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Police ID murder victim, arrest two suspects

BY TYLER RICHARDSON
The World

COOS BAY — Police identified the victim of a Sunday morning homicide in Coos Bay and arrested two men on murder charges.

Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier said Jesse Nathan Hayes, 34, died from blunt force trauma to his head, which caused several subdural hematomas on the brain. Frasier said Hayes, who was a transient, also was strangled with a ligature.

Police have arrested Michael Lee Gertson, 31, and Jesse Jack Longhenry, 46. Both men are being held at the Coos County jail on murder charges. Frasier said police have identified another "person of interest" in Hayes' death, but an



Micheal Lee Gertson



Jesse Jack Longhenry

Suspects

arrest has not been made.

Frasier said both Gertson and Longhenry are transients who were acquaintances of Hayes. The person of interest also is believed to be a transient, Frasier said.

Frasier said Gertson was arrested at 1:25 p.m. and Longhenry was arrested at 6:31, less than 16 hours

after Hayes was found dead behind a warehouse on North Seventh Street in Coos Bay.

An autopsy of Hayes' body revealed blunt force injuries to his head, chest, back, arms and legs. Frasier said Hayes had broken ribs on both sides of his chest, though he suffered no internal injuries.

Frasier would not disclose if a weapon was involved in the killing or any other facts of the case.

There were multiple blunt force trauma injuries to Hayes' head, though no skull fractures were found, Frasier said.

Police discovered Hayes' body around 3 a.m. and they continued investigating the scene near Hemlock Avenue into Sunday night.

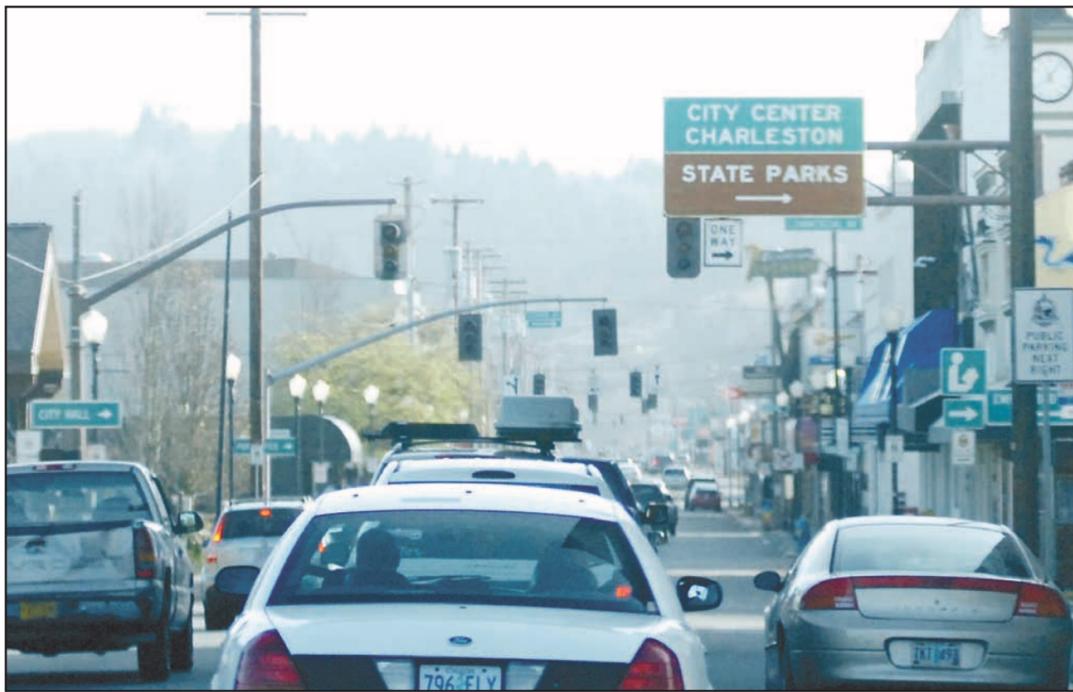
Both suspects will be arraigned in Coos County Circuit Court today.



By Thomas Moriarty, The World

A lone police officer keeps watch at the scene of a homicide on Hemlock Avenue in Coos Bay on Sunday afternoon. Coos County District Attorney Paul Frasier said police arrested two men in the death of 34-year-old Jesse Nathan Hayes.

Power outage



By Thomas Moriarty, The World

Traffic flows slowly beneath darkened stop lights on U.S. Highway 101 in Coos Bay on Sunday afternoon. A major outage left more than 5,800 customers without power for almost eight hours.

Bird leaves much of CB in the dark

THE WORLD

COOS BAY — Like a lone "Star Wars" rebel destroying a mighty Death Star, a tiny bird can infiltrate a power substation and wreak havoc.

Pacific Power spokesman Tom Gauntt said Sunday's outage in Coos Bay is believed to have been caused by one or more birds that got into the Lockhart Avenue substation.

The outage left much of downtown Coos Bay and Eastside without power for almost eight hours and resulted in a boil-

water order for many affected neighborhoods.

The outage began at 11:05 a.m. and affected approximately 5,800 customers. The outage darkened buildings and traffic lights throughout the area, including along U.S. Highway 101. Traffic moved haltingly, as commuters were forced to treat intersections as four-way stops.

The outage also left many neighborhoods with low water pressure, prompting the Coos Bay North-Bend Water Board to issue a boil order for the affected areas. Water board personnel planned

to collect samples through Monday morning to assess water quality.

Birds are among the most common causes of power outages, Gauntt said. "Of the things that cause outages, birds are kinda down the line from trees, wind, auto crashes," Gauntt said.

When a smaller bird such as a starling lands on unprotected equipment inside a power substation, it becomes a conductor of electricity. The short circuit knocks out power while scorching the bird.

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Lawmakers will consider repealing the death penalty

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon's complicated relationship with capital punishment takes center stage this week as a House committee takes up Gov. John Kitzhaber's plea for a public vote on repealing the death penalty.

On Tuesday, the House Judiciary Committee will hear public testimony on a measure that would ask voters in 2014 whether to insert 10 words in the state constitution: "A sentence of death shall not be imposed or executed."

The proposal doesn't seem likely to go very far, especially after voters in California rejected a similar measure last year.

House Speaker Tina Kotek said she wants to see more evidence the measure could pass in Oregon, although she stopped short of ruling out a 2014 vote.

"I think it was unfortunate that California was n't successful, and I think that impacted our ability to be successful in the near term," Kotek said.

Rep. Mitch Greenlick, the Portland Democrat sponsoring the measure, said he believes it would pass, and he'd like to see the measure go forward. Kitzhaber told reporters last month that he'd like to see a vote in 2014 even if polling showed the measure was unlikely to pass.

One Republican, Rep. Bob Jenson of Pendleton, has signed on. He said death penalty cases are expensive to try and to appeal, and forensic evidence has proven the innocence of some death row inmates around the country.

"Once you throw the switch, it's impossible to reverse those mistakes," said Jenson said.

In 2011, Kitzhaber issued a temporary reprieve for Gary Haugen, a death row inmate who waived his right to legal appeals and was scheduled to be executed. The governor called for a statewide vote

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Women may have to sign up for Selective Service ...

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tennnnnnn-hut, ladies! The next time Uncle Sam comes calling, he's probably going to want you, too.

The Obama administration's recent decision to lift the ban on women in combat has opened the door for a change in the law that currently compels only men between age 18 and 25 to register for a military draft, according to legal experts and

military historians.

Never before has the country drafted women into military service, and neither the administration nor Congress is in a hurry to make them register for a future call-up. But, legally, they may have no other choice.

It is constitutional to register only men

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... if DeFazio doesn't end draft registration in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two lawmakers are waging a little-noticed campaign to abolish the Selective Service System, the independent federal agency that manages draft registration.

They say the millions of dollars the agency spends each year preparing for the possibility of a military draft is a waste of money.

Reps. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., and Rep. Mike Coffman, R-Colo., say the Pentagon

has no interest in returning to conscription due to the success of the all-volunteer force.

The Selective Service has a budget of \$24 million and a full-time staff of 130. It maintains a database of about 17 million potential male draftees. In the event of a draft, the agency would mobilize as many as 11,000 volunteers to serve on local draft boards that

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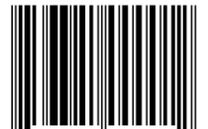
Still in hot water

BP is back in court today in New Orleans for a trial that will decide how much more the oil giant should pay for the disaster.
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Thefts & Mischief

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 Feb. 20, 7:47 p.m., one cow dead and one injured after being hit by a truck, Salmon Creek Road.
 Feb. 20, 12:33 p.m., car theft from last week, 90900 block of Joe Ney Lane.
 Feb. 20, 1:01 p.m., theft of diesel and gas from vehicles, 54700 block of Lee Valley Road.
 Feb. 20, 1:28 p.m., suspect arrested and stolen vehicle recovered, 67500 block of East Bay Road.

NORTH BEND
 Feb. 20, 11:01 a.m., suspicious letter left at customer service desk, 1700 block of Virginia Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 11:08 a.m., suspicious item in mailbox, 3000 block of Broadway Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 12:37 a.m., reported theft of cellphone, 1800 block of Waite Street.
 Feb. 20, 1:13 p.m., theft of bell

from steeple that had been removed from church, 2200 block of Meade Street.
 Feb. 20, 1:17 p.m., items stolen from home during burglary, 2300 block of Oregon Street.

COOS BAY
 Feb. 20, 8:17 a.m., unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 200 block of South Wall Street.
 Feb. 20, 11:38 a.m., harassment, 1400 block of Newmark Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 3:24 p.m., menacing, 1000 block of West Ingersoll Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., theft, 600 block of Hemlock Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 4:20 p.m., unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 400 block of Montgomery Avenue.
 Feb. 20, 5:10 p.m., unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, 300 block of South Marple Street.
 Feb. 20, 6:01 p.m., theft, 1200 block of North Seventh Street.

Meetings

TODAY
North Bend City Council – 4:30 p.m., council chambers, city hall, 835 California Street, North Bend; regular meeting.
SWOCC Board of Education – 5:30 p.m., Tioga Hall, room 505, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay; executive session, 5:30 p.m., followed by regular meeting.
Coos Bay School District Board – 6 p.m., Community Room at Milner Crest Education Center, 1255 Hemlock Ave.; special meeting.
North Bend Planning Commission – 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall, 835 California St.; regular meeting.
Reedsport Planning Commission – 7 p.m., council chambers, city hall, 451 Winchester Ave.; regular meeting.

TUESDAY
Lakeside City Council – 9 a.m., city hall, 915 North Lake Road; special meeting followed by executive session.

Frost advisory in effect for coast towns

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NORTH BEND – Chilly weather will be returning to the Bay Area overnight.
 The National Weather Service has issued a frost advisory and freeze warning for southern Oregon coastal areas through Tuesday morning.
 Temperatures as low as 30 degrees will move into the area from 1-8 a.m. Tuesday, affecting the cities of Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille, Bandon, Port Orford and Harbor.
 The National Weather Service said that the coldest temperatures will reach just inland and in the Coquille Valley, where the freeze warning is in effect.
 Sensitive plants, outdoor animals and pipes may all be affected by the chilly conditions. Residents are advised to take proper precautions overnight.

Board to flush North Bend water lines
 During the week beginning Feb. 25, Coos Bay-North Bend Water Board will continue routine maintenance flushing of waterlines within its distribution system in Coos Bay and North Bend. Flushing of waterlines will be from Crocker Street west to Empire Boulevard and Newmark Avenue north to Virginia Avenue. Flushing will begin in the morning each day about 8 a.m. and end at approximately 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. In some locations, it may be necessary to begin flushing earlier in the morning and end earlier in the afternoon.
 Customers within the affected area may experience periods of reduced pressure and may notice a discoloration of the water during these flushing periods. Customers should avoid doing laundry if their water appears discolored. If the discoloration does not clear up promptly, please notify the Water Board at 541-267-3128.

gathered for a celebration at the Legion Hall in Port Orford on Feb. 10 to share good food, enjoy music by Mike Disbrow and John Goodwin, and hear the latest news about the Port Orford CommUnity Co-op.
 President Rick Hazard announced that he and his sister, Linda Smith, would buy the Agate Gallery building and lease it to the Co-op with an option to buy. Hazard will leave the board to avoid a conflict of interest. He also announced that the Co-op received the 2012 Organization of the Year Award from the North Curry County Chamber of Commerce.
 The first annual Meeting of Members is tentatively scheduled for March 14th in the former Agate Gallery. All who are members by the end of the day on the March 13 will be eligible to vote in the election for a new board of directors, to be candidates for the board, and to participate in decisions about Co-op operation. Applications for the board are available on the website and in the Port Orford Library.
 Contact Nancy Dowdy at 541-332-0131 for more information.

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AARP Volunteer Tax Aide 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., College Park Community Church, 2548 Newmark Ave., North Bend. Bring photo ID, SS card, 2011 and 2012 tax info.

Travel Night — “The Last Time I Saw Paris,” by Claudine Hundhausen 7 p.m., Bandon Public Library, 1204 11th St. SW, Bandon. Refreshments provided. 541-347-3221

TUESDAY

AARP Volunteer Tax Aide 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., College Park Community Church, 2548 Newmark Ave., North Bend. Bring photo ID, SS card, 2011 and 2012 tax info.

AARP Volunteer Tax Aide 9:30-11:30 a.m., Bandon Senior Center, 1200 11th St. SW, Bandon. Bring photo ID, SS card, 2011 and 2012 tax info.

AARP Tax Preparation Program noon-3 p.m., Holy Name Catholic Church basement, 12 N. Dean, Coquille. Those seeking assistance should bring: last year's return; social security card; photo ID; earnings statements and all other required forms and statements. Please have totals ready. Completed forms will be filed electronically for state and federal returns. For information, call 541-888-7332.

“How Raccoon Earned His Stripes” Performed by Brent Florendo 4 p.m., Hales Center for the Performing Arts, 1988 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. Traditional storytelling. 541-888-731

Friends of South Slough Annual Members meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m., North Bend Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. Silent auction fundraiser. RSVP 541-888-5558 or deborah.rudd@state.or.us.

Jam session, 7 p.m., Pyramid Club, 375 Central Ave., Coos Bay. 541-267-6507

WEDNESDAY

CVH Auxiliary Scrub Sale 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Coquille Valley Hospital rehabilitation room, 940 E. Fifth St., Coquille.

Wednesday Business Connection 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., The Mill Casino-Hotel Salmon Room East, 2201 Tremont, North Bend. RSVP at 541-266-0868. No host luncheon. Guest speaker Roy Lowe on Bandon Marsh project.

Bingo 6:30 p.m., Bay Area Senior Activity Center, 886 S. Fourth St., Coos Bay. Cost: Early bird, 25 cents; regular, \$5 pack and \$1 specials. 541-269-2626

THURSDAY

AARP Volunteer Tax Aide noon-3 p.m., Lakeside Lions Club, 890 Bowron Road, Lakeside. Bring photo ID, SS card, 2011 and 2012 tax info.

OSAA State Basketball Tournament, starts at 1:30 p.m., Marshfield High School, 10th & Ingersoll, Coos Bay and North Bend High School, 2323 Pacific, North Bend. Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for students. www.osaa.org/tickets.aspx/

Business After Hours 5-7 p.m., Electric Hospital, 988 S. Broadway, Coos Bay. 541-266-0868.

