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1 injured in Longview fire

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A fire destroyed a house and a trailer early Friday morning in Longview, injuring one person and launching an investigation.

Multiple fire agencies responded to a house fire in the 4700 block of Pennsylvania Street, which is a three-minute drive from Robert Gray Elementary School.

The fire was reported just after 5:30 a.m. by callers who saw heavy flames and black smoke coming from the garage of a two-story home, according to a press release

from Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue. A vehicle, a travel trailer parked in the driveway, and some nearby trees were also engulfed in flames.

The house was empty, but a person living in a travel trailer suffered a laceration and was treated on the scene.

Fire crews were able to get the blaze under control within 26 minutes from the initial arrival of the first engine, according to the press release.

Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue, Contributed
Crews work to put out a house fire in Longview on Friday, Feb. 7.



Alley to close

New West Side work scheduled

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An alleyway in Longview's New West Side is scheduled to close for maintenance starting Monday.

According to a city press release, the alley in the 900 block of 23rd Avenue will be closed starting at 7 a.m. on Monday as city workers replace concrete panels. Work is expected to be finished by 4 p.m. on Feb. 20.

Traffic and waste collection will be able to access either end of the alley. Drivers are asked to seek alternate routes to avoid delays.

Arts nonprofit hosts Longview show

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What do jazz, showtunes and pop singles have to do with the music of Croatia and the Romani peoples?

The answer is "Window in a Wall," a performance by sisters Tajci Cameron and Sanya Mateyas. The show opens at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the Columbia Theatre, located at 1231 Vandercook Way in Longview.

The unique blend of light jazz, showtunes and pop standards is also set to incorporate elements of the song "Window in the Wall" by Olivia Newton-John, which Cameron cowrote.

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for students and are available through the theater's website or in-person at the box office.

The event is part of the Longview-Kelso Community Concert Association's performances. The nonprof-

it, formed in 1937, uses the sale of season subscriptions each spring to pay to host concerts the following year.

The nonprofit is also hosting Jason Lyle Black singing rock and musical hits on Feb. 25, and the Celtic and Americana influenced duo Acoustic Eidolon on April 8. Both shows will also be held at the Columbia Theatre.

For more information about the nonprofit and to order season tickets, visit lkcca.org

Nursing home inspection unit understaffed, overburdened

Ted Sickinger
The Oregonian

Since 2020, Oregon's nursing home inspection team has been budgeted for 47 positions but has never been staffed at that level, a fundamental cause of its stubborn complaint backlog and inspection delays, state officials said.

Its average vacancy rate during that period was 25%. Officials blame the vacancies on high turnover, lengthy training to certify new inspectors and uncompetitive pay.

From January 2019 through November 2024, for example, the unit hired about 38 surveyors. But 27 surveyors resigned from the survey unit in the same timeframe, agency officials said.

Of the 38 surveyors on staff as of November, eight had been hired within the last eight months. Once hired, it takes nine months for a surveyor to be trained and pass the minimum qualification test, and up to six months more before they can be fully independent in the survey process.

Corissa Neufeldt, deputy director of safety and regulatory oversight for the Department of Human Services' Office of Aging and People with Disabilities, said the agency can't ask the Legislature for additional positions when it can't fill the slots it has.

Since she was hired in 2023, she said the agency has been advocating for higher nurse surveyor compensation and it plans to seek approval to negotiate higher salaries from the state board that administers collective bargaining with unionized workers.

"If we can get our existing positions filled, then we will be in a better position to meet the CMS priority requirements of timely recertification of facilities as well as timely response to our complaints," she said.

At least one of the members of each survey team that performs an annual comprehensive annual inspection must be a registered nurse. Nurse surveyors don't earn any more than non-nurse surveyors, and their pay didn't stack up against similar nursing jobs in the public

or private sector, officials told congressional investigators in December 2022.

According to state compensation data, surveyor annual salaries in Oregon range from \$66,900 to \$102,600. Public health nurses in the state, meanwhile, have a salary range topping out at \$130,560, and registered nurses in general earn an average of \$116,871.

In the meantime, the agency in December began the process to hire a third-party contract surveyor to help it work through its backlog of complaints. A 2023 congressional report suggests the nationwide shortage of qualified surveyors means states have little leverage to negotiate prices and often receive few responses to their solicitations.

Peter Gartrell, who led a congressional investigation for then-Sen. Bob Casey, Jr., a Pennsylvania Democrat who chaired the Senate Special Committee on Aging, said both federal and state policymakers have known for years that nursing home survey units around the country are understaffed and overstretched.

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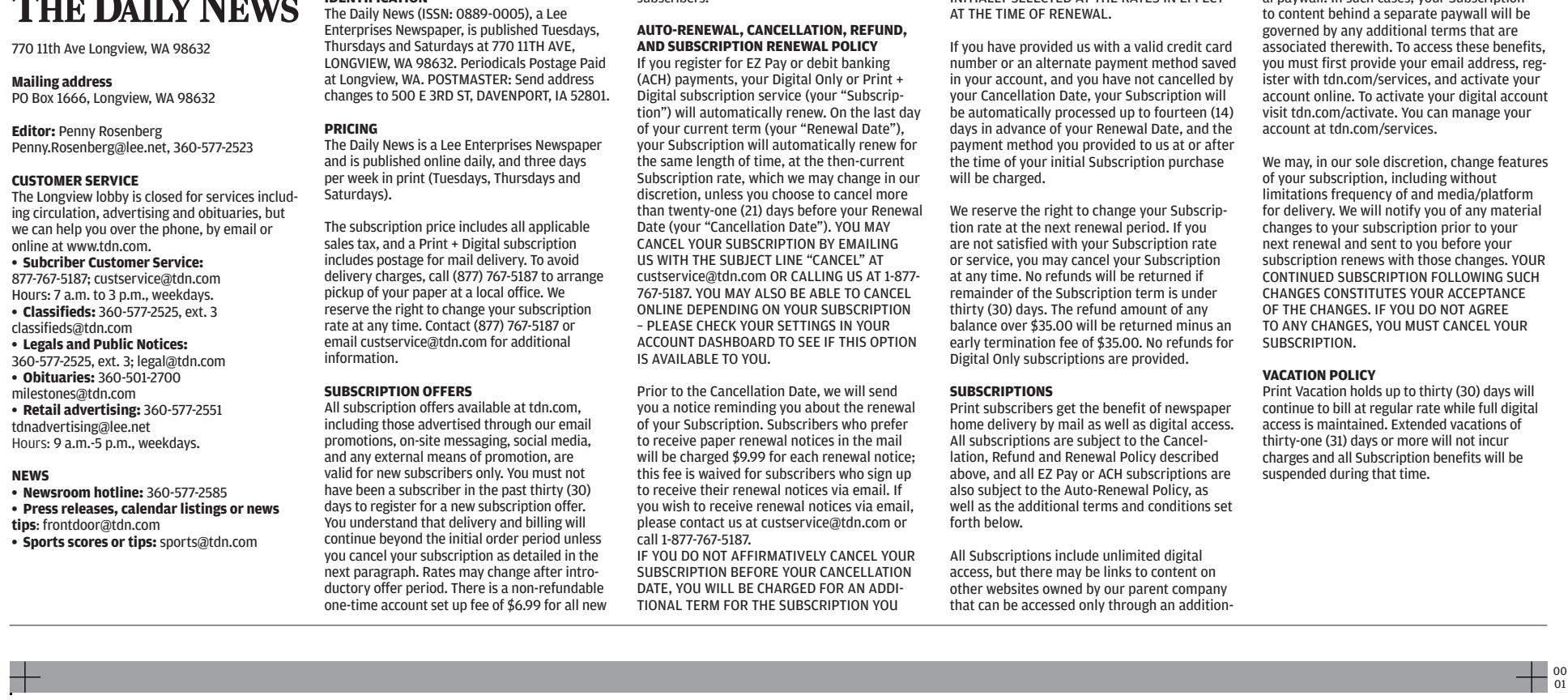
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Business owner raises awareness

Chic event offers drinks, fashion, fundraising

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Joanna Asplund is a Longview business owner with a solid support system.

But she was still a victim of assault a few years ago and struggled with the aftermath of her experience.

