakers to go back to the drawing board.

Democrats: Democratic lawmakers haven't put forth a specific proposal for how they

would raise the money to pay for school fixes. They have said they will need about \$1.6 billion in new revenue over the next two years to comply with McCleary and take on the full cost of paying school employees.

Democrats have suggested the state should look at several potential sources of revenue, including a carbon tax, a capital gains tax, ending tax breaks, adjusting the statewide property tax and changing the state's business and occupation tax system.

The Democratic plan wouldn't require voter approval.

The price tag

Republicans: About \$5.3 billion over the next four years.

Democrats: About \$7.3 billion over the next four years.

Pay for teachers

Republicans: The GOP would increase what the state pays for a beginning teacher from \$35,700 per year to \$45,000 per year. While many beginning teachers already make more than what the state pays, because of school districts providing extra money to boost salaries, the state Supreme Court has ruled that the state needs to pick up the tab.

The Republican plan would provide bonuses of \$25,000 to \$50,000 for the state's top-performing teachers, as well as bonuses of \$12,500 to teachers and other employees working in large districts with high-poverty levels.

The GOP plan would eliminate state-paid bonuses for teachers who earn national board certification, though local districts could still provide that benefit if they choose.

Unlike the Democratic plan, the Republican plan would not allocate funding based on a school district's number of adult employees. Instead, the GOP plan would provide money based on the number of students at each school, with extra funding allocated for students with special needs.

The GOP plan would provide a housing allowance of up to \$10,000 for employees working in school districts where rents are especially high. But it wouldn't specify that teachers receive cost-of-living raises each year. Instead, the GOP plan would adjust how much it gives each district per pupil to offset inflation.

Democrats: The Democratic plan would increase the state's allocation for beginning teacher salaries to \$45,500 per year. Additionally, the Democratic plan would require the state to pay teachers who have been working three years a minimum of \$50,500.

Where the Democratic plan departs most from the GOP plan is this: It requires the state to pay an average of \$70,824 per teacher by the 2019-20 school year. Democrats would also ramp up what the state pays to hire school administrators to \$117,159, and allocate \$54,084 for each classified staff member during that time frame.

Teachers — as well as school classified staff and administrators — would receive cost-of-living increases to keep up with inflation. The state would be required to adjust pay rates every six years.

The Democratic plan would require that the state payments be adjusted based on cost-of-living differences from region to region, while ensuring that no district would see its level of state funding reduced. The specifics of the regional pay plan would be decided this year as the Legislature develops its new two-year budget, Democratic leaders said.

Local school district levies

Republicans: The Republican plan would eliminate all local school-district property-tax levies in 2019, when the plan's new statewide property tax would be fully phased in.

By 2020, school districts could enact new local levies at a much lower rate, but only to pay for extras that aren't part of the

state's program of basic education.

At that point, school districts would be able to enact local taxes that amount to up to 10 percent of what they receive from state and federal sources.

That's much less than the 28 percent levy lid most school districts have now. Some school districts have higher levy lids, which have been grandfathered in.

Additionally, school districts would only be allowed to collect that local levy money with approval from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Districts also would be required to document how they spend local, state and federal money, and whether that money is paying for basic education costs or enhancements.

Democrats: Democrats would gradually lower the amount school districts can raise through local property tax levies, but not by a huge amount.

Under the Democrats' plan, school districts' ability to raise taxes locally would be capped at 24 percent of the total amount of money they receive from state and federal sources.

The Democratic plan wouldn't impose restrictions on how school districts can spend their local levy money, but would instead require school districts to report how they are spending those dollars.

Professional development

Republicans: Don't specify requirements for state-funded training days, but allow local districts to offer them if they choose.

Democrats: Call for the state to phase in money to pay for 10 training days for teachers and other school employees by the 2022-23 school year.

Collective bargaining

Republicans: Would limit how much school districts can spend on salaries and benefits to 80 percent of their total oper-

ating budgets. Money spent on teacher performance bonuses and housing stipends wouldn't count toward the limit.

The GOP plan would forbid teachers to strike, while giving school districts the ability to fire teachers who continue to perform poorly after receiving extra training and mentoring.

School districts wouldn't be allowed to pay teachers simply for having advanced degrees, unless those degrees relate directly to the subjects they are teaching.

Democrats: Wouldn't impose new limits on teachers unions' right to bargain over their contracts with local school districts, outside of requiring that contracts provide at least the minimum salary levels provided in the Democratic plan.

Students with special needs

Republicans: The Republican plan would give school districts more money for some students, which GOP leaders say would help districts accommodate those students' individual needs.

Extra money would be provided for students who are homeless, impoverished or learning English as a second language. Additional funding would also follow special education students, students who are highly capable, and those enrolled in career-and-technical education courses.

Democrats: The Democratic plan would pay for districts to provide an extra two hours a week of remedial tutoring services at each school by increasing money for the state's Learning Assistance Program. The Democratic plan would add about two hours of instruction at each school for students who are working to learn English, while boosting instructional hours for highly capable students.

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Nation in Brief

State, Federal Lawyers in Court to Argue Trump Travel Ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State and federal lawyers will argue before a panel of federal appellate court judges Tuesday in the pitched fight over President Donald Trump's travel and refugee ban that could reach the Supreme Court.

The legal dispute involves two divergent views of the role of the executive branch and the court system.

The federal government maintains the president alone has the power to decide who can enter or stay in the United States, while states suing Trump say his executive order is unconstitutional.

Seattle U.S. District Judge James Robart, who on Friday temporarily blocked Trump's order, has said a judge's job is to ensure that an action taken by the government "comports with our country's laws."

The Justice Department filed a new defense of Trump's ban on travelers from seven predominantly Muslim nations as a federal appeals court weighs whether to restore the administration's executive order. The lawyers said Monday the travel ban was a "lawful exercise" of the president's authority to protect national security and said Robart's order that put the policy on hold should be overruled.

Pentagon Proposes Boost in Defense Budget by \$30 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Buoyed by President Donald Trump's pledge to rebuild the U.S. armed forces, senior Pentagon officials have delivered to Congress plans for increasing the defense budget by more than \$30 billion to acquire new jet fighters, armored vehicles, improved training and more.

The informal proposals, obtained by The Associated Press, represent the first attempt by Trump's Defense Department to halt an erosion of the military's readiness for combat. The shortfalls outlined in the documents may provide Trump and the Republican-led Congress with a powerful incentive to strike the strict limits on military spending mandated by a 2011 budget control law.

Portions of the plans will likely be included in the formal supplemental budget for 2017 that the Trump administration is sending to Capitol Hill soon.

Top defense officials are scheduled to testify Tuesday before the House Armed Services Committee on the state of the military. They're expected to address how the fiscal caps — known as sequestration — have pushed the armed forces to a breaking point by locking them into budgets too small to address heavy demands.

Facebook Is Taking a Challenge to Search Warrants to NY Court

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Facebook is heading to New York state's highest court to challenge search warrants seeking information from user accounts.

Prosecutors in Manhattan sought search warrants in 2013 for the accounts of 381 individuals in connection with a disability benefits fraud case against New York City police and fire retirees.

Facebook challenged the warrants but lower courts sided with prosecutors, ruling it was up to individual users to challenge the warrants seeking their information.

The social media site provided the information but continues to argue that it has the right to challenge warrants for information it possesses about its users.

Both sides will make oral arguments before the Court of Appeals Tuesday.

The case has been closely watched by social media companies, civil libertarians and prosecutors.



Education Secretary-designate Betsy DeVos testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., Jan. 17 at her confirmation hearing before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. DeVos' confirmation may come down to a tie-breaking vote from Vice President Mike Pence.

DeVos Confirmation May Fall in the Hands of Pence

By Maria Danilova and Erica Werner

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate was poised on Tuesday to confirm President Donald Trump's nominee for education secretary by the narrowest possible margin, with Vice President Mike Pence expected to break a 50-50 tie, despite a last-ditch effort by Democrats to sink the nomination.

The vote was expected after an all-night speaking marathon by Democrats on the Senate floor, in a show of opposition to the candidacy of Betsy DeVos. She is a wealthy GOP donor who has devoted herself to promoting charter schools and private school vouchers, sparking concerns among educators that she won't be a strong champion for the nation's public school systems.

Two GOP senators, Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, have announced plans to oppose DeVos in a Senate split 52-48 between Republicans and Democrats. That will leave her with a tie vote if all other Republicans support her and all Democrats oppose her as expected, and will require Pence to put her over the top. A vice president breaking a tie on a Cabinet nomination would be a first in the history of the Senate, according to the Senate historian's office.

Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon took the Senate floor before dawn to urge his Republican col-

"That's the vision we are fighting for that is about to be deeply damaged, should the reins of public education be handed over to an individual who wants to destroy public education. ..."

Jeff Merkley
Oregon senator

leagues to oppose DeVos. Merkley charged that DeVos will seek to turn public education into another huge corporation and deprive students from low-income families and children with disabilities and special needs from thriving.

"That's the vision we are fighting for that is about to be deeply damaged, should the reins of public education be handed over to an individual who wants to destroy public education," Merkley said. "That is why I am encouraging my colleagues to search your hearts, step aside from party politics and pay to play in politics and fight for the children of the united states of America."

Emotions ran high ahead of the vote as constituents jammed senators' phone lines with calls and protesters gathered outside the Capitol, including one person in a grizzly bear costume to ridicule DeVos' comment during her confirmation hearing

that some schools might want guns to protect against grizzlies. Her opponents also charge that DeVos has no experience to run public schools, having never attended one or sent her children to a public school.

But Republicans accused Democrats of slow-walking DeVos and other qualified nominees to placate liberal base voters who still haven't come to terms with Trump's election.

"It seems this gridlock and opposition has far less to do with the nominees actually before us than the man who nominated them," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "Enough is enough."

In addition to DeVos, Republicans hope to confirm a series of other divisive nominees this week: Alabama Republican Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general, GOP Rep. Tom Price of Georgia as health secretary and financier Steven Mnuchin as treasury secretary.

Amnesty: Up to 13,000 Hanged in Syria's 'Slaughterhouse'

By Sarah El Deeb

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — The prison north of Damascus was known to detainees as "the slaughterhouse" and in it, as many of 13,000 people were hanged in only four years after a series of sham trials, according to a new report issued by Amnesty International.

The report, issued on Tuesday, said that 20-50 people were hanged each week at the Saydnaya prison in what the organization called a "calculated campaign of extrajudicial execution."

The report covers the period from 2011 to 2015, but Lynn Maalouf, deputy director for research at Amnesty's regional office in Beirut, said there is no reason to believe the practice has stopped since then, with thousands more probably killed.

"These executions take place after a sham trial that lasts over a minute or two minutes, but they are authorized by the highest levels of authority," including the Grand Mufti, a top religious au-

thority in Syria, and the defense minister, she said.

The killings were authorized by senior Syrian officials, including deputies of President Bashar Assad, and carried out by military police. Amnesty has also recorded at least 35 different methods of torture in Syria since the late 1980s, practices that only increased since 2011, Maalouf said.

Other rights groups have found evidence of massive torture leading to death in Syrian detention facilities. In a report last year, Amnesty found that more than 17,000 people have died of torture and ill-treatment in custody across Syria since 2011, an average rate of more than 300 deaths a month.

Those figures are comparable to battlefield deaths in Aleppo, one of the fiercest war zones in Syria, where 21,000 were killed across the province since 2011.

"The horrors depicted in this report reveal a hidden, monstrous campaign, authorized at the highest levels of the Syrian

government, aimed at crushing any form of dissent within the Syrian population," Maalouf said.

Syrian government officials rarely comment on allegations of torture and mass killings. In the past, they have denied reports of massacres documented by international human rights groups, describing them as propaganda.

The chilling accounts in Tuesday's report came from interviews with 31 former detainees and over 50 other officials and experts, including former guards and judges.

According to the findings, detainees were told they would be transferred to civilian detention centers but were taken instead to another building in the facility and hanged.

"They walked in the 'train,' so they had their heads down and were trying to catch the shirt of the person in front of them. The first time I saw them, I was horrified. They were being taken to the slaughterhouse," Hamid, a former detainee, told Amnesty.

World in Brief

Russia Denies Involvement in Airstrike on Idlib

BEIRUT (AP) — Airstrikes on a rebel-held city in Syria early Tuesday killed at least 15 people, wounded dozens more and demolished several buildings, in one of the deadliest attacks since a cease-fire went into effect last year, Syrian activists and medics said.

The airstrikes hit the city of Idlib, the capital of a northwestern province of the same name that is almost entirely controlled by Syrian rebels and al-Qaida-linked insurgents.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 26 people were killed, including 10 civilians — mostly women. The opposition-run Civil Defense in Idlib says 15 bodies were pulled from the rubble and that 30 people were taken for medical treatment. Conflicting casualty tolls are common in the chaotic aftermath of such attacks.

Peru Attorney General to Seek Arrest of Ex-President Toledo

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A major corruption scandal shaking politicians across Latin America continued spreading across the region on Tuesday as Peru's attorney general announced he would seek the arrest of former President Alejandro Toledo on charges of laundering of assets and influence trafficking.

Toledo was believed to be in Paris. He has denied any wrongdoing in interviews with news media.

Peruvian prosecutors opened a formal investigation Monday into suspicions that the former president took \$20 million in bribes from Brazilian construction firm Odebrecht, which is at the heart of the regional scandal.

The prosecutors believe Toledo received the money in exchange for giving the firm permission to build a highway connecting Brazil with the Peruvian coast.

UN: Israeli Settlement Law Crosses 'Thick Red Line'

JERUSALEM (AP) — The United Nations' Mideast envoy on Tuesday said a new Israeli law legalizing dozens of unlawful West Bank settler outposts crossed a "very thick red line," while Israeli rights groups said they would fight to overturn the measure in the Supreme Court.

The explosive law, approved by Israeli lawmakers late Monday night, was the latest in a series of pro-settler steps taken by Israel's hard-line government since the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president. It is expected to trigger a number of challenges in the Supreme Court, while members of the international community have already begun to condemn it.

The law legalized dozens of outposts home built unlawfully on private Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank. According to the law, Palestinian landowners would be compensated either with money or alternative land, even if they did not agree to give up their property.

Buddhist Monk Arrested After Police Find 4 Million Meth Pills

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — A Buddhist monk has been arrested in Myanmar after authorities found more than 4 million methamphetamine pills in his car and in his monastery, police said Tuesday.

Officer Maung Maung Yin said the monk was stopped Sunday as he drove in northern Rakhine state, which borders Bangladesh. Authorities had been tipped off that the monk was carrying an illegal haul.

Maung Maung Yin said an anti-drug task force found 400,000 pills in the monk's car. A subsequent search of his monastery turned up 4.2 million pills along with a grenade and ammunition. A statement from the office of Myanmar's leader, State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi, said that one million kyats (\$769) in cash was also found in the vehicle.

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Sirens

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Woman Booked on Obstruction Charge

• At 6:15 p.m. on Friday, police arrested Jessica M. Oleachea, 27, of Raymond, in the 300 block of North Tower Avenue on suspicion of obstructing a police officer attempting to locate a wanted subject.

Stolen Vehicle Recovered

• At 3:26 a.m. on Saturday, police recovered a vehicle in the 500 block of Harrison Avenue that had been reported stolen in Seattle.

Arlington Man Booked After Damage to Patrol Vehicle

• At 3:34 a.m. on Saturday, police arrested Ronnie D. Lawrence, 49, of Arlington, in the 900 block of South Scheuber Road in Centralia on an outstanding felony warrant and on suspicion of second-degree malicious mischief. Lawrence allegedly damaged a patrol vehicle, causing a back door to buckle

outward, according to the police department.

Windows Broken at Business

• At 4:58 a.m. on Saturday, police received a report of malicious mischief in the 200 block of East Maple Street. Several windows were reportedly broken overnight at the business. An investigation is ongoing.

Suspect Booked on Theft Charge

• At 5:50 p.m. on Saturday, police arrested Shane T. Bonagofski, 33, of Centralia, in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue on suspicion of third-degree theft. He was also booked into the Lewis County Jail on an outstanding warrant.

Business Takes 'Motion Picture Money'

• At 6:26 p.m. on Saturday, police received a counterfeiting complaint from the 1000 block of Belmont Avenue. The victim business reported receiving a \$100 bill labeled as "Motion Pic-

ture Money." The case is under investigation.

Hit and Runs

• At 2:27 a.m. on Sunday, police received a report of a hit and run in the 500 block of South Pearl Street. The victim described the fleeing vehicle as a green 1990s-era BMW passenger car. The case is under investigation.

• At 12:44 p.m. on Sunday, police received a report of a hit and run at the intersection of South Gold Street and Main Street. The suspect reportedly fled on foot after his or her vehicle was disabled.

Food Stolen in Burglary

• At 3:14 a.m. on Sunday, police received a report of a burglary in the 1100 block of South Pearl Street. Food and a broom were reported stolen.

Snow Puts Vehicle in Ditch

• At 1:48 p.m. on Sunday, police received a report of a vehicle

in a ditch as a result of snowy conditions at the intersection of Marion Street and Little Hanaford Road.

MIP Suspect Cited

• At 5:54 p.m. on Sunday, police cited Gunnar W. Hall, 20, of Centralia, on suspicion of being a minor consuming alcohol in the 500 block of North Iron Street.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Custodial Assault Reported

• At 9:42 a.m. on Saturday, police received a report of a custodial assault in the 300 block of Southwest 11th Street.

Trespasser Reported

• At 12:37 p.m. on Saturday, police received a report of a trespasser in the 700 block of North National Avenue.

Shoplifter Reported

• At 6:49 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of a shoplifter in the 100 block of North east Hampe Way. No arrests were made.

Harassment

• At 7:06 p.m. on Friday, police received a report of ongoing

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Death Notices

• **GEORGE ELMER KIRKPATRICK**, 95, Rochester, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, in Rochester. A celebration of life will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Swede Hall, Rochester. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary, Centralia.

• **KENNETH DALE "CASEY" CLEVENGER**, 88, Morton, died Friday, Jan. 24, at Morton General Hospital. A celebration of life was held Saturday. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service, Morton.

• **MARY LEE (KAECH) COLGLAZIER**, 65, Lacey, formerly of Lewis County, died Thursday, Feb. 2, at home. A service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2800 State Highway 6, Frances, followed by a gathering at LPSS Swiss Park, 19 Swiss Picknick Road, Frances.