Coquille Valley Seed Library Meeting 6 p.m., Owens Building, 225 N. Adams St., Coquille. For information visit www.CoquilleValleySeedLibrary.org or call 541-396-4764.

Sam Greer Peace Corps in Ethiopia Presentation 7 p.m., North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Ave., North Bend.

Bay Area Concert Band Spring Concert 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2238 Pony Creek Road, North Bend. Conducting, Mark Allen and guest conductor.

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FRIDAY

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Church Women United World Day of Prayer 1 p.m., Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 2250 16th St., North Bend.

First Friday...Art for Everyone 5-7 p.m., Reedsport Natural Foods, 1891 Winchester Ave., Reedsport. Photography by Duane A. Beach will be featured. Also featured, Mariam Harvey, violinist. 541-271-2101

Downtown Coos Bay Wine Walk 5-7:30 p.m. Start at Time Bomb, 175 S. Third or Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, 50 Central Ave. Map & glass \$10. Proceeds benefit South Coast Clambake Jazz Festival and Crossroads Community Cafe. 541-269-1222 ext. 248

Dr. Seuss Night 6-7 p.m., Coos Bay Public Library, 525 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay. National celebration of Dr. Seuss books for preschool through grade 8. 541-269-1101

NBHS Drama Dogs “Dearly Departed” 7 p.m., North Bend High School multipurpose room, 2323 Pacific, North Bend. Southern comedy of family, friendship, fun and funeral, written by David Botrel and Jessie Jones. 541-756-0161

“Love Letters” 8 p.m., Dolphin Playhouse, 580 Newmark Ave., Coos Bay. General admission is \$10, students, \$8. 541-808-2611

SATURDAY

Birds on the Estuary 8-10 a.m., South Slough Interpretive Center, 61907 Seven Devils Road, Charleston. Binoculars and spotting scopes provided. Meet at the Charleston Visitor's Center. Cost is \$1 per birder. 541-888-5558

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10th Annual Community Baby Shower 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pony Village Mall, 1611 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Bay Area Soroptimists hosts the baby shower to benefit local Community Outreach. Needed items include: diapers, wipes, warm clothing, pajamas, shampoo, etc.

Film: Great Migrations “Need to Breed” 1-2 p.m., South Slough Interpretive Center, 61907 Seven Devils Road, Charleston. Popcorn provided. 541-888-5558

“What Grows Here” Author Open House 1:30-3 p.m., Books By the Bay, 1875 Sherman Ave., North Bend. Carol L. Young shares some of her ecological approach. 541-756-1215

Free Roller Skating 3-5 p.m., Snoddy Memorial Gymnasium, Bay Area Church of the Nazarene, 1850 Clark St., North Bend. Skates provided for all ages.



Chance to return home

Scott Mecum guides the fishing boat Providence 2 onto its dolly Thursday at the dock at Port Orford. He and the boat just returned from a day of crabbing. Because of no port dredging in a while for Port Orford, boats can only launch and return to the dory dock on high tide.

By Lou Sennick, The World

Coast Guard reopens Coos Bay, local bars

COOS BAY — The U.S. Coast Guard reopened Coos Bay and other Oregon ports early Sunday morning following a closure due to inclement weather.

The Coast Guard closed Coos, Tillamook and Depoe bays Saturday because of hazardous water conditions. The Umpqua and Siuslaw river bars also were closed.

Coast Guard Public Affairs Officer Nathan Littlejohn said that weather conditions had subsided as of Sunday and the bays and bars are now open for boat traffic.

Tax help available for low income residents

Taxpayers of all ages with low to moderate incomes can have their tax questions answered and their tax returns prepared and e-filed. Trained volunteers

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work for the Tax-Aide Program which is sponsored by the IRS and AARP.

Four tax sites are available in Coos County: Bandon, Coquille, Lakeside and North Bend. Taxpayers need to bring photo ID, Social Security card, 2011 tax return and 2012 tax information.

The following sites offer this service:

- 9:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday and Saturday, Bandon Senior Center, 1200 11th St. SW.
- Noon-3 p.m., Tuesday, Holy Name Catholic Church, 12 N. Dean St., Coquille
- Noon-3 p.m., Thursday, Lakeside Lions Club, 890 Bowron Road.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, College Park Community Church, 2548 Newmark Ave., North Bend.

Correction

Want to volunteer?

Prospective volunteers for Reedsport's Foster Grandparent program can call Roberta Greeson of United Community Action Network at 541-492-3520. An article Wednesday omitted contact information.

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Theater project gains ground

Our view

Organizers of the Egyptian Theatre restoration are making some encouraging progress.

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Momentum clearly is building for the Egyptian Theatre restoration project. This worthy effort, together with other local projects, has big potential to enhance the Bay Area's appeal for residents and visitors alike.

Organizers last week announced they had received a \$50,000 grant from the Collins Foundation, a Portland charity dedicated to improving Oregonians' quality of life. Grants of that kind are essential to the Egyptian's success, because funding the \$750,000 basic renovation

with local money would be challenging.

Even that hefty amount will only cover the basic structural work to reopen the doors. Full restoration will cost millions. But reopening the doors next year will build momentum and give Egyptian supporters a vital fundraising tool — a functioning theater.

Foundations such as the Collins don't throw money at every project that applies. They demand evidence of local commitment. The Bay Area is making persuasive progress in that regard, with \$120,000 in

local donations toward a \$225,000 local target.

Organizers are making some smart moves on the local front. They've lined up some challenge gifts, in which donors promise specific amounts if other contributors reach specified targets. And they're enlisting help from local businesses.

A March 7 fundraiser at Benetti's Italian Restaurant is particularly notable: At \$500 a plate, it will attract well-heeled benefactors. The meal itself is a substantial donation from Joe and Tricia Benetti, reflecting

not only their civic spirit, but also their obvious stake in the landmark theater facing their pasta parlor. The Egyptian needs committed support from all its downtown neighbors.

The Egyptian is one of a cluster of projects aiming to enhance local culture and tourism. The Charleston Marine Life Center and the Coos Historical and Maritime Center are moving forward as well. These new gems will join Shore Acres State Park and other natural amenities in an enticing string of recreational pearls.

Not your average mistake

Most of us do bad things. We betray friends, make hurtful remarks, lie. Often an apology will suffice in restoring trust and respect. But some very successful people engage in patterns of nutty or nasty behavior that say more about them than the misdeeds themselves.

Consider the case of disgraced former South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford. Wanting to resume his political career, Sanford is taking the well-worn path of confessing his sins and asking the public to forgive him. But Sanford goes a step beyond the usual by portraying his uncommon failures as ordinary frailty.



FROMA HARROP
Columnist

"I've experienced how none of us go through life without mistakes," Sanford says in a new congressional campaign television ad. "But in their wake we can learn a lot about grace, a God of second chances, and be better for it."

We? What do you mean "we"? How is Sanford's spectacular fall from grace about us, as opposed to about him?

To recap: Sanford left office in 2009 after being caught in an affair in which adultery was the least of his missteps. He had been flying off to Buenos Aires, reportedly on the taxpayer dollar, to visit with an Argentine TV reporter. The escapade required a lot more away time than the average tryst at a Motel 6. So Sanford concocted an imaginative story about his hiking for several days alone on the Appalachian Trail without means of contact. The web of lies blew up, as it had to.

This kind of cock-and-bull story insulted the intelligence of the electorate and put into question his own. How would he explain why no one spotted him, a state governor, on the well-traveled Appalachian Trail? (Guess he could have been wearing funny glasses with a big nose.)

What a bad liar. Who does he think he is, Lance Armstrong?

Four years have passed. Rep. Tim Scott, a South Carolina Republican, has been named to replace Jim DeMint, who has left his Senate seat for the Heritage Foundation.

Sanford wants Scott's open seat but must first counter questions about his character. So he's out telling us that we will all be better human beings if we recognize that God wants Mark Sanford to have a second chance in politics.

In a similarly narcissistic vein, he told a skeptical Savannah Guthrie on NBC's "Today" show that "our brokenness as human beings is ultimately our connectiveness, and that goes to a larger article of faith."

There remains a rather large chink in Sanford's pious coat of armor: The wife took off, but the Argentine mistress remains in the picture.

To get around that delicate topic, Sanford explains to National Review Online that Maria is his "soul mate." Furthermore, they plan to marry late this summer (just in time for the congressional race).

And he frames his bizarre marital history as follows: "Tragically, a lot of people get divorced in the United States of America, and I suspect many of them have missteps along that path."

Don't be modest, Mark Sanford. Your divorce was special.

But for what it's worth, I forgive you. Trouble is, lots of forgiven people have no business getting anywhere near the levers of power. You would be one.

South Carolina voters may think otherwise. They must choose their own courts of judgment — moral, psychological, political. One thing they can agree on: When it comes to sinning, Sanford's not like most of us.



Public Forum

Prisons don't serve taxpayers

Hello, my name is Holden Smith. I lived in North Bend and will return to Coos County upon release. I am an Oregon Department of Corrections inmate serving 12 years for robberies.

I am a first-time felon who made a terrible lapse of judgment. Now, due to my actions, I have to pay society back. I deserve my punishment and know what I did was wrong.

However, the people of Oregon should know that Measure 11 does not benefit the community. Inmates need to be given an incentive to do good. With no incentive or options, they will just sit here until their release date. Many of them come out worse.

While incarcerated, I have pursued by college education on my own dollar. I have not been offered any course for rehabilitation. When asked, they told me those courses were for non-Measure 11 offenders.

The state calls this the Department of Corrections. Sadly, the name itself is a lie to the taxpaying citizens. No actions are being taken to correct our behavior. The money is being spent on housing and food — and nothing more.

Society needs to become

involved. They need to open their eyes and realize being tough on crime is not being smart. I see first-hand the true damage being done at the expense of human lives that seem to be expendable, according to district attorneys, unless their family is involved.

Most of the offenders sentenced under Measure 11 will be relocated in the near future. Help the community by helping us. Energy needs to be focused not on the amount of time being served but rather on education, rehabilitation, job skills and drug treatment. Or better yet, use the money on our children's education and extracurricular activities.

I love our beautiful state of Oregon, which is why I am taking this step. We all need to get involved in the decision making of our state. There is a terrible injustice in the Oregon budget here at ODOC. All I ask is that you all get involved and carefully read all proposals in the state legislative session.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Holden Smith
Ontario, Ore.

Will a swamp now encircle hospital?

Looking a gift horse in the mouth: The Keisers of Bandon

Dunes and Bandon Biota have donated \$500,000 to the Bay Area Hospital. Will they now feel entitled to turn the area around Bay Area Hospital into a swamp and call it a wetland?

Or possibly trade it off as they did with Winter Lakes grazing land to ODFW for a wetland restoration in the Coquille Valley?

Or perhaps the bottom line is another golf course?

This is my opinion.

Barbara Burris
Coquille

GOP leaders are nation's enemies

The enemies of the United States are making considerable headway in the destruction of our democracy, our people's government and our nation. The most dangerous enemy we have is not from abroad or from other countries, as we are led to believe, but from current enemies who have their feet firmly planted in Washington, D.C., within our own government.

One needs only to follow the news from CNN, MSNBC or other news stations other than Fox News. I believe it is the leader of the far right-wing conservatives and or certain tea party individuals and most of the GOP in the Senate and the House. It is

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a minority holding the rest of us hostage to their goals of total destruction of our government. It is our enemies who boldly state their goals every day.

May I suggest taking part in the government any way you can. Go online and express your concerns and offer suggestions to the president and your local representatives. It is my hope someone will see the need for urgency in participating in opposition of our enemies within our government, namely the GOP. We are about to lose all that we hold dear within our own democracy. Remember our history lessons about Rome.

The texting (or the pen) is still mightier than the sword. I hope many watched "Hubris" What more proof do you need?

Ron Gallagher
Reedsport

Democrats savor GOP infighting

Back in 1985, after being trounced in the general election, Washington strategist Al From and a group of Democratic elected officials founded the Democratic Leadership Council. Its stated purpose was to move the Democratic Party to the middle — particularly to deal with the influence of the ideologues and caucuses who dominated the presidential nomination process. Co-founders included then Gov. Bill Clinton, Sen. Sam Nunn and Rep. Dick Gephardt.



SUSAN ESTRICH
Columnist

The DLC could be seen as something of a model for the controversial group that former White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove has put together with the support of big-money Republicans. The stated goal of the Conservative Victory Project is to regain control of the Senate and build a winning Republican Party, notably by pumping money into primary races to assure that the most electable candidate is the one who is nominated. Critics complain that it was created to counter the tea party, and they are unhappy.

With reason. Unlike the DLC effort, which was led by elected officials themselves, the Victory Project is seen as solely a Washington money group. Unlike the DLC, which from the beginning had a

policy arm, the Victory Project is seen as solely poll-driven. And the DLC, as far as I can remember, never pumped money into contested primaries. That wasn't the point.

Conservative talk radio, cable hosts, activists and party leaders are in full attack mode. Chris Chocola, president of the more conservative Club for Growth, which has taken an active role in Republican primaries, has pointed reporters to the losses in Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota and Wisconsin to make the point that candidates selected by D.C. insiders often don't appeal to conservative activists, those "pesky voters" who get to decide on the nomination. David Bossie, president of the conservative Citizens United, went so far as to declare, "The civil war

has begun."

No one doubts that money matters in primaries. But as long as the primary electorate is dominated by those most committed to voting, who tend to be the ideologues and activists, Rove and his supporters may face an uphill battle. That is why moderate Republicans in California, in an effort to shift the balance, pushed so hard against the establishment of both parties to "open" primaries to all voters.

Rove has his work cut out for him. But if anyone has proved himself capable of playing this game, it's him. Meanwhile, my friends on the Democratic side, more united than in the bad old days, can't help but witness the infighting with a sigh of relief. Been there, done that.

State

Loving grandfather is hurt by sudden silent treatment

DEAR ABBY: My two adult granddaughters have rejected me, their doting grandfather. Their father gave me this explanation: "They are uncomfortable with the way you rub their shoulders and necks."

These girls and both parents have misinterpreted my innocent expressions of affection, which haven't changed since the girls were little. The only change is in their perception of my actions.

I am devastated. I asked twice to meet with these family members to discuss their concerns. It has been three months; no meeting has been offered.

DEAR ABBY



JEANNE PHILLIPS

There has been no contact, and neither girl has called me for any reason this year.

I can't just stop loving those with whom I have forged a 20-year bond of affection. How can this rupture be repaired? — **GRIEVING GRANDDAD**

DEAR GRIEVING GRANDDAD: Clearly, there is a need for some professional mediation here, provided your granddaughters and their parents are willing. If your touches have been regarded as inappropriate, you should have been warned about it years ago. Obviously something has made your granddaughters uncomfortable, and the rupture won't heal until it can be discussed openly.

DEAR ABBY: Lately I have noticed that people are bringing their dogs shopping with them. I'm not talking about service dogs, but pets.

The other day, a woman brought her dog into the grocery store. While I'll admit the little thing looked cute sitting in the shopping cart, someone else's food will be in that cart next, and who knows where that dog's feet have been?