That's the overarching effect assault has, said the JoJo + CoCo owner — it doesn't matter your background.

"There were times I couldn't get out of bed," she said. "It was life changing for me."

Now, Asplund is using her platform to promote local resources available to victims and raising money for the Emergency Support Shelter, a Longview-based nonprofit that assists victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault.

'It takes a village'

Since Asplund opened JoJo + CoCo seven years ago, she said she's held an annual Galentine's event at her Commerce Avenue boutique to offer deals and cocktails while people shopped.

Galentine's Day rose to fame after the TV series "Parks and Recreation" featured the February holiday that celebrates female friendships, as opposed to Valentine's Day's romantic focus.

This year, Asplund said she celebrated Galentine's bigger and better.

She teamed up with the Commerce Avenue's Halo Salon + Boutique to host a fashion show Thursday at the Cowlitz County Event Center. The show featured roughly 30 looks from JoJo + CoCo and Halo, which people could purchase at the event.

Though the event's 200 tickets sold out well before show time, Asplund vows the event will be an

annual occurrence. The 76 VIP tickets — which included special discounts and seating for \$50 — were gone within 48 hours, she added.

Emergency Support Shelter Interim Director Shira Lile was set to speak at the event, and shelter employees, along with other locals, including business owners, were set to model.

Commerce Avenue bakery The Sugar Pearl Dessert Co. set up shop, as well as a vendor who sells decorative trucker hats and one who makes custom champagne bottles. Halo offered permanent jewelry.

The cocktail bar served pink champagne and, for every pur-

Hayley Day, The Daily News Photos
RIGHT: Alina Backstrom, right, of Longview grabs a sweet treat from Sugar Pearl Dessert Co. on Thursday, Feb. 6 at a Galentine's event hosted by JoJo+CoCo in Longview.

BOTTOM: Jenae Gomes, of Woodland, browses clothes at the event on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Cowlitz County Event Center in Longview.

chased featured drink, \$2 went toward the shelter, Asplund said.

The event was about bringing women and the community together, she added.

After her assault — which Asplund chose not to share details of — she said she received an outpouring of support from friends, family, the Emergency Support

Shelter and the community at large.

"It was overwhelming for me," she said. "To have these people come and support you, to know you're not alone — I want other people to know they aren't alone either. It takes a village."



TARIFF

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and partially in Oregon, exports just as much. Bellingham ranks fourth among metropolitan areas in the state in annual exports, while Kennewick-Richland ranks eighth and Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater ranks tenth.

Geography and an extensive port system are not the only reason the state is so trade reliant.

"It's a lot more than just geography and proximity, because it's how the economy and how the industries have created this ecosystem that has been a huge competitive advantage for Washington state," Otto Punke said.

China and Canada are the top two markets for exports from Washington, while Mexico is fourth. The three countries accounted for \$25 billion of the \$61 billion worth of goods that Washington exported in 2023, according to the International Trade Administration.

"When we were talking about the 10% tariff on China and the 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico, that was a \$4.1 billion hit to Washington State from a cost perspective alone," Otto Punke said.

Would tariffs impact the west coast? How does that number compare to other states? Trade Partnership Worldwide, an economy and trade analysis group, estimates that the cost of tariffs on each state's exports would be significant. It would cost Washington \$4.1 billion — the second-highest on the west coast, behind California's \$33 billion.

Two of Washington's neighbors, Oregon and Idaho, are expected to see hits of \$1.3 billion and \$412 million, respectively. Idaho also shares a border with Canada, although it's only 45 miles long.

Washington's projected losses are the third-highest of any state west of the Mississippi River, trailing only California and Texas, the two states that would be the most impacted.

Some of Washington's losses related could be attributed to how the state's ports function.

For example, over half of wheat exports in the U.S. travel through the Columbia River and out to the Pacific Ocean. In 2023, Washington exported over \$11 billion worth of agricultural products that were grown in other states, according to the office of Senator Maria Cantwell.

Are border states most impacted?

Despite the projected losses, the west coast isn't the region expected to be most impacted. Three of the five states expected to see the biggest losses are located in the Midwest, which has a higher concentration of states that rely on one industry or one trade partner.

States that border Canada are among the most impacted states, according to the estimates, although that's more true of the Great Lakes region than the northwest. Five of the top ten states in projected losses from the tariffs are located on one of the Great Lakes, making up nearly 27% of the total projected loss across the country.

The impact of any tariffs would be felt along the southern border as well, although it would largely be concentrated in California and Texas, according to the report. 34% of the projected losses nationally come from the two states. With 5% of its gross domestic product coming from exports to Mexico alone, Texas had the highest projected loss at \$47 billion.

In that sense, Washington's diversified economy is both a blessing and a curse when it comes to tariffs — its wide range of industries means Washington is likely to be impacted by a tariff on just about any category of exports, but that any one tariff isn't likely to decimate

the state's economy.

"I think compared to other states, one of the things that is great, and one of the things that means we're impacted by more types of tariff policy is the fact that we're such a diversified economy," Otto Punke said. "We have everything from tech to retail to agriculture, ranching to life sciences and wood, timber products, all those things."

Overall, Washington's projected losses ranked No. 15 in the country.

Other ways tariffs would affect WA

While Washington's exports are expected to take a \$4 billion hit, that figure doesn't capture the cost of tariffs to Washington's economy as a whole, which could include higher prices and less trade overall. Otto Punke also noted that the state's manufacturing infrastructure is built around its current export levels and can't be adjusted easily.

"Especially on something like agriculture, you can't just start and stop an orchard, or agriculture in general. And it's true with businesses as well. You can't just turn these things on and off," Otto Punke said.

Washington exported \$1.3 worth of agricultural products to Canada in 2023 and \$687 to Mexico, according to Cantwell's office. When Mexico imposed a retaliatory tariff on U.S. agricultural exports in 2018, Cantwell estimates that Washington's apple and potato exports to Mexico fell by 29% and 21%, respectively.

Additionally, Washington's proximity to the Pacific means the state's economy could lose money that's currently spent on transporting other goods through the state to get to a port.

"The impacts of tariffs go well beyond what we build and grow here," Otto Punke said.

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We can't just stand by

Trump and Musk tear through democracy

Stand up now or risk losing it all.

It is time to recognize this nation faces a constitutional crisis. Those with political power are unwilling to do anything about it. Everyday people, anxious and concerned, must cast aside hesitation and do more than quietly lament democracy's passing.

According to the Cook Political Report, President Donald Trump won 49.8% of the popular vote in the November election. Democratic challenger Kamala Harris earned 48.3%.

Republicans won slim majorities in the U.S. House and Senate. That established the landscape for Trump and the GOP to successfully push through many of their legislative priorities.

But the deputization of billionaire Elon Musk to go into the federal bureaucracy and all but dismantle whole departments, cancel federal office space leases and force out employees — in the Justice Department, Education and USAID, just for starters — is blatantly unconstitutional.

These functions were created by Congress, only Congress — representing the people — can determine their fate.

Article 1, Section 9 of the Constitution establishes Congress and empowers the legislative branch to appropriate funds: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law."

The 1974 Impoundment Control Act set up a detailed process for what a president could and could not do when disagreeing over whether to spend money that Congress had approved.

Blizzards of lawsuits have

been filed to challenge Trump's tactics. Protests have assembled across the country.

Alarm bells must ring even louder. If you are concerned about the direction of this nation, call your member of Congress. Contact other federal lawmakers. Call the White House, 202-456-1111, or send a message via whitehouse.gov/contact/

Connect with your friends and neighbors. Reach out to folks in other states. Make noise.

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray is an example of a strong and vital voice in Congress.

On the Senate floor last week, Murray said: "The fact of the matter is — Trump and Musk have yet to find a law they think applies to them. They think because they are rich and powerful, they get to call all the shots — regardless of the courts and Congress. But that's just not how things work in this country. Billionaires are not above the law. Neither are presidents."