• **RUBY A. PIPES**, 28, Winlock, died Sunday, Jan. 29, in Seattle. A potluck celebration of life will be 3-9 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Red Barn Studios, Chehalis. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **LOTTIE A. COADY**, 93, South Bend, died Thursday, Feb. 2, at Willapa Harbor Health and Rehabilitation, Raymond. At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **DANA E. LARSON**, 68, Mineral, died Friday, Feb. 3, at Morton General Hospital. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **BETTY L. HOLTEN**, 76, Toledo, died Friday, Feb. 3, at the Community Home Health and Hospice Center, Longview. No services are planned at this time. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

• **MICHAEL D. GRESS**, 67, Chehalis, died Sunday, Feb. 5, at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Olympia. Service details are pending. Arrangements are under the care of Cattermole Funeral Home, Winlock.

Lotteries

Washington's Monday Games

Powerball:
Next jackpot: \$255 million

Mega Millions:
Next jackpot: \$25 million

Lotto: 14-24-33-43-46-49
Next jackpot: \$1 million

Hit 5: 12-18-22-29-37
Next cashpot: \$120,000

Match 4: 11-13-15-19
Daily Game: 9-7-8

Keno: 01-05-06-13-21-22-24-29-40-47-48-50-53-55-64-74-75-77-78-79

Commodities

Gas in Washington — \$2.72 (AAA of Washington)

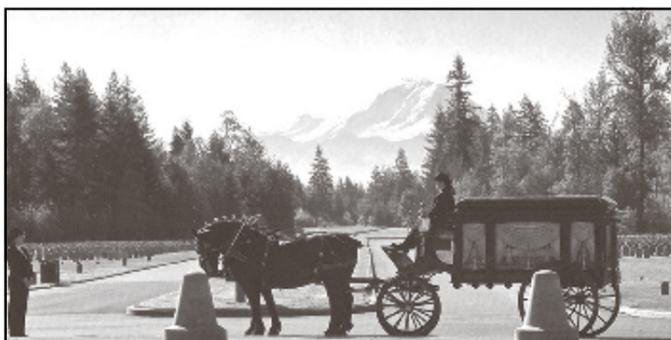
Crude Oil — \$52.25 per barrel (CME Group)

Gold — \$1,232 (Monex)

Silver — \$17.73 (Monex)

Corrections

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Leona Frances Ringel (Bourgeois)

Leona Frances Ringel (Bourgeois), 95, formerly of Centralia, Wash., passed away Jan. 22, 2017, in San Diego, Calif., with her two sons at her side.

Leona (Lee) was born Jan. 8, 1922, in Rainy River, Ontario, Canada, youngest of a large family. Her sense of adventure led her into nursing, where, being a traveling RN, she had the freedom to relocate from place to place and she did, Texas to the Yukon. Eventually, she was assigned to a position in Portland, Ore., long enough to be found by Donald (Don) Ringel, who became her devoted husband in 1959. They shared their life together for nearly 50 years.



Don and Lee settled in Centralia, where Lee devoted herself to raising a family and living out her faith in God with the congregation of St. Mary Catholic Church. She found joy in sunny days on her patio, cheering on her Huskies, her Mariners and her Seahawks, as she engaged in activities with her boys, Don Jr. and Rick and the neighborhood children.

After her beloved husband, Don passed in 2007, Lee moved to San Diego in 2010, to be closer to her son, Don and her daughter-in-law, Karen and their extended family circle. She embraced the warm and dry weather of San Diego and cherished her role as full-time grandmother.

Lee was incredibly active, healthy and independent, having recently celebrated her 95th birthday before she was overcome by an unexpected illness. Until her death, she gardened, attended pottery classes and never missed Saturday Mass or the family Sunday dinner. She blessed all those around her with love, humor, energy and her feisty



Leona Frances Ringel

spirit. Lee was preceded in death by her husband, Don; parents, Albert and Emma Bourgeois; and siblings Roy, Albert, Florence, Aurora, Aliene and Pat.

She is survived by her son, Don Ringel and his wife, Karen of San Diego, Calif., and their children, Molly and Matthew; and her son, Rick Ringel and his wife, Diane, of Maryland and their children, recently wed Renee Gillenwater, Nicole and Chrissy.

She will be greatly missed and we know she is at home with the Redeemer and filled with peace, comfort and joy.

Private family services remain pending.

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

In Loving Memory of Mary Elizabeth Butler Wolbert



Mary Elizabeth Butler Wolbert, 85, succumbed to the ravages of Alzheimer's disease the morning of Jan. 25, 2017.

A longtime resident of Thurston and Lewis counties, she spent her working life as a Bell System employee and retired in 1986, after 35 years of service.

Mary spent her retired life

primarily in the service of others and was involved in many volunteer capacities.

She is survived by her six children, Gary Wolbert, Diane Helke, Eric Wolbert, Jonathan Wolbert, Lisa Saner and Julie Rohr; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four brothers and sisters, which reside in Georgia, where she was born and raised.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Warren Wolbert.

A memorial is planned for 1 p.m., Feb. 18, 2017, at Hope Community Church 2425 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation to be made in her name to Alzheimer's Foundation.

For a more detailed description of her life please visit: www.woodlawn-funeralhome.com.

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

Leira Campbell Mann

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Leira "Granny" Mann, 93, of Chehalis, was promoted to Heaven Jan. 25, 2017, at Providence Centralia Hospital.

She was born in Nashville, Tenn., to Alexander and Grace Campbell, one of seven children. They moved to East Texas in 1928, to raise their family. She graduated from high school in Naples and went to college at Oklahoma A&M and Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton, Texas.

God brought David Mann into her life and they were married in 1946. She helped Dave through Princeton Theological Seminary by using her amazing typing and shorthand skills. They received a

calling to Bethany Presbyterian Church in Spokane in 1949, and spent the next 40 years ministering in the Northwest. Dave went home to be with his Lord and Savior in 1999, and Leira continued to enjoy Westminster Presbyterian Church, bible study and prayer group. She loved to cook, sew and crochet for her family, read and work on crossword puzzles and had a wide interest in birds, flowers and all nature.

Granny is survived by their three daughters, Grace (Ron), Anita (Ray) and Connie (Rick); four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She lived for Jesus Christ, loved unconditionally, possessed a quiet strength, was the greatest example to her family and loved deeply.

Granny's family would like to thank the staff at Providence Centralia Hospital for their excellent, compassionate care and treatment of our precious mother during her last days.

A celebration of life will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chehalis, Wash., Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at 1 p.m.

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

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined, what
God has prepared for those who love Him
I Corinthians 2:9

Washington Governor, AG Meet Traveler Affected by Ban

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) — Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson welcomed a passenger at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport who had been blocked by President Donald Trump's immigration travel ban.

A federal judge Friday placed a temporary hold on the ban after Washington state and Minnesota challenged the constitutionality of the ban, which targeted seven mostly Muslim countries.

Inslee and Ferguson on Monday met Isahaq Ahmed Rabi, who was detained last Saturday at the airport in SeaTac, and summarily deported back to Vienna, Austria, where he had temporary status. Rabi is a citizen of Somalia. His wife is a U.S. citizen.

Ferguson, with Inslee's support, sued Trump over the travel ban, saying it harmed residents and effectively mandated dis-

crimination. A federal judge issued a temporary restraining order Friday blocking the ban. A judge rejected an appeal by the Trump administration.

Allen Novak, who arrived Friday morning on a conditional resident visa from Tehran, Iran, to join his wife Jayne, a U.S. citizen, and daughter Nikta, already here on the same visa. The family brought along an American flag.

Ferguson also greeted them, and offered Nikta a job in his office if the college student received her law degree.

Another traveler impacted by the travel ban arrived Sunday night, said Matt Adams, an attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

Mohammed Ahmed Ali, 38, and his 12-year-old daughter were reunited with the girl's mother and siblings, Adams said.

Ali, who lives in Los Banos, California, was born in Yemen and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2010. His daughter is a citizen of Yemen and was living there with her grandparents. Ali had applied for a family-based immigrant visa for his daughter.

Ali and his daughter went to Djibouti for her interview and learned her visa was approved. They were planning to board a flight to the United States on Jan. 28 but were told the daughter could not board following Trump's executive order.

Ali remained behind with his daughter and sought help from the rights group. He was one of three people who filed a class-action lawsuit with the group, saying the ban was unconstitutional.

The other two families in the lawsuit are still waiting for consular interviews, Adams said.



Elaine Thompson / The Associated Press

Isahaq Ahmed Rabi, second from left, greets extended family members as Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, left, and Port of Seattle Commissioner President Tom Albro applaud shortly after Rabi's arrival Monday, at Seattle Tacoma International Airport in SeaTac, Wash. Rabi was blocked from entry to the U.S. last week due to President Donald Trump's immigration order. Rabi is a citizen of Somalia. His wife is a U.S. citizen.

New Ramp Makes Life Easier for Olympia Girl and Her Family

By Jerre Redecker

The Olympian

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A 6-year-old Olympia girl who has a rare brain disorder will be able to spend more time in the outdoors that she loves and sit at the table for family meals because an Olympia construction company and other groups have built an access ramp for her home.

Eva Carwell and Adam Swigert's daughter Mia has lissencephaly, which means "smooth brain."

"It affects her whole body, all her functions," Carwell said. "We have to fully care for her."

Mia uses a large wheelchair that is difficult to carry into the house, reported The Olympian. Mia's caregivers would carry her from the house to the chair so she could go to school at Olympia's McLane Elementary School or to appointments.

"Instead of having to carry her into the house, she'll be able to come in her chair now," Carwell said. "Instead of having to



Tony Overman / The News Tribune

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Nicholas Morales, a carpenter from Graham, lines up railing supports as he and a crew from Mr. Do Right Construction install a wheelchair ramp at the Carwell family home in Olympia. Others in the background are, clockwise from top left, carpenter Chris Erickson of Olympia, carpenter Lane Hill of Tacoma and office staff Michelle Campbell of Olympia. The Carwell's six-year-old daughter, Mia, has severe disabilities because of a rare brain disorder, and is confined to a wheelchair. The Olympia construction company and other groups have built an access ramp for her home.

be on a pad or the couch, she'll be able to sit at the table with us for meals — she can't eat with us,

but she can be with us."

Mia is fed with a gastrostomy tube (also called a G-tube) in-

serted through the abdomen directly to the stomach. Mia can't walk or speak, and her vision is impaired. Carwell stays home full-time and has some help with caregiving. Swigert is a cook at Capital Medical Center in west Olympia.

The ramp project began when a nurse at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma emailed an Olympia construction company. Michelle Campbell, administrative assistant for Mr. Do Right Construction, got the email.

"It said, 'Look, we've got this severely disabled little girl, and they desperately need an ADA ramp,'" Campbell said.

"Given the type of wheelchair, it had to be wide," she said. "It's a small home and yard, so it's a big ramp."

Company owner Teresa Grimsley remembered the days when her son spent a lot of time at Mary Bridge and gave the project a thumbs up, saying her employees at A+ Services and Mr.

Do Right could build the ramp to ADA code if materials could be found.

The construction workers will be paid for their time, Grimsley said.

Campbell organized the materials donation effort, and with donations from fellow employees, Home Depot in Olympia and City Gates ministries, raised more than \$1,700. Prep work for the concrete was done before the crew finished the job.

"Mia just loves being outside," Carwell said. "She likes music. She likes her little sister when she's not pestering her. She's always liked musical toys and hearing music. She loves being cuddled; every day cuddle time with Daddy is a big part of her day."

"We've been trying to get this for a little more than a year," Carwell said. "It looks amazing, and they even planted flowers."

"It's just to make her life a lot simpler," Grimsley said.

Bills Would 'Ban the Box' That Asks Job Seekers to Disclose Criminal History

By Forrest Holt

The Olympian

Paying a debt to society extends beyond a jail sentence for thousands of Washingtonians like Lisa Kurek.

Kurek, 45, was arrested three times for drug possession in the 1990s. After the Bremerton resident got out of jail in 1998, she could not find work for more than a year. She says she has worked hard to put her past behind her — staying clean since 2003 and earning a master's degree — but her convictions have continued to be a stumbling block.

"I have been told numerous times that I have been denied employment because of my criminal record," she said. "I have done everything I can to redeem myself."

Kurek testified last month before state lawmakers in support of a bill that would prohibit employers from asking about criminal history until the applicant is proven "otherwise qualified," mean-

ing they meet the basic criteria of the job, according to the bill.

Additionally, the law would prohibit all employers from advertising jobs in a way that excludes people with criminal histories. Applicants could not be rejected for failing to disclose criminal information.

The bill is part of an international campaign known as "ban the box," which aims to eliminate the check box on job applications that indicates past criminal offenses.

Rep. Lillian Ortiz-Self, D-Mukilteo, said 29 states have adopted the policy.

"We want to be state No. 30," she said.

Some communities in Washington already have adopted "ban the box" policies. One is Tacoma, where the city council voted unanimously in 2015 to remove questions about criminal history from applications for city jobs. Councilman Ryan Mello said the city has seen an increase in workplace diversity over the

past few years, in part because of the policy.

"It makes no sense that they should keep paying the price once they have paid their debt to society," Mello said. "It is in the interest of the community to help people reintegrate."

Sen. Michael Baumgartner, R-Spokane and the sponsor of an identical bill in the Senate, said the proposal is one piece of helping people stay out of prison.

"The best way to prevent recidivism is for people to have jobs," he said.

The bills do provide exceptions that would allow employers to ask for criminal histories of applicants for certain jobs, such as law enforcement, volunteer work or positions in which the employee would have unsupervised access to children or disabled adults.

Patrick Connor, Washington state director of The National Federation of Independent Business, said all businesses have a right to know their applicants'

history. Prohibiting them from asking about it upfront could make the hiring process longer and more costly, especially in workplaces where employees are required to obtain specialized licenses that aren't available to people with criminal histories, he said.

"There is a role for government to play in better equipping those individuals for better opportunities," Connor said. "Putting another restriction on small businesses is not an acceptable solution."

Rep. Matt Manweller, R-Elensburg, signed onto the House bill but has concerns that the policy could hinder applicants as much as it helps. If an application does not have a place for an applicant to indicate he or she does not have a criminal history, employers might assume the answer based on race, he said.

Some research exists to support that concern. The National Bureau of Economic Research studied trends among about 3.7 million people across 32 states

with state, county or city-level "ban the box" policies, including Seattle, Spokane and Pierce County. It found that employers are more likely to assume young, low-skilled black and Hispanic men had a criminal record unless proven otherwise.

Supporters acknowledge the legislation wouldn't stop people from making assumptions based on race, just as they do now. Manweller is working to add a provision that would require the state to study whether the policy ends up having adverse effects, an idea Ortiz-Self supports.

Kurek says the legislation would have helped her get on her feet faster. She now works with recovering addicts as a housing case manager for West Sound Treatment Center and volunteers at correctional facilities, including the county jail she was in and out of nearly 20 years ago.

"My life is very different on paper," Kurek said. "I just ask for the opportunity to be who I am and not who I was."

News in Brief

Herrera Beutler Bill on Enhanced Electronic Communications Bill Passes U.S. House

By The Chronicle

The U.S. House of Repre-

sentatives passed a bill co-sponsored by Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, yesterday known as the Email Privacy Act. It's designed to protect citizens' online communications from government surveillance.

The legislation, according to a press release from the con-

gresswoman's office, would extend the same privacy protections to electronic communications that currently exist for mail and other paper documents.

Federal agencies like the Internal Revenue Service have argued in recent years that elec-

tronic communications such as emails, text messages and private Facebook messages should not be protected with a reasonable expectation of privacy clause, the press release said.

Under current law, the government and law enforcement can obtain emails more than

six months old from internet service providers without a warrant. The Email Privacy Act would require that law enforcement and government agencies obtain a warrant to gather electronic communication no matter how old the correspondence is.

Sirens

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harassment in the 500 block of Southwest Pacific Avenue.

Burglary Reported at Retail Store

• At 12:58 p.m. on Saturday, police received a report of a burglary in the 1600 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue.

Vehicle Stolen

• At 10:28 p.m. on Saturday, a

black 1997 Honda Civic was reported stolen in the 800 block of Southwest 19th Street.

Power Lines Down

• At 11:08 p.m. on Sunday, police received a report of power lines down on the road in the 2600 block of Northeast Kresky Avenue.

Suspicious Subject Reported

• At 5:02 a.m. on Monday, police received a report of a suspicious man shining a flashlight at houses near the intersection of Market Boulevard and North Street.

LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DUI Arrests

• At 8:14 p.m. on Sunday, deputies arrested Allen J. Lipinski, 51, in the 100 block of Hewitt Road in Chehalis on suspicion of driving under the influence.

• At 10:50 p.m. on Monday, police arrested Jamie R. Nissell, 29, of Onalaska in the 400 block of Second Street in Onalaska on suspicion of DUI.

Surround Sound System Taken in Winlock Burglary

• The Sheriff's Office is in-

vestigating a report of a burglary between Nov. 13 and Saturday in the 100 block of Limmer Road in Winlock. The victim, a 57-year-old woman, reported that a Samsung surround-sound system, valued at \$400, was stolen from her house. The case is under investigation.

Deputies Investigate Burglary at Fairgrounds

• At 8 a.m. on Friday, deputies responded to a report of a burglary in the 1900 block of South Gold Street at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds

after a maintenance person reported finding a wheelbarrow containing an outboard motor, three boat batteries, three boat gas cans and other items and a broken padlock and damaged gate. The items reportedly came from the dairy barn, where several boats and travel trailers are being stored. The case is under investigation.

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By The Chronicle Staff

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Sheriff's Office Works to Regain State Accreditation After Lapse

WASPC: Accreditation Brings Credibility, Morale, Less Legal Risk

By Natalie Johnson
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The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is taking a close look at itself, down to the smallest policy or procedure, in preparation for an in-depth state review and a week-long audit later this year required to regain its status as a state-accredited police agency.

"Overall, we do things very well," Sheriff Rob Snaza said. "We were accredited, it just lapsed."

The Sheriff's Office's accreditation lapsed in 2015, but the agency plans to apply this year to the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to reclaim its accreditation, and to achieve the milestone for the first time for the Lewis County Jail.

WASPC has maintained an accreditation program for law-enforcement agencies since 1976, according to the agency. It only recently began offering accreditation for jails, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill said.