Why does management allow this? I'm willing to bet money that if I were to bring my pit bull, "Bruiser," inside the grocery store with me, I'd be stopped immediately. Talk about a double standard. I welcome your comments. — **ASKANCE IN POWAY, CALIF.**

DEAR ASKANCE: You should speak to the store manager and ask why it was permitted, because I was under the impression that health laws do not permit canines inside establishments that sell food — unless they are service dogs. "Bruiser" might be unwelcome not because of his size, but because there is concern about the breed's reputation.

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to your answer to "Lost, Alone and Worried in Urbana, Ill." (Dec. 26), the young girl who is being made to teach her younger, learning-disabled brother how to read. You were right in advising her to talk to her school counselor. However, you should have emphasized strongly to her that it is a MUST.

The school counselor is part of a guidance team that evaluates students with learning differences and strategizes ways to support the student and family. The parents are part of the team and attend meetings requested by the teacher, counselor or the parents themselves. All conversations are confidential.

This may help the sister understand that she will not be blamed for anything.

She is in a difficult position, and you were right to suppose that the parents may be frustrated and looking for help.

It may be exactly what this family needs to get back on track. — **LOUISE B., ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

DEAR LOUISE B.: I appreciate your input, and I hope the girl who wrote sees your letter.



The Associated Press

Grant Heslov, from left, Ben Affleck, and George Clooney pose with their award for best picture for "Argo" during the Oscars at the Dolby Theatre on Sunday, Feb. 24 in Los Angeles.

'Argo' wins best picture on scattered Oscar night

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Just as Oscar host Seth MacFarlane set his sights on a variety of targets with a mixture of hits and misses, the motion picture academy spread the gold around to a varied slate of films. "Argo" won best picture as expected, along with two other prizes. But "Life of Pi" won the most awards with four, including a surprise win for director Ang Lee.

"Les Miserables" also won three Academy Awards, while "Django Unchained" and "Skyfall" each took two.

Among the winners were the front-runners throughout this lengthy awards season: best actor Daniel Day-Lewis for his deeply immersed portrayal of Abraham Lincoln in Steven Spielberg's epic "Lincoln," best actress Jennifer Lawrence as a troubled young widow in "Silver Linings Playbook" and supporting actress Anne Hathaway as the doomed prostitute Fantine in the musical "Les Miserables." Christoph Waltz was a bit of a surprise for supporting actor as a charismatic bounty hunter in Quentin Tarantino's "Django Unchained," an award he'd won just three years ago for Tarantino's "Inglorious Basterds."

The 22-year-old Lawrence, who got to show her lighter side in the oddball romance "Silver Linings Playbook" following serious roles in "Winter's Bone" and "The Hunger Games," gamely laughed at herself as she tripped on the stairs en route to the stage in her poufy, pale pink Dior Haute Couture gown. Backstage in the press room, when a reporter asked what she was thinking, she responded: "A bad word that I can't say that starts with 'F.'" Keeping journalists in

hysterics, she explained, "I'm sorry. I did a shot before I... sorry."

That's the kind of raunchiness MacFarlane himself seemed to be aiming for as host while also balancing the more traditional demands of the job. There was a ton of singing and dancing during the three-and-a-half-hour broadcast — no surprise from the musically minded creator of the animated series "Family Guy" — including a poignant performance from Barbra Streisand of "The Way We Were," written by the late Marvin Hamlisch, during the memorial montage. But MacFarlane also tried to keep the humor edgy with shots at Mel Gibson, George Clooney, Chris Brown and Rihanna.

An extended bit in which William Shatner came back from the future as his "Star Trek" character, Capt. James T. Kirk, had its moments while a joke about the drama "Flight" being restaged entirely with sock puppets was a scream. A John Wilkes Booth gag in reference to "Lincoln" was a bit of a groaner, perhaps intentionally, while MacFarlane relied on his alter ego, the cuddly teddy bear from his directorial debut "Ted," to make a crack about a post-Oscar orgy at Jack Nicholson's house. (MacFarlane already has indicated he's one-and-done with Academy Awards hosting.)

But it was Day-Lewis who came up with the kind of pop-culture riffing that's MacFarlane's specialty. In accepting his record third best-actor award from presenter Meryl Streep, he deadpanned that before they'd swapped roles, he originally was set to play Margaret Thatcher "and Meryl was Steven's first choice for 'Lincoln,' and I'd like to see that version!"

Besides best picture,

"Argo" won for Chris Terrio's adapted screenplay and for William Goldenberg's film editing. Affleck famously (and strangely) wasn't included in the best-director category for his thrilling and surprisingly funny depiction of a daring rescue during the 1979 Iranian hostage crisis. But as a producer on the film alongside George Clooney and Grant Heslov, he got to take home the top prize of the night.

Lee, who previously won best director in 2006 for "Brokeback Mountain" (which also didn't win best picture), was typically low-key and self-deprecating in victory. His "Life of Pi" is a fable set in glorious 3-D, but Spielberg looked like the favorite for "Lincoln." The film also won for its cinematography, original score and visual effects.

"Les Miserables" also won for sound mixing and makeup and hairstyling. The other Oscar for "Django Unchained" came for Tarantino's original screenplay.

Speaking of global hits, the James Bond action thriller "Skyfall" won for its original song by the unstoppable Adele (with Paul Epworth). It also tied for sound editing with "Zero Dark Thirty," the only win of the night for Kathryn Bigelow's detailed saga about the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Among the other winners, "Searching for Sugar Man," about a forgotten musician's rediscovery, took the prize for best documentary feature. Pixar's fairy tale "Brave" won best animated feature.

One of the biggest moments of the night came at the end, as First Lady Michelle Obama announced the winner of the best picture prize.

How budget cuts could affect Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — The White House compiled the numbers from federal agencies and its own budget office.

The numbers reflect the impact of the cuts this year. Unless Congress acts by Friday, \$85 billion in cuts are set to take effect from March-September.

As to whether states could move money around to cover shortfalls, the White House said that depends on state budget structures and the specific programs. The White House did not have a list of which states or programs might have flexibility.

Some examples of programs that could be cut in Oregon:

Education:

- \$10.2 million for primary and secondary education, putting around 140 teacher and aide jobs at risk. About 40 fewer schools would receive funding.

- \$6.4 million for education of children with disabilities, jeopardizing the jobs of 80 teachers, aides and staff.

- About 240 fewer low-income students would receive aid to help them finance the costs of college.

- About 600 children would lose access to Head Start and Early Head Start.

Environment:

- \$1.9 million to ensure clean water and air quality, and to prevent pollution from pesticides and hazardous waste.

- \$1.1 million in grants for fish and wildlife protection.

Military:

- Furloughs for 3,000

civilian Department of Defense workers would reduce gross pay by \$16.5 million.

- Base operation funding for the Army would be cut by about \$1.6 million.

Police:

- \$155,000 in grants that support law enforcement, courts, corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, and crime victim initiatives.

Employment:

- \$470,000 for job search assistance, referral and placement.

Child care:

- Up to 300 disadvantaged and vulnerable children could lose access to child care.

Vaccines:

- 1,670 fewer children would receive vaccines.

Public health:

- \$890,000 in grants to help prevent and treat substance abuse, resulting in about 3,800 fewer admissions to substance abuse programs.

- \$366,000 in funds to help Oregon upgrade its ability to respond to public health threats including infectious diseases, natural disasters, and biological, chemical, nuclear and radiological events.

Domestic violence:

- \$81,000 in funds that provide services to victims of domestic violence.

Seniors:

- \$690,000 in funds that provide meals for seniors.

5,000 hits and counting for Oregon DNA lab

CLACKAMAS (AP) — Forensic scientist Heather Feaman has processed DNA evidence collected from crime scenes related to just about any crime you can mention, from arson and rape, to robberies and burglaries, to car theft and murder.

She once got a positive match, or "hit," from the cut-off lower legs of a pair of jeans that a burglary suspect left behind after breaking into a home. There were enough skin cells inside the pant legs to get a conviction. It was her favorite piece of evidence ever, she said.

"I imagine he got hot in his jeans, and decided 'jorts' were the way to go," Feaman said from the Oregon State Police's Forensic Services Division lab in Clackamas.

Feaman, who has a biology degree and a master's in forensics, started at the lab in 2006, the same year the Combined DNA Index System, or CODIS program in Oregon had its 1,000th hit, linking a convicted felon to a crime based on a DNA sample.

Earlier this week, the system recorded its 5,000th hit. The work is hard but rewarding, Feaman said, especially in cases where no suspect has been identified.

"When you press that initial search button and it pops up and tells you there is a hit in the Oregon database, it can be very exciting," she said. "You can have no idea who did it and then there's a match"

In September 1991, Oregon legislators approved a law that required convicted sex offenders and murderers to submit blood samples for a DNA database. In 1999, those convicted of first-degree burglary and first-degree assault had to submit samples. Three years later, the law was expanded, requiring all felons to submit samples. The sample is collected using a non-invasive oral swab, Feaman said. As a result, the database has grown to include DNA samples from more than 165,000 convicted felons in Oregon. Each week the samples are compared to more than 11 million samples in the National DNA Database. More than 700 of the 5,000 hits were spread across 42 states, including a recent hit that helped link suspected serial killer Bobby Jack Fowler to a 1974 murder in British Columbia.

Fowler, who died in an Oregon prison in 2006, was then linked to at least four other murders in Oregon.

Albany mom and daughter guilty in Coca-Cola scam

ALBANY (AP) — An Oregon mother and daughter who devised an elaborate scheme to scam Coca-Cola in a bottle cap promotion have been sentenced to probation and must pay back almost \$50,000 to the corporation.

Police arrested 55-year-old Carrie Jones and her 31-year-old daughter Sarah Jones in 2011, after corporate investigators tracked an unusually high number of winnings to a computer IP address in Albany.

Prosecutor Coleen Cerda said the odds were against the city of Albany — let alone one family — getting so many prizes. Contest rules also specified that a person could win only twice and a household only five times during the four-month promotion.

The Albany Democrat-Herald reports that Sarah Jones pleaded guilty to computer crime and identity theft. Carrie Jones pleaded guilty to computer crime.

Hunter acquitted of shooting death

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon hunter has been found not guilty of manslaughter in the shoot-

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ing death of a Marine reservist he says he mistook for a bear.

The Statesman Journal newspaper reports the Salem jury deliberated for about two hours Friday before acquitting Eugene Collier.

The 68-year-old Collier was the last witness to take the stand. He told jurors he was shooting to kill when he fired the .270-caliber bullet that caused Christopher Ochoa's death on Oct. 21, 2011. But he thought he was shooting an animal near Silver Falls State Park.

Lostine, fears losing post office

LOSTINE (AP) — Post office representatives will be

in the Eastern Oregon city of Lostine next week to meet with people concerned about losing service in a nationwide reorganization of the U.S. Postal Service.

The La Grande Observer reports that the postal service recently sent a letter explaining that the city of 213 people will have reduced or discontinued service. In the worst case scenario, residents would be forced to drive to Wallowa or Enterprise to get their mail.

Funeral

Thursday, Feb. 28
Ram N. Mishra, 69, of Coos Bay, died Feb. 22, 2013, in Coos Bay. Visitation viewing, 5-7:30 p.m., followed by a chapel Hindu funeral, 8:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, Coos Bay Chapel, 685 Anderson Ave.

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Life's money rules — rule 3: give some away

More than 25 years ago, Gordon Gekko, the main antagonist in the 1987 film "Wall Street," declared, "Greed is good!" From the excess and financial fallout of the '80s, it appeared that many people based their belief system on that line. Sadly,

greed is like a cancer that when left untreated can destroy individuals, families, businesses, governments and economies.

Breaking the stranglehold of greed starts with releasing the thing that has the power to consume you. That is why in my book, "7 Money Rules for Life: How to Take Control of Your Financial Future" (Revell, 2012), rule three is: Give Some Away.

Giving away some of your money quiets your desires and knocks the life out of greed. Trust me, I know. My ignorance about credit and debt, plus my skewed logic that I could have it all now and pay for it later, set me up to be greed's dream client.

Credit was my accomplice, and with it I landed in a pit of financial despair. I'm a lot wiser now, and I want you to learn from my mistakes. Become a giver, and dump your greed. How? Here are four simple steps:

- **Develop personal compassion.** Putting others' needs ahead of our wants takes our eyes off of our selfish desires.
- **Develop generosity.** A heart filled with gratitude expresses itself with generosity. Generosity kills greed and becomes the natural outflowing of your grateful heart.
- **Put others' needs ahead of your wants.** Take some of your wants and find someone who has a real need.
- **Repeat.** Give some of your money away, systematically and regularly, as part of your personal money management program.

Giving is the way to break the grip of greed so contentment can thrive. How much you should give is up to you, so don't look to me or others to tell you. Only you can make that determination.

Once you have established the amount, here are five ways you should give.

- **Systematically.** As you receive your income, take care of giving first before you do anything else.
- **Thoughtfully.** This is a deliberate decision that needs to be based on good plans — not impulsive or driven by emotion alone.
- **Enthusiastically.** If you are not excited or engaged in the need, you may have not found the right place to give.
- **Voluntarily.** Forced giving is useless. Don't let anyone twist your arm.
- **Cheerfully.** Generosity brings happiness as sure as miserliness brings misery.

I cannot say that my battles with greed are over. I know that I could easily go right back to where I was if it were not for a mindset of generous giving, a habit that changed the equation of my life. Giving has freed me from the stranglehold of materialism.

If you missed reading about rule one — Spend Less Than You Earn — or rule two — Save for the Future — visit my blog at EverydayCheapskate.com, and click on "Mary's Perspective." We'll be talking about each of the seven rules over the next couple of months.

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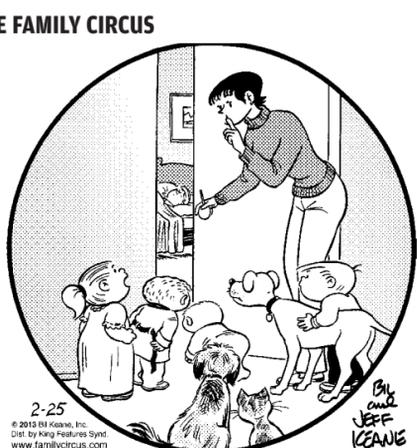
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 - 40 Caine or Law role
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 - 42 Milan money, once
 - 43 Hubbubs
 - 44 Way off
 - 45 Festive log
 - 46 Quick look
 - 48 Cry of discovery
 - 50 Explosive ltrs.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I thought DADDYS weren't allowed to get sick."