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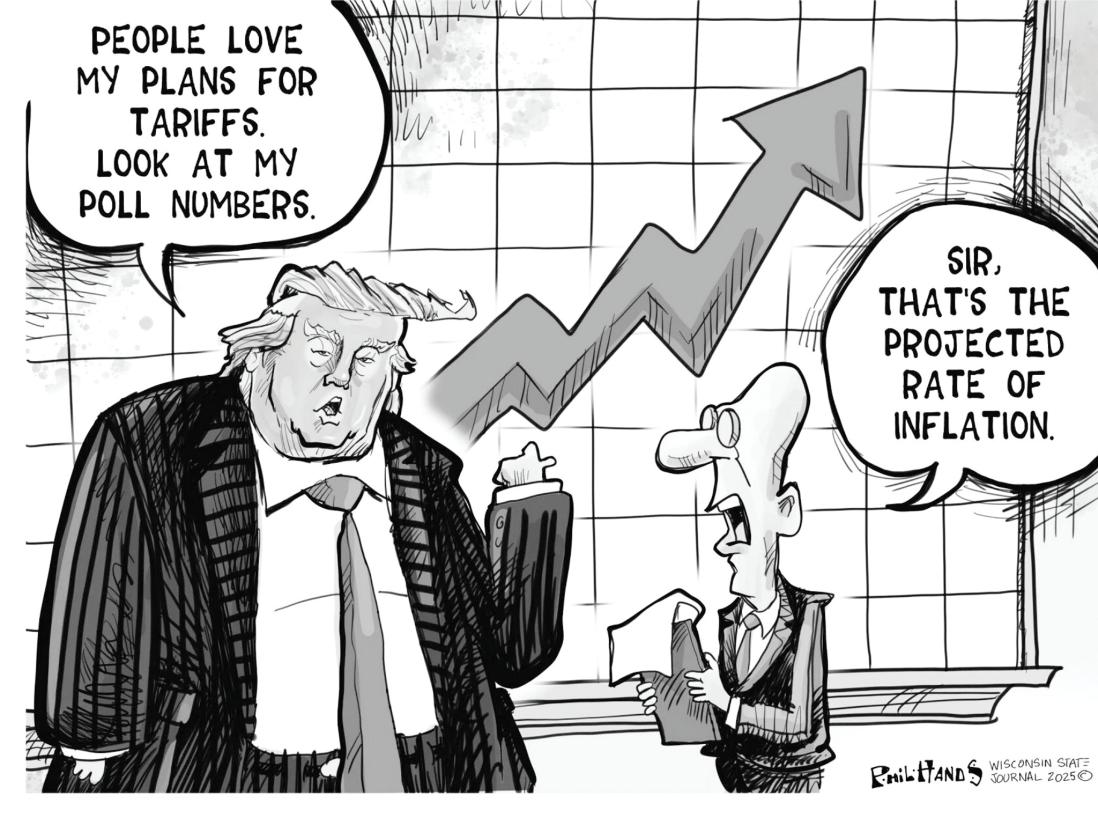
Taxation without representation prompted rebels in 1773 to smash and throw chests of tea into Boston Harbor. Members of Congress, regardless of party, must assert the body's role as a coequal branch of government or risk another Boston Tea Party moment.

The people write checks to the Treasury Department, not to Musk.

Watch. Listen. Act. Call. Pay your taxes because it is the law. Protest because it is your right.

Blizzards of lawsuits have

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Phil Hands WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL 2025

YOUR VIEWS

Students are the reason to vote yes on CR levy

As a fiscal conservative with homeschooled children, you may ask, "Why are you voting yes on the Castle Rock School District replacement levy and encouraging me to do the same?" I'll state my case.

I've had the privilege of volunteering at Castle Rock High School over the last few years for various sports. While serving in this capacity, I've become impressed by the caliber of people the school district has hired. But staff alone isn't enough to convince me to vote yes.

I'm voting YES because of the students themselves. When I drive up to the high school, I see enthusiasm from staff and teachers for student opportunities as well as passionate coaches. I see the faces of students. The young men and women who will spend four years of their lives developing their minds, creating memories, and preparing to make an impact in the world they will inherit.

Students need to know they are attending a school where they are safe and supported; where they can learn, but also participate in life-enriching activities like sports and extracurricular activities. Where students who have special needs are encouraged and supported by professionals who are well equipped for the job.

I researched the issue myself at the district website: www.crschools.org. There I learned that this replacement levy will fund these and other vital projects in all three schools.

Therefore, I write this to encourage you to get the facts and join me in voting YES for Castle Rock Schools. nameline here

Ben Trigsted

Castle Rock

Castle Rock community must support schools

As vice-president and a founding member of the Board of Directors for the Castle Rock Community Development Alliance, I am pleased to write a letter in support of Castle Rock School District's renewal of the Educational Program and Operations Levy on Feb. 11. All schools will benefit from these levy funds which will continue to improve our entire community.

CRCDA is an alliance of city, community, school and business leaders along with property owners, the faith community, fraternal organizations, non-profits and many, many community volunteers.

Our Mission Statement: To identify and nurture an environment that is supportive of its citizens by promoting quality of life and an economically sustainable community.

Our PURPOSE: To educate and create partnerships within the business community to achieve growth and ongoing economic stability. Recognizing that quality of life is an essential component for a viable economy, it is important to also provide education and support to foster continued revitalization and community enrichment opportunities.

When this community comes together with common goals, we have seen that there are no limits to where they can lead. In Castle Rock you can see the results of these partnerships, and the visible evidence of our unified effort.

The community's support of their schools is a tangible example of everyone working together for the common goal; to make Castle Rock the place where people want to live, work, play, shop and learn.

Please join us and VOTE YES for all Castle Rock students and our future on Feb. 11.

Michael Vorse

Castle Rock

Renew the Castle Rock school operations levy

As a one of many who volunteer with Castle Rock Blooms (a committee within the non-profit Castle Rock Community Development Alliance), I have the privilege of working alongside dedicated district staff, teachers and students at all three schools, twelve months a year.

Yes, twelve months a year. Staff volunteers and students work alongside community volunteers to keep the gardens at all three schools producing fruits and vegetables for the Castle Rock Lion's Food Bank and Senior Center as well as The Villager Retirement Inn. Castle Rock teachers are volunteering during breaks and summer vacations! They are not only dedicated to their students but to their community as well.

Those 200+ baskets the city hangs each year that attracts visitors and encourage shoppers to our businesses from far and wide? As volunteers we grow those with CRHS Horticulture students. In turn, we volunteer and mentor them in the greenhouses each spring.

We experience first-hand the need for a YES Vote to RENEW the educational programs and operations levy on February 11. The funds are essential to help bridge the gap between state funding and what actual costs are to provide a quality educational experience for our students. Also, passage of the levy would provide an additional \$30,000 in Local Effort Assistance to CRSD from the state.

Questions? Details available on CRSD website: www.crschools.org or call 360-577-3010. Get the facts. Be an informed voter.

Please, Join me in voting YES for Castle Rock Kids!

Nancy Chennault

Castle Rock

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COMMENTARY | TOM MAJICH

TOM MAJICH, general manager of the Kinneloa Irrigation District in the burn area of the 2025 Eaton fire.

Why no water system is built with capacity for LA fires

In the immediate aftermath of the devastating Eaton and Palisades fires, local water agencies have been questioned and criticized about why sufficient water resources may not have been available for the fire suppression effort.

As the general manager of a public water agency, I've tried to succinctly explain the quandary facing water systems, especially those whose infrastructure has evolved over the past 130 years from irrigating citrus orchards to serving highly populated and dense residential communities.

One metaphor has seemed to resonate. When I talk to people about the finite capacity of water systems, I ask them to imagine a small coffee shop that sells 200 to 300 cups of drip coffee on an average day and a few days a year

might sell 400.

That is how community water systems are designed to operate. The random, but not system-shocking, 400-cup day is similar to what a water system may experience on a day with high customer demand in addition to a few isolated structure fires or a small wildland-urban interface fire that is primarily suppressed by air attack resources. Water systems are designed for this scenario, and they perform well.

At that imaginary coffee shop, if one day someone comes in and orders 40,000 cups of coffee, that order simply can't be filled. There aren't enough beans, cups, people to make it, people to serve it. That 40,000-cup order is similar to the demand on water systems during the ground response to the Eaton and

Palisades fires in early January.

For that coffee shop to be able to fill an unexpected 40,000-cup order that might happen once every 30 years, the business would need to occupy a much larger space, have dozens of people on staff standing by, maintain idle equipment and keep a huge inventory of coffee on hand, most of which would expire and be thrown away.