According to WASPC, the benefits of accreditation include increased credibility and public confidence in the police agency, decreased susceptibility of the agency to litigation and reduction in liability insurance, improved agency morale, and provision of a self-assessment tool,



Capt. Chris Tawes, center-left, looks on as Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza, left, sings his praises prior to presenting Tawes with the Guardian Award for the Corrections Bureau during the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Annual meeting at Bethel Church in Chehalis on Thursday.

among other benefits.

The program also gives the Sheriff's Office a set of standards to follow to keep it on pace with other agencies.

Once accredited, agencies must apply for reaccreditation every four years using documentation from that time period to prove it met all of the criteria required by WASPC.

Snaza said he and his command staff learned after he took

over as sheriff from former Sheriff Steve Mansfield in 2015 that staff did not have the required records to apply for reaccreditation that year.

Snaza said he didn't know why the Sheriff's Office wasn't ready for reaccreditation that year.

The Sheriff's Office also plans to apply for accreditation for the Lewis County Jail through WASPC this year.

Because the Sheriff's Office

missed out on reaccreditation, it has to start from scratch this year.

In order to qualify, the office will have to do an in-depth audit of virtually every facet of the agency, including its goals and objectives, use of force, records management, fiscal management, training, code of conduct, internal affairs and many other categories.

"The accreditation is a long process," Snaza said

WASPC has assigned the Sheriff's Office a mentor to help conduct a mock audit and walk through.

The Sheriff's Office will submit the accreditation applications at the fall WASPC conference, after which it will be reviewed by a board.

WASPC inspectors will then do a week-long onsite inspection of the Sheriff's Office and jail.

Snaza said the Sheriff's Office's already operates within "90 percent" of the requirements of the WASPC accreditation.

"It's just fine-tuning," he said.

While an arduous process, Snaza said, applying for accreditation has given the Sheriff's Office a good opportunity to reexamine its policies and procedures.

It also presented a chance to subscribe to Lexipol, a company that manages policy manuals for public safety, fire and jails.

The service constantly updates policies based on changes to state and national law and best practices. The Sheriff's Office can also make additions to the standard policies provided by Lexipol based on the agency's needs.

Currently, Sheriff's Office staff are working to review the policies before switching over.

"In the long run it will hopefully help us to make sure we stay current," Rethwill said.

The Washington State Risk Management Pool is covering a majority of the about \$7,000 cost to implement Lexipol, Snaza said.

Vader-Enchanted Valley Water System Could See Rates Increase

KEEPING UP: County Staff Say Rates for the System Have Not Increased Since 2011 and Must Be Adjusted to Keep Pace With Increasing Expenditures and Capital Projects

By Aaron Kunkler
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Water service rates may increase in the Vader-Enchanted Valley system following a scheduled public hearing on Feb. 27 during the Lewis County commissioners regular Monday meeting.

Base rates will increase by 3 percent to cover regular operating expenditures while an additional \$2.50 a month could be imposed to pay for capital

improvements outlined in an improvements plan approved in December, Public Works Director Erik Martin said at Monday's commissioners meeting.

A community meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Vader City Hall to gain community input.

Martin said rates for the water system have not increased since 2011 and need to be adjusted to keep up with increasing costs. The county took over the system in 2010 following a court order that same year, but didn't gain official full control of the system until 2014.

Before the county took over the water system, Martin previously told The Chronicle there were 16 water main breaks and 10 boil water advisories between 2006 and 2010.

The county is also trying to increase the number of possible connections to facilitate future

growth, should it occur.

Designs for a new water reservoir, which could hold up to 250,000 gallons of water and which is largely funded by \$717,000 in grant money from the Department of Commerce, is underway.

The county has already replaced around 6,700 feet of old pipes that used asbestos and constructed numerous gas valves and air releases while installing some 9,100 feet of transmission line.

Another public hearing was scheduled for March 6 for the commissioners to consider vacating an unmaintained road near Centralia with no houses being serviced by it. The road, A. Wood Road 795, was originally created and maintained during the Great Depression for people to fell trees for wood, county staff told the commissioners Monday.

However, no utilities were reported on the road and staff recommended vacating the road.

A proposal for a budget increase for the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority was also approved, bringing the total for a project up to \$600,429. While the project agreement is between the state Recreation and Conservation Office and the county, municipalities within Lewis County help reimburse the county for the expense.

The project would see the Flood Authority hire a contractor to implement a review and inventory of the river gauge and sensor network in the basin, as well as develop a plan to implement common gauge data throughout the basin. The commissioners also approved an agreement with WEST Consultants to provide the gauge work.

An agreement between the county and the Trinity Services Group was ratified for three years with two, one-year extensions available for the company

to provide commissary services to the county jail.

These include food, non-alcoholic drinks and goods like playing cards that inmates can purchase.

An agreement between the Mossyrock School District and the county was also approved whereby the county agrees to provide some services to the district and will be reimbursed as a contractor. The contract will be in effect for five years, with another five-year extension possible.

Services the county will provide include snow plowing, chipsealing, asphalt overlay, general road maintenance and other work as needed.

A public hearing was also held that vacated an unused portion of Highway 603 between state Route 6 and Napavine. The vacation was requested by property owners along the highway, according to county documents.

News in Brief

provides an integrated health system.

The open house will be held at its Chehalis facility, 135 W. Main St., Chehalis.

Toutle Driver Dies in Crash Near Castle Rock After Losing Control in Snow

By The Chronicle

A Toutle Driver died Monday in a crash on state Route 504 near Castle Rock after losing control in the snow, according to the Washington State Patrol.

The crash was reported at 6:58 p.m. Monday 2 miles east of Castle Rock. According to the State Patrol, a 2001 Toyota Tacoma truck driven by Jim L. Fortenbury, 62, of Toutle, was heading east on state Route 504 when the vehicle lost control in snow and slush and veered into the westbound lane, where it was hit by a 2012 Peterbilt tow truck, driven by Jack M. McKinley, 45, of Vancouver.

Fortenbury was pronounced deceased at the scene. McKinley was injured and transported to PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center in Longview.

It is unknown if drugs or alcohol were involved, according to the State Patrol.

Drivers Lose Control, Crash Near Montesano

By The Chronicle

A four-vehicle crash Monday afternoon in Montesano that resulted in one injury is under investigation by the Washington State Patrol.

The crash was reported at

2:53 p.m. Monday on West Highway 12 east of the intersection with Devonshire Road in Montesano.

According to a report from the State Patrol, the driver of a 2000 Kia Sportage, identified as Viola M. Monday, 68, of Elma, was driving over the Devonshire Road overpass when the vehicle lost control and collided with the jersey barrier.

The vehicle came to rest sideways, blocking a lane.

A second vehicle, a garbage truck driven by Christopher L. Huisingsh, 42, of Elma, reportedly saw the crash and pulled over.

A third vehicle, a 1997 Isuzu Rodeo driven by Ruby A. Schlett, 38, of Winlock, was unable to stop, lost control and hit the garbage truck.

A fourth vehicle, a 2002 Lincoln LS driven by Darrell L. Kulhanek, 73, of Ocean Shores, was also unable to stop and hit the Isuzu.

Monday and Kulhanek were injured and transported to Grays Harbor Community Hospital. No other injuries were reported among drivers or the passengers of the garbage truck or Isuzu.

The road was blocked for about an hour.

The cause of the crash is under investigation, according to the State Patrol.

Blake Co-Sponsors Funding Bill for Industrial Hemp Research Production

By The Chronicle

State Rep. Brian Blake has signed on to a House bill to fund industrial hemp research in the state.

House Bill 1979 would authorize some \$145,000 to be directed to the state Department of Agriculture for a research pilot program, which was approved in 2016.

According to the bill, industrial hemp can be used to make cloth, cordage, fiber, fuel, food, paint, paper, plastics, seed and seed meal, among other uses.

Differences between marijuana and industrial hemp are explained on the pilot project's webpage hosted by the Department of Agriculture.

Industrial hemp was bred for its fiber and seed oil, while marijuana was bred for its narcotic effects. Federal state law state industrial hemp must contain less than 0.3 of a percent THC, the primary psychoactive component in marijuana.

Comparatively, many recreational strains of marijuana have THC contents around or upwards of 20 percent THC.

Hemp and marijuana are also

related to hops and sugarberry trees, the website said.

The pilot program encompasses research-oriented growth by an institution of higher education or the state, as state and federal restrictions bar the commercial production of industrial hemp.

However, Hector Castro, a department spokesman, said they are still fleshing out guidelines for applicants and will likely take applications from individuals not associated with research universities if they plan on undertaking research that meets state guidelines.

Additionally, no part of the hemp plant, except for the seeds, may be used to create food, extract, oil, cake, concentrate, resin or any other consumable products.

Applications for industrial hemp projects are slated to be presented to the public this spring, Castro said.

Sex Offender Registers as Transient in Thurston County

By The Chronicle

A Level 2 sex offender recently registered as a transient in Thurston County, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

James A. Sweeney, 35, is required to register as a sex offender due to a March 2016 conviction for one count of second-degree child molestation. He was convicted of, at age 32, sexually assaulting a 7-year-old female neighbor.

Sweeney is described as a white male standing 6 feet tall and weighing 230 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

For more information about sex offender registration in Thurston County, go to www.co.thurston.wa.us/sheriff/ or call 360-754-2894.

Cascade's Open House Postponed Due to Weather

By The Chronicle

Cascade has rescheduled its open house of its newly remodeled building in Chehalis to Monday, Feb. 13.

The open house was originally scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, but was delayed due to weather concerns.

Cascade, formerly known as Cascade Mental Health Care,



James A. Sweeney
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Voice of the People

Chronicle readers share their thoughts every day through social media, including Facebook, Twitter and the comment section of Chronline.com. Here are some of the recent highlights of conversation.

Chronicle Facebook followers respond to post of "Inundated' Lewis County PUD Crews Fight Outages During Heavy Snowfall:"

Fran Day McPherson: We went through the outage also; but I want to say THANK YOU to the men and women for their efforts. Stay safe, PUD employees.

Rose Weed: They worked hard through the night here, only to have another tree or limb knock it out again. I thank them for their dedicated work.

Liz Libby Meldrum: Thanks for all your hard work! I appreciate everyone working in such weather conditions. Stay safe.

Laurice Wisner Stewart: Yes, thank you to all that work so hard in these terrible conditions!

Chris Snodgrass: Thank you for getting our power back on so quick of Burchett Road.

Tammy Zuber: Thank you PUD crews. Stay safe and don't forget about us.

Angela Norberg Bacon: God Bless the linemen.

Chronicle Facebook followers respond to post of "Law-makers Seek Answers on 500,000 Missing Cowlitz Fish:"

Scott Baumel: Our state needs to start holding the people in these offices accountable to actually do their jobs. Losing half a million precious fish and not knowing how it happened exemplifies how incompetent the people in charge of that state department are.

Paul Parsons: Pretty obvious that they lack the funding to prevent bird predation. Unless you are prepared to increase taxes or license fees, or organize a 24/7 volunteer bird avoidance crew, I'd say you have no business complaining. \$500,000 to net the pens would fix this. I'm sure their superiors are aware that the rearing pens are unprotected, but won't or can't authorize funds to pay for the solutions.

Chronline Comments

The following comments were submitted by readers of www.chronline.com. All stories are available for reading online.

• Story: Braun Supports Delay of Minimum Wage Increase to 2019 for Most Counties

USERNAME: kikoko

So a millionaire (Braun) and a career civil servant (Baumgartner) both with substantial incomes and plenty of insurance benefits and job security want to push back an increase that was approved by the voters of the state. Even if their bill doesn't have much of a chance, as Braun states, it clearly shows that the Haves continue to ignore and diminish the plight of the Have-nots. Shameful!

• Letter: Proposed Centralia Bond Costs Too High

USERNAME: VickieJ

Ms. Hunting presents the proposed \$1.80 statewide levy as though it were an unavoidable thing. It isn't. It is merely a proposal that has little chance of passing the House. Even if it did pass, the state wide levy would replace existing local levies. This would actually mean a substantial decrease for taxpayers in Centralia. I don't want to say that our current levy rate is \$3.04 per thousand, but \$1.80 is a heck of a lot less, right? Also, this isn't about "fancy buildings or names on plaques." This is about providing modern, safe and equitable facilities for our students, who are being shortchanged in heartbreaking ways. They deserve safe, secure and modern facilities.

USERNAME: jbandy48

We moved here almost two years ago after retirement, and enjoy our life in our great town of Centralia. It didn't take long to observe some really old school buildings in our district. We could take the approach of "well, our kids are all graduated so I won't vote to pay more." Well, that's just not who we are. We live in a great neighborhood with lots of kids, and their education is just as important as my grandchildren's, who I constantly encourage in their educational attainments, which they are achieving successfully.

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Globetrotting Claycamps



Artwork submitted by Hank Claycamp, Centralia

This rhinoceros was spotted by Hank and Linda Claycamp during their visit to Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

Freed by Tongan Freedom Fighters, Claycamps Search for Nepal Rhino

Editor's note: This is another of Centralia resident Hank Claycamp's periodic articles about his trips around the world.

By Hank Claycamp

Centralia

Sorry about the two-month interlude between stories. The truth is we were held captive by Tongan freedom fighters on an island near Hong Kong and had no Wi-Fi.

They made us promise to write a story about their plight and then they let us go, so here we are in Chitwan National Park in Nepal.

In the morning the divine

Lady Linda and I set forth across the crocodile-infested water to go find a wild rhino.

We were supplied with two little Nepalese guides who told us don't worry about tigers 'cause they sleep in the daytime.

If we see an angry rhino throw your back pack at it and run behind a tree. Hey, wait a minute! That's all my sketches he would stomp on.

If we see an angry sloth bear we all get together and yell at it and maybe we can scare it away.

But, if we get surprised by a rogue elephant, they said it was every man or woman for themselves. We were told to run for

the river and jump in. Wait! the crocs are waiting for you there, hmmm, must be better to be stomped than stomped I guess.

After a morning stepping on rhino poop we got back across the river and both confided we were glad we didn't see any of these critters

So the afternoon we did a successful jeep safari and met Rasputin the Rhino, a pretty friendly guy.

He was 4,000 pounds of slobber built like an Abrams tank. Pretty majestic.

Anyhoo, now that we survived this we leave for a month in India and then it's tigers, tigers.

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Featured Volunteer Opportunities

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- Possibilities Pregnancy Center clients earn "Care Dollars" to shop for items they need. The items in the care closet are donated and many are gently used. Volunteers are needed to sort and clean donated items and organize the care closet.

- Valley View Health Center is recruiting part-time volunteers for their Children's Literacy Corner at our Chehalis location. Volunteers needed some afternoons, 3-4 hours per day Monday through Friday. Volunteers introduce children and families to Literacy Corner activities, read to children, and keep Literacy Corner orderly. Bilingual helpful. Background check required.

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*Look for our Thursday commentary
by Bill Moeller*

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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Courtesy Photo / Roy Gutschmidt

A large tree sits on top of Roy Gutschmidt's foster daughter's car after falling early Monday morning at his home in Chehalis. Gutschmidt said the car was totaled, but his truck, right, only suffered minor scratches.

Snow

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County PUD announced the remaining outages were Crest Lane, Bowman Road, Dunavan Road, Brim Creek Road, Kekla Road, Schmitt Road, South Military Road, Park Road, Knowels Road, Hemingway Road, Drews Prairie Road, McClure Road, Daleno Road, Padrick Road, Little Hanaford Road, Garrard Creek Road, Hendrickson Road, Hart Road, Frost Road and Roe Road.

"The list is getting shorter," Moses reported.

Lewis County 911 dispatchers announced on social media that Morton and Ashford area landline phones were out of service due to damage to a fiber optic cable Tuesday morning.

Elsewhere, motorists ran into downed trees in several areas of the county Monday, including state Route 6 and Centralia-Alpha Road.

Similar scenes unfolded across the region.

Forecasters said as much as 30 inches of snow could have fallen in the Cascade Mountains, and Interstate 90 over Snoqualmie Pass was closed to motorists Monday morning because of heavy snow before reopening in the afternoon.

The storm hit Seattle just as one storm after another has slammed Portland, Oregon. Forecasts for a major snowstorm for Portland turned out false as temperatures remained above freezing. But heavy rain fell in Portland and pushed rivers toward flood stage.

In northwestern Montana, a strong winter storm halted high-



Courtesy Photo / Roy Gutschmidt

Two large trees are seen strewn across Roy Gutschmidt's property in Chehalis on Monday morning. The trees, which he estimated at over 70-feet tall, fell early Monday morning damaging his foster daughter's Ford sedan and his detached garage. No one was injured in the incident.

way and rail traffic over Marias Pass along the edge of Glacier National Park and led schools to cancel classes on Monday. The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for the region until 11 p.m. and a blizzard warning along Flathead Range.

At Seattle-Tacoma International Airport dozens of flights were canceled because of snow and ice.

Alaska Airlines spokeswoman Bobbie Egan said the carrier had trouble getting some em-

ployees to the airport and that passengers faced delays because workers had to de-ice jets.

"It's taking 30-45 minutes to de-ice a single plane, which is a significant issue to get planes out," Egan told KOMO. "It's a messy scene and we apologize for that, but it's a severe event."

In Seattle's hilly Queen Anne neighborhood, children and parents took advantage of the neighborhood slopes to sled and use boogie boards to snowboard. Snow angels and snow creatures were also being made.

"It's awesome, especially because I had a life-skill test today and now it's delayed until Thursday," said Allette Franklin, 12.

Her 11-year-old friend Josie Kinney agreed. "It's almost a miniature Christmas," she said.

Nearby, Stephanie Krammel was making a snowman with her daughter.

"This doesn't happen very often in Seattle, and nobody knows what to do because the roads are normally a mess. A snow day in Seattle is very rare and very fun, I would say," she said.

Cold

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they never found who killed Strasbaugh and dumped her body.

She hasn't been forgotten.

This month, nearly 32 years later, seasoned detectives with Lewis County's new cold case unit are reviewing the case, one of several unsolved homicides from the 1980s they hope to resolve.

As of Monday, Pat Beall, one of two special deputies assigned to work Strasbaugh's case, said he is about 2,000 pages into a 6,000-page investigative file on the case. As he goes, he writes down questions. Some of those questions are answered as he reads through the case file. Others remain for he and the second special deputy, Tracy Wiese, to answer.