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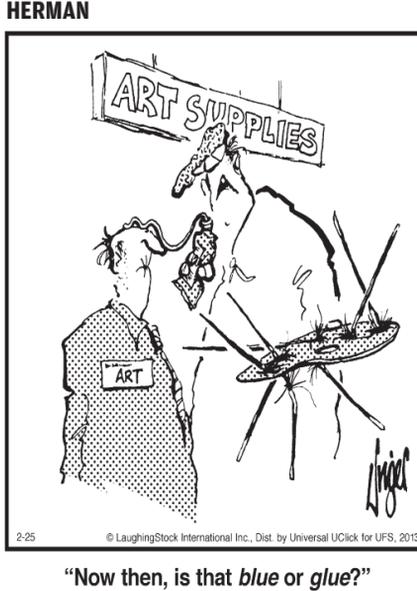
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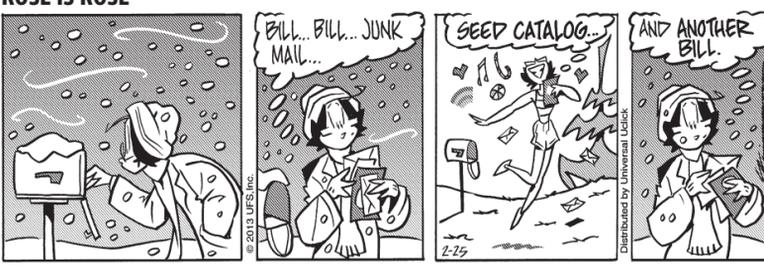
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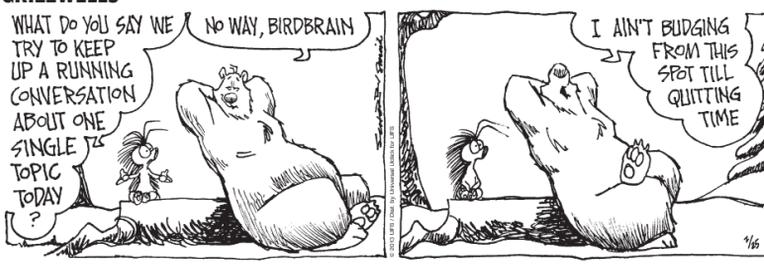
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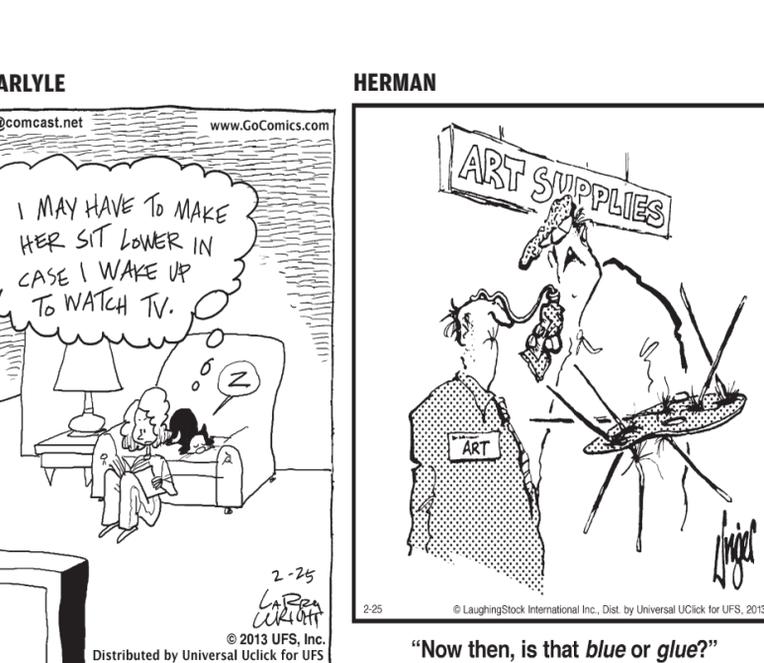
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Nation and World

WORLD DIGEST

4 missing from sinking sailboat near S.F.

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. (AP) — Several Coast Guard vessels and aircraft are searching the ocean south of San Francisco for four people who reported their sailboat was sinking, including two children under 8.

The group was approximately 65 miles off Pillar Point Harbor in Half Moon Bay around 4:20 p.m. Sunday when they made a distress call, said Lt. Heather Lampert.

The boaters said their 29-foot sailboat was taking on water and their electronics were failing. The bay is about 25 miles south of San Francisco.

An hour later, the group reported that it was forced to abandon the boat. They didn't have life rafts, so they were trying to make one out of a cooler and life preserver ring, Lampert said.

The Coast Guard then lost radio contact with the group.

Cardinal skips conclave amid accusations

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Cardinal Keith O'Brien, Britain's highest-ranking Catholic leader, said today he wouldn't take part in the conclave to elect the next pope after being accused of improper conduct with priests — an unprecedented first head to roll in the mudslinging that has followed Pope Benedict XVI's decision to resign.

Benedict accepted O'Brien's resignation as archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh — submitted back in November because he is due to turn 75 next month, the normal retirement age for bishops. But simultaneously, O'Brien issued a statement today saying he would also skip the conclave because he didn't want to become the focus of media attention at such a delicate time for the church.

Dozens more in Ohio, Pa. claim abuse by friar

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — About 50 more people have come forward to say they were sexually abused at Catholic schools in Pennsylvania and Ohio by a Franciscan brother who killed himself in January, said an attorney who settled 11 alleged abuse cases against the friar.

Brother Stephen Baker, 62, stabbed himself in the heart at a western Pennsylvania monastery on Jan. 26, a little over a week after the disclosure of financial settlements in alleged abuse cases in Warren, Ohio. A coroner told the Altoona Mirror that Baker left a short note apologizing for his actions.

The new accusers have alleged in recent weeks that they were abused between 1982 and 2007, attorney Mitchell Garabedian said Sunday. Some said Baker abused them even after he left teaching in 2000 when he would attend school events in Johnstown, Pa., Garabedian said.

Palestinians bury man who died in custody

SAEER, West Bank (AP) — Thousands have joined the funeral procession in the West Bank for a 30-year-old Palestinian who died under disputed circumstances in Israeli custody.

Palestinian officials say autopsy results show Arafat Jaradat was tortured by Israeli interrogators. Israeli officials say there's no conclusive cause of death and that more tests are needed.

His death comes at a time of rising tensions in the West Bank. It has stoked Israeli fears of a third Palestinian uprising.

Palestinian police kept order as Jaradat's funeral got under way in his village of Saeer today.

AT&T snags OnStar contract from Verizon

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — AT&T Inc. is scoring a win over rival Verizon Wireless as it takes over the contract to supply wireless connections to cars with General Motors' OnStar service.

Verizon Wireless and its predecessor companies have supplied the network for OnStar since the service launched in the 1990s, but AT&T will take over with the 2015 model year, AT&T and GM said today.



The Associated Press

In this 2010 photo, more than 50 miles southeast of Venice on Louisiana's tip, an oil slick is seen as the Deepwater Horizon oil rig burns.

High-stakes trial begins for 2010 Gulf oil spill

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A high-stakes trial started today to assign blame and help figure out exactly how much more BP and other companies should pay for the nation's worst offshore oil spill.

Attorney Jim Roy, who represents individuals and businesses hurt by the spill, said BP executives applied "huge financial pressure" on its drilling managers to "cut costs and rush the job" before the blowout of its Macondo well triggered an explosion that killed 11 workers and spawned the massive spill. The project was more than \$50 million over budget and behind schedule at the time of the blowout, Roy said.

"BP repeatedly chose speed over safety," Roy said, quoting from a report by an expert who may testify later.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier said he would hear several hours of opening statements today and the first witness would take the stand Tuesday. Unless a settlement is reached, the judge, not a jury, ultimately

will decide months from now how much more money BP PLC and its partners on the ill-fated drilling project owe for their roles in the 2010 environmental catastrophe in the Gulf of Mexico.

Roy said the spill also resulted from rig owner Transocean Ltd.'s "woeful" safety culture. He said the owner of the Deepwater Horizon rig failed to properly train its crew, calling it a "chronic problem allowed by Transocean management to go uncorrected."

"The workforce was not always aware of the hazards they were exposed to," Roy said. "They don't know what they don't know."

Transocean and BP will make its case later Monday.

BP has said it already has racked up more than \$24 billion in spill-related expenses and has estimated it will pay a total of \$42 billion to fully resolve its liability for the disaster that killed 11 workers and spewed millions of gallons of oil.

But the trial attorneys for the federal government, Gulf states and private plaintiffs

hope to convince the judge that the company is liable for much more.

With billions of dollars on the line, the companies and their courtroom adversaries have spared no expense in preparing for a trial that could last several months. Hundreds of attorneys have worked on the case, generating roughly 90 million pages of documents, logging nearly 9,000 docket entries and taking more than 300 depositions of witnesses who could testify at trial.

"In terms of sheer dollar amounts and public attention, this is one of the most complex and massive disputes ever faced by the courts," said Fordham University law professor Howard Erichson, an expert in complex litigation.

Barbier has promised he won't let the case drag on for years as has the litigation over the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill, which still hasn't been completely resolved. He encouraged settlement talks that already have resolved billions of dollars in spill-related claims.

Chinese hackers are seen as professionals

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing hotly denies accusations of official involvement in massive cyberattacks against foreign targets, insinuating such activity is the work of rogues. But at least one element cited by Internet experts points to professional cyberspies: China's hackers take the weekend off.

Accusations of state-sanctioned hacking took center stage this past week following a detailed report by a U.S.-based Internet security firm Mandiant. It added to growing suspicions that the Chinese military is not only stealing national defense secrets and harassing dissidents but also pilfering information from foreign companies that could be worth millions or even billions of dollars.

Experts say Chinese hacking attacks are characterized not only by their brazenness, but by their persistence.

"China conducts at least an order of magnitude more than the next country," said Martin Libicki, a specialist on cyber warfare at the Rand

Corporation, based in Santa Monica, California. The fact that hackers take weekends off suggests they are paid, and that would belie "the notion that the hackers are private," he said.

Libicki and other cyber warfare experts have long noted a Monday-through-Friday pattern in the intensity of attacks believed to come from Chinese sources, though there has been little evidence released publicly directly linking the Chinese military to the attacks.

Mandiant went a step further in its report Tuesday saying that it had traced hacking activities against 141 foreign entities in the U.S., Canada, Britain and elsewhere to a group of operators known as the "Comment Crew" or "APT1," for "Advanced Persistent Threat 1," which it traced back to the People's Liberation Army Unit 61398. The unit is headquartered in a nondescript 12-story building inside a military compound in a crowded suburb of China's financial hub of Shanghai.

Castro's retirement looms in '18 for Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — It's been more than 54 years since someone not named "Castro" led Cuba, and it will likely be five more.

But now islanders and exiles alike have finally been given a date for when the sun will set on brothers Fidel and Raul's longtime rule: 2018.

In accepting a new presidential term on Sunday, the 81-year-old Raul Castro announced that it would be his last. And for the first time, he tapped a rising young star, Miguel Diaz-Canel, to be his top lieutenant and possible successor.

"This will be my last term," Castro said, his voice firm.

Castro also said he hopes to establish two-term limits and age caps for political

offices including the presidency, though he didn't specify what age.

As the new first vice president of the ruling Council of State, the 52-year-old Diaz-Canel is now a heartbeat from the presidency and has risen higher than any other Cuban official who didn't directly participate in the heady days of the 1959 revolution.

In his 35-minute speech, Castro hinted at other changes to the constitution, some so dramatic that they will have to be ratified by the Cuban people in a referendum. Still, he scotched any idea that the country would soon abandon socialism, saying he had not assumed the presidency in order to destroy Cuba's system.

Pope changes conclave rules, allows earlier start

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI has changed the rules of the conclave that will elect his successor, allowing cardinals to move up the start date if all of them arrive in Rome before the usual 15-day transition between pontificates.

Benedict signed a legal document, issued today, with some line-by-line changes to the 1996 Vatican law governing the election of

a new pope. It is one of his last acts as pope before resigning Thursday.

The date of the conclave's start is important because Holy Week begins March 24, with Easter Sunday March 31. In order to have a new pope in place for the church's most solemn liturgical period, he would need to be installed by Sunday, March 17 — a tight timeframe if a conclave were to start March 15.

Iceland's Internet porn ban plan sparks uproar

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP) — In the age of instant information, globe-spanning viral videos and the World Wide Web, can a thoroughly wired country become a porn-free zone? Authorities in Iceland want to find out.

The government of the tiny North Atlantic nation is drafting plans to ban pornography, in print and online, in an attempt to protect children from a tide of violent sexual imagery.

The proposal by Interior Minister Gmundur Jonason has caused an uproar. Opponents say the move will censor the Web, encourage authoritarian regimes and undermine Iceland's reputation as a Scandinavian bas-

tion of free speech.

Advocates say it is a sensible measure that will shelter children from serious harm.

Pornography is already banned in Iceland, and has been for decades — but the term is not defined, so the law is not enforced. Magazines such as Playboy and Penthouse are on sale in book stores, and more hardcore material can be bought from a handful of sex shops. "Adult" channels form part of digital TV packages.

Iceland's left-of-center government insists it is not setting out to sweep away racy magazines or censor sex. The ban would define violent or degrading content.

NYC port a 'ghost town' months after Sandy

BY MEGHAN BARR
The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The historic cobblestone streets and 19th-century mercantile buildings near the water's edge in lower Manhattan are eerily deserted, a neighborhood silenced by Superstorm Sandy.

Just blocks from the tall-masted ships that rise above South Street Seaport, the windows of narrow brick apartment buildings are still crisscrossed with masking tape left by their owners before the storm. Store interiors are stripped down to plywood and wiring. Restaurants are chained shut, frozen in time, saddled with electrical systems that were ruined by several feet of salt water that raged up from the East River and through their front doors.

"People have no clue that this corner of Manhattan has been hit so badly," said Adam Weprin, manager of the Bridge Cafe, one of the city's oldest bars that sits on a quiet street near the seaport. "Right now, it's a ghost town and a construction site."

Nearly four months after the storm, roughly 85 percent of



The Associated Press

Construction materials are stored behind a cloud painted fence on Peck Slip in New York on Feb. 7.

small businesses near the South Street Seaport are still boarded up. It could be months before some reopen, while others may never return. On Fulton Street, the wide tourist-friendly pedestrian walkway that comprises the seaport's main shopping district, not a single one of the major chain stores — which include Coach, Ann Taylor and Brookstone — has reopened.

Among local business owners, there is a pervasive sense that their plight has been ignored by the rest of the city. A state senator who represents the area estimates at least 1,000 jobs were lost in lower Manhattan — 450 of them in the seaport neighborhood alone.

From its red wood-frame building in the shadow of the Brooklyn Bridge, the Bridge Cafe has dealt with its share of changes over the last two centuries, including stints as a Civil War-era brothel and a

bootlegging speakeasy during Prohibition. It has endured economic slumps, nor'easters and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But after the basement was flooded to the rafters and water destroyed the building's wood foundation, Weprin faced the prospect of shutting its doors for good.

The small businesses of the seaport were far less resilient than the neighboring skyscrapers that house many of lower Manhattan's large financial companies.

Some corporations were displaced for weeks after the storm, forced to relocate to temporary office space farther uptown while flood-damaged skyscrapers fixed their infrastructure and moved electrical systems to higher floors. Con Edison said 10 major buildings remained without power as of Feb. 13, most operating on emergency generators.

2nd blizzard bearing down on Plains region

DODGE CITY, Kan. (AP) — A second major winter storm was bearing down on the central Plains Sunday, forcing cancellations and sending public works crews scrambling for salt and sand supplies less than a week after another system dumped more than a foot of snow on parts of the region.

National Weather Service officials in Kansas issued blizzard warnings and watches through late today ahead of the strong storm

system that's packing snow and high winds. The storm has been tracking across western Texas toward Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback amended the state of emergency declaration he signed last week to include the new storm.

The region was hit by a massive storm last week that dumped a foot of snow in some sections, closed airports and caused numerous accidents.