Building a business plan for a coffee shop that can handle this is theoretically possible, but for 99.99% of the time when demand is not extraordinary, it probably would have to sell coffee for well over \$100 a cup to stay afloat.

Customers would be paying a huge sum for their daily coffee so that the shop could be ready at any moment to fulfill a 40,000-

cup order. People don't like to pay for so much excess capacity; in general, they probably shouldn't. In the coffee shop example, if prices were set to support that vast spare capacity, customers wouldn't go there, and the shop would close.

Public water systems can't close. We provide safe drinking water at your tap, on demand, every minute of every day. If being prepared for the 1 out of every 10,000 days scenario is what the public demands, that capacity can be built. However, the upfront and ongoing financial investment is larger than any community can likely tolerate. People would move away — or, here in California, reject the rate increase that would be required.

Our state's Proposition 218, approved by voters in 1996, allows for ratepayers to protest and reject water fee increases they don't want, and the public exercises that power frequently. The average household water bill in California is approximately half the average household cell-phone bill. The people have spoken, and they want low water bills.

Building a system that has the capacity for a catastrophe that may occur every 30 years is possible, but I don't believe it's the best use of public and personal resources. Water will always be needed for firefighting too, but it's not realistic to imagine water systems will ever be equipped to douse fires as intense, and widespread, as the Eaton and Palisades blazes were at their peaks.

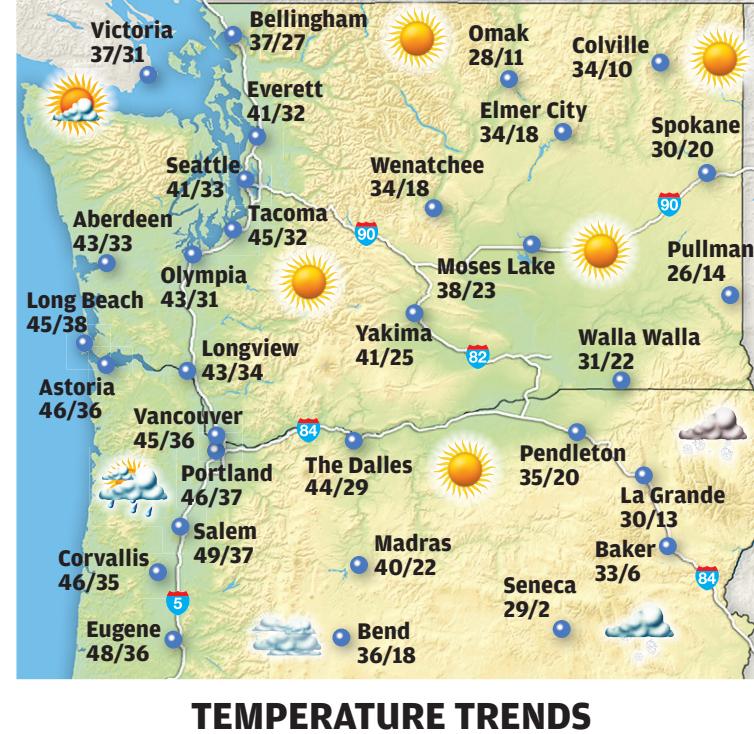
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LONGVIEW'S FIVE-DAY FORECAST

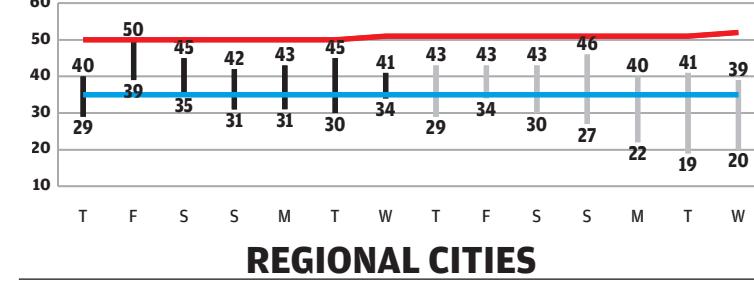
TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
An afternoon shower	Showers of rain and snow	An afternoon shower	Chilly with low clouds	Cold; a bit of p.m. snow	Sunny and chilly
WIND S 4-8 mph	WIND SSE 6-12 mph	WIND SSW 4-8 mph	WIND SSE 3-6 mph	WIND VAR 2-4 mph	WIND VAR 2-4 mph
43°	34°	43° 30°	46° 27°	40° 22°	41° 19°

REGIONAL FORECAST

Cloudy today. Periods of wet snow with little or no accumulation in the north and mountains; a couple of showers of rain or snow near the coast. A shower in spots near Longview and towards Portland.



TEMPERATURE TRENDS



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Saturday		City	Today		Saturday	
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Chehalis	44/32/c	43/28/sh	40/13/sn	35/17/s	Ontario	40/13/sn	35/17/s	40/34/c	43/33/c
Florence	47/41/sh	49/32/sh	46/37/pc	45/32/sh	Portland	46/37/pc	45/32/sh	62/42/pc	54/40/sh
Gold Beach	49/42/c	50/34/sh	46/37/sh	47/33/pc	Seaside	41/33/s	40/32/sn	26/11/s	32/6/s
Grants Pass	48/29/sh	50/31/sn	45/32/s	40/28/sn	Seattle	41/33/s	40/32/sn	71/65/s	71/62/sh
Klamath Falls	37/1/c	32/2/pc	27/17/pc	26/17/sn	Stampede Pass	27/17/pc	26/17/sn	84/73/s	90/71/s
Medford	45/24/pc	43/26/sn	46/37/sh	48/29/r	Lewis River	24	9.55	-0.12	-0.21
Mount Rainier	-7/-20/pc	-9/-16/sn	46/36/c	43/35/r	at Woodland				
Mount St. Helens	11/3/sn	13/8/sn	44/36/c	43/35/r					
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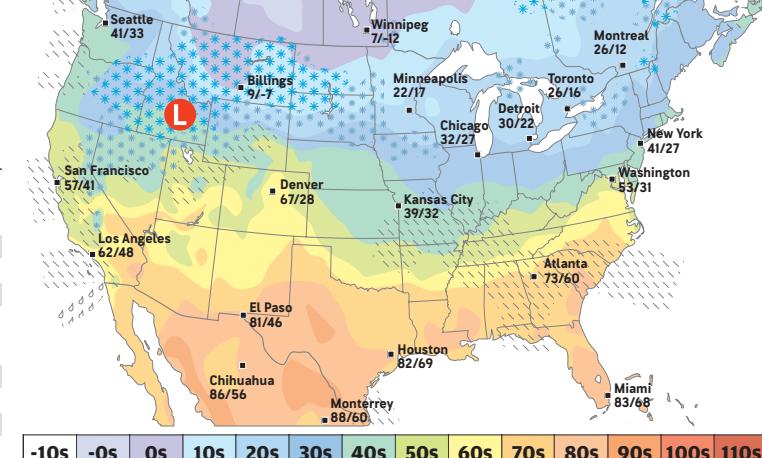
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National Forecast: A storm in the West can bring some showers to the Central Valley and Southern California today. Snow can extend from the Sierra to Oregon, northern Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana and into the northern Plains by the end of the day. The Northeast is expected to be windy and cold with widespread wind gusts of 40-50 mph.

Shown are noon positions of precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



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Statistics for Wednesday

Temperature

High/low 41°/34°
Normal high/low 51°/35°
Record high 64° (1958)
Record low 5° (1989)

Precipitation

Wednesday 0.17"
Month to date (normal) 0.41" (0.90")
Year to date (normal) 2.14" (7.43")
Record for this date 1.73" (1940)

Snowfall

Wednesday 0.0"
Month to date (normal) Trace (0.3")
Season to date (normal) Trace (8.0")
Last season to date 7.9"
Record for this date 0.8" (1949)

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30° 37° 36° 31°
8 a.m. noon 4 p.m. 8 p.m.

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Rise Set
Sun 7:26 a.m. 5:26 p.m.
Moon 12:05 p.m. 4:14 a.m.