"You do it for the victims, see if you can come up with a solution for the family," Beall said.

"That's what it's all about."

THE COLD-CASE unit, created last month, is a partnership between the Lewis County Sheriff's and Prosecutor's offices.

In the past, detectives in the Sheriff's Office were each assigned one cold case to work when they had the time, which Snaza and Chief Deputy Bruce Kimsey said was not very often, given their daily caseloads.

Snaza said the idea to create a separate cold-case unit originated with Kimsey, whose work helped crack the December 1985 cold case murders of Ed and Minnie Maurin.

"Bruce has worked very hard to get where we are today," Snaza said. "We feel confident we're going to be able to bring some closure to these cases."

The cold-case unit, founded in January, includes two special deputies — Beall and Wiese — retired law enforcement officers with years of investigative experience.

Beall, who was working on the case Monday afternoon, was a detective with the Centralia Police Department for 12 years investigating violent crimes. He was in the Army for 20 years, 10 of which he supervised investigations.

"Tracy Wiese and I have done cold cases before and we've arrested people on cold cases," he said.

Snaza echoed Kimsey both said they trust Wiese and Beall to take on the cases.

"If there's individuals that can help solve a cold case, these are the two individuals," Snaza said.

The duo will be working one case at a time on a part-time basis, starting with the murder of Strasbaugh.

"We all agreed on which case we thought we could get the most traction on," Prosecutor Jonathan Meyer said.

As they progress through the case, the special deputies will work with detectives, who can go out in the field and do follow-up

interviews.

The deputies are working out of an office in the Prosecutor's Office. Meyer said his office is providing monetary support for the unit as well as office space.

"I want to get closure for the victims," Meyer said. "This is something Sheriff Snaza and I have been talking about for a while."

Each of the cold cases have their own challenges. Most took place in the 1980s, meaning some witnesses have died or left the area. Some of the victims weren't local residents, leading Kimsey to believe the bodies were dumped here, but the crime took place elsewhere.

One of the benefits of the cold-case unit, Kimsey said, is getting a fresh set of eyes on the case.

"I want these guys to think outside of the box, doing things

that are different," he said.

STRASBAUGH'S MURDER is one of several cold cases from the 1980s and early 1990s on the cold case unit's list.

On Aug. 12, 1984, Monica Anderson's body was found near Centralia.

A few months later, on Oct. 14, Wendy Wilcox's body was found near Packwood.

Another woman, Susan Krueger, was found dead near Winlock on May 5, 1985.

On Feb. 18, 1986, Michael Reimer and Diane Robertson were murdered near Mineral, and on Aug. 5, 1991, Mignon Hensley's body was found near Ethel on state Route 12.

"It is just amazing to me how hard Lewis County got hit in this time period," Kimsey said.

Tax

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"This is an important project not just for my community but for the entire state of Washington," Braun said.

In 2011, then-Gov. Christine Gregoire signed an agreement with Canadian-based TransAlta to shut down the first coal-fired boiler by 2020 and the other by 2025. The company would also have to invest more than \$30 million on community improvement projects to mediate any negative effects on the economy, a condition the company has fulfilled. In exchange, TransAlta would be exempt from the greenhouse gas standards adopted by the Legislature in 2009.

These tax breaks were not part of the original deal, but they should have been, said Sen. Jim Honeyford, R-Sunnyside.

In the past two sessions, Braun has introduced similar bills. Both passed the Senate and died in the Democrat-controlled House.

In the 2011 agreement, the construction phase of the conversion would start by 2015, Sen. Kevin Ranker, D-Orcas Island, said. He is looking for progress to be made by the company.

"We've been waiting for the corporation to pull the trigger," Ranker said. "I need some sign that the company will pull the trigger."

Proponents of the bill say the tax breaks would help the company keep family wage jobs in Centralia.

"Our county really needs family wage jobs," Lewis County Commissioner Edna Fund said. "We cannot afford to lose jobs. We need more jobs."

Longtime TransAlta employee Dan Fuga said this would help preserve family wage jobs in the

area and give the area long term financial security.

"By converting the coal plant to natural gas, it will give the community long term economic stability," Fuga said. "This legislation will help protect long-term family wage jobs."

He said he wants his co-workers to have the same opportunities he had to raise their families and send their children to college.

"I want my co-workers' children to have the opportunity to go to college," Fuga said.

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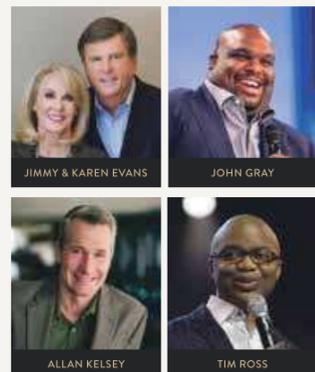
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Saturday's Prep Wrestling



Jesse Smith / For The Chronicle

Centralia's Mykka McAllister forces Edgar Salazar (Aberdeen) into the mat during their 120-pound weight class matchup Saturday at the Northwest Sports Hub.

Eight Locals Win Sub-Regional Titles

MOVING ON: Five Bearcats Win Championships; W.F. West Takes Team Title, Puts Nine Wrestlers in Finals for Automatic Regional Berths in Evergreen Sub-Regional Tournament

By The Chronicle

W.F. West backed up its league title with a sub-regional championship, winning five individual titles and the top team trophy at the Evergreen 2A Conference sub-regional wrestling tournament.

The 2A sub-regional was part of a big Saturday at Centralia's Northwest Sports Hub that also included 1A, 2B and girls sub-regional events.

W.F. West's Roehre Cunningham (106 pounds), Damon Thomas (138), Michael Anderson (152), Brenden Spahr (182) and Brayden Bostwick (220)



Jesse Smith / For The Chronicle

W.F. West's Kyle Gray (right) and Rochester's Jayden Lancaster match up in the 126-pound weight class Saturday afternoon during the Evergreen 2A Conference sub-regionals at the Northwest Sports Hub. Lancaster won the match.

all won championships, as did Rochester's Jacob Paris (113) and Centralia's Mykka McAllister (120) and Tristan Dickey (160).

"Jacob is wrestling very well right now, he's becoming a complete wrestler," Rochester coach Jason Dick said. "He's going to

peak at the right time."

Cunningham took a forfeit from teammate Caleb Walters in the finals, while Thomas took

a forfeit from teammate Jacob Nowels and Bostwick took a forfeit from teammate Tyler Pallas.

Paris beat Centralia's Tristan Hicks-Avron 5-0 for the title, and Dickey beat W.F. West's E.J. Matagi in the finals.

Local runners-up included W.F. West's Will Alexander (126), Centralia's Caleb Hylton (145) and Hunter Arredondo (285).

"The kids wrestled well. We got guys through, but we would have liked to get a couple more," W.F. West coach Jamie Rakevich said. "We'll try and get some guys through to state."

The top two wrestlers in each

please see **WRESTLING**, page S3

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W.F. West girls hammer Aberdeen 79-9 in EvCo game: **SEE SPORTS 3**



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THE SPOKEN WORD

"They exceeded expectations."

JASON DICK,
Rochester wrestling coach

Saturday's 2A Girls Basketball

W.F. West Hammers Aberdeen 79-9 in EvCo Game

By The Chronicle

ABERDEEN — The Bearcats notched their most convincing win in a season that's seen plenty of them here Saturday, hammering Aberdeen 79-9 in an Evergreen 2A Conference girls basketball game.

Aberdeen was held scoreless

in the second half, and shot 3 of 13 from the field.

Carly Noble and Lexie Strasser led W.F. West with 14 points apiece. Strasser added four rebounds and four blocked shots, while Shasta Lofgren scored 11 points with seven assists and three rebounds.

Julia Johnson scored 10

points with four steals, and Noble and Erika Brumfield each added four steals.

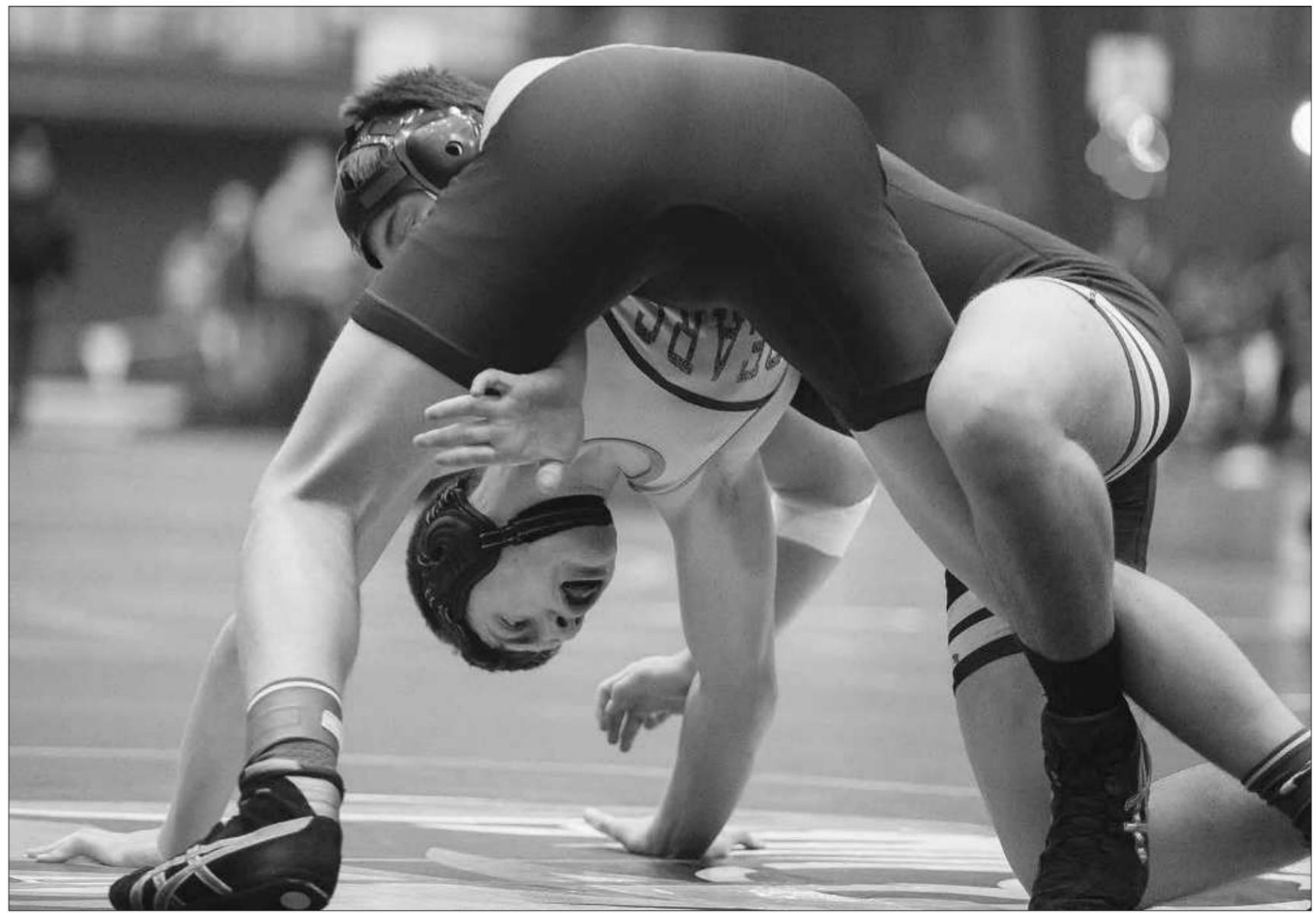
W.F. West piled up 22 steals as a team and shot 70 percent (33 of 47) from the field and hit 8 of 14 attempts from behind the arc.

W.F. West (17-2, 8-1 league) hosts Black Hills on Tuesday

night in both teams' EvCo finale. The Wolves beat W.F. West, 67-45, back on Jan. 19, but the Black Hills and W.F. West are currently first and second, respectively.

NOTE: Centralia and Tumwater are tied for third in the Evergreen 2A Conference standings

with one game remaining. The Tigers play at Rochester, and the Thunderbirds host Aberdeen, on Tuesday. Both teams will advance to the District 4 tournament, though in the event of a tie Centralia has the tiebreaker based on a better scoring margin against the other three playoff teams.



Jesse Smith / For The Chronicle

W.F. West's Chris Powe matches up with Black Hills' Jordan Claridge Saturday during the Evergreen 2A Conference sub-regional wrestling tournament at the Northwest Sports Hub.

Wrestling

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weight class earned automatic bids into the Region I tournament, while the third- and fourth-place finishers will wrestle pigtail matches against their Greater St. Helens 2A League counterparts for regional bids.

Also moving on for pigtail matches, from W.F. West, were Levi Walters (third, 113), Kyle Gray (fourth, 126), Mason Morones (third, 132), Carver Brennan (third, 145) and Chris Powe (fourth, 170). Rochester grapplers moving on include Jacob Brant (fourth, 106), Jayden Lancaster (third, 126), Adrian Negrete (third, 152), Nate Kilmer (third, 160) and Chase Edminster (fourth, 182).

From Centralia, Eddie Matias (third, 120), Andrew Anderson (fourth, 132), Aaron Adamo (third, 182), and Mario Mungia (fourth, 220) all have a shot at regionals.

"They exceeded expectations. The kids been working really hard." Dick said. "Out of those 10, hopefully we can get them to advance onto state. I'm really happy with the way the kids performed."

The Region I 2A Wrestling Tournament will be held Saturday in Ridgefield.

Slape, Dowell, Yoder Win Sub-Regional Titles

Adna's Matthew Slape and Ashton Dowell, and Toledo's Dalton Yoder, all won individual championships on Saturday at the Central 2B League sub-regional tournament in Centralia.

Slape and Dowell were two of nine Pirates securing top-six finishes and automatic spots in the Region I tournament.

Slape beat Ocosta's Matt Hart 9-1 in the 152-pound finals, while Dowell pinned Kalama's Eli Haynes in the 160 finals. Yoder, meanwhile, won all three of his matches in the heavyweight division via pin.

Local finalists also included Adna's Lucas Ashley (126), Braxton Dowell (145) and Kameron Perry (182), as well as Toledo's Seth Nichols (22) and Winlock's Seth Lindsey (195).



Jesse Smith / For The Chronicle

Centralia's Mykka McAllister comes crashing to the mat during his matchup against Edgar Salazar of Aberdeen in the 120-pound weight class Saturday afternoon at the NW Sports Hub. McAllister won the match.

Also placing for the Pirates were Aaron Slape (third, 132), Corbin Balzer (fourth, 138), Luke Wellander (third, 145) and Clayton Dunnagan (sixth, 285). Winlock's Brad Kelly was fifth (220) and teammate Santos Balbuena sixth (113), while Napavine's Aydan Costin took fourth at 170 and Onalaska's Dusty Thayer was third at 106.

Toledo's Michael Echte (220) and Ethan Buck (152), Adna's Dalton Spencer (170) and Jonah Engle (138), Winlock's Chance Machine (285) and Onalaska's Austin Olson (132) all finished seventh to move on to regionals as alternates.

The Region I 1B/2B Wrestling Tournament is set for Saturday in Adna.

Tigers Qualify Six Girls for Regionals

Centralia had six girls qual-

ify for regionals to lead the local area girls wrestling teams in the girls 2A/1A/2B sub-regional tournament at the Northwest Sports Hub in Centralia on Saturday.

Centralia's Sidnee Arcury won the 145 pound tournament. Arcury won all of her matches by pin, with her three matches totaling 3 minutes and 15 seconds. Napavine's Kaitlyn Bornstein won the 135 bracket, winning her semifinal match with a 26 second pin and a 13 second pin in the finals against Rochester's Elizabeth Ware. Winlock's Hannah Randall won the 140 pound tournament, winning by pin in all three of her matches, including a pin in the finals against W.F. West's Jade Palmer.

Centralia's Olivia Delaney (100 pounds), Autumn Waltman (110) and Sam Teitzel (125) all took second place. The Tigers' Syreena Edwards (155) finished

in third and Ali Silva (115) took fourth place.

Rochester had two more grapplers qualify for regionals, including Alysha Kester (170) taking third place and Dakota Hunsaker (130) earning fourth place.

W.F. West's Madison Wilson (120) finished in fourth, Toledo's Andrea Jones (115) finished in second place and Tenino's Jamiah Christin (110) placed third. Centralia's Kupria Lapierre (130) and W.F. West's Alexis Dodd (120) finished in fifth place and will be alternates.

The regional wrestling tournament will be held Saturday in Aberdeen.

Tenino Sends Five to Regionals

The Beavers had five grapplers place in the top four at the Evergreen 1A League sub-re-

gional tournament at the Northwest Sports Hub in Centralia on Saturday.

Tenino's Stuart Barta (182 pounds) and Tyrick Weyrauch (195) finished second. Barta won his first two matches by pin, before falling in the finals to Hoquiam's Artimus Johnson by pin. Weyrauch won a 3-2 decision in the semifinals, but dropped the finals to Forks' Jack Dahlgren.

The Beaver's Joe Marcoe (120) finished in third place, and Riley Rice (285) and Dalton Chambers (126) each finished in fourth place. Tenino had three wrestlers finish in fifth place — Cutter Copeland (106), Dakota Whitaker (145) and Zac Robson (152) — who will be alternates to the regional tournament.

Tenino's five qualified wrestlers will compete in the Region I 1A Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

College Basketball

UConn Still No. 1, Tennessee Re-Enters Women's Hoops Poll

NEW YORK (AP) — Holly Warlick has spent nearly three-quarters of her life at Tennessee. She's not used to seeing them unranked.

So getting back into the Top 25 after an eight-week absence meant something to the Lady Vols coach.

"I'm happy. My expectations are for us to win," she said. "I never expected us to go out of the Top 25 poll, never. I understand (why). My job is to get us back in and keep climbing back up. Sometimes it's an unreal expectation at times. So you just got to keep plugging away."

The Lady Vols returned to The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, entering at No. 24. The team fell out Dec. 5 and came back in by winning two of three games last week, including a two-point victory over then-No. 4 South Carolina last Monday. Tennessee lost in double overtime to Georgia on Sunday.

Finding consistency has been a problem for the Lady Vols. They have huge home victories over Notre Dame and South Carolina and losses at Mississippi and Penn State.