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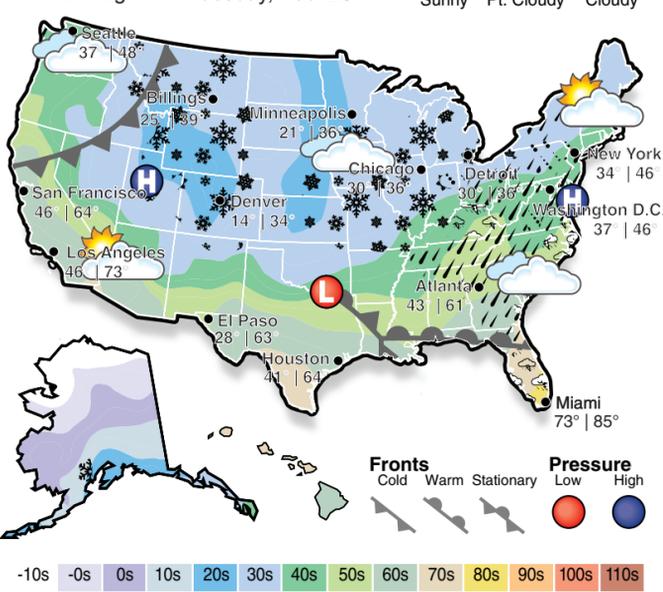
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Weather

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Feb. 26



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Anchorage	30	19	cdy	
Atlanta	64	46	rn	
Atlantic City	52	24	clr	
Austin	75	57	clr	
Baltimore	50	27	clr	
Billings	41	27	pcdy	
Birmingham	65	48	.01	rn
Boise	42	29	sno	
Boston	38	28	.52	cdy
Buffalo	31	29	.01	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	34	31	.09	cdy
Casper	29	09	rn	
Charleston,S.C.	69	47	rn	
Charleston,W.Va.	47	22	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	66	40	cdy	
Cheyenne	23	01	.04	clr
Chicago	39	20	pcdy	
Cincinnati	43	26	clr	
Cleveland	34	22	clr	
Colorado Springs	29	19	.01	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	34	23	clr	
Concord,N.H.	33	21	.83	pcdy
Dallas-Ft Worth	70	52	.02	rn
Daytona Beach	72	61	cdy	
Denver	27	12	.23	cdy
Des Moines	41	30	cdy	
Detroit	37	21	pcdy	
El Paso	63	33	clr	
Fairbanks	80	17	clr	
Fargo	22	15	clr	
Flagstaff	29	17	clr	
Fresno	61	41	clr	
Green Bay	34	07	sno	
Hartford Spgfld	38	28	.02	cdy
Honolulu	80	71	clr	
Houston	70	61	rn	
Indianapolis	41	26	pcdy	
Jackson, Miss.	69	52	.02	rn
Jacksonville	75	57	1.03	rn
Kansas City	41	29	cdy	
Key West	82	77	cdy	
Las Vegas	57	36	clr	
Lexington	46	27	pcdy	
Little Rock	56	41	rn	
Los Angeles	68	46	clr	
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Toledo	36	19	pcdy	
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Sacramento	63	37	pcdy	
St Louis	42	30	cdy	
Salt Lake City	31	18	pcdy	
San Angelo	79	42	.02	cdy
San Diego	66	48	clr	
San Francisco	60	44	clr	
San Jose	62	40	clr	
Santa Fe	41	20	.01	clr
Seattle	48	42	.09	rn
Sioux Falls	27	14	cdy	
Spokane	38	33	sno	
Syracuse	33	29	.09	sno
Tampa	78	68	cdy	
Toledo	36	19	pcdy	
Tucson	51	31	clr	
Tulsa	60	39	rn	
Washington,D.C.	54	30	clr	
W. Palm Beach	88	67	cdy	
Wichita	45	34	.01	sno
Wilmington, Del.	50	29	pcdy	

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albuquerque	41	24	.02	clr
Anchorage	30	19	cdy	
Atlanta	64	46	rn	
Atlantic City	52	24	clr	
Austin	75	57	clr	
Baltimore	50	27	clr	
Billings	41	27	pcdy	
Birmingham	65	48	.01	rn
Boise	42	29	sno	
Boston	38	28	.52	cdy
Buffalo	31	29	.01	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	34	31	.09	cdy
Casper	29	09	rn	
Charleston,S.C.	69	47	rn	
Charleston,W.Va.	47	22	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	66	40	cdy	
Cheyenne	23	01	.04	clr
Chicago	39	20	pcdy	
Cincinnati	43	26	clr	
Cleveland	34	22	clr	
Colorado Springs	29	19	.01	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	34	23	clr	
Concord,N.H.	33	21	.83	pcdy
Dallas-Ft Worth	70	52	.02	rn
Daytona Beach	72	61	cdy	
Denver	27	12	.23	cdy
Des Moines	41	30	cdy	
Detroit	37	21	pcdy	
El Paso	63	33	clr	
Fairbanks	80	17	clr	
Fargo	22	15	clr	
Flagstaff	29	17	clr	
Fresno	61	41	clr	
Green Bay	34	07	sno	
Hartford Spgfld	38	28	.02	cdy
Honolulu	80	71	clr	
Houston	70	61	rn	
Indianapolis	41	26	pcdy	
Jackson, Miss.	69	52	.02	rn
Jacksonville	75	57	1.03	rn
Kansas City	41			

Nelson repeats as champ

■ Coquille has two champions at state wrestling tournament

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

PORTLAND — The South Coast had four individual champions at the state wrestling tournament Saturday, including repeat champion Thaddeus Nelson of Marshfield and a pair of champions from Coquille.

Nelson, a junior, won the Class 5A crown at 120 pounds, beating Isaac Aguilar of Hermiston 3-1.

The match wasn't as close as the score suggests, said Marshfield coach Travis Wittlake.

"Thaddeus dominated the whole match," Wittlake said. "He never gave up an offensive point the whole tournament."

Aguilar's point came when Nelson was called for stalling in the third period.

"I think I did pretty good," Nelson said. "I wish I would have won by a bigger margin, but I did dominate that match."

Marshfield had only two wrestlers advance to state. The other, sophomore Tyler Campbell, was eliminated in the consolation rounds Saturday morning.

"I really thought he should have been in the top three," Wittlake said. "But this was his first time in the state tournament."

Nelson didn't do as well as he wanted his first time, either, so he understood.

"He could have done a lot better than he did," Nelson said. "It kind of upsets me, because I know what he's capable of."

Coquille's two champions were Sye Yates and Michael Romine, who each placed at state for the third time and finally broke through with a title.

Yates beat Matson Gehley of Burns 10-8 in the championship match and Romine pinned Ricky Diaz of Gervais in the first round.

"I wrestled the best tournament of my life and felt strong all the way through every match from start to finish," said Yates, who had two pins and two decisions.

"I think I wrestled the best I have all year and stepped up at the right time," Romine said, adding that Coquille had a strong team effort during the tournament.

"I feel like we did really good," he said. "We went out there and put Coquille back on the map."

The Red Devils had 11 entries in the tournament, but only one other placer. Austin Flood reached the championship match at 152 pounds but was pinned by Brennan Bailey of Burns.

The other Coquille wrestlers were eliminated in the consolation rounds, including Chris Elmer and Kody Courtright, who lost one match short of placing.

"I'm proud to be part of this team," Romine said. "It's a family for sure. We all wrestled strong, even with some injuries. Marcus broke his finger and Tristan (Dixon) dislocated his elbow."

Coquille placed eighth in the Class 3A meet while league rival Glide won its first title.

"I thought this season was the greatest thing ever," said Yates. "I am so proud of everybody and how they wrestled. It is an honor to be a part of this team and have the coaches, family and friends support throughout this season."

The South Coast's other champion came in an all-coast final in the heavyweight division of the Class 2A-1A tournament. Gold Beach's Brandon Adams edged Reedsport's Daniel Gentry 3-2 in overtime.

Three other South Coast wrestlers came up short in championship matches.

Myrtle Point's Eli Officer lost 6-0 to Tucker Davis of Culver in the 126-pound final in the Class 2A-1A meet.

In the Class 4A meet, both Brookings-Harbor's Cole Hannan (145 pounds) and Siuslaw's Ryan Connor (heavyweight) were pinned in championship bouts.

The only other South Coast placer was Derek Carl of Gold Beach, who finished third in the 152-pound weight class of the 2A-1A meet.

Lowell won the Class 2A-1A title, while the other team champions were Crook County (Class 4A), Hermiston (Class 5A) and David Douglas (Class 6A).



By Alysha Beck, The World

Southwestern Oregon's Quynne Eharis takes a shot against Chemeketa's Jordan Klebaum during their game Saturday. The Lakers won and clinched a spot in the NWAACC tournament.

Lakers nab spot in tourney

BY TYLER RICHARDSON
The World

COOS BAY — A blowout win over Chemeketa on Saturday put the Southwestern Community College women's basketball team into the South Region playoffs for the NWAACC tournament.

It all came together for the Lakers when they needed it most. The Lakers came out firing on all cylinders in their 82-50 win. The win was their fifth in the past six games, and the team is playing its best basketball at the right time.

Quynne Eharis followed up a 36-point, 16-rebound performance against Linn-Benton on Wednesday with 25 and 13 to lead the way against Chemeketa. Mari Aguilera also knocked down three 3-pointers and had 17 points.

The Lakers never let the Storm into the game, using solid man defense to pressure Chemeketa into shooting 16-for-63 from the field. The Lakers also moved the ball well, totaling 19 assists on their 26 field goals.

"We were able to find ways to

NWAACC Tournament	
At Kennewick, Wash.	
Saturday's first-round games	
Men	
Whatcom vs. Centralia, 8 a.m.	
Big Bend vs. Portland/Lane, 10 a.m.	
Tacoma vs. Peninsula, noon	
Chemeketa vs. Walla Walla, 2 p.m.	
Yakima Valley vs. Clackamas, 4 p.m.	
Edmonds vs. Lower Columbia, 6 p.m.	
Pierce vs. Everett, 8 p.m.	
SWOCC vs. Spokane, 10 p.m.	
Women	
Columbia Basin vs. Chemeketa, 8 a.m.	
Belleuve vs. Tacoma, 10 a.m.	
Lane vs. Yakima Valley, noon	
Centralia vs. Peninsula, 2 p.m.	
Skagit Valley vs. Lower Columbia, 4 p.m.	
Walla Walla vs. SWOCC, 6 p.m.	
Clackamas vs. Spokane, 8 p.m.	
Clark vs. Whatcom, 10 p.m.	

score and get Quynne the ball," SWOCC head coach Mike Herbert said. "We were pretty aggressive offensively and that was huge. Defensively we did a good of keeping people in front and rebounding the basketball."

The win clinched the fourth and final spot for the NWAACC tournament next weekend in Kennewick, Wash., where the Lakers will face Walla Walla.

The Lakers took a 19-point lead into halftime before outscoring the Storm 38-25 in the second half. The team played with energy the entire way, never taking the foot of the gas on both ends of the floor.

Eharis said her team is elated to be moving on to the playoffs and to reach a goal the team set before the season started.

"The goal is to qualify for NWACCs," she said. "We are all proud of each other because it was a team effort. Lately we have been able to put the whole 40 minutes together."

The Lakers will look to take their high-octane offense to the tournament where they hope to surprise the top seeds and make a deep run.

"I thought this is who we could be," Herbert said. "They have matured and gotten better. They get better every day in practice."

Loss drops SWOCC men to second

BY TYLER RICHARDSON
The World

COOS BAY — With the NWAACC South Region championship on the line, the Southwestern Oregon Community College men's basketball team let a golden opportunity slip away, losing to Chemeketa on Saturday.

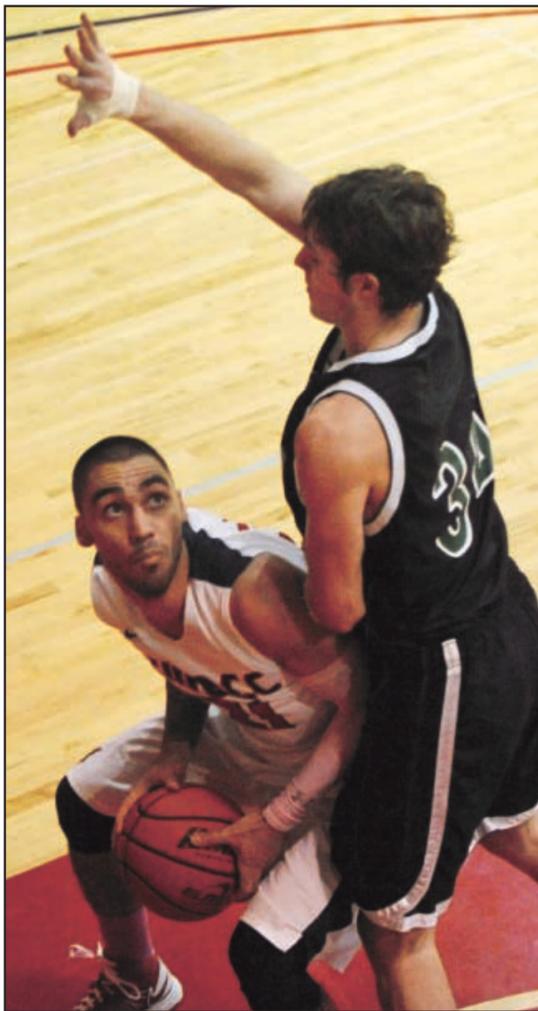
Every time it looked like SWOCC was creeping back into the game the Storm would hit a big shot or make a hustle play to keep the Lakers at bay. Chemeketa shot 54 percent from the field in the 101-80 win, including going nine-for-24 from beyond the arc.

The game was full of energy, and four technical fouls were handed out. Chemeketa's Gavin Kauffman had a game-leading 16 points until he was thrown out in the middle of the second half, but the Storm did not skip a beat, turning to Calvin Molan, who finished with 23 points, to pick up the slack.

"When you're playing for a conference championship, it's going to be intense," Lakers head coach Trevor Hoppe said. "I think we left it all out there. It just didn't go our way tonight. We have a very resilient group, and we are not going to dwell on it for very long."

Riley Grandinetti bounced back after a tough first half, in which he was shadowed by pesky Storm point guard Andrew Saba. Saba picked up his fourth foul early in the second half and never saw the floor again. Grandinetti was able to score 13 of his team-high 22 points after Saba's exit.

"We knew it was going to be physical," Grandinetti said. "We knew everybody was going to get hyped. They came out a little more confident than us. Every time we had a run they hit a big three on us."



By Alysha Beck, The World

SWOCC's Dakota Allen gets a look at the basket while driving against Chemeketa's Trevor Phillips during the game Saturday.

Games set for Pirates, Bulldogs

THE WORLD

Marshfield's girls will host Dallas in the Class 5A play-in round Tuesday for a spot in the final 16 of the state basketball playoffs.

North Bend's boys, meanwhile, will host Newport on Friday for a spot in the Class 4A state tournament.

Marshfield's girls finished fourth in the Midwestern League, while Dallas finished fourth in the Mid-Willamette Conference. The Pirates are 13-9 and enter the post-season with momentum after a solid road win over North Eugene in the regular-season finale last week. The Dragons enter Tuesday's game with a 13-10 record overall after going 6-8 in league play.

The winner will have a road playoff game Saturday, though the opponent won't be known until Wednesday night, after all the play-in games are completed.