Full Moon Feb 12 Last Quarter Feb 20 New Moon Feb 27 First Quarter Mar 6

RIVER STAGES

River Flood Stage (ft.) Stage Thu. 24-hr. Change
Cowlitz River at Castle Rock 48 35.50 +0.28
at Longview 21.5 13.33 -0.21

Lewis River at Woodland 24 9.55 -0.12

Long Beach Tides

Today High Feet Low Feet
First 7:39 am 8.6 12:59 am 4.4
Second 10:16 pm 6.2 3:00 pm 0.4

National Extremes Thursday for the 48 contiguous states
High: 90° in Carrizo Springs, TX
Low: -28° in Dunkirk, MT

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Saturday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Saturday Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	40/34/c	43/33/c	Mexico City	76/47/s	76/48/s
Baghdad	62/42/pc	54/40/sh	Montreal	26/12/c	22/13/c
Beijing	26/11/s	32/6/s	Moscow	31/20/pc	30/21/c
Bermuda	71/65/s	71/62/sh	Nassau	82/70/s	80/69/s
Buenos Aires	84/73/s	90/71/s	Paris	43/41/c	48/35/c
Calgary	12/-3/s	20/3/c	Rio de Janeiro	88/74/s	85/75/pc
Copenhagen	38/32/c	37/32/c	Rome	58/40/pc	58/47/r
Frankfurt	42/31/c	45/30/pc	Singapore	90/76/c	89/76/pc
Hong Kong	63/50/c	61/48/s	Sydney	87/71/s	84/73/c
Jerusalem	48/38/c	51/38/pc	Tokyo	49/35/pc	49/36/s
Johannesburg	76/57/t	83/61/pc	Toronto	26/16/c	27/20/c
Kabul	44/30/pc	47/33/pc	Vancouver	36/27/s	38/27/pc
Lima	78/68/pc	78/69/c	Vienna	39/29/c	40/31/c
London	40/37/sh	45/38/sh	Warsaw	35/27/c	37/25/pc

W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, i-ice, r-rain, t-thunderstorms, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow

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GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BEAVERS CAN'T CAPTURE LEAGUE TITLE



DAN ROSENFIELD, THE DAILY NEWS

Woodland's Addi Stading shoots a floater in a game against Columbia River on Thursday, Feb. 6 at Columbia River High School.

Woodland falls to Castle Rock in anticipated rematch

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Woodland and Columbia River came into Thursday's matchup in Vancouver tied atop the 2A Greater St. Helens League standings. Woodland coach Glen Flanagan had a chance to secure the rare feat of winning league titles in both football and girls basketball.

However, unlike on the gridiron, the Beavers came up short on the court, falling to the Rapids 50-42 in the de-facto league championship game. It was the second time this season that Woodland lost to Columbia River. The two battled it out back in January, with the Rapids coming out on top 42-41 in a thriller.

"Hopefully we'll grow from this, learn from this and hopefully get another shot at them," Flanagan said. "This game, we had shots we had looks, we just need to do a better job, I need to do a better job of getting the ball

in places where we could score."

It was a game worthy of the price of admission once again, especially if you were a Woodland fan. By my estimation, about three-fourths of the arena was filled with green, white and black.

"Our community is like a family and it's great to have that support for us, they all turned in us," Woodland senior Addi Stading said.

Trailing by 8, Woodland's Lainey Haden splashed in a 3 to pull within 40-35 with about a minute and a half left in the game, but Columbia River's Gracie Glavin hit a dagger 3-pointer of her own and Woodland turned it over on its next possession. Glavin finished with a game-high 25 points.

The Rapids made most of their free throws the rest of the way and were able to hang on to win their third consecutive league title.

Turnovers were a big problem for the Beavers as they had nine in the first half and 16

for the game compared to just four steals.

"We kind of forced the passes, we didn't take what they gave us and we need to clean that up," Flanagan said.

Woodland trailed for most of the game, including 9-4 late in the first quarter, but the Beavers rallied off 6 straight points to take the lead with about two minutes left in the frame on an-and-one layup from Kennedy Bockert and a 3 from Haden. Haden hit four 3-pointers in the game and was in double figures with 14 points.

Bockert had seven points in the quarter and finished with a team-best 17 points and 10 rebounds. Despite the stat line, she had trouble getting going in and Columbia River denied her the ball and swarmed her when she had possession.

"It was tough, (Columbia River) was doing a good job and then there were some

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Kelso hires Michelle Mury as newest T&F coach

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Michelle Mury has accepted the position to become the next Kelso track and field head coach.

Mury was hired Tuesday, she says, just over two weeks since former coach Joe Kieder announced his retirement after 21 years. Mury also coaches varsity volleyball and will remain in that role, Kelso Athletic

Director Bob Kickner confirmed.

Mury is a Kelso native and attended Coeeman Middle School where she once held the mile record, discus record and javelin record under the late Joe Stewart. Her discus record stood for 25 years and her javelin record was broken by athletes she coached herself.

She also attended Kelso where she ran track under John Hunt. She has an extensive

track record with 35 years of coaching as an assistant for the Hilanders, including having coached four javelin state champions and multiple state placers while also playing a part in Kelso girls 2023 state championship.

She has also coached Katie Reichert, a four-time All-American in the javelin at Western university who participated at the Olympic Trials.

"I'm actually so excited for the opportu-

nity to continue the traditions and build on what the former coaches have done," Mury said. "They've been longstanding, Kelso-bleed-blue-and-gold kind of guys. I've been coaching in this program for 35 years, so I've been able to watch and learn and just be a part of all the success that was going on."

As do many of those who were part of

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SCORES

WEDNESDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

R.A. Long def. Ridgefield, 61-41

- Josh Crane — 17 points
- Cameron Newsome — 15 points
- Rhett Young — 14 points

RAL coach Jeray Key: "With the big win tonight we can do anything worse than a tie for the league championship so with the win we have won our league and that was a goal since summer!"

Mark Morris def. Washougal, 65-45

- Dalton Stevens — 14 points
- Nate Stephens — 14 points
- Carson Bogner — 11 points

MM coach Ken Kelly: "It was another great night for us. We jumped ahead 20-5 after one and 36-16 at the half - this enabled us to get a lot of deserving players some good time in the game and it's always fun when everyone can score. This group of Seniors is extraordinary and while many people doubted them, they're sitting at 19-2 and could go down as one of the greatest Mark Morris Basketball Teams of all-time when all is said and done."

Woodland def. Hudson's Bay

- James Long — 16 points
- Jackson Gabbard — 12 points
- Elijah Andersen — 12 points

Woodland coach Justin Gabbard: "We didn't play our normal defense, and we let them back in at the end, but overall I'm happy for the boys to get another one. Bay is a rough atmosphere, and we pulled it out."

LaCenter def. Kalama, 74-57

- Abel Koski — 21 points
- Benji Brightbill — 14 points
- Cabe Crawford — 10 points

Kalama coach Wes Armstrong: "Dug ourselves a hole early and never could recover. We got killed on the boards. Against a physical and talented team like LaCenter you have to rebound on the defensive end. We didn't do that. Again the guys show no quit and continue to work their butts off."

Columbia (White Salmon) def.

Castle Rock, 74-62

Toutle Lake def. Onalaska, 62-56

GIRLS BOWLING

3A Girls Bowling State Individual

8th Place: Arianna Long
19th Place and Sportsmanship medal: Layla Davenport
27th Place: Paige Molyneux
Kelso's season is done.

Kelso coach Justin Fugleberg: "We had a great showing at State today. I think the first game jitters got to us, but we started to roll the ball well from the second game on. ... Our showing at State today is a testament to the work these ladies have put in during the season and I have no doubt we will see them all back next year, but we hope to have a full team with them."