"We just got to finish the deal," Warlick said of Sunday's loss. "We made great progress, we got to finish the deal. We had some big wins over some great teams."

Over the past two seasons, Tennessee has been unranked for 13 weeks. That's one less than the Lady Vols had under Pat Summitt during her entire illustrious career. Tennessee was ranked for 565 consecutive weeks in the poll before that ended nearly a year ago. The Lady Vols entered the season in the Top 25 before falling out eight weeks ago.

"It's not something that we dwell on but it is expected (to be ranked)," Warlick said. "It's a great expectation here. It's in my blood. My expectations are just like Pat's." While the Lady Vols re-entered the poll for the first time in eight weeks, UConn remained No. 1. The Huskies (22-0) have won 97 consecutive games and continue to run through opponents.

Warlick was impressed by the consistency the Huskies have shown year after year. "I think that's what unique about them," she said. "Their conference isn't like the SEC, which isn't their staff. Those kids play hard regardless of who they are playing, that's a sign of a great team."

UConn was followed by Baylor, Maryland, Mississippi State and Florida State. The Gamecocks fell to sixth.

Tennessee was joined in the Top 25 by No. 21 Michigan, which earned its first ranking since 2013.

"I think it's a tremendous honor," Michigan coach Kim Barnes Arico said. "It speaks volumes to the kids in the program and their commitment to come here and put Michigan women's basketball on the map."

The Wolverines (19-5, 8-2 Big Ten) sit in third place in the conference behind Maryland and Ohio State. It's only the 16th appearance ever in the poll for Michigan. Before 2013, the last time the school was ranked was 2002.

"We're a program that doesn't have a lot of tradition. We have people like Katelynn Flaherty, who was recruited by everyone and wanted to come to Michigan to change the program."

Kansas State also re-entered at No. 25. West Virginia, Kentucky and Green Bay all dropped out.

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College Basketball

Plum Scores 28 as No. 10 Washington Beats Colorado, 79-75

By Michael Kelly The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Kelsey Plum and Chantel Osahor helped Washington close out a rare close game.

Plum scored 28 points, Osahor had 20 points and 16 rebounds, and the 10th-ranked Huskies held on to beat Colorado 79-75 on Sunday.

Kennedy Leonard and Alexis Robinson led Colorado with 19 points each and Makenzie Ellis scored 18.

The Huskies (22-3, 10-2, Pac-12) haven't played many close games this season. Only one of their previous 21 wins were by single digits but the Buffaloes made them work for their second win in less than 48 hours.

"That's what's going to help you win in March," Osahor said. "Putting us in those type of situations and staying poised, that's good for us."

Osahor and Plum did most of the damage on offense but they got help. Katie Collier had 11

points and eight rebounds and Aarion McDonald scored 14.

The Huskies, who routed Utah on Friday, played their second straight game at altitude and Plum played all but three of the 80 minutes. She came into Sunday shooting 53 percent from the floor and finished 11 of 24 against Colorado.

"We knew coming in they play a limited amount of players and this altitude is our best friend," Ellis said. "We could tell they were having a hard time."

Colorado (13-10, 3-9) hung around after falling behind by nearly 20. The Huskies led 54-37 midway through the third when Osahor picked up her fourth foul. Colorado scored 11 straight points, capped by Leonard's 3-pointer.

"You take her off the floor offensively and defensively changes with what you do," Washington coach Mike Neighbors said of Osahor. "That was also the time the altitude hits you. We have to answer the call when it happens."

The Huskies did and stretched the lead to 14 early in

the fourth but Colorado went on an 11-1 run to get within four, the closest it had been since early in the second quarter.

The Buffaloes had a chance to get within a possession but missed a layup and Plum scored five points as the Huskies stretched the lead to 72-61 with 3:29 left and closed it out.

"I feel like we have played some close games; 10 doesn't look close but it feels close," Plum said. "Almost every game in the Pac-12 is competitive. We knew they were going to go on a run, they always go on a run. We got enough stops and we got in the paint and got some good looks."

Colorado tried to keep it close in the first half but the combination of Osahor and Plum kept Washington comfortably ahead. The pair combined for 29 of the Huskies' 42 points through the first 20 minutes.

Plum, the nation's leading scorer at 30.9 points a game, didn't take a shot for the first four minutes and then scored seven quick points to put Washington ahead for good. Her 14th point of the first half came during a 9-0 run that gave the Huskies a 36-23 lead with 5:05 left.

"Tremendous effort by our team," Colorado coach JR Payne said. "We played one of the best teams in the country and the best scorer and rebounder in the country and we went toe-to-toe with them."

BIG PICTURE:

WASHINGTON: Osahor now has 20 double-doubles this season. Her 14.9 rebounds a game leads the nation. ... Plum has scored at least 21 points in all 25 games this season.

COLORADO: The Buffaloes have lost 10 of 13 after starting the season 10-0. ... Haley Smith led the Buffaloes with 11 rebounds.

UP NEXT

WASHINGTON: Host Arizona on Friday night.

COLORADO: At No. 8 Stanford on Friday night.

WSU Women Hold Off Utah 61-55

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Pinelopi Pavlopoulou scored 14 points, Alexys Swedlund added 13 and Washington State defeated Utah 61-55 on Sunday.

The Cougars (10-13, 5-7 Pac-12), coming off a 70-58 loss at Colorado where they blew a 13-point lead in the fourth quarter, saw a 13-point lead with 7½ minutes evaporate to two with 1:47 to go on a 3-pointer by Utah's Malia Nawahine. But the Cougars made four free throws and Utah didn't score again.

Johanna Muzet's 3-pointer with 1:33 left in the first half gave the Cougars a lead they wouldn't surrender. WSU started the fourth quarter on a 9-2 run with seven points from Swedlund to take a 54-41 lead.

Paige Crozon made five 3-pointers and scored 25 points for the Utes (14-9, 3-9), who have lost two straight and five of six. Emily Potter added nine points and 12 rebounds.

Neither team shot over 37 percent but the Cougars were 7 of 12 from 3-point range to Utah's 6 of 24 with WSU scoring 16 points off 22 turnovers.

The Cougars had 12 turnovers in the fourth quarter of their collapse against Colorado but had only a dozen total against the Utes.

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With the Last Football Snap Comes the Gift of Baseball

As the 2016 football season was winding down Sunday, I did what I annually do. I turned a page on my sports calendar to the 2017 baseball season.

It's not a precise transition. The Mariners' opener April 3, for instance, poses a scheduling conflict with the Final Four showdown for the NCAA men's basketball championship.

Between now and then, we'll have a chance to watch 648,000 college basketball games on television, along with the usual offerings of hockey, golf, soccer and auto racing.

There's miles to go before baseball games count, and yet the last football snap makes me think the first pitch is imminent.

I am reminded of a Super Bowl I covered 11 years ago, when the Seahawks were beaten by Pittsburgh in what amounted to a road game played at a neutral site.

A detective novel, a biography of a flawed president, three different newspapers: When you're flying from Detroit to Seattle via Denver, you can finish them all and still be restless enough to pick up the airline magazine on

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the back of the very reclined seat in front of you.

While waiting at the departure gate in Detroit that morning, I bought a couple of paperbacks and a magazine previewing the 2006 baseball season. I never made it to the paperbacks.

My brain had been in an all-football, all-the-time mode, and catching up on baseball stats and rosters and projected lineups was chicken soup for the soul, only stronger.

The preview magazine gave me the world's cheapest therapy session, eight hours for \$5.99. I woke up grumpy on a cold winter day in Detroit. By the time I got home to a cold winter night in Tacoma, I wasn't grumpy.

I had my mind on the 2006 baseball season.

The season, it turned out, provided a case study of all that's fascinating — and, yes, maddening — about baseball.

The St. Louis Cardinals were the World Series.

The Cards finished with a regular-season record of 83-78 and a minimally positive run differential: They scored 781 times. Their opponents scored 762.

The Mariners, meanwhile, ended up in last place, with a 78-84 record and a minimally negative run differential. They scored 758 times. Their opponents scored 792.

The world-champion Cardinals were not conspicuously better than the last-place Mariners in 2006.

St. Louis won five more

games, which approximately translates to this: One victory per month.

But the Cards held on to prevail in a weak division, and the Mariners were stymied by a weird-vibe mix of productive veterans and promising rookies.

Raul Ibanez, at the age of 34, drove in 123 runs. Richie Sexson drove in 107. He would go on to collect 96 more RBIs before calling it quits in 2008.

Catcher Kenji Johjima, imported from Japan, hit .291, with 18 homers. A superstar in the midst, it appeared, and then his production dwindled to the point he realized he was home-sick.

The Mariners starting rotation in 2006 included Felix Hernandez and Jamie Moyer, two of the top five pitchers in franchise history.

Hernandez went 12-14. Moyer went 6-12 before departing in an August trade with the Phillies that brought the immortal pitching duo of Andrew Baldwin and Andy Barb to Seattle.

Nothing clicked for the Mariners that season, and yet I have fond memories of how it began in a gift shop at the Detroit airport. The Seahawks had just lost, to an inferior team, in a clunker made clunkier by an inept officiating crew.

I'd been dreading the long day's journey home, and then I opened up the baseball preview magazine that assured me another spring, rich with possibilities, was awaiting.

NFL

Easley Becomes Fourth Career Hawk Voted into Hall

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

Kenny Easley did it. He completed his journey from estranged to endangered to enshrined into football immortality.

The Seahawks legend, their former thumping safety, the 1984 NFL Defensive Player of the Year and a three-time All-Pro, was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday as a senior candidate.

The strong safety eliminated opponents with smashing hits from 1981-87 for Seattle, until a kidney ailment led to acrimony, an abrupt, premature end to his career at age 29 and a transplant. Now, six months after he had triple bypass surgery, Easley becomes the fourth player who spent his entire career with the Seahawks to be voted into the Hall of Fame. He joined Steve Largent, Cortez Kennedy and Walter Jones.

"I will never get this feeling out of my heart," Easley said Saturday night in Houston.

"I'm enormously grateful for this opportunity. To be reconsidered after 20 years, I'm glad it happened now, because I feel

that if it had happened in 1997, I wouldn't be as grateful as I am right now at age 58 for this to happen. So that means a great deal that it happened to me now."

Hall of Fame president Dave Baker went to Easley's hotel room Saturday in Houston, site of Super Bowl 51, on the afternoon before the title game between the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons. Baker informed Easley, who turned 58 last month, that a nine-member panel within the Hall of Fame's general selection committee voted him in as the Class of 2017's lone senior finalist.

Easley needed at least eight of the nine committee members to vote for him. Each nominee needs at least 80 percent of the committee's vote in a given year to gain enshrinement into football's most prestigious club.

Easley will be inducted on August 5 at the Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. His fellow members of the Class of 2017 are kicker Morten Andersen; running back Terrell Davis; Dallas Cowboys owner, president and general manager Jerry Jones; defensive end Jason Taylor; running back LaDainian Tomlinson; and

quarterback Kurt Warner.

Last August, the Hall of Fame's Senior Committee, nine members of the 49-person overall selection committee, met in Canton and nominated Easley as its senior nominee, a player whose career ended at least 25 years ago.

The Senior Committee chose Easley even though he was never a finalist in the 20 years he was eligible to be as modern player, from 1993-2012. A consultant to the committee was Floyd Little, the former Denver Broncos running back.

Little was enshrined in 2010, 35 years after he retired and also after not being a finalist as a modern player during his 20-year window after playing.

Easley learned he was nominated by the Senior Committee three weeks after he had that triple-bypass surgery. That was after he had difficulty breathing last summer at his home in Virginia.

So, yes, this has been quite a six-month ride for the Seahawks' famed No. 45, with shoulder pads as large as his famous hits on opposing ballcarriers.

After Offense Collapses, Falcons' Defense Fades

By Michael Cunningham

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

HOUSTON — Playing on the biggest stage in football, against maybe the best quarterback in NFL history, the Falcons were fulfilling Dan Quinn's vision for his defense.

They were fast, physical, attacking and just too much for Tom Brady and the Patriots in the Super Bowl. The defense kept the Falcons in the game while the offense sputtered.

But then the Falcons' celebrated offense collapsed in shocking fashion and their defense no longer could carry the weight.

After the Patriots had scored only 10 points deep into the third quarter, the Patriots forced overtime by scoring 19 points in the fourth. They won the game, 34-28, with a 75-yard touchdown drive on the first possession of overtime.

Brady couldn't do much against the Falcons through three quarters but the Falcons couldn't stop him after that. What happened?

"That is something we will have to see once we get film study to see where it went wrong in the second half," Falcons cornerback Robert Alford said.

The Patriots ended up holding the ball for 40:31 of the game's 63:58. Did the Falcons' defense wear down?

"Not really," linebacker Deion Jones said. "I don't really think like that. We always talk about 'embracing the (fatigue)' and I think my guys did a good job of doing that and pushing through and leaving every last drop out there."

That wasn't enough in the end. The defense did what it



GREGORY PAYAN / The Associated Press

Atlanta Falcons QB Matt Ryan #2 in action against the New England Patriots at Super Bowl 51 on Sunday in Houston, TX.

could to hold up but the offense didn't help.

The Patriots scored their first points on a 41-yard field goal just before halftime. They didn't score again until James White's touchdown run with 2:06 left in the third quarter.

The Patriots threatened to score another touchdown on their next possession when they gained a first-and-goal at the seven-yard line. Two sacks by veteran lineman Grady Jarrett pushed them back, and they had to settle for a field goal to get within 28-12.

That should have been a safe lead for the Falcons considering their top-ranked offense. But Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan lost a fumble on the next possession, leaving the Patriots with a

short field. The Patriots went 25 yards in five plays and converted the two-point conversion to make it 28-20.

The Falcons got within field-goal range on their next possession but a sack and a holding penalty scuttled the drive. The Falcons punted, leaving Brady 3:30 to go 91 yards for tying score.

The Falcons got an unlucky break on a key play.

Alford tipped Brady's pass intended for Julian Edelman. But the ball landed on Alford's foot inches from the ground, allowing Edelman to pull it in for a 23-yard gain to the Falcons' 41-yard line.

"I ran to his hip and I looked back and the ball was right on me and all I could do was get my hand up to hit it," Alford said.

"Something we've been going over at practice: just tip it in the air if you can't get it and then my brother will get it."

Two other defenders surrounding Edelman couldn't prevent the catch, either. After that Brady completed three straight passes, James White scored a one-yard TD run and Danny Amendola caught a pass from Brady for the two-point conversion.

In overtime, Brady completed five consecutive passes for 50 total yards. A pass interference penalty against DeVondre Campbell put the Patriots at the two-yard line, Brady threw incomplete on first down and then White ran in for the winning TD.

"It sucks," Jones said. "I can definitely learn from it. It's a feel-

ing I will never forget."

The ending ruined what had been a stellar effort by the defense.

For three quarters, the Falcons had both the plan and the personnel to slow the only offense in the NFL that came close to matching their own.

The Falcons generated heavy pressure against Brady early in the game and, by the end of the first half, he appeared shaken. At one point he failed to set his feet while missing a wide-open Julian Edelman on a deep pass.

"The pass rush is getting to him," Mike Holmgren, a Super Bowl winner as Packers coach, said on Westwood One's national radio broadcast. "He usually makes that throw in his sleep."

However, the ferocious Falcons pass rush faded late. Jarrett had the two key sacks to force the field goal but the Falcons weren't consistently getting to Brady as he led the comeback.

"Brady was throwing the ball quick," Falcons linebacker Vic Beasley said. "He kind of picked on our gameplan and he started throwing quick passes."

Quinn's defense held the Patriots in check while the offense sputtered early — and then made the play that got them going.

Early in the second quarter Falcons defenders rallied to tackle Patriots running back LeGarrette Blount. Jones saw a chance to go for the ball and took it, ripping it away from Blount. Alford recovered the fumble at the Falcons' 29-yard line, and the take-away ignited the offense.

The Falcons needed just 1:53 to convert that turnover into a touchdown. Alford's 82-yard interception return for a touchdown put them ahead 21-0.

Falcons Focus On Moving Forward

By D. Orlando Ledbetter

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

So now what?

Despite their historic collapse in Sunday's Super Bowl, the Falcons believe they are positioned to compete for more NFL titles in the immediate future.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank maintains the team can fulfill his goal of sustained winning football at the league's highest levels.

"It's not ending of a journey for us," Falcons owner Arthur Blank said. "You have to raise the bar. That's what you're always trying to do in the world of business and it's the same in the world of sports as well."

The team has the key ingredient in quarterback Matt Ryan, the league's most valuable player, and several skilled players, including All-Pro wide receiver Julio Jones, to go with a young defense that should improve with more seasoning.

After giving up 37 sacks over the season and five sacks and 12 quarterback hits in the Super Bowl, the offensive line may see some additional upgrades over the offseason. And foremost, the team must find a replacement for offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, who is expected to be named the head coach of the San Francisco 49ers in the coming

few days.

There may also be additional changes to the coaching staff. Quarterbacks coach Matt LaFleur is set to interview for the offensive coordinator position with the Los Angeles Rams.

Next on the agenda is the NFL scouting combine, which is set for Feb. 28 through March 6 in Indianapolis. The pre-free agency period for teams to start negotiating with prospective free agents runs from March 7-9.

The official 2017 league year and free agency period start at 4 p.m. on March 9.

That was an important period last year for the Falcons, who made several key transactions, including the signings of center Alex Mack and wide receiver Mohamed Sanu. They must also make some key decisions on the players they will attempt to keep from free agency.

The Falcons potential list of free agents include: defensive tackle Jonathan Babineaux, quarterback Matt Schaub, linebacker Paul Worrlow, right guard Chris Chester, tight end Jacob Tamme, linebacker Sean Weatherspoon, defensive tackle Courtney Upshaw, returner Eric Weems, defensive end Dwight Freeney, linebacker Philip Wheeler, safety Dashon Goldson, tackle Tom Compton, fullback



JOHN ROARK / Athens Banner-Herald via AP

Kagho Asongu, center, reacts in Athens, Ga., after watching on television the New England Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL Super Bowl 51 football game played in Houston on Sunday.

Patrick DiMarco, linebacker LaRoy Reynolds, wide receiver Aldrick Robinson, cornerback Bliidi Wreh-Wilson, tight end Levine Toilolo and safety Kemal Ishmael.

Babineaux, a 12-year veteran who made \$3 million last season, said he wants to continue playing.