Tuesday's game starts at 7 p.m. Admission will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students and the doors will open at 6 p.m.

Class 4A Boys

North Bend will face Newport, a team the Bulldogs beat in December, at 7 p.m. Friday for a spot in the state tournament in Corvallis.

The Bulldogs are 19-2, including that 62-44 win over the Cubs on North Bend's home floor.

Newport enters the playoffs with a 12-13 overall record. The Cubs finished fourth in the Oregon West Conference, but beat Yamhill-Carlton 53-47 in the play-in round.

Admission for the game will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

The winner will face either Baker and Philomath in the quarterfinals at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis on March 5.

In other Class 4A boys matchups involving Far West League teams Friday, South Umpqua visits Elmira, Sutherlin hosts Madras and Brookings-Harbor visits North Valley.

Class 2A Girls

Gold Beach's girls were denied a spot in the Class 2A tournament when the Panthers fell at home to Enterprise by a 46-39 margin.

Gold Beach's loss means Marshfield's girls are the last South Coast girls team with a chance to advance to a final state tournament site this winter.

Champions return to 3A tourney

■ Dayton's boys and Vale's girls will be back in Bay Area this week

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — The Class 3A state tournament roster was finalized Saturday night, and 15 schools will send teams to Coos Bay.

Private schools took 11 of the 16 spots, though both defending champions are public schools.

Vale's girls punched their ticket back to Coos Bay by beating Cascade Christian 71-41 Saturday. The Vikings will begin the quest for their third straight title when they meet newcomer Willamina in the last game Thursday night at Marshfield. Willamina beat Corbett on Saturday.

After a year away, St. Mary's will be back after beating Portland Adventist on Saturday. The Crusaders face Scio, which is new to the Class 3A tournament, but has been a regular in the Class 2A event. Scio topped Amity on Saturday.

Valley Catholic, which fell to Vale in the championship game last year, is back after beating Westside Christian on Saturday. In the first game of the tournament Thursday, the Valiants face Santiam Christian, which won at Sunset Conference champion Glide.

Nyssa and Rainier meet in the other quarterfinal Thursday after being PacWest Creswell and Pleasant Hill, respectively.

The final spot in the boys tournament was filled Saturday, when Portland Adventist edged Salem Academy 68-64.

Sports

Blazers top Celtics to end skid

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — The pain in his left leg barely tolerable, Trail Blazers guard Wesley Matthews hoped he wasn't asking for trouble with a step-back 3-pointer at the end of a close game against the Boston Celtics.

"As I was stepping back, I was like, 'Oh, my God, what am I doing?'" Matthews said. "Instincts take over there. That's mind over matter."

The 3-pointer fell and Matthews finished with 24 points in Portland's 92-86 victory Sunday night which snapped a season-worst seven-game losing streak.

J.J. Hickson's hook shot put the Blazers ahead 86-80, but a pair of reverse layups from Paul Pierce and Brandon Bass pulled the Celtics to 86-82 with 2:54 left.

Kevin Garnett's layup with 1:46 to go tied it, but rookie Damian Lillard answered with his own layup and added a free throw to give Portland back the lead. Matthews, hobbled throughout the game by a lingering injury to his leg and ankle, hit the 3-pointer to give the Blazers the final margin with 53.9 seconds left.

"I was just hoping my leg stayed with me," he said.

Pierce had 23 points and eight assists for the Celtics, who were playing their third game in four nights. Garnett finished with 20 points and nine rebounds.

"When we needed stops, we couldn't get them, when he had a chance to turn the corner, we didn't turn it," Garnett said. "I thought we had opportunities to take advantage of it. Eight out of 10 times we didn't do it. Small things, man. Small things."

Boston was coming off a 113-88 victory at Phoenix on Friday night. Jeff Green scored 31 points against the Suns while Garnett was given the night off to rest, but the veteran forward was back in the starting lineup against the Blazers.

Matthews missed a game because of a sore left leg and elbow but returned Friday night in Portland's 111-107 loss to



The Associated Press
Boston forward Paul Pierce gets his hand tangled in the net as Portland forward Nicolas Batum goes for a shot during the second half Sunday.

the Lakers at Staples Center. The injury was obviously still bothering him, and he limped badly coming off the court after the third period.

Later, Matthews said his leg's not even at 80 percent.

"He was great for us offensively and defensively. He's been playing hurt these last couple of games, but that's Wes. He's been a warrior for us the whole year and he got it done tonight," said Hickson, who finished with 11 points and 11 rebounds for his 30th double-double this season.

Guard Eric Maynor also made his debut for Portland after coming to the team in a deal with Oklahoma City at the trade deadline.

Maynor, in his fourth NBA season, missed most of last season with a knee

injury and then got bypassed in the Thunder's rotation by second-year guard Reggie Jackson earlier this season. He entered the game late in the first quarter and even played in tandem at times with Lillard, finishing with two points in 15 minutes.

The Celtics jumped out first and led by as many as seven early but Portland pulled in front on Nicolas Batum's 3-pointer, which made it 18-15. Lillard's bank shot and free throw gave the Blazers a 38-27 lead midway through the second quarter.

Courtney Lee hit a 3-pointer and Garnett made a jumper to pull the Celtics to 41-39 with 1:31 left in the first half. Wesley Matthews answered with consecutive 3-pointers and the Blazers led 47-42 at the break.

Kuchar wins match play title

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARANA, Ariz. — Matt Kuchar finally put Hunter Mahan in a hole and then answered every challenge Sunday to win the Match Play Championship.

Mahan had gone 169 holes over 11 matches without trailing in this wild tournament until Kuchar won the fourth hole of the championship match with a par, and Mahan never caught up. Kuchar took advantage of a series of miscues to build a 4-up lead at the turn, and then held off a noble challenge by the defending champion.

It was the first World Golf Championship title for Kuchar, and it follows a year in which he won The Players Championship. Kuchar became the second player in the last three years to win the Match Play Championship without ever playing the 18th hole.

Kuchar polished off Jason Day of Australia in the semifinals Saturday morning, 4 and 3. Mahan hit a series of remarkable wedge shots in beating Ian Poulter, 4 and 3, in his semifinal.

Day defeated Poulter in the consolation match, 1 up.

It was the first all-American final in five years at the Match Play Championship, and Kuchar's win gave the Americans a clean sweep of the PGA Tour's West Coast Swing for the second straight year.

PGA supports keeping anchored putters

MARANA, Ariz. — The PGA Tour has notified golf's governing bodies that it sees no reason to ban anchored putting strokes.

PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said Sunday there has not been enough evidence to show a competitive advantage gained by using a long putter or belly putter that is anchored against the body. Three of the last five major champions used a belly putter.

The U.S. Golf Association and Royal & Ancient Golf Club announced the proposed rule Nov. 28. They offered a 90-day comment period.

Park rallies for LPGA win when opponent falters

CHONBURI, Thailand — South Korea's Inbee Park took advantage of 17-year-old Thai star's Ariya Jutanugarn's closing triple bogey to win the LPGA Thailand by a stroke.

Jutanugarn blew a two-stroke lead on the par-5 18th, driving into an unplayable lie in a bunker, hitting over the green and three-putting for an 8.

Park shot a 5-under 67 to finish at 12 under, and earned \$225,000 for her fourth LPGA Tour title. Jutanugarn had a hole-in-one on the par-3 12th and closed with a 72.

Top-ranked Yani Tseng had a 63 to tie for third at 10 under with So Yeon Ryu (68), Stacy Lewis (70) and Beatriz Recari (70).

LAKERS SWOCC opens against Spokane

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The Storm went on a 22-2 run near the end of first half that helped them to a 19-point halftime lead. The Lakers hung around in the second, trimming the deficit to nine and 11 at times, but the Storm made it their mission to avenge a one-point loss Jan. 26 on their home floor.

Saturday's game was the last the sophomores would play in front of their home crowd. Hoppe started all five sophomores and finished the game with the same lineup.

The region championship would have been SWOCC's first since 2002. The Lakers still finished second, when Lane lost to Portland. The Lakers face Spokane in the

BASEBALL

Yankees lose Granderson to broken forearm

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson is going to be out up to 10 weeks with a broken right forearm.

The slugger was hit by a pitch from Toronto's J.A. Happ in the bottom of the first inning Sunday. The Yankees initially called it bruise but X-rays revealed the break.

The blow is a major one for the Yankees, who are already without Alex Rodriguez until at least the All-Star break.

Jeter is closer to playing in preseason games

TAMPA, Fla. — Yankees captain Derek Jeter is about two weeks away from playing in a game for the first time since breaking his ankle last fall.

New York general manager Brian Cashman said on Sunday that the shortstop should be ready to play in spring training games around March 10

PRO BASKETBALL

Love expects to return to Timberwolves soon

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Love said his surgically repaired right hand is better and he hopes to play 15 to 20 games this season.

The Timberwolves' star says he will meet with a doctor in the first 10 days of March. He has yet to begin basketball-related activities but says his hand feels much better than when he broke it the first time during preseason.

SKIING

Americans team to win cross country gold

VAL DI FIEMME, Italy — Kikkan Randall and Jessica Diggins gave the United States its first gold medal in cross-country skiing at the Nordic world championships Sunday with a victory in the women's team sprint.

The American duo finished 7.8 seconds ahead of defending champions Charlotte Kalla and Ida Ingemarsdotter of Sweden, which also finished second in the men's event.

"It feels incredible," Randall said. "This is something we've looked forward to for a long time. It's my seventh world championship and I've had to spend a lot of time watching award ceremonies. So we're pretty excited to do it."

Wilson wins world title in dual moguls skiing

INAWASHIRO, Japan — Bradley Wilson of the United States and Miki Ito of Japan won World Cup dual moguls events on Sunday.

In the men's final, Wilson beat Alex Bilodeau of Canada for his first dual moguls victory of the season. Joseph Discoe, also of the United States, was third.

Ito also captured her first victory of the season by finishing ahead of Americans Mikaela Matthews and Hannah Kearney, who moved into first place overall.

Miami streak reaches 11 wins

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — LeBron James scored 28 points, Dwyane Wade scored 11 of his 24 in the final five minutes, and the Miami Heat extended the NBA's longest current winning streak to 11 games, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-105 in a back-and-forth matchup Sunday night.

Mario Chalmers scored 16 points, Shane Battier added 14 and Ray Allen had 11 for the Heat, who took a 22-point lead early in the second half, then prevailed despite being outscored by a whopping 30 points over a 17-minute stretch.

Miami was down eight with 5:16 remaining, and still won.

Dion Waiters scored 26 points, C.J. Miles added 19 and Kyrie Irving scored 17 for Cleveland. The Cavaliers are now 1-8 against the Heat since James signed with Miami in July 2010.

Cleveland erased a 22-point deficit in the third quarter to take the lead, and led by 97-89 with 5:16 remaining — before the Heat found a way to come back.

Spurs 97, Suns 87: Patty Mills and Kawhi Leonard scored 16 points apiece to lead six San Antonio players in double figures, and the Spurs ended their nine-game road trip with a win over Phoenix.

The Spurs, with Tony Parker out because of a sore right triceps, finished their annual long journey — caused by a rodeo back home — at 7-2 to boost their NBA-best record to 45-13.

Tiago Splitter scored nine of his 14 in San Antonio's 35-point second quarter.

Marcin Gortat scored 21 for Phoenix, 16 in the first half.

Knicks 99, 76ers 93: Carmelo Anthony scored 29



The Associated Press
Cleveland forward Tristan Thompson looks for an opening against Miami Heat center Chris Bosh, left, and forward Udonis Haslem during the first half Sunday.

points, Amare Stoudemire had a season-high 22 and New York snapped its longest losing streak of the season at four with a win over Philadelphia.

Anthony made 16 of 18 free throws and also was called for a flagrant foul for the fired-up Knicks, who have fallen behind Indiana into third place in the Eastern Conference and allowed their Atlantic Division lead over the Brooklyn Nets to shrink to one game.

They were sharp enough to build a couple of big leads and turn away the runs Philadelphia made, handing the 76ers their eighth straight road loss and fifth in a row overall.

Jrue Holiday had 30 points, five rebounds and five assists for the 76ers.

Thunder 102, Bulls 72: Russell Westbrook scored 23 points, Kevin Durant had 19 points and 16 rebounds, and Oklahoma City held Chicago to the worst shooting performance in the NBA this season.

The Thunder, who had allowed an average of 113 points over their previous four games, broke out of a rough defensive patch by limiting Chicago to 29.1 percent shooting. Midway through the third quarter,

Chicago had missed 44 of its 55 shots.

The Thunder led 61-39 at that point, and the margin reached 32 with both teams' starters sitting out the fourth quarter.

Nate Robinson and Luol Deng had 13 points apiece to lead the Bulls.

Lakers 103, Mavericks 99: Kobe Bryant had 38 points to win a scoring duel with Dirk Nowitzki, and Los Angeles beat Dallas in a matchup of teams fighting to get in the playoff race.

Bryant scored 14 in the fourth, including seven in the last 3 minutes to hold off a Dallas rally.

Nowitzki finished with 30 points and 13 rebounds for the Mavericks, who had a chance to pull virtually even with the Lakers for ninth place in the Western Conference. Houston is in eighth place, with a cushion of several games.

Grizzlies 76, Nets 72: Zach Randolph had 16 points and 14 rebounds, Marc Gasol scored 14 points and Memphis won its seventh straight game with a victory over Brooklyn.

Tony Allen added 12 points, including two free throws with 19.5 seconds left for a 74-72 lead.

Deron Williams, who led

TOURNEY

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Thursday's games at North Bend include Horizon Christian against Oregon

Episcopal, Portland Adventist against Dayton, Blanchet Catholic against De La Salle North Catholic and Cascade Christian against Valley Catholic.

Thursday's games are

split into two sessions at each school. Admission for each session Thursday (good for either school) and for the consolation rounds at each school Friday morning is \$7 for adults and \$4 for stu-

dents. Those prices included to \$8 for adults and \$5 for students for the semifinals and finals.

Season passes for all games are \$50 for adults and \$25 for students.

Sports

Oregon gives Altman milestone with win over Stanford

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EUGENE — Johnathan Loyd had season highs of 15 points and nine assists to lead No. 23 Oregon to a 77-66 victory over Stanford on Saturday night.

Carlos Emory led the Ducks with 19 points and Arsalan Kazemi scored 15 points for the Ducks (22-6, 11-4 Pac-12), who gave coach Dana Altman his 600th career win and kept themselves tied with Arizona atop the league standings.

Loyd, making his ninth start in place of injured point

guard Dominic Artis, sparked Oregon. The junior, who was 6 of 8 from the field, had a career high in assists.

Dwight Powell led the Cardinal (16-12, 7-8) with 16 points and Josh Huestis had 12 points and 13 rebounds.

California 60, Oregon State 59: Justin Cobbs had 18 points and surging California won its fifth straight game by outlasting a late rally from Oregon State on Saturday.

California (18-9, 10-5 Pac-12) has won seven of its past eight games, including road victories over then-No.

7 Arizona and No. 23 Oregon.

The Golden Bears led by as many as 14 points but Oregon State cut it to 45-42 on Joe Burton's layup with 8:32 left in the game. The Beavers (13-15, 3-12) pulled within one point when Devon Collier made four straight free throws to make it 60-59 with 43 seconds left.