BOYS SWIMMING

2A Greater St. Helen's League Sub District

- Aaron Turpin (RAL) — 50 Free (26.98) 1st place and new district Qualifying time

- Kellan Moriarty (RAL) — 100 Back (1:21.96) 3rd place

- Kellan Moriarty (RAL) — 100 Breaststroke (1:27.30) 3rd place

- Adrian Vazquez-Alcaraz (RAL) — 500 Free (7:21.37) PR by over 17 seconds

- Alex Aldrich (MM) — 200 Free (2:23.43) 1st place, New PR

- Alex Aldrich (MM) — 100 Back (1:18.61) 1st place, New PR

- Jonathan Martinez (MM) — 100 Fly (1:24.02) New PR and 2nd place finish allocates to district

- Henry Hack (MM) — 500 Free (7:19.19) Revised 3rd place finish allocates to district

NWAC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lower Columbia def. Centralia, 76-66

NWAC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lower Columbia def. Centralia, 78-62

THURSDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

Castle Rock def. Kalama, 67-53

Toutle Lake def. Morton-White Pass, 56-38

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kelso def. Heritage, 67-20

Mark Morris def. R.A. Long, 56-32

- Kadence Gorans (MM) — 14 points

- Reese Johnston (MM) — 13 points, 6 rebounds, 4 assists, 6 steals

- Kea Makaiwi (MM) — 13 points

- Kiki Makaiwi (MM) — 11 points, 3 blocks

- Alauna Brown (RAL) — 11 points

- Bri Garwood (RAL) — 6 steals

Mark Morris coach Sean Atkins: "We came alive in the second quarter and applied a lot of pressure to RAL to help us start separating. We had four different players go for double figures to help take on the scoring load and keep (their) defense from focusing on any one person to score. Reese (Johnston) really stepped up huge defensively with six steals and (led) the team with six rebounds to go with her 13 points. It was a great night to honor our seniors as that all contributed and got to play good minutes tonight."

R.A. Long coach J.D. Ott: "We got off to a good first quarter as we caused them some problems offensively and was able to get through their press. In the second quarter they regrouped and picked up their defense and we were too complacent on the press break which they took advantage of. Third quarter was pretty even as it went back and forth. In the fourth quarter, we just didn't have the legs in our shots and couldn't get the ball to drop for us. We competed hard all night. We just let the second quarter get away from us and had to play catch up the rest of the game."

Columbia River def. Woodland, 50-42

- Kennedy Bockert — 17 points, 10 rebounds

- Lainey Haden — 14 points

Kalama def. Castle Rock, 58-46

- Aubrey Doerty (KAL) — 21 points, 13 rebounds, 6 assists, 10 steals, 4 blocks

- Hannah Johnson (KAL) — 16 points

- Sophia Buchanan (CR) — 15 points

- Bridgette Hollifield (KAL) — 11 points

- Rylie Cadigan (KAL) — 3 steals

Kalama coach Amber Doerty: "Aubrey had a huge night with a triple-double fighting through two and three defenders for buckets as she has been doing for the last half of the season. She had some important steals in the fourth quarter that locked down the game for us."

It was a great senior night. We did miss some easy layups and blocks shots in the third quarter. We have some things we need to clean up and execute better going into districts but we handled their press well."

We had the lead for (most of) the game but Castle Rock did a great job of hitting some really big three pointers (like pro-range three pointers) and stayed in it. We appreciate their good sportsmanship and wish them well in the post season."

Castle Rock coach Jordan Garbe: "Although we didn't leave Kalama with the win, the girls played their hearts out and left everything on the floor tonight. I'm so proud of the effort and hard work they put in."

Sophia Buchanan had another high scoring night, which really helped the team. Kambree Lindemann also added a couple of threes to the scoreboard to help. Shyann Watkins had some nice post moves and a 3-pointer, that helped us add 9 (points) to the board. Ashlyn Meyers hustled hard and grabbed some big rebounds for us."

We need to work on taking care of the basketball in order to help us have more opportunities to score. However, going into post season play, I'm really happy with how the team played tonight and I'm hopeful we can bring the same grit when we play on Monday."

ONE BUSY BEAVER

Woodland's Glen Flanagan in rare class as a head coach in football, basketball

MEG WOHNICK

The Columbian

WOODLAND — Glen Flanagan already has a blueprint ready for practice when the time comes his Woodland Beavers football team's postseason run overlaps with the start of winter's girls basketball season.

"We'll either have basketball go early," Flanagan began explaining at length, "or I'll go out (to football) right away and get our defense out of the way and have good coaches that will have the offense. Then come back in for basketball, and then have a good JV coach so they'll be running it and balancing it."

"It's important to surround yourself with really good assistants."

If it reads like Flanagan, a long-time coaching fixture at his high school alma mater, is a busy bee, it's because he is.

Three-sport high school athletes are a specialty, but Flanagan is a rarity among coaches. He's believed to be only one of two coaches statewide (1B Selkirk's Kelly Cain) who are their school's head football coach and head coach of either boys or girls basketball. That's on top of Flanagan also being an assistant track and field coach at Woodland in the spring.

A dual-sport head coach overseeing two major team sports — in back-to-back seasons on the high school calendar, no less — is a tall order, yet Flanagan is going a step further. He could win league titles in both sports months apart.

After leading Woodland to its second straight 2A Greater St.

Helens League football title in November as a first-year head football coach, his girls basketball team could win its first league crown in 11 years Thursday at Columbia River. That's when the 2A GSHL's top teams at 12-1 in league square off in the regular-season finale. River topped Woodland, 42-41, in the teams' first meeting Jan. 14.

At age 53, Flanagan is a self-described "old-school coach." He continues to work 12-hour days throughout the school year and jokes he only knows what 4-6 p.m. looks like once summer hits. It's the same pace today as in 1995 when he kicked off his coaching career as Woodland's defensive coordinator in football and an assistant girls basketball coach, plus coaching middle school track and field.

Thirty years later, he's still defensive coordinator on top of head-coaching duties, is approaching 450 career wins in girls basketball and now coaches high school track and field. He coached all three of his children — daughters Jessica and McKenna, and son, Tyler — who all graduated from Woodland, and has zero plans to slow down.

"The reason I've survived is because I love this town," Flanagan said. "I believe in having a purpose-filled life. I believe I love sports for a reason and I really love working with kids for a reason."

Football coach

When Woodland's football job came open last spring, Flanagan realized all signs pointed at him to become its next head coach.

He and his wife, Jody, were on the same page too.

"We live it and breathe it every day," she said.

The 2024 football season didn't come without early learning curves. Losses to 1A Kalama and La Center pinned the Beavers at 0-2 to begin September, and Flanagan chose not to leave his house the entire weekend after Woodland's second defeat.

The book "Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy SEALS Lead and Win," which is built around a core principle that leaders take responsibility for everything in their sphere of influence, resonates with Flanagan.

"Everything is on me," he said, "and if it's all on me, it's almost liberating. ... If I wasn't taking complete extreme ownership over everything, it would've been really hard."

"It forces you to work harder and forces you to get after it. And then we started winning."

And winning, the Beavers did.

A 12-0 victory over Washougal to open league play began a seven-game winning streak to repeat as 2A GSHL champions. The program last won consecutive league titles in 2006 and 2007. Emotions hit Flanagan after his first head-coaching win and in the regular-season finale versus Ridgefield.

Senior point guard and four-year varsity basketball player Addi Stading grew up playing in Woodland's youth program. At one point during the football team's 0-2 stretch, she echoed the same encouragement to Flanagan that he's known for throughout his years coaching

girls basketball. The coach is known for something else, too, Stading said, regardless of what sport he's coaching.

"He's always super supportive," she said, "and what you put into his program, the time that you come in and show up, he's going to help you. He's going to be there for you no matter what — on and off the court."

Doing it all

Being a multi-sport head coach isn't rare. Coaches such as Washougal's Dave Hajek (football, track and field) and Union's Gary Mills (boys and girls golf, girls basketball) have been head-coaching regulars at the programs for years.

However, the demands and responsibilities leading football and basketball programs have area coaches impressed by what Flanagan is doing.

Andrew Johnson, a three-sport coach himself as Kelso's head girls basketball coach and assistant in football plus Castle Rock's head track coach, is one of them. Johnson coached opposite of Flanagan from 2016-19 as Woodland's boys basketball coach, and lists numerous reasons why Flanagan is the perfect coach to juggle the commitments.

"I don't know anybody else that can do it," Johnson said. "It is unbelievable. ... The fact that he's doing it at his hometown, and done it at a high level every single year."

"What he does for the school and the community is unprecedented by anybody else."

In Year 28, Flanagan is Southwest Washington's dean of girls basketball coaches. His first sea-

son in 1997-98, Woodland went 22-5 and placed seventh at state. From 2001-06, the program made six consecutive state tournament appearances, won or shared five league titles and earned four trophies.