Schaub, 35, may be headed to San Francisco with Shanahan.

Worrlow, a former starter, may want to test the open market after losing his position to rookie Deion Jones. Freeney, also 35, may want to retire. Ishmael, a valuable reserve, may also get

some interest on the open market.

The Falcons can start their offseason workout program on April 17.

The NFL draft will be held April 27-29 in Philadelphia.

History suggests that is going to be difficult for the Falcons to substantially rebuild next season. The losing team in the Super Bowl has not returned to the game the following season since Buffalo in 1994.

Falcons coach Dan Quinn started on repairing the psyche of his young team right after Sunday's loss.

NFL Unlikely to Fine Seahawks Much, if at all, For Not Reporting Sherman Injury

By Gregg Bell

The News Tribune

It appears the Richard Sherman injury caper may end up being a lot about nothing -- perhaps the "foolishness" Sherman said it was.

Ian Rapoport of league-owned NFL Network reported the Seahawks could escape punishment, or receive a minor penalty, for not reporting their star cornerback's knee injury late this past season. Coach Pete Carroll disclosed Sherman's "significant" injury without being asked two days after Seattle's season ended last month.

"#Seahawks can breathe easier. Sources say they're not expected to be penalized heavily -- if at all -- for not disclosing Sherman's MCL injury," Rapoport posted on Twitter.

The league reportedly was

considering taking away a second-round draft choice from the Seahawks. Seattle is already minus a fifth-round pick in April's draft for a third violation of too much hitting in what are supposed to be non-contract organized team activities in the offseason.

"#Seahawks/Sherman injury materials were provided to the league. As the inquiry wraps up, it's clear it was not an egregious rule violation," Rapoport wrote on Twitter.

In their cooperation with the league's fourth investigation of the team in six years for potential violations of team rules, the Seahawks assuredly pointed out Sherman not only didn't miss a game but also played in the Pro Bowl all-star exhibition late last month.

"Honestly, I didn't realize we hadn't revealed it," Carroll said

last month, two days after Seattle lost in the divisional round of the playoffs at Atlanta. "I don't even remember what game it was, it was somewhere in the middle ... I don't know."

"He was fine about it. He didn't miss anything."

Carroll mentioned on Jan. 16 that Sherman played with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his knee while describing how difficult a season it was for the three-time All-Pro and how much weighed on him.

So what was the big deal?

Before the 2016 season began the NFL sent to each of its 32 teams a reminder of its policies on official injury reports. In it is this subsection for practice reports: "The Practice Report provides clubs and fans with an accurate description of a player's injury status and how much he participated in practice during

the week. If any player has a significant or noteworthy injury, it must be listed on the practice report, even if he fully participates in practice and the team expects that he will play in the team's next game. This is especially important for key players whose injuries may be covered extensively by the media."

There are precedents for the league fining teams for not disclosing injuries, particularly to star players. In 2009 the NFL fined the New York Jets \$125,000 for not reporting an injury to quarterback Brett Favre, for instance.

Sherman's knee injury never showed up on any of the team's daily practice reports, nor on injury reports due to the league 48 hours before each game. In six of the last seven game weeks to end the season, he missed one practice. The team listed the reason

for those absences as "NIR." That stands for "not injury related."

Asked why Sherman's injury never showed up on a practice report, Carroll said last month: "I don't know. I'm feeling like I screwed that up with not telling you that because that happened, but he was OK."

"So I don't know. He never missed anything, which is probably why."

The NFL previously investigated the Seahawks in 2012, '14 and '16, all for alleged violations of limits on player contact during spring minicamps. All three times the league fined Seattle after finding the team broke NFL rules. In September, the league fined the Seahawks \$400,000, Carroll \$200,000, took away a fifth-round draft choice this year and three of its OTA/minicamp practices this spring.

NFL

Brady Leads Biggest Comeback, Patriots Win 34-28 in OT

HOUSTON (AP) — They looked old and outmanned. Their star quarterback was frazzled, their stingy defense was a sieve.

So what? Tom Brady and the New England Patriots shrugged and did what they always seem to do: Win the Super Bowl.

Brady led one of the greatest comebacks in sports history highlighted by a Julian Edelman catch that was almost beyond belief. The Patriots pulled themselves out of a 25-point hole against the Atlanta Falcons to a 34-28 win for New England's fifth NFL championship. It was the first Super Bowl decided in overtime.

"There were a lot of plays that coach talks about, you never know which one is going to be the Super Bowl winner," said Brady, who earned a record fourth MVP award and a fifth Super Bowl ring, the most for a quarterback. "There were probably 30 of those plays tonight and (if) any one of those were different, the outcome could have been different."

But down 28-3 in the third quarter, Tom?

"It's hard to imagine us winning," the 39-year-old Brady said. "It took a lot of great plays and that's why you play to the end."

The Patriots scored 19 points in the final quarter, including a pair of 2-point conversions, then marched relentlessly to James White's 2-yard touchdown run in overtime after winning the coin toss. White scored three touchdowns and a 2-pointer.

"We knew we had a shot the whole game," White said. "It was an amazing comeback by our team. It's surreal right now. You couldn't write this script."

Brady guided the Patriots (17-2) through a tiring Atlanta defense for fourth-quarter touchdowns on a 6-yard pass to Danny Amendola and a 1-yard run by White, which came with 57 seconds remaining in regulation. White ran for the first 2-pointer and Amendola did the deed with a reception on the second.

Brady finished 43 for 62, the most attempts in Super Bowl history, for 466 yards, also a record, and two touchdowns.

Before the stunning rally — New England already held the biggest comeback in the final period when it turned around a 10-point deficit to beat Seattle two years ago — the Falcons (13-6) appeared poised to take their first NFL championship in 51



DARRON CUMMINGS / The Associated Press

New England Patriots' Tom Brady raises the Vince Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Atlanta Falcons in overtime at the NFL Super Bowl 51 football game Sunday in Houston.

seasons. Having never been in such a pressurized environment, their previously staunch pass rush disappeared, they stumbled on offense and Brady tore them apart.

"There's nothing you can really say," Ryan said. "That's a tough loss, obviously very disappointing, very close to getting done what we wanted to get done."

It wasn't difficult for Patriots owner Robert Kraft as he accepted the Lombardi Trophy from Commissioner Roger Goodell, who naturally drew a flood of boos from New England fans on hand. Yes, "Deflategate" might be far behind Kraft and Brady, but it's not forgotten.

"Two years ago, we won our fourth Super Bowl down in Arizona and I told our fans that was the sweetest one of all," owner Robert Kraft said. "But a lot has transpired over the last two years and I don't think that needs any explanation."

"I want to say to our fans, our brilliant coaching staff, our amazing players who were so spectacular, this is unequivocally the sweetest."

Brady and coach Bill Belichick won their 25th postseason

game, by far a record. The Falcons added to Atlanta's long history of pro sports frustration.

Belichick became the first coach with five Super Bowl crowns.

The Patriots won the coin toss for overtime, and by then it was no contest. Brady completed six passes against an overmatched Falcons secondary. A pass interference call took the ball to the 2, and White scooted to his right and barely over the goal line.

His teammates streamed off the sideline to engulf White as confetti streamed down from the NRG Stadium rafters.

The comeback included dozens of huge plays, including Ryan's fumble on a sack, Edelman's catch off of a defender's shoe and Brady's passing.

White had 14 receptions for 110 yards, but Brady hit seven different receivers.

Until the Patriots took charge with their late surge, league MVP Ryan was outplaying Brady and NRG stadium rocked with Falcons' fans chants of "A-T-L!"

In a game that started as a defensive struggle, the Falcons went sack-happy, getting two on the Patriots' second drive in

what would be a scoreless opening quarter.

It sure looked as if the Patriots would get on the board immediately in the second period as Brady and Edelman connected twice for 40 yards. But LeGarrette Blount's fumble turned the momentum to the Falcons, who then took their biggest lead in a Super Bowl — yeah, we know, they have been here only twice — on Freeman's 5-yard run to cap a quick 71-yard drive on which Jones came alive.

Jones showed why he is an All-Pro receiver with a tough leaping catch over the middle for 19 yards, then got open on the sideline for 23. Freeman did the rest.

Before New England could catch its breath, Ryan had the Falcons up 14-0. Using the no-huddle attack to perfection, he threw for 51 yards on a 52-yard drive, hitting Hooper with a pinpoint pass in the left side of the end zone.

Then Brady was victimized by his own poor decision, a rarity on the big stage. Atlanta was called for defensive holding three times on third downs to keep the drive alive. From the

Falcons 23, under pressure Brady tried to squeeze a throw to Danny Amendola. Alford stepped in and sprinted, then glided 82 yards for the second-longest pick-6 in a Super Bowl — and Brady's first.

Shockingly, it was 21-0.

New England gathered its wits for a 52-yard drive to Stephen Gostkowski's 41-yard field goal. Still, it was 21-3 when Lady Gaga took the stage.

There was smoke hanging over the field when both teams had three-and-outs to open the third quarter. The Falcons looked in control when Ryan and Co., marched 85 yards to Coleman's 6-yard TD catch on a swing pass.

New England scored the next nine points on James White's 5-yard TD reception — the extra point was missed by Gostkowski, who later made a 33-yard field goal.

The Patriots kept coming, the Falcons kept flopping, and soon Brady and his buddies somehow had No. 5.

"Just play every play," Edelman said. "We never quit."

Brady Wins One For His Sick Mom and the Super Bowl Ages

By Gil LeBreton

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

HOUSTON — This was for you, Mom Brady.

Clearly, you were on your son's mind. And in his heart. And in all it took for Tom Brady, history's greatest quarterback, to turn what loomed as a disappointingly one-sided night into a Super Bowl for the ages.

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick's hallmark is supposed to be preparation. But how do you gird yourself for falling behind the Atlanta Falcons 28-3 at the Super Bowl?

What do you do when you can't give your star quarterback time to throw? What's the game plan when you drop passes, can't run the ball, commit two game-turning turnovers and back yourselves against a seemingly inescapable wall?

"I ain't got no words, man," said Patriots linebacker Dont'a Hightower, capturing the emotion of the finish, if not the

proper semantics. "Ain't nobody believed in us.

"We don't care nothing about that. We're the champions."

Left for dead midway in the third quarter, Brady led the Patriots on a history-scripting comeback that ended with James White's 1-yard touchdown run four minutes into overtime.

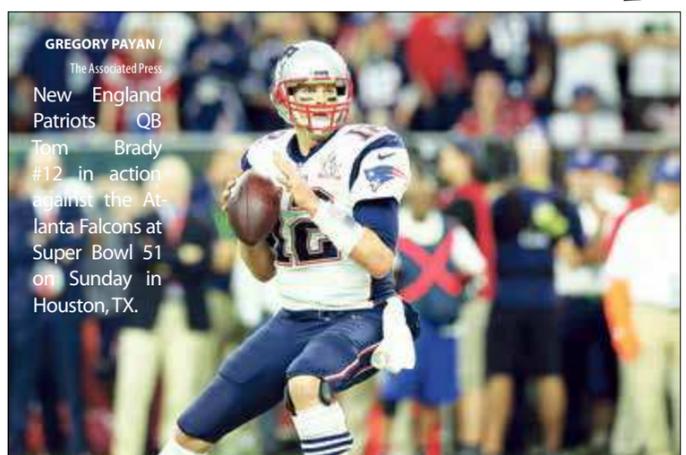
The victory in Super Bowl 51 was Brady's and Belichick's fifth as quarterback and head coach, respectively, both records. The depth of the comeback, 25 points, was also a Super Bowl record — by far.

Until Sunday night, in fact, no NFL team had won a playoff game after trailing by 16 points or more in the fourth quarter.

More poignantly, the Patriots never led during the game's first 60 minutes.

"It tells you how mentally tough this team is," New England wide receiver Julian Edelman said. "I say it's a microcosm of our life, right there."

The Patriots all were emo-



GREGORY PAVAN / The Associated Press
New England Patriots QB Tom Brady #12 in action against the Atlanta Falcons at Super Bowl 51 on Sunday in Houston, TX.

tional. But none showed the weight on the night — of the week, of the 18 months just passed — more than Tom Brady, whose performance in the final 26 minutes was epic.

After White's deciding touchdown, as waterfalls of confetti rained from the NRG Stadium rafters, Brady fell to his knees, spent, with tears filling his eyes.

"I've got my family here, and

it's the end of a long marathon," he said of the tears. "I usually wear them on my sleeve."

Galynn Brady, Tom's mother, has been sick, the exact nature of her illness undisclosed. During Patriots interviews last week, Tom briefly alluded to his mom's situation and each time seemed to swallow away tears.

Before Sunday's game Brady's wife Gisele posted a photo on

Instagram of Tom's mother and sisters. Galynn Brady wore a bandanna on her head.

As Patriots fans spilled onto the field and gathered for the presentation of the Vince Lombardi Trophy, they cheered whenever Tom Brady's face appeared on the stadium video board.

The night had to be draining. But there was enough emotion left that the long-anticipated trophy presentation from NFL commissioner — and New England public enemy No. 1 — Roger Goodell turned into a spectacle in itself.

Loud boos erupted as soon as Goodell began to speak, almost drowning out his words.

Brady's performance will be long remembered — 62 pass attempts, 43 completions, 466 yards, all Super Bowl records.

Before Sunday's Super Bowl, Brady was asked whether, more than anything, he wanted to win the game for his mom.

"Of course," said the son.

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College Basketball

Gonzaga, Villanova, Kansas on Top of AP Poll After Wild Week

By Jim O'Connell
The Associated Press

Gonzaga is No. 1 for a second straight week in The Associated Press college basketball poll following a week in which all but four of the top 10 teams lost at least one game.

The Bulldogs (24-0), the only remaining unbeaten team in Division I, received 59 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel on Monday. Villanova (22-2) moved from

fourth to second after receiving the other six No. 1 votes.

Kansas, which saw its 51-game winning streak at Allen Fieldhouse end over the weekend, held at third while Louisville jumped from sixth to fourth.

Oregon, coming off its impressive win over Arizona, went from 13th to fifth. Baylor, which lost twice last week, dropped from second to sixth.

Wisconsin was seventh followed by North Carolina, Arizona and UCLA.

Xavier and SMU are the week's newcomers, replacing Notre Dame and Northwestern.

Cincinnati, riding a 14-game winning streak, went from 14th to No. 11 and was followed by Virginia, West Virginia, Florida State, Kentucky, Purdue, Florida, Duke, South Carolina and Saint Mary's.

The last five ranked teams are Maryland, Butler, Creighton, Xavier and SMU.

Xavier returned to the poll after being out for one week. The

Musketeers (17-6), who dropped out after losing four of five games, have won three straight.

SMU (20-4) is ranked for the first time this season. The Mustangs, who were ranked for all but one week last season, have won six straight and 16 of their last 17.

Notre Dame (17-7) was ranked for the last nine weeks, reaching as high as 14th, but the Fighting Irish dropped out from 20th after losing five of their last six.

Northwestern (18-5) lost to Purdue in its only game last week and fell from 25th after one week in the poll.

There are six double-ranked games this week: No. 4 Louisville is at No. 12 Virginia on Monday; No. 5 Oregon is at No. 10 UCLA and No. 8 North Carolina visits No. 18 Duke on Thursday; No. 1 Gonzaga visits No. 20 Saint Mary's and No. 2 Villanova is at No. 24 Xavier on Saturday; and No. 11 Cincinnati is at No. 25 SMU on Sunday.

Brilliant Ball Leads UCLA Past Washington 107-66

STAR POWER: Lonzo Ball Scores 22 for Bruins; Markelle Fultz Pours in 25 for UW

SEATTLE (AP) — Lonzo Ball's demeanor stayed the same, even as the buzz built around his showdown with another standout freshman in Washington's Markelle Fultz.

It became a one-sided matchup thanks to all the other options UCLA has along with its freshman star.

Ball had 22 points while dazzling in his matchup against Fultz, Bryce Alford added 21 points and No. 11 UCLA routed Washington 107-66 on Saturday night.

The expected faceoff between Ball and Fultz — two of the best freshmen in the country and expected to be among the top picks in the NBA draft — never materialized in the way the sellout crowd hoped. While each had flashes of brilliance, Ball clearly had the better performance.

Ball finished with six rebounds, five assists and hit 7 of 12 shots, an impressive outing with 21 NBA scouts in attendance. The difference for UCLA (21-3, 8-3 Pac-12) was the other pieces around Ball. T.J. Leaf and Aaron Holiday both finished with 20 points.

"It doesn't matter what hype he has as far as matchups and this kind of stuff. If you were with us the last two days, it was the same Lonzo each and every day. Lonzo just does what Lonzo does," UCLA coach Steve Alford said.

Fultz led Washington (9-14, 2-9) with 25 points but got little help. He was 9 for 19 from the field and committed five turnovers.

"I don't feel that was our basketball team tonight. I didn't recognize our team tonight," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said.

The outcome was decided by UCLA's dominant first half that led to a 52-34 advantage at the break and could have been even larger if not for a rash of sloppy



UCLA's Lonzo Ball (2) drives past Washington's David Crisp (1) as Crisp is caught in a pick by Gyorgy Goloman during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday in Seattle.

turnovers.

Ball was good in those first 20 minutes. He was great for the opening moments of the second half. On three straight possessions, he knocked down 3-pointers each a few steps further be-

hind the line than the previous. The last one came from about 25 feet and pushed UCLA's lead to 69-43 with 16 minutes remaining.

Ball had 12 points in the first four minutes of the second half,

and it was just the start of the rout. UCLA led by 44 in the closing minutes.

"We came in here focused and did what we were supposed to do," Ball said.

While the second half be-

came a blowout, it was UCLA's first-half offense that exploited every deficiency for Washington at the defensive end. When the Huskies played zone, the Bruins exploited the middle and found open shots for Leaf. When the Huskies switched to man, Ball shook free off the dribble and found his teammates for easy baskets. Two of Ball's three assists in the first half were slick lobs leading to dunks for Leaf and Ike Anigbogu.

Alford was most pleased with UCLA's defense. The 66 points by Washington was the fewest allowed by the Bruins in the previous eight games.

"The big difference was our defense. It was by far our best. ... I thought we were active, we got a lot of deflections and that led to open court play which our guy are really good in," Alford said.