With 10 seconds left, Cobbs missed a jumper out front. But Ahmad Starks' 3-point attempt missed with a second left on the clock to end it.

The Beavers wore turquoise uniforms to honor

Burton's Native American heritage in his final home game. The first player Craig Robinson signed as head coach at Oregon State finished with 15 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

WOMEN

No. 4 Stanford 74, Oregon 50: Chiney Ogumike scored 27 points, grabbed a school record 24 rebounds and set a Stanford career mark with her 52nd double-double Sunday as the Cardinal beat Oregon.

Ogumike, a junior, broke the career double-double

record she had briefly shared with her older sister, Nnemkadi Ogumike.

The Cardinal (26-2, 15-1 Pac-12) won their 12th straight game since suffering a 67-55 loss to Cal on Jan. 13 and remained tied atop the conference standings with the Bears. Stanford beat Oregon (4-24, 2-14) for the 17th consecutive time.

Freshman Jillian Alleyne had a double-double for the Ducks with 12 points — all in the second half — and 10 rebounds.

No. 6 California 58, Oregon State 56: Layshia

Clarendon scored 26 points and No. 6 California (25-2, 15-1) rallied from 17 points down in the first half to beat Oregon State, extending the longest winning streak in school history.

Jamie Weisner had 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Mollee Schwegler added 15 points for Oregon State (9-19, 3-13). The Beavers have lost seven conference games by five points or fewer.

The Beavers led 30-18 at halftime, but couldn't hold on, losing their 10th straight game overall.

SCOREBOARD

On The Air

Today
Men's College Basketball — Syracuse at Marquette, 4 p.m., ESPN; Kansas at Iowa State, 6 p.m., ESPN.

Women's College Basketball — Baylor at Oklahoma, 4 p.m., ESPN2.

Hockey — Dallas at Nashville, 5 p.m., NBC Sports Network.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
High School Girls Basketball — Dallas at Marshfield, 7 p.m., KMHS (1420 AM).

Men's College Basketball — Indiana at Minnesota, 4 p.m., ESPN; Memphis at Xavier, 4 p.m., ESPN2; Florida at Tennessee, 6 p.m., ESPN; Wyoming at Air Force, 6 p.m., Root Sports.

Hockey — Boston at New York Islanders, 4:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
NBA Basketball — Golden State at New York, 5 p.m., ESPN; Denver at Portland, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Men's College Basketball — Georgetown at Connecticut, 4 p.m., ESPN2; Oklahoma at Texas, 6 p.m., ESPN2; Colorado at Stanford, 8 p.m., ESPN2.

Hockey — Washington at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network; Detroit at Los Angeles, 7 p.m., NBC Sports Network.

Local Schedule

Today
No local events scheduled.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
High School Girls Basketball — Class 5A play-in round: Dallas at Marshfield, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
High School Boys Basketball — Class 2A State Tournament at Pendleton: Myrtle Point vs. Irrigon, 1:30 p.m.

High School Results

WRESTLING
OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires State Championships

Class 6A
Team Scores (top 10): David Douglas 132, Oregon City 122.5, Hillsboro 112.5, Roseburg 110, Crater 80, McMinnville 77, Sprague 75, West Linn 72, McNary 68.5, Aloha 62.

Championship Matches
106 — Raymond Nelson, North Salem, d. Jorge Fuentes, Centennial, 3-2. **113** — Kaleb Raber, Sprague, d. Devin Poppo, Oregon City, 12-7. **120** — Chad Jones, Roseburg, d. Tyler Thomas, Crater, 3-1. **126** — Kyle Sether, Oregon City, d. Tim Tsukanov, Barlow, 7-1. **132** — Jared Sublet, McMinnville, d. David Nelson, Gresham, 7-3. **138** — Vagif Afrasov, David Douglas, d. Tim Hrman, West Linn, 3-1. **OT. 145** — Devin Reynolds, McNary, won by technical fall over KJell Thorsen, Grants Pass. **152** — Reed Van Anrooy, Roseburg, p. JT Barnes, McMinnville, 3-32. **160** — Elijah Taylor, David Douglas, d. Chase Mackey, Crater, 6-3. **170** — Tiger Paasch, McMinnville, p. Tyler Chay, West Linn, 1-49. **182** — John Morin, Hillsboro, d. Quincy Clarkon, David Douglas, 10-2. **195** — Ighogama Odighizuwa, David Douglas, p. Kyle Anderregg, Clackamas, 5-53. **220** — Austin Faunce, Lake Oswego, d. Michael McCoy, Oregon City, 3-2. **285** — Chet Spears, Sheldon, won by forfeit over Wyatt Spears, Sheldon.

Class 5A
Team Scores (top 10 and Marshfield): Hermiston 246, Dallas 181.5, Redmond 167.5, Sandy 96, Eagle Point 89, Lebanon 87, Hood River Valley 66.5, Silverton 59, Churchill 56, Pendleton 51. Also: Mashfield 27.

Championship Matches
106 — Cody Bibler, Dallas, d. Andy Wagner, Hermiston, 9-8. **113** — Matt Hohenbredi, Dallas, d. J.T. Ayers, Mountain View, 5-2. **120** — Thaddeus Nelson, Marshfield, d. Isaac Aguilar, Hermiston, 3-1. **126** — Alex Rich, Crescent Valley, p. Austin Wallace-Lister, Wilson, 3-50. **132** — Beau Glead, Hermiston, d. Izaak Tobin, Silverton, 5-2. **138** — Tyler Berger, Hermiston, p. Gunner Wyatt, Dallas, 1-36. **145** — Josh Reyes, Parkrose, d. Chance Lindquist, Redmond, 4-1. **152** — Wyatt Passantino, Dallas, d. Sarek Shields, Redmond, 4-2. **160** — Abraham Rodriguez, Hermiston, won by technical fall over Scotty Dunagan, Dallas. **170** — Kyle Bateman, Sandy, p. Richard Bylund, Corvallis, 4-53. **182** — Gunnar Sigalod, Redmond, p. Quinn Dreher, Silverton, 4-35. **195** — Samuel Shields-Collray, Hermiston, d. Mason Montgomery, Ashland, 7-2. **220** — Sumner Salisbury, Redmond, d. Steely Smith, West Albany, 7-5. **285** — Semise Kofe, Roosevelt, d. Armando Garcia, Hermiston, 3-2, OT.

Class 4A
Team Scores (top 10 and South Coast): Crook County 280, Henley 174.5, Sweet Home 147, Cascade 116, Tillamook 104, Scappoose 78.5, Klamath Union 76, Escadada 59, McLoughlin 53, North Marion 42, Phoenix 42. Also: Siuslaw 25, Brookings-Harbor 23, North Bend 0.

Championship Matches
106 — Colin Purinton, Banks, d. Trayton Libolt, Crook County, 4:35. **113** — Tyler Scott, Henley, p. Quinton Hook, Henley, 1-15. **120** — Ronnie Bresser, Henley, won by tech fall over Donny Wendlund, Escadada, 1-26. **126** — Connor Noonan, Henley, d. Grayson Munn, Crook County, 2-0. **132** — Colton Schilling, Sweet Home, d. Zach Bresser, Henley, 6-0. **138** — Colbrann Meeker, Crook County, d. Marcus Andrews, Cascade, 5-0. **145** — Brookings-Harbor, 1:50. **152** — Tyler Cowger, Sweet Home, d. Spencer Crawford, Cascade, 5-1. **160** — Gary Janizer, Henley, won by technical fall over Ismael Rubio, Phoenix, 1-44. **182** — Justin Acuff, Sheldon, d. Dallas Widmer, Nyssa, 6-5. **138** — Micah Cisneros, Dayton, d. Walker Damedwood, Glide, 4-2. **145** — Garrett Short, Glide, d. Sean Shipley, Rainier, 4-3. **152** — Brennan Bailey, Burns, p. Austin Flood, Coquille, 5-3. **160** — Seth Nonnenmacher, Burns, d. Luke O'Connor, Glide, 5-1. **170** — Sye Yates, Coquille, d. Matson Gehley, Burns, 10-8. **182** — Michael Romine, Coquille, p. Ricky Diaz,

Gervais, 1:36. **195** — Tony Frank, Lakeview, d. Cody Manzi, Santiam Christian, 6-4. **220** — Sebastian Sanchez, Nyssa, d. Justin Parazoo, Scio, 11-4. **285** — Jordan Parazoo, Scio, d. Kyle Vraguen, Vale, 9-1.

Class 2A-1A
Team Scores (top 10 and South Coast): Lowell 101, Monroe 80, Crane 77, Culver 76, Central Linn 68, Heppner 37, Oakland 36, Gold Beach 32, Pine Eagle 30.5, Irrigon 27. Also: Myrtle Point 21, Reedspout 20.

Championship Matches
106 — Kaleb Ballard, Monroe, d. Dustin Range, Crane, 9-3. **113** — Joe Fine, Oakridge, d. Ricky Esparza, Glendale, 3-1. **120** — Jared Kasch, Culver, won by technical fall over Brock Hickman, Pine Eagle. **126** — Tucker Davis, Culver, d. Eli Officer, Myrtle Point, 6-0. **132** — Bolt Anglen, Culver, d. Alejandro Quintana, Neah-Kah-Nie, 7-4. **138** — Clay McClure, Central Linn, p. Wyatt Clark, Crane, 3:14. **145** — Josh Cardwell, Lowell, d. Josue Avilez, Central Linn, 3-0. **152** — Andy Aguilera, Irrigon, d. Austin McNicholls, Lowell, 14-6. **160** — Lincoln Casarez, Lowell, p. Josh O'Brien, Waldport, 3-32. **170** — Tanner Harvey, Lowell, d. Ben Ballard, Monroe, 7-4. **182** — Angus Swan, Oakland, p. Kaleb Gilbert, Central Linn, 1-13. **195** — Phillip Morgan, Bonanza, p. Matthew Staigle, Enterprise, 2-42. **220** — David Henry, Oakland, p. Colin Cash, Lowell, 2:11. **285** — Brandon Adams, Gold Beach, d. Daniel Gentry, Reedspout, 3-2, OT.

Third-Place Match
152 — Derek Carl, Gold Beach, d. Lucas Leslie, Nestucca, 9-2.

High School Playoffs

OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Basketball Class 3A Boys

First Round
Winner to State Tournament
Horizon Christian 89, Lakeview 70
Oregon Episcopal 45, Coquille 37
Dayton 68, Riverside 46
Blanchet Catholic 70, Sheridan 29
De La Salle North Catholic 40, Pleasant Hill 37
Cascade Christian 55, Creswell 49
Valley Catholic 73, Burns 36

State Tournament
Quarterfinals
Portland Adventist 68, Salem Academy 64

At North Bend High School
Portland Christian vs. Oregon Episcopal, 1:30 p.m.
Portland Adventist vs. Dayton, 3:15 p.m.
Blanchet Catholic vs. De La Salle North Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Cascade Christian vs. Valley Catholic, 8:15 p.m.

Class 2A Boys
State Tournament
At Pendleton
Quarterfinals
Wendell vs. Myrtle Point, 1:30 p.m.
Western Mennonite vs. Central Linn, 3:15 p.m.
Vernonia vs. Oakland, 6:30 p.m.
Oakridge vs. Pilot Rock, 8:15 p.m.

Class 1A Boys
Second Round
Friday
Imbler 38, Perrydale 36, OT
Columbia Christian 49, Rogue Valley Adventist 46

State Tournament
At Baker City
Quarterfinals
Horizon Christian vs. Country Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Hosanna Christian vs. Imbler, 3:15 p.m.
Elkton vs. Crane, 6:30 p.m.
Columbia Christian vs. City Christian, 8:15 p.m.

Class 4A Boys
First Round
Friday
Winner to State Tournament
Ridgeview at Cascade
South Umpqua at Elmira
Newport at North Bend
Baker at Philomath
Gladstone at La Salle Prep
Scappoose at Central
Madras at Sutherlin
Brookings-Harbor at North Valley

Class 3A Girls
First Round
Friday
Winner to State Tournament
Valley Catholic 47, Westside Christian 37
Nyssa 61, Creswell 45
Rainier 60, Pleasant Hill 46
St. Mary's 45, Portland Adventist 36
Scio 53, Amity 44
Willamina 40, Corbett 25
Vale 71, Cascade Christian 41

State Tournament
At Marshfield High School
Thursday
Valley Catholic vs. Santiam Christian, 1:30 p.m.
Nyssa vs. Rainier, 3:15 p.m.
St. Mary's vs. Scio, 6:30 p.m.
Willamina vs. Vale, 8:15 p.m.

Class 2A Girls
First Round
Saturday
Winner to State Tournament
Lost River 57, Riverdale 48
Heppner 62, Vernonia 33
Juniper 61, North Douglas 49
Oakland 36, Knappa 24
Regis 60, Days Creek 38
Pilot Rock 46, Santiam 35
Enterprise 46, Gold Beach 39
Western Mennonite 61, Portland Christian 29

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Regis vs. Pilot Rock, 6:30 p.m.
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Winner to State Tournament
Diamague Christian 63, Elkton 26
Tranclus Lake 61, Yoncalla 57
Hosanna Christian 43, Pine Eagle 36
City Christian 49, Triad 34
St. Paul 51, Prairie City 28
McKenzie 40, Crane 32
Perrydale 55, Imbler 36
Condon/Wheeler 75, Portland Waldorf 34

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Damasco Christian vs. Triangle Lake, 1:30 p.m.
Hosanna Christian vs. City Christian, 3:15 p.m.
St. Paul vs. McKenzie, 6:30 p.m.
Perrydale vs. Condon/Wheeler, 8:15 p.m.

Class 4A Girls
Play-In Round
Friday
Sisters 36, Elmira 26

Saturday
Brookings-Harbor 55, Yamhill-Carlton 26
Central 43, Henley 39
Madras 44, Ontario 41
Philomath 60, North Valley 37
Gladstone 38, North Marion 34
Phoenix 33, Douglas 28
Seaside 65, Crook County 58

Winner to state tournament
Saturday
Sisters at Mazama
Brookings-Harbor at Cottage Grove
Gladstone at Cascade
Phoenix at La Grande
Madras at La Salle
Philomath at Banks
Seaside at Junction City
Central at Sutherlin

Class 5A Girls
Play-In Round
Tuesday
Dallas at Marshfield
Silverton at Eagle Point
Pendleton at Liberty
Churchill at Mountain View
Wilson at The Dalles-Wahtonka
Parkrose at Summit

Wednesday
Ashland at Marist

Pro Basketball

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
New York 33 20 623 -
Brooklyn 33 24 579 2
Boston 29 27 518 5½
Toronto 23 33 411 11½
Philadelphia 22 32 407 11½
Southwest Division
Miami 40 14 741 -
Atlanta 31 23 574 9
Washington 17 37 315 23
Orlando 15 41 268 26
Charlotte 13 43 232 28
Central Division
Indiana 35 21 625 -
Chicago 32 24 571 3
Milwaukee 26 28 481 8
Detroit 22 36 379 14
Cleveland 18 38 321 17

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
San Antonio 45 13 776 -
Houston 37 18 673 6½
Memphis 31 27 534 14
Dallas 25 30 455 18½
New Orleans 20 37 351 24½
Northwest Division
Oklahoma City 41 15 732 -
Denver 35 22 614 6½
Utah 31 25 554 10
Portland 26 30 464 15
Minnesota 20 33 377 19½
Pacific Division
L.A. Clippers 40 18 690 -
Golden State 33 23 589 6
L.A. Lakers 28 29 491 11½
Sacramento 19 38 333 20½
Phoenix 18 39 316 21½

Saturday's Games
Denver 113, Charlotte 99
Cleveland 118, Orlando 94
Washington 105, Houston 103
Miami 114, Philadelphia 90
Indiana 90, Detroit 72
Atlanta 103, Milwaukee 102
L.A. Clippers 107, Utah 94

Sunday's Games
L.A. Lakers 103, Dallas 99
Golden State 100, Minnesota 99
New Orleans 110, Sacramento 95
Miami 109, Cleveland 105
New York 99, Philadelphia 93
Memphis 76, Brooklyn 72
San Antonio 97, Phoenix 87
Portland 92, Boston 86
Oklahoma City 102, Chicago 72

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Portland 27 22 22 19 - 92
3-Point Goals—Boston 2-13 (Lee 1-2, Pierce 1-3, Crawford 0-1, Garnett 0-1, Bradley 0-2, Terry 0-2, Green 0-2), Portland 7-21 (Matthews 5-8, Batum 2-6, Maynor 0-2, Lillard 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Garnett 9), Portland 53 (Hickson 11). Assists—Boston 16 (Pierce 8), Portland 21 (Lillard 6). Total Fouls—Boston 18, Portland 16. Technicals—Boston Coach Rivers. A—20,484 (19,980).