Woodland's last league title came in 2013-14 when its only loss in a 22-1 season came at regionals.

Stading, the point guard, said what makes this year's team special happen to also be qualities Flanagan has seen in several prior teams: talent surrounded by chemistry.

"We all love each other," Stading said, "... we celebrate each other's wins."

Those celebrations extend to the locker room, too. For years, coaches and players douse one another with a water-bottle shower after each win, home or away. That's because Flanagan wants to make sure players cherish the small things throughout a season-long journey.

"We celebrate every victory like it's the state championship, because why not?" the coach said. "We celebrate because you need to do that. In this society, we're so ready to focus on the negative and so ready to focus on how bad it is and all the bad things. So let's choose to focus on the positive."

It's all part of Flanagan's latest journey in his long-tenure as a high school coach: a first-year head football and a veteran head basketball coach. And a shot of winning two league titles three months apart.

Said Flanagan: "I'm busy, but I'm not busy alone."

NCAA committee to consider proposal to combat fake injuries

ERIC OLSON

Associated Press

A proposed rule change intended to discourage players from faking injuries that prompt unwarranted timeouts will be considered when the NCAA Football Rules Committee meets this month.

Feigning injuries, sometimes at the coach's instruction, has become a tactic defenses use to slow down tempo offenses or as a way for an offense to avoid a delay of game penalty or get an extra timeout.

The American Football Coaches Association submitted a proposal that would require a

player who goes down on the field and receives medical attention to sit out the rest of that possession. Currently, the player must go out for one play before re-entering.

"The American Football Coaches Association is acutely concerned about this," AFCA executive director Craig Bohl said. "It goes against the grain of the betterment of our game and the ethics. We crafted this, we floated this, and it's been received well. I'm sure there'll be some push-back. Our point (to detractors) is give us something better if you don't like it."

The proposal has carveouts. A coach can use a charged timeout

to get the player back on the field during the current possession. A player injured by a hit that results in a penalty would be exempt. Also, the one player on offense and one on defense with a green dot on his helmet, indicating he's allowed to receive radio communication from the sideline, can re-enter after one play.

Injuries perceived to be feigned became such a hot topic in the Southeastern Conference last season that commissioner Greg Sankey put out a November memo admonishing teams. "As plainly as it can be stated: Stop any and all activity related to faking injuries to create time-outs,"

he wrote.

The NCAA Football Rules Committee will meet the last week of February in Indianapolis, and the issue will be front and center. If the AFCA's proposal passes and is approved in the spring by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel, it

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obvious fouls but (the refs) told us that they can't call all of them, so they didn't call them," Flanagan said. "We need to do a better job of getting her the ball more. We kind of went away from her a little too much. I probably should have ran her from a high-post up."

The Rapids took control for the rest of the first period and led 15-12 heading into the second quarter.

Both team's offenses crawled to a halt in the second and neither team scored in the final four minutes before halftime as the Rapids

led 21-14 at the break. The Beavers got off to a fast start in the third with a bucket from Bockert followed by two consecutive 3s from Stading and Haden which cut the deficit to just 1 point. Columbia River led 28-25 after the third quarter.

The Rapids opened up a 10-point lead in the fourth, but a bucket from Bockert and an and-one from Stading cut the deficit to 35-30 with about four minutes left before Columbia River hit a big 3 to go up 8.



DAN ROSENFIELD, THE DAILY NEWS

Woodland's Lainey Haden drives to the basket in a game against Columbia River on Thursday, Feb. 6 at Columbia River High School.

Lake Placid 1st in US to host women's World Cup ski jump

LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

The first women's World Cup ski jumping event in the United States is this weekend in Lake Placid, New York.

Women, thanks to fundraising efforts, are expected to make as much money as male counterparts.

Former U.S. national team members Nina Lussi, Lindsey Van, Jessica Jerome and Tara Geraghty-Moats started a GoFundMe campaign to address the disparity and raised nearly \$9,000 by Thursday afternoon. A portion of ticket sales Friday, Saturday and Sunday will also go toward increasing the women's purse that is about one-third of the total men are awarded.

"I'm confident when competition begins, the prize awards for men and women will be equal," Lake Placid-based Olympic Regional Development Authority spokeswoman Darcy Norfolk said in a telephone interview Thursday.

The International Ski Federation (FIS) will give 13,000 Swiss francs, roughly \$14,000, to the men's winner and 4,300 Swiss francs, or about \$4,800, to the women's winner.

"I will be the women's race director starting next season, and this will be one of the priorities to improve the situation as fast as possible," Sandro Pertile, the men's ski jumping race director for the governing body, said in a telephone interview. "This will not change overnight, but we for sure want to increase visibility and attention for the women."

"The difference is, women's ski jumping is a much younger sport. Men have the tradition of more than 100 years. For women, it has been 20 or 25 years."

Women have been playing catch up in the sport for more than a century.

Olympic ski jumping included only men from the first Winter Games in 1924 in France through the 2010 Vancouver Games. Finally, women in the sport made their Olympic debut in 2014.

Twelve years after women ski jumpers competed at the World Cup level for the first time and two years after the men returned to Lake Placid, they're jumping in the U.S. on a far-flung circuit that has stops in Europe and Asia.

"Competing in a World Cup event here in Lake Placid is such a meaningful experience," American jumper Annika Belshaw said Thursday when the women had training and qualification rounds.

Lake Placid, home of the 1980 and 1932 Winter Olympics, is also Plan B for sliding events during next year's Milan-Cortina Games.

A century-old sliding center in Italy is being completely rebuilt for the 2026 Olympics. The International Olympic Committee was concerned enough about the construction timeline that cities around the world submitted bids to provide backup venues for bobsled, luge and skeleton events.

There's a March deadline for pre-certification of the Cortina track, when Lake Placid may be on the clock to be on the world's stage again.

The IOC would have preferred to use an active track in nearby Austria or Switzerland instead of rebuilding the Cortina venue, which had been closed since 2008, but chose Lake Placid because it didn't require any infrastructure investments.

"Most places get seven years for prepare to host the Olympics and we might have 10 months," Norfolk said. "We're hosting world championships next month so we're more than hosting an event of this scale."

Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred says he is getting emails from fans concerned over the sport's lack of a salary cap following an offseason spending spree by the Los Angeles Dodgers that sparked increased attention over the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement in December 2024.

"This is an issue that we need to be vigilant on," Manfred said Thursday following the end of an owners' meeting. "We need to pay attention to it and need to determine whether there are things that can be done to allay those kinds of concerns and make sure we have a competitive and healthy game going forward."

Baseball's biggest spender in 2024 won the World Series: The Dodgers had a \$353 million luxury tax payroll and had to pay a \$103 million tax. The Athletics had the lowest luxury tax payroll at just under \$84 million.

"The Dodgers are a really well-run, successful organization," Manfred said. "Everything that they do and have done is consistent with our rules. They're trying to give their fans the best possible product. Those are all positives. I recognize, however, and my emails certainly reflect that there are fans in other markets who are concerned about their team's ability to compete. And we always have to be concerned when our fans are concerned about something. But pinning it on the Dodgers, I'm not in that camp."

The AL champion New York Yankees — one of baseball's biggest spenders for decades — even have concerns about where the game is going on the financial front, and how it's challenging to match the way the Dodgers can spend.

"It's difficult for most of us owners to be able to do the kinds of things that they're doing. We'll see if it pays off," Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner said in an interview aired Tuesday on YES Network. "They still have to have a season relatively injury-free for it to work out for them. It's a long season as you know,

and once you get to the postseason anything can happen. We've seen that time and time again."

Players oppose a salary cap and fought off a proposal with a 7 1/2-month strike in 1994-95, leading to the cancellation of the World Series.

"The reality is salary caps don't guarantee 'competitive balance,'" union head Tony Clark said in a statement. "Salary caps are about 'competitive perception.' They are about the increase in franchise values and growth of separate revenue streams that will never be to the benefit of those off the field or the fans who come to watch them play. Salary caps are ALWAYS one-sided relationship."

New Baltimore Orioles owner David Rubenstein said he supported a cap when he spoke with Yahoo Finance at last month's World Economic Forum.

"I wish it would be the case that we would have a salary cap in baseball the way other sports do, and maybe eventually we will, but we don't have that now," he said. "I suspect we'll probably have something closer to what the NFL and the NBA have, but there's no guarantee of that."