UGLY NUMBERS

It was the worst loss for Washington in Romar's 15 seasons as the head coach. The previous worst was a pair of 32-point loses, one in Romar's first season and one last year. It was the second time Washington allowed 100 points in a conference game under Romar. Arizona beat Washington 106-97 in January 2009.

BIG PICTURE

UCLA: The Bruins earned their 21st win earlier than any other time in school history. The previous earliest date came in the 2006-07 and 2007-08 seasons when UCLA's 21st win came on Feb. 7 both seasons.

WASHINGTON: While the result on the court was ugly, there was at least fan interest. Washington had its first sellout crowd since Feb. 18, 2012, vs. Arizona.

UP NEXT

UCLA: The Bruins return home to face Oregon on Thursday night.

WASHINGTON: The Huskies travel to Colorado on Thursday night.

Mathews Leads No. 1 Gonzaga Over Santa Clara 90-55

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Gonzaga played the school's first home game as the nation's No. 1 team on Saturday night, and it went pretty much the way each of its games have gone this season.

Jordan Mathews scored 16 points, Josh Perkins had 15 and Gonzaga beat Santa Clara 90-55 to extend the nation's longest winning streak to 24 games.

Zach Collins added 14 points and eight rebounds in Gonzaga, which did not play a home game

when it was ranked No. 1 in 2013. While several Top 25 teams stumbled throughout the day, the Zags (24-0, 12-0 West Coast) shot 61 percent from the field and were in control almost right from the start.

"We did a pretty good job of guarding the 3-point line and getting out on their shooters," Gonzaga coach Mark Few said. "We made them work for baskets."

KJ Feagin scored 18 points and Jared Brownridge had 13 for Santa Clara (13-12, 7-5) which

lost at home to Gonzaga by 31 points in mid-January. It has dropped 14 consecutive games against the Bulldogs.

The Broncos shot 39.6 percent (19 for 48) and were hurt by a 39-18 rebounding deficit.

"That's a good sign for us," Few said of the rebounding advantage.

Santa Clara did break Gonzaga's streak of six straight games in which the Bulldogs did not trail, grabbing a 5-4 lead on Nate Kratch's 3-pointer.

Santa Clara led 16-12 when it lost its shooting touch, going 2 for 13 for the rest of the first half. The Bulldogs closed with a 25-7 run, including nine points by Perkins, for a 37-23 lead at the break.

Mathews had eight quick points in the opening minutes of the second half as Gonzaga increased its advantage to 51-31.

Nigel Williams-Goss, Gonzaga's leading scorer, did not play after he sprained an ankle in the Zags' previous game.

"There's a lot of guys on this team that can do a lot of things," said Perkins, who also had eight assists. "A lot of guys stepped up."

Few said the Zags were battered after an 85-75 win at BYU on Thursday.

"It was good for our depth to stand up and show," Few said after the Bulldogs had five players score in double figures.

Gonzaga plays at Loyola Marymount on Thursday. They play at archrival No. 18 Saint Mary's next Saturday.

Chimezie Metu's Career-High 29 Fuels USC Past Washington State

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Southern California coach Andy Enfield, whose Trojans doubled their conference road win total from last season on Saturday night, acknowledged the difficulty of winning on the road in the Pac-12.

"It's the next step for our experienced players," Enfield said, who completed his first conference road sweep during his tenure at USC. "These are quality teams we're beating. . . I'm very proud of those (wins)."

Chimezie Metu scored a career-high 29 points, grabbed eight rebounds and Southern California shot 73.9 percent in the second half to outlast Wash-

ington State 86-77 on Saturday night for its first conference road-trip sweep since 2011.

Metu finished 12 of 14 from the field. He scored 17 points in the second half on 7-of-7 shooting.

"Early in the season we used to come out in nonconference and we'd be a little sluggish in the second half," Metu said. "Teams would push their lead up . . . we just tell ourselves not to start slow."

Jonah Mathews chipped in 18 points and six boards for the Trojans (20-4, 7-4 Pac-12).

The teams traded momentum and the lead throughout the first half. WSU made 5 of its first 11 3-point attempts, but the Tro-

jans turned a 20-8 interior scoring advantage into a five-point halftime lead. Credit to Metu's offensive performance, the Trojans ultimately won the interior.

Freshman Jeff Pollard played 13 second-half minutes in an attempt to offset Metu. In Washington State coach Ernie Kent's mind, it helped the Cougars compete defensively.

"We got back into the game when (Pollard) was in there. We were able to go from zone to man, we got stops, we got out and ran," Kent said. "I thought it changed the complexion of the game completely."

USC got up to a 10-point lead early in the second half, but WSU

stayed in it. After a Josh Hawkins dunk with 10:17 left gave the Cougars a two-point advantage, USC responded by scoring 15 of the next 17 points to take the lead for good.

"Our players have been down double-digits 10 or 11 times this season," Enfield said. "They just keep focusing on the game plan and play better. We didn't play particularly well defensively."

Ike Iroegbu finished with 22 points and nine assists, and Hawkins had 17 points and 16 boards for the Cougars (11-12, 4-7).

Bennie Boatwright started Saturday and scored 13 points and grabbed seven rebounds for

USC after coming off the bench the game prior. It was his second game back from a knee injury sustained Nov. 30.

"Everyone knows he can shoot the ball and score the ball, so it's great to see him making plays for his teammates. He puts so much pressure on the defense when he can do that," Enfield said.

UP NEXT

USC: The Trojans host Oregon State Thursday and No. 13 Oregon Saturday.

WASHINGTON STATE: The Cougars head Southwest to face Utah Thursday then Colorado on Feb. 12.

Life

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This photo taken on Jan. 22, as snowshoers climb a hill on Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park.

Snow Fun at Washington's National Parks, From Hurricane Ridge to Paradise

Enjoy Fewer Crowds and Spectacular Winter Scenery, Plus Skiing at one of Three Remaining Ski Areas Located Within U.S. National Parks

By Caitlin Moran
The Seattle Times

During the warmer months, no one needs to sell Olympic National Park to visitors.

Breathtaking 360-degree views that stretch from Vancouver Island over the Strait of Juan de Fuca and into the interior Olympic range are enough to draw thousands of visitors from all over the world to Hurricane Ridge on a typical summer day.

Come winter, things tend to quiet down a bit. Yes, the parking lot still fills up sometimes, but limited road access and variable weather pushes the visitor count down to around 1,000 people on popular winter weekends. Most are families from the Port Angeles and Sequim areas, up for a day of skiing, snowshoeing or innertubing. A handful make the trek from Bainbridge Island and the Kitsap Peninsula.

My fiancé and I, on a recent weekend trip from Seattle, were the tourists. It was an unexpected but refreshing realization, to feel like an outsider in a place we had visited at least a dozen times before. And the spectacular views were still there, made even more dramatic by the abundant early-season snowfall.

Winter is a great time to re-discover Washington's national parks. Fewer crowds, readily available lodging, and a variety of snow-sport activities add up to a stress-free, relaxing escape from the city — just the way our national parks should be experienced.

A Friendly Little Ski Area

When we arrived at Hurricane Ridge, several inches of untouched powder snow lingered from the last storm cycle, preserved by unusually cold temperatures and the standard weekday road closure. But Frank Crippen, director of the ski school at the Hurricane Ridge Ski Area, had his eyes on the water.



Skiers make their way at Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park.



A skier catches a bit of air at Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park.

"You can actually do a surf trick from a couple of spots around here," he said while giving us a quick tour of the local ski hill.

By the standard of most resorts in the Cascades, the non-profit Hurricane Ridge Ski Area is tiny. There are two rope tows and one surface-level Poma lift, offering a total vertical drop of 800 feet. It gets just 5,000 skier visits in an average year.

What it lacks in size, Hurricane Ridge makes up for with a friendly ski culture and extensive backcountry access. The lifties toss footballs back and forth with kids on snowboards. A shuttle driver named Willie Nelson (yes, that's his real name) offers free rides back up the hill to backcountry skiers and snowboarders making laps off Sunrise Ridge.

Everyone knows everyone, and it's not uncommon for par-

ents to drop their kids off at the base area and head out for a backcountry tour.

Lift tickets are \$34 for the day and bear two marketing slogans: "I've skied in the Olympics!" and "Thanks to our supporters for keeping sea level to ski level alive."

Aside from being home to one of only three remaining ski areas located within U.S. national parks, the Olympic Peninsula

is also one of few places where you can ski within 20 miles of the nearest surfing access. A popular springtime endeavor for locals is the "Triple S Challenge": skiing (or snowboarding), surfing and single-track mountain biking, all in the same day.

Crippen, who grew up in Seattle but moved to the peninsula in the 1990s, owns a shop in Port Angeles called North by Northwest. It caters to all board-based sports.

"You'd never move here for the skiing, you'd never move here for the surfing, you'd never move here for the mountain biking," he said, smiling. "But when you put all those together ..."

That synergy isn't lost on Jill and Russ DeGroot, who moved to Port Angeles from Iowa with their four children just before Christmas.

"Yesterday we're hiking by the ocean," Jill said. "Today we're snowboarding. It's amazing."

Snowshoeing, Too

After a full morning of skiing, I swapped footwear and headed toward the park service visitor center for a 90-minute snowshoe walk led by ranger Caroline Walls. Our group of 13 followed a gentle half-mile loop through the forest as Walls explained how various trees, animals and birds survive the winter and conserve their energy during the colder months.

Other popular snowshoe destinations accessed from Hurricane Ridge include Hurricane Hill, the Wolf Creek Trail and the Obstruction Point Road (closed to vehicles during the winter). Rangers warn that there are no marked or groomed trails for snowshoers or cross-country skiers, and that some routes pass through avalanche terrain. Pack the appropriate safety gear and check in with rangers before embarking on any extended backcountry treks.

Want to just sit back and enjoy the ride? The Hurricane Ridge Ski Area offers innertubing for \$10 an hour, including tube rental and a push down the slope. There is also a small snowplay area where sledding is allowed for kids 8 and younger, free of charge.

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Silvia Flores / Fresno Bee

La Jacka Mobile food truck owner/cook Miriam Martinez cooks chopped, unripe jackfruit on the grill to make meatless dishes on Jan. 6, in Fresno, Calif.

Are You Ready for a Jackfruit Taco?

By Robert Rodriguez

The Fresno Bee

FRESNO, Calif. — Jackfruit is one of the hottest food trends nationwide, and Miriam Martinez is bringing it to the streets of Fresno.

As the owner of La Jacka Mobile, Martinez is one of the first, if not the only, using jackfruit — a meat alternative — in her tacos, burritos and quesadillas.

So what is jackfruit and why is it becoming popular?

For starters, it's one of the largest tree fruits in the world, weighing up to 100 pounds. It's also rich in vitamins, minerals and fiber. When harvested ripe, it's a sweet-tasting fruit. But when picked young, the fruit's meaty texture resembles that of chicken or pulled pork. It's for that reason that many vegetarians in the U.S., or those looking for non-meat options, are starting to embrace this jumbo fruit.

To first-timers, jackfruit can look intimidating. Its skin is thick, yellowish and pebbly. Inside are edible seeds wrapped in a fleshy bright yellow pod that's the fruit. The pod's meaty texture is mildly sweet, with notes of pineapple, pear, banana and papaya.

Jackfruit is grown in India, Southeast Asia, the Philippines and Mexico, where Martinez became familiar with it years ago.

Although the fruit is still somewhat undiscovered in Mexico, Martinez has been cooking jackfruit for more than two decades. She decided two years ago to introduce it to the Fresno market and her timing could not have been better. Recently, Pinterest named jackfruit as one of its top trends for 2017. And its appeal as a meat substitute continues to grow.

"It's healthy, it tastes good and people are looking for an alternative to meat," she says. "And there are so many things that you can do with it. It is an amazing fruit."

Martinez, a native of Nayarit, Mexico, has steadily developed a loyal following in the city. She's parked almost every night at the corner of Sixth and Ventura streets, creating her jackfruit specialties.

Inside her cozy food truck recently, Martinez and her daughter, Daniela Martinez, were busy preparing for the evening's round of customers. Martinez uses ripe and unripe jackfruit depending on which dish she is making.

Unripe jackfruit is whitish in color with very little, if any, sweetness. When eaten raw, it tastes slightly like an artichoke heart or heart of palm. But much like cooking tofu, the

bland-tasting jackfruit takes on whatever flavors it's cooked with.

In the hands of an expert cook like Martinez, jackfruit tastes special. Using her own combination of spices, grape-seed oil and Mexican chilies, the jackfruit takes on several layers of spicy flavors. She lets it sizzle on the hot grill until steam begins to rise. Once it's heated through, she scoops it into a lightly grilled corn tortilla and tops it with cilantro, onion and a dash of lime.

It's taco heaven, says Lourdes Oliva, one of Martinez's biggest fans and supporters.

"She is such a good cook that everything she does with jackfruit tastes good," Oliva says.

Martinez uses jackfruit as a meat substitute in tacos, burritos, quesadillas, tortas — she can even make a hamburger with a bun or in a lettuce wrap.

"I want people to know that there are healthier ways to eat that don't also involve eating meat, but that are still very good tasting," she said. "I'm proud of my cooking and want people to try it."

For those who prefer the sweeter taste of jackfruit, Martinez and her daughter have created several drinks, including smoothies, fruit waters and her own version of a jackfruit tea.

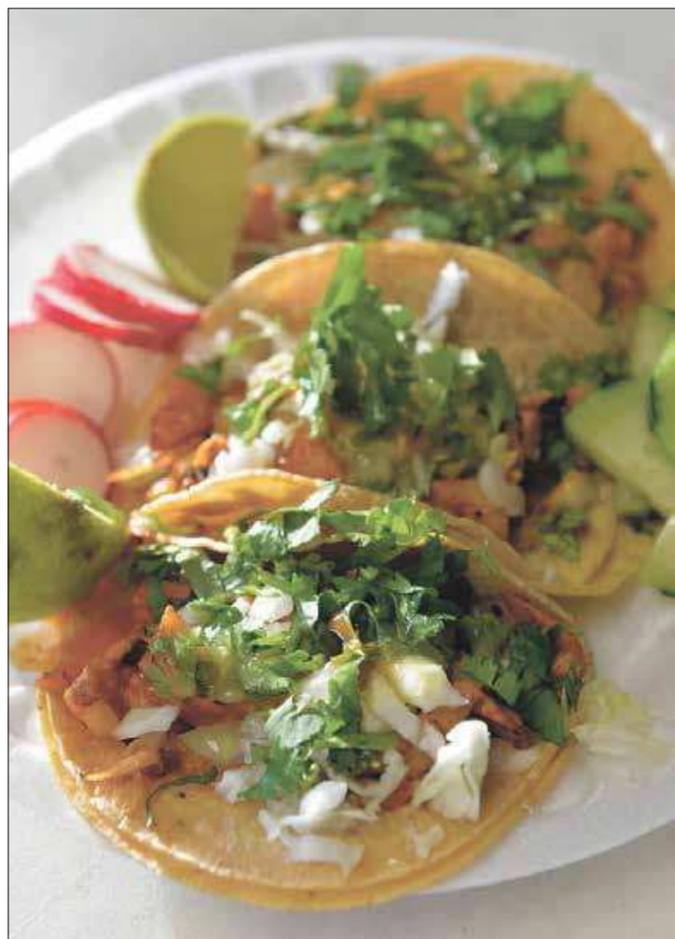
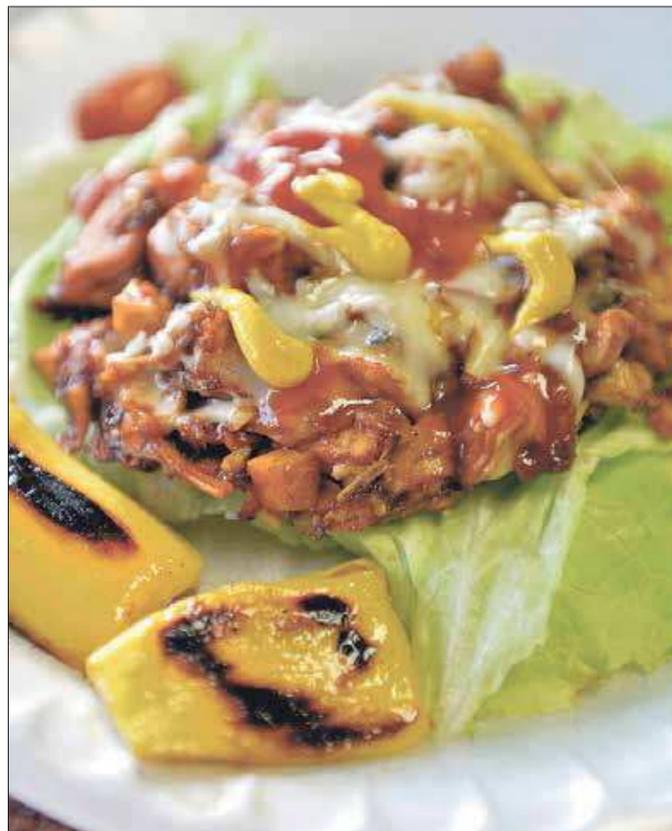
The jackfruit with cucumber and lemon is a simple drink but completely refreshing.

"We still have a lot of people who come to the truck and don't understand what jackfruit is," said Daniela Martinez. "But once they try it, in a taco or in a smoothie, they come back for more."



La Jacka Mobile food truck owner/cook Miriam Martinez creates a jackfruit "pulled pork" sandwich on Jan. 6, in Fresno, Calif. Martinez creates many different meatless dishes using the versatile jackfruit including tacos, burritos, quesadillas, pulled "pork" sandwiches, hamburgers, milkshakes, smoothies, and fruit water.

For more information about La Jacka Mobile visit their Facebook page.