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Sports

Johnson races to Daytona 500 win

■ Pole-sitter Patrick sets new standard for women with eighth-place finish

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson went two years without a title and suddenly became an afterthought at the Daytona 500.

All the attention went to Danica Patrick and a handful of other drivers.

Not that it mattered Sunday, because look who pulled into Victory Lane.

Five-time is back. Not that he ever went away.

Johnson won his second Daytona 500 on Sunday, a year after he completed just one lap in the race and three months after falling short in his bid for a sixth Sprint Cup title. That so-called drought had made him something of a no-name during Speedweeks.

"In my mind, I didn't feel like I was under the radar," he said. "I felt like we were working hard to put the best product on the track. I guess I was quiet in the overall spectrum of things from the media side. I think people in the garage, people knew we were sitting on a lot of speed and had a very good race car."

But in winning the biggest race of the year, the No. 48 team wasn't sending a message to the competitors.

"I don't think we went anywhere; anybody in the garage area, they're wise to all that," Johnson said.

Johnson's win came on the same day that Patrick, who became the first woman in history to start a Sprint Cup race from the pole, again made history as the first woman to lead laps in the Daytona 500.

She ran inside the top 10 almost the entire race, kept pace with the field and never panicked on the track.

Her only mistakes were on pit road, where she got beat on the race back to the track, and on the final lap, when she was running third but got snookered by the veterans and faded to eighth. That's going to stick with Patrick for some time.

"I would imagine pretty much anyone would be kicking themselves about what they coulda, shoulda have done to give themselves an opportunity to win," she said. "I think that's what I was feeling today, was uncertainty as to how I was going to accomplish that."

There were several multicar crashes, but no one was hurt and none of them approached the magnitude of the wreck that injured more than two dozen fans in the grandstand at the end of the second-tier Nationwide Series race on the same track a day earlier. Daytona International Speedway workers were up until 2 a.m. repairing the fence that was damaged in the accident, and track officials offered Sunday morning to move any fans who



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Jimmie Johnson (48) and Brad Keselowski (2) race during the Daytona 500 on Sunday. Johnson took the lead by surging ahead of Keselowski on a late restart and held on to win the race.

felt uneasy sitting close to the track.

Several drivers said the accident and concern for the fans stuck with them overnight and into Sunday morning, and Johnson was quick to send his thoughts from Victory Lane.

"I just want to give a big shout-out to all the fans, and I also want to send my thoughts and prayers out to everybody that was injured in the grandstands," Johnson said.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., whose father was killed in this race 12 years ago, was involved in Saturday's accident but refocused and finished second to Johnson, his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, in Sunday's race.

"Me personally, I was just really waiting to get the news on how everybody was, how all the fans were overnight, just hoping that things were going to improve," Earnhardt said, adding that he "wasn't really ready to proceed until you had some confirmation that things were looking more positive."

The race itself, the debut for NASCAR's new Gen-6 car, was quite similar to all the other Cup races during Speedweeks in that the cars seemed to line up in a single-file parade along the top groove of the track. It made the 55th running of the Daytona 500 relatively uneventful.

When the race was on the line, Johnson took off.

The driver known as "Five-time" raced past defending NASCAR champion Brad Keselowski on the final restart and pulled out to a sizeable lead that nobody challenged over the final six laps.

Johnson and Keselowski went down to the wire last season in their race for the Sprint Cup title, with Johnson faltering in the final two races as Keselowski won his first Cup

championship.

Once Johnson cleared Keselowski on the last restart he had a breakaway lead with Greg Biffle and Patrick behind him. But as the field closed in on the checkered flag, Earnhardt finally made his move, just too late and too far behind to get close enough to the lead.

Earnhardt wound up second for the third time in the last four years. But with all the crashes the Hendrick cars have endured in restrictor-plate races — teammate Kasey Kahne was in the first accident Sunday — team owner Rick Hendrick was just fine with the finish.

"We have a hard time finishing these races. Boy, to run 1-2, man, what a day," Hendrick said. Jeff Gordon, who was a contender early, faded late to 20th.

And Johnson considered himself lucky to be the one holding the trophy at the end.

"Man, it's like playing the lottery; everybody's got a ticket," he said. "I've struck out a lot at these tracks, left with torn-up race cars. Today we had a clean day."

Mark Martin was third in a Michael Waltrip Racing Toyota. Keselowski, who overcame two accidents earlier in the race, wound up fourth in Penske Racing's new Ford. Ryan Newman was fifth in a Chevy for Stewart-Haas Racing and was followed by Roush-Fenway Racing's Greg Biffle, who was second on the last lap but was shuffled back with Patrick to finish sixth.

Regan Smith was seventh for Phoenix Racing, while Patrick, Michael McDowell and JJ Yeley rounded out the top 10.

Patrick was clearly disappointed with her finish. When the race was on

the line, she was schooled by Earnhardt, who made his last move and blocked any chance she had.

Still, Patrick became the first woman in history to lead laps in the 500 when she passed Michael Waltrip on a restart on Lap 90. She stayed on the point for two laps, then was shuffled back to third. She ended up leading five laps, another groundbreaking moment for Patrick, who as a rookie in 2005 became the first woman to lead the Indianapolis 500 and now is the 13th driver to lead laps in both the Daytona 500 and the Indy 500.

"Dale did a nice job and showed what happens when you plan it out, you drop back and get that momentum. You are able to go to the front," Patrick said. "I think he taught me something. I'm sure I'll watch the race and there will be other scenarios I see that can teach me, too."

Earnhardt was impressed, nonetheless.

"She's going to make a lot of history all year long. It's going to be a lot of fun to watch her progress," he said. "Every time I've seen her in a pretty hectic situation, she always really remained calm. She's got a great level head. She's a racer. She knows what's coming. She's smart about her decisions. She knew what to do today as far as track position and not taking risks. I enjoy racing with her."

Johnson, one of three heavy-weight drivers who took their young daughters to meet Patrick — "the girl in the bright green car" — after she won the pole in qualifications, tipped his cap, too.

"I didn't think about it being Danica in the car," Johnson said. "It was just another car on the track that was fast. That's a credit to her and the job she's doing."

Early wrecks reduce field

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tony Stewart grabbed his tools and banged away on the No. 14 for do-it-yourself repairs.

With one big wreck, the sentimental favorite to win the Daytona 500 turned into a handyman.

He had some star-power company in the garage Sunday.

Kevin Harvick, the driver to beat in Speedweeks, had his bid at a second Daytona 500 win end in the same crash, and Matt Kenseth, Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards also ran into trouble.

Harvick and Stewart were collected in an early crash that knocked out several top contenders, shaking up NASCAR's opener, and paving the way for underfunded rides driven by Regan Smith and Michael McDowell to finish in the top 10.

Harvick, Busch and Stewart all won secondary Daytona races during Speedweeks. Just not the Daytona 500.

"If I didn't tell you I was heartbroken and disappointed, I'd be lying to you," Stewart said.

Stewart made it 0-for-15 in the Daytona 500 after another failed effort in a strong car. In 17 seasons spanning NASCAR and IndyCar, Stewart has been able to cross most everything off his to-do list. He still has a big checkered flag to chase at Daytona.

Stewart eventually returned to the track — 82 laps back. He finished 41st, and Harvick was 42nd.

The wreck ended Harvick's attempt to become the first in NASCAR history to win the exhibition Sprint Unlimited, a twin qualifying race and the Daytona 500 in the same Speedweeks.

The early nine-car wreck started when Kasey Kahne let off the gas to slow as they neared the first turn at Daytona International Speedway. Kyle Busch tried to do the same, but couldn't avoid contact.

Busch sent Kahne spinning across the track. Juan Pablo Montoya, 2010 race winner Jamie McMurray and Brad Keselowski also were involved. So were Kurt Busch and Casey Mears. Montoya is a former Indianapolis 500 winner. Busch won the 2004 Cup title. None of them had a chance to pad his resume.

Schumacher earns 70th NHRA win

CHANDLER, Ariz. (AP) — Tony Schumacher beat Morgan Lucas in the tire-smoking Top Fuel final at the NHRA Arizona Nationals on Sunday for his 70th career victory and fourth at Firebird International Raceway.

Schumacher and Lucas lost traction early and both drivers were on and off the throttle as they navigated the dragstrip, with Schumacher able to get his 8,000-horsepower dragster under control first.

Schumacher had a 4.606-second run at 213.20 mph, while Lucas finished in 4.652 at 258.67.

"When you can win ugly like that it is so much fun," said Schumacher, who beat Sidnei Frigo, Khalid alBalooshi and Antron Brown to reach the final. "Both cars were set up to run really fast and we both overpowered the track. It was lift, pedal, lift, pedal all the way down. I could hear Morgan beside me the whole time. As a driver that kind of race is so much fun and I enjoy winning like that more than a record run."

Ron Capps topped the Funny Car field, and Erica Enders-Stevens won in Pro Stock.

Scary crash leads to injured fans Saturday

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — At least 33 fans were injured Saturday during a NASCAR race when a car flew into the fence at Daytona International Speedway, hurling a tire and large pieces of debris into the stands.

The accident happened on the last lap of the second-tier Nationwide Series race on the eve of Sunday's Daytona 500.

The crash began as the field approached the checkered flag and leader Regan Smith attempted to block Brad Keselowski to preserve the win. That triggered a chain reaction, and rookie Kyle Larson hit the cars in front of him and went airborne into the fence.

The entire front end was sheared off Larson's car, and his burning engine wedged through a gaping hole in the fence. Chunks of debris from the car were thrown into the stands, including a tire that cleared the top of the fence and landed midway up the spectator section closest to the track.

The 20-year-old Larson stood in shock several yards away from his car as fans in the stands waved frantically for help. Smoke from the burning engine briefly clouded the area, and emergency vehicles descended on the scene.

Ambulance sirens could be heard wailing behind the grandstands at a time the race winner would typically be doing celebratory burnouts.

"It was freaky. When I looked to my right, the accident happened," said Rick Harpster of Orange Park, Fla., who had a bird's-eye view of the wreck. "I looked over and I saw a tire fly straight over the fence into the stands, but after that I didn't see anything else. That was the worst thing I have seen, seeing that tire fly into the stands. I knew it was going to be severe."

Shannan Devine, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., was sitting about 250 feet away from where the car smashed into the fence and could see plumes of smoke directly in front of her.

"I didn't know if there was a car on top of people. I didn't know what



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Kyle Larson (32) goes airborne and into the catch fence during a multi-car crash involving Justin Allgaier (31), Brian Scott (2) and others during the final lap of the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday.

to think. I'm an emotional person and I immediately started to cry. It was very scary. Absolutely scary. I love the speed of the sport. But it's so dangerous," said Devine who was planning to attend her second Daytona 500.

She said many fans got in the way of rescue efforts by trying to take pictures and videos, even jumping over fencing in hopes of getting closer to the scene.

Speedway President Joie Chitwood said 14 fans were treated on site, and 14 others were taken to hospitals. Chitwood didn't give any updates on their conditions. Local officials said 19 fans were taken to neighboring hospitals, including two who were in critical condition but were later upgraded to stable.

The accident happened the day before the Sprint Cup Series season-opening Daytona 500 — NASCAR's version of the Super Bowl.

"First and foremost our thoughts and prayers are with our race fans," Chitwood said. "Following the incident we responded appropriately according to our safety protocols, and had emergency medical personnel at the incident immediately."

"We're in the process of repairing

the facility and will be ready to go racing tomorrow."

As emergency workers tended to injured fans and ambulance sirens wailed in the background, a somber Tony Stewart skipped the traditional post-race victory celebration.

Stewart, who won for the 19th time at Daytona and seventh time in the last nine season-opening Nationwide races, was in no mood to celebrate.

"The important thing is what is going on on the frontstretch right now," said Stewart, the three-time NASCAR champion. "We've always known, and since racing started, this is a dangerous sport. But it's hard. We assume that risk, but it's hard when the fans get caught up in it."

"So as much as we want to celebrate right now and as much as this is a big deal to us, I'm more worried about the drivers and the fans that are in the stands right now because that was ... I could see it all in my mirror, and it didn't look good from where I was at."

The accident spread into the upper deck and emergency crews treated fans on both levels. There were five stretchers that appeared to be carrying fans out, and a helicopter flew overhead. A forklift was used to

pluck Larson's engine out of the fence.

"It's a violent wreck. Just seeing the carnage on the racetrack, it's truly unbelievable," driver Justin Allgaier said.

It was a chaotic finish to a race that was stopped for nearly 20 minutes five laps from the finish by a 13-car accident that sent driver Michael Annett to a hospital, where his Richard Petty Motorsports team said he would be held overnight with bruising to his chest.

The race resumed with three laps to go, and the final accident occurred with Smith trying to hold off Keselowski through the final turn.

"I tried to throw a block. It's Daytona, you want to go for the win here," Smith said. "I don't know how you can play it any different other than concede second place, and I wasn't willing to do that today. Our job is to put them in position to win, and it was, and it didn't work out."

As the cars began wrecking all around Smith and Keselowski, Stewart slid through for the win, but Larson plowed into Keselowski and his car was sent airborne into the fence. When Larson's car came to a stop, it was missing its entire front end. The 20-year-old, who made his Daytona debut this week, stood apparently stunned, hands on his hips, several feet away from his car, before finally making the mandatory trip to the care center.

He said his first thought was with the fans.

"I hope all the fans are OK and all the drivers are all right," Larson said. "I took a couple big hits there and saw my engine was gone. Just hope everybody's all right."

He said he was along for the ride in the last-lap accident.

"I was getting pushed from behind, I felt like, and by the time my spotter said lift or go low, it was too late," Larson said. "I was in the wreck and then felt like it was slowing down and I looked like I could see the ground. Had some flames come in the cockpit, but luckily I was all right and could get out of the car quick."