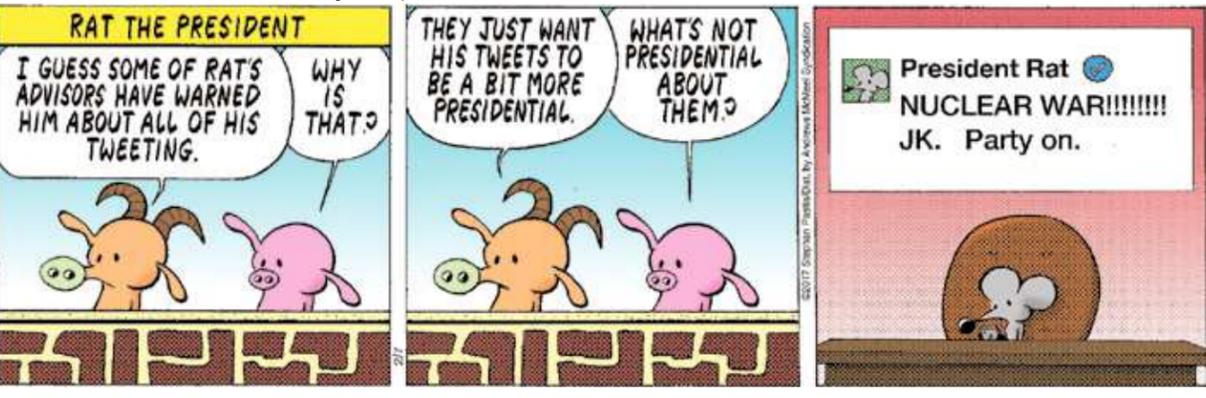
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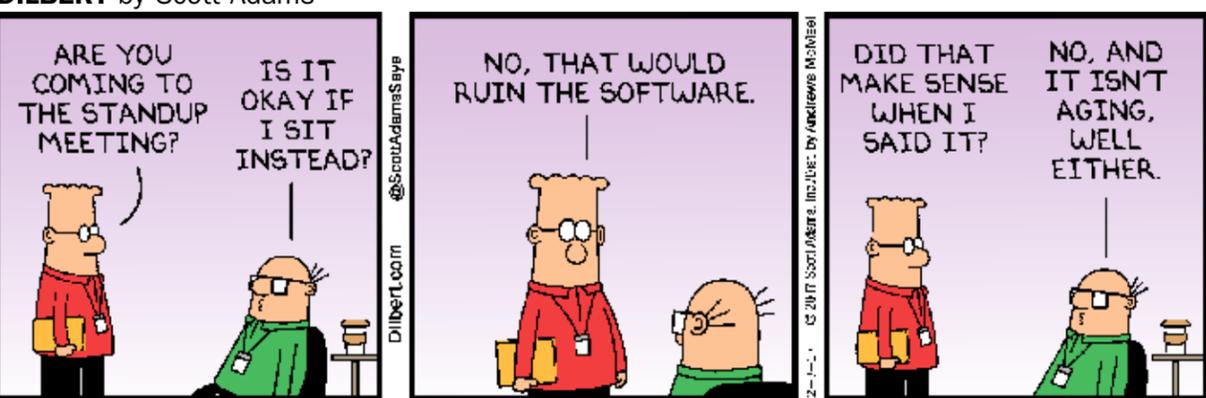
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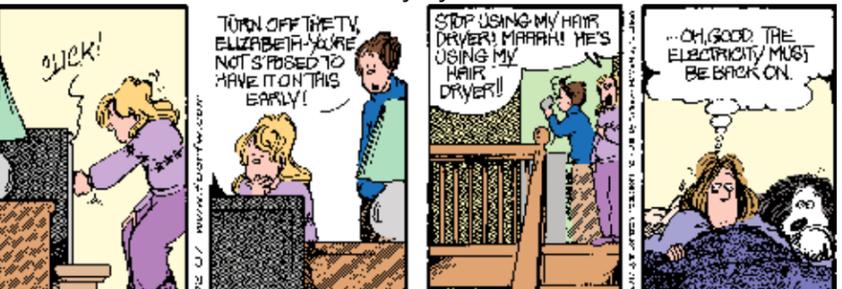
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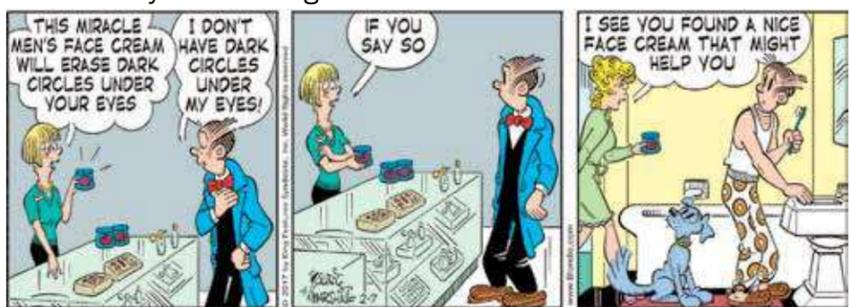
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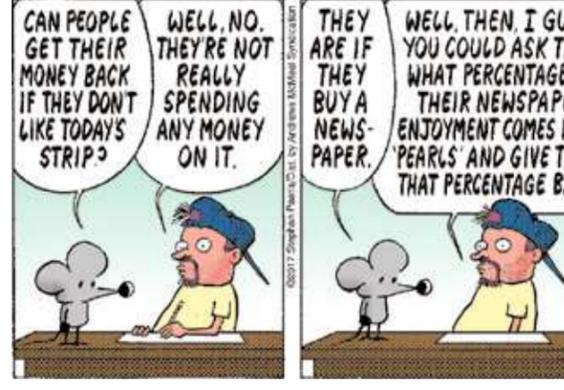
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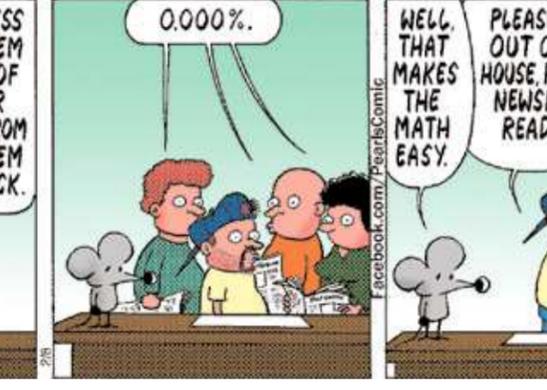
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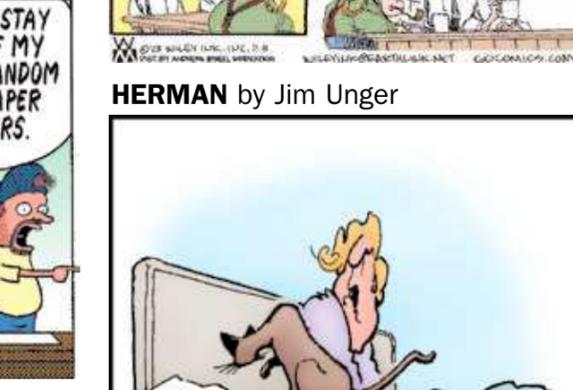
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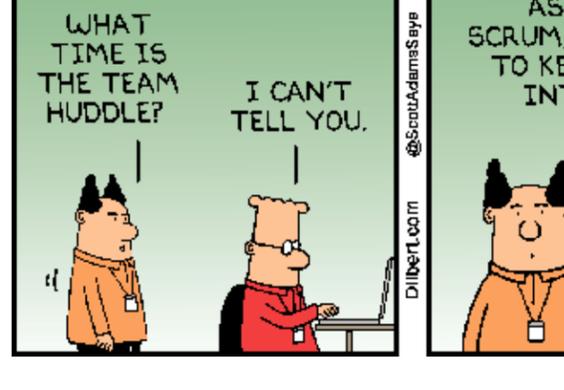
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Snow

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Caitlin Moran / The Seattle Times

A skier nears the top of the rope tow at Hurricane Ridge in Olympic National Park. The visitor center is in the background.

A History of Skiing

Skiing in the Olympic Mountains predates the park's formation. In the 1930s, the construction of a Civilian Conservation Corps lodge and a rough, one-lane dirt road to Deer Park made it the place to be for local winter sports enthusiasts. Two de-

cadecades later, another construction push brought a two-lane road to Hurricane Ridge, where the ski area moved in 1958.

Aside from the addition of the Poma lift in the 1970s, skiing at Hurricane Ridge has remained relatively unchanged since then, even as larger resorts consolidated ownership and invested in high-tech equipment. But if there's one thing that's drawing more out-of-towners to Hurricane Ridge in the winter, it's the area's unrestricted access to limitless backcountry terrain.

"It's just gotten super on-the-radar lately," Crip-pen said.

Venturing out along Sunrise Ridge on our second day in the park, it was easy to understand the draw. A short rope-tow ride and straightforward traverse brought us to the top of several runs of varying steepness, running off both sides of the ridge.

Patroller Russ Morrison, who has skied at Hurricane Ridge since 1968, pointed out all the descent options as we skinned through the trees. One popular line called Maggie's Run is named after a plow operator who got stuck on a tight corner several decades ago and had to wait out the storm in his rig. We ended up dropping in at a saddle that rises to meet 6,545-foot Mount Angeles, with 800 or so feet of soft turns bringing us back to the road.

After hitching a ride up to the parking lot, I asked Morrison to sum up skiing at Hurricane Ridge in one sentence.

"Don't tell anyone!" he said with a grin. "We're so fortunate to have this — it's ridiculous."

If You Go

Visiting Hurricane Ridge

The Olympic National Park road to Hurricane Ridge is open to uphill traffic in winter from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Sunday and holiday Mondays, conditions permitting. Downhill traffic must exit the park by 5 p.m. All visitors are required to carry tire chains and pay a park entrance fee of \$25 (good for seven days). Check the road status on Twitter, @HRWinterAccess, or call 360-565-3131.

Ninety-minute ranger-guided snowshoe walks take place at 2 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-15 years old, and free for ages 5 and younger. Snowshoes are provided for the guided walks, and are available for rent for other use.

More information: nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/hurricane-ridge-in-winter.htm

Ski area and tubing info: hurricaneridge.com

The nearby town of Port Angeles offers plentiful hotels, and cabin and room rentals. See olympicpeninsula.org/places-to-stay for a list of options.

Mount Rainier in Winter

Mount Rainier National Park is a popular winter destination for snowshoers, sledgers and backcountry skiers. The road to Longmire and Paradise is open to uphill traffic from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in winter, conditions permitting. The gate closes at 5 p.m. nightly. All visitors are required to

carry tire chains and pay a park entrance fee of \$25 (good for seven days). Check the road status on Twitter, @MountRainierNPS, or call 360-569-2211.

Ranger-led snowshoe walks are offered on a first-come, first-served basis for adults and children 8 years and older at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on weekends and holidays. Snowshoes are provided for the guided walks (\$5 donation requested), and are available for rent for other use.

The snowplay and sledding area at Paradise is open through mid-March. Bring your own plastic sled, inner tube or saucer. Toboggans are not allowed.

Winterlodging is available at the National Park Inn at Longmire or in the nearby towns of Ashford and Elbe.

More information: nps.gov/mora/planyourvisit/winter.htm

North Cascades National Park

Most road access to the park and its affiliated national recreation areas is closed to visitors in winter, but a handful of snowshoeing trailheads remain accessible by car on the western side of the Highway 20 closure, including Thunder Knob and, for those with advanced skills, Sourdough Mountain.

More information: nps.gov/noca or 360-854-7200.

ADVICE: Dear Abby

Husband's Aggressive Driving Makes Wife a Nervous Wreck



By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a very aggressive driver. He tailgates, cuts people off, narates "play by play" during driving and stresses me out. He was involved in two accidents that I am convinced were his fault, although one was blamed on the other driver. Fortunately, nobody was hurt.

Because of this I prefer to drive. The other day, he actually reached across and honked my horn while I was driving because somebody delayed a few seconds at the stoplight! We weren't in a hurry and there was no need to honk. Our children were in the car. When I complained, he told me to "just get over it." He gets so grouchy if I say anything about his driving.

We live in a relatively small town and our vehicles are very identifiable. All of the crazy road rage incidents I hear about certainly don't help. Any suggestions? I'm ready to resort to public transportation. — PREFERENCES TO DRIVE

DEAR PREFERENCES: For the safety of your family, it's time to find out what's driving your husband's anger and dangerous behavior. His driving record speaks for itself, and he should not assume any function of driving when you are at the wheel, including honking the horn "for" you.

You are entirely correct that what he did could have sparked a road rage incident. All that would need to happen would be for you to encounter someone who is as angry as your husband for a tragedy to happen.

DEAR ABBY: I have been

married for seven years, and my husband and I have had our ups and downs. He never thought he would have kids until he met me, and now we have two. After our second child, we agreed that we were done having children. I was OK with it because it seemed after each child our relationship became strained.

Recently we reached the point of deciding whether we would either separate or work harder on our marriage. We decided to stick it out. The problem is, while we were in the process of getting back together, I became pregnant again. I'm afraid to tell him because I know how stressed he gets. I'm afraid it will be too much for him, and he will cut himself off emotionally from me and the kids.

This wasn't planned. We were using protection, but getting an abortion is something I could never do. I know this child will make things more difficult, but this child is a part of me and the man I love. How do I tell my husband I am pregnant in a way that may make the news easier to take? — AT A LOSS FOR WORDS

DEAR AT A LOSS: You should have told your husband about this the day you thought you "might" be pregnant. You can announce the news by telling him that this baby is a symbol of your love and reconciliation, but whether he will accept this explanation is questionable. You already know the news will not be warmly received, so get it over with before your pregnancy starts to show.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Sudoku

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Puzzle Two

Start on Puzzle One on page Life 4. Answers to the puzzles here will be published in Thursday's paper.

Crossword

Answer to Puzzle on Page Life 4

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- 4 Progress
- 5 Store lane
- 6 Life stories, briefly
- 7 RSVP word
- 8 Shop machines
- 9 Lamb's alias
- 10 Pantry contents
- 11 Finger count
- 17 Utilizing
- 19 DJ's albums
- 22 "Lettuce pray" and more
- 23 Panel truck
- 24 Byron's works
- 25 Inking
- 26 Sparklers
- 27 Pull through
- 28 Good grief!
- 30 Dog pest
- 32 Party fabric
- 34 Low voices
- 35 Nat's daughter
- 37 Mild, as climate
- 38 Vigor's partner
- 40 Extreme diets
- 41 Fanatic's feeling
- 42 Noted lava spewer
- 43 Adroit
- 44 Passable (hyph.)
- 45 Brick oven
- 46 Monk's title
- 47 Eggs partner
- 49 Some, to Yvette

- ACROSS
- 1 — spumante
- 5 Washboard —
- 8 Out in — field
- 12 Listener's murmur (2 wds.)
- 13 A crowd, for Caesar?
- 14 Soothing plant
- 15 Smell
- 16 Answer
- 18 Coral reefs
- 20 Upstream spawner
- 21 Fossey friend
- 22 Crusty dessert
- 23 Annuls
- 26 Distrustful (hyph.)
- 29 Tacks on
- 30 — shui
- 31 One, in Frankfurt
- 33 Bridal notice word

- 34 Mendicant's shout
- 35 Ponytail site
- 36 Pricey furs
- 38 Car parker
- 39 Depot info
- 40 In shape
- 41 Stoic founder
- 43 Table linen, often
- 46 Charms
- 48 Burglar's "key"
- 50 Gave a buzz
- 51 Rudder's place
- 52 Castaway's refuge
- 53 Astronaut — Shepard
- 54 Geol. formations
- 55 Many centuries

DOWN

- 1 Back when
- 2 Soft drink
- 3 Hit the horn

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Celebrity Cipher

Today's clue: B equals K

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JDGNH SKMWVV

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE ON PAGE LIFE 4: "I gave it all that I had, and it's gratifying that others seem to be receiving it so well." — Debbie Reynolds

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

February 8, 2017

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Wednesday evening. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, The Goldbergs, and various news and entertainment shows.

THURSDAY EVENING

Movies Sports Kids Bets

February 9, 2017

Table with columns for channel, time, and program details for Thursday evening. Includes programs like Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy!, Grey's Anatomy, and various news and entertainment shows.

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eligible voters, but must be requested on or before 4:30pm February 15, 2017. Please contact the District office at 360-748-0083 x102 or the District office at 1554 Bishop Rd. Chehalis for absentee ballots or if you have any questions.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR LEWIS COUNTY

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2007-OPT3, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-OPT3,

Plaintiff,
v.

JUDITH S. WELLER; MADELINE CAROL DRAPER; MICHAEL A. WEBER; AND PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE

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COMPLAINT HEREIN,

Defendants.

Cause No. 15-2-01124-21

**SHERIFF'S SALE SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
Judgment Rendered: 10-18-16
Writ Issued: 12-09-16
Writ Received: 01-17-17
Extension of Writ issued: 01-26-17
Extension of Writ Recv'd:02-01-17
Levy Date: 01-31-17**

TO: Madeline Carol Draper, and Judith S. Weller. (Judgment Debtors)

A writ for Order of Sale has been issued in the above-captioned case, directed to the Sheriff of Lewis County, commanding the Sheriff as follows:

WHEREAS, in the above-entitled court on October 18, 2016, Plaintiff, secured a judgment against defendants Madeline Carol Draper, and Judith S. Weller, in the total judgment amount of \$171,489.77, together with interest at a rate of 8.55000% per annum, \$30.44 per diem from the date of judgment and continuing there-

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after until the date of sale.

WHEREAS, 126 days elapsed from June 14, 2016 through the entry of judgment on October 18, 2016. Per diem interest in the amount of \$30.44, multiplied by 126 days results in additional interest in the amount of \$3,835.44, which when added to the sum of \$171,489.77 results in a total judgment amount of \$175,325.21.

WHEREAS, the judgment is a foreclosure against parties of a Deed of Trust Mortgage on real estate in Lewis County, Washington, described as follows:

THE SOUTH 75 FEET OF THE NORTH 165 FEET OF LOT 1 AND ALL OF LOT 2, BLOCK 4, MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 5 OF PLATS, PAGE 28

Tax Parcel No.: 011216036000

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the Court ordered that all of the above-described property be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of principal, interest, attorney fees, costs and disbursements

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and other recovery amounts with interest to date of the sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the name of the STATE OF WASHINGTON you are hereby commanded to proceed to seize and sell forthwith and without appraisal, the property above-described, in the manner provided by law, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the judgment amount plus interest to the date of sale. The redemption period is 8 months. The Sheriff's notice of sale shall be published in The Chronicle.

WITNESS: The Honorable James W. Lawler, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof on this 9th day of December, 2016.

The sale date has been set for Friday, March 24, 2017. YOU MAY HAVE A RIGHT TO EXEMPT PROPERTY from the sale under statutes of this state, including sections 6.13.010, 6.13.030, 6.13.040, 6.15.010, and 6.15.060 of the Revised Code of Washington, in the manner described in

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those statutes.

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