Bargaining is expected to start in the spring of 2026. U.S. sports leagues have preferred offseason lockouts to determine the timing of work stoppages rather than risk in-season strikes.

"We're still two years away even if you're thinking you want to bargain early," Manfred said. "We do have things going on in terms of the economics of the game, local media being the principal one, that the longer we wait, the more it evolves, the better decisions we're going to make."

Manfred says umpire's firing speaks to improved monitoring of sports betting

Manfred was questioned about the firing of umpire Pat Hoberg for sharing his legal sports gambling accounts with a friend who bet on baseball games and for intentionally deleting

electronic messages pertinent to the league's investigation.

MLB opened the investigation last February when it was brought to its attention by the sportsbook, and Hoberg did not umpire last season. MLB said the investigation did not uncover evidence Hoberg personally bet on baseball or manipulated games, but MLB senior vice president of on-field operations Michael Hill recommended on May 24 that Hoberg be fired.

"I think that we have a much greater ability to monitor what's going on and determine if there's something that's going on that shouldn't be going on today than we did when, you know, gambling was all, you know, in backrooms and illegal," Manfred said. "It's always a threat. We spend a lot of time and money, get a lot more information, just have access to a lot more information now that it's legal."

Manfred said he has the same stance as NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, that one set of rules across the country for sports wagering would make more sense than the current state-by-state model.

"I do think that I may be a federalist in the broadest sense of the word," Manfred said. "I've always believed that a single set of rules is probably better than than going state by state."

Manfred hopes to keep the Rays in the Tampa Bay area

The Rays are playing this season at the spring training home of the New York Yankees, 11,000-seat Steinbrenner Field in Tampa, following damage caused to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, where Hurricane Ian ripped the roof off on Oct. 9. Rays owner Stuart Sternberg and government officials have not been able to close a deal for a new ballpark.

"It's important the way I say this: I am spending a ton of time with Stu," Manfred said. "I think he's confronted with an extraordinarily difficult situation and we're trying to work that situation through."

The Rays have until March 31 to commit to their stadium deal with the city of St. Petersburg. The team has voiced concern that the planned ballpark would not open until 2029 and the team doesn't want to be responsible for higher costs.

"We are always and have always been prepared to adapt, adjust and move forward if the Rays walk away from this partnership," St. Petersburg Mayor Ken Welch said this week in his state of the city address.

MLB's values 'unchanged' despite Trump's pressure against DEI

MLB is taking notice of a changed attitude toward diversity programs by the federal government since Donald Trump became president.

"Our values, particularly our values and diversity, remain unchanged," he said. "But another value that is pretty important to us is we always try to comply with what the law is. There seems to be an evolution going on here. We're following that very carefully. Obviously, when things get a little more settled, we'll examine each of our programs and make sure that while the values remain the same, that we're also consistent with what the law requires."

Changes to MLB's executive council

New York Mets chairman Steve Cohen and Athletics managing partner John Fisher were voted to the eight-man executive council, replacing Philadelphia managing partner John Middleton and Kansas City chairman John Sherman. The council also includes Arizona managing general partner Ken Kendrick and Seattle chairman John Stanton (whose terms expire in 2026), San Francisco chairman Greg Johnson and Cleveland chairman Paul Dolan (2027) and Miami chairman Bruce Sherman and Los Angeles Angels owner Arte Moreno (2028).

Fox analyst Mike Pereira dismisses 'myth' of pro-Chiefs favoritism

JOSH DUBOW
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mike Pereira walked out to his spot during Fox's media day and was greeted by a larger contingent of reporters than usual for an officiating expert when there were Super Bowl-winning coaches and players around the room.

"You know there's something wrong," he said.

For the past few weeks, the officials have been nearly as big of a story as the players on the field thanks to mostly online conspiracy theories that NFL officials are biased in favor of Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs.

It's an allegation that Pereira called a misguided "myth" that Commissioner Roger Goodell called "ridiculous" and the head of the officiating union called "insulting."

But the feeling still persists among some headed into the Super Bowl matchup on Sunday between the Chiefs and the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm sad that it's the story," said Pereira, who has worked as an on-field official, the head of the NFL officiating department and now serves as the officiating expert in Fox's broadcast booth. "I think it puts more pressure on the officials on Sunday. They're not going to officiate the game any differently, but they know

they're going into the game as part of the story, which doesn't usually happen. ... I feel badly for the officials. I feel badly for the game, because from our standpoint, (favoritism) just doesn't happen."

A handful of high-profile calls in the playoffs that have gone in Kansas City's favor have fueled the theories of favoritism, with Houston getting penalized for two illegal hits on Mahomes in the divisional round and Josh Allen being ruled just short of converting a fourth-and-1 sneak in Kansas City's 32-29 victory over Buffalo in the AFC championship game.

But a deeper look at all penalties shows no signs of systematic bias. The Chiefs have been penalized for 120 more yards than their opponents in the regular season and playoffs since the start of the 2022 playoffs.

Kansas City has also benefited from 10 fewer first downs by penalty on third or fourth down in that span and has had only a small edge in penalty-yard differential in the fourth quarter or overtime of close games.

Pereira said the content of the criticism isn't much different than what he heard as the head of officiating from 2001-09 but intensity is different thanks to the modern media environment.

"I didn't have social media to deal with," he said.

"Everything grows so fast in social media now. You have zero control over it and little things can grow so quickly that the whole world knows them."

Fox officiating analyst Dean Blandino, who was the NFL's vice president of officiating from 2013-17, said he believes that the NFL should be more transparent about officiating by allowing TV broadcasts to air discussions between officials and the replay crew like has been done in some spring leagues to gain more trust with fans.

But he said the league would be able to root out any bias because it studies how officials fare on calls with every team, for home and road teams, and even depending on which sideline they are on to try to determine if there are any outliers.

"I can't think of a profession that is evaluated and critiqued more," he said. "They're evaluated in the moment, we got replay, we got coaches, you've got the media and you've got the fans. They're evaluated on their performance internally. If an official is giving preferential treatment to a team or player, it will be kind of fleshed out and they'll know the league will understand."

Blandino and Pereira both said officiating mobile quarterbacks like Mahomes can be more difficult because

of the fine line between protecting quarterbacks from unnecessary big hits to making sure the defense can make stops.

That led to some controversy in the Chiefs' win over the Texans with Houston getting penalized for hitting Mahomes in the helmet following a late slide but officials correctly ignoring a flop by Mahomes on the sideline later in the game.

"When you think about the numbers, the last three or four years, Mahomes is probably middle of the road in terms of the number of calls he's got," Blandino said. "But he does a good job of pushing that envelope, especially on the sideline. Officials have to be aware of it."

Pereira said the key for the crew Sunday led by referee Ron Torbert is to block out any noise and approach the game like any other in the season.

"Subconsciously, it's always been shown that there's a lesser number of penalties in the playoffs and specifically the Super Bowl. I think because they want to stay out of the story if they can," he said. "They'll be nervous and they'll think about it once the kick off goes and once they get to about the third play, they'll settle into their routine and on they go. I wouldn't want to put any thoughts in their minds."

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MURY

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Kelso's success, Mury says Stewart had a profound impact on her life.

"I remember showing him my first pair of running shoes and what an inspiration and foundation he was to the Kelso track and field program," she said, also crediting Hunt for pushing her to throw javelin in college.

She would go on to become an NCAA National Champion at Seattle Pacific University as a walk-on. There, she was coached by Olympic coach Dr. Ken Forman and credits him for influencing her life and way of

thinking while exposing her to world-class competition, which she will bring to Kelso.

With the season kicking off in March, Mury says she has begun recruiting around campus as a large roster has been key for Kelso's success and impact through the track and field program. She has also been piecing together the schedule, which she added is a familiar process from volleyball.

Mury will be inducted into the Kelso School District Hall of Fame Saturday night. She is currently a Hall of Fame inductee at SPU and Lower Columbia College.

"I'm excited to continue that and inject some of what I bring from my experience,"

Mury said. "... And to reach out to all the kids and have an impact program wide."



CONTRIBUTED
Michelle Mury, Kelso
Volleyball Coach

The Guide's fishing forecast | A week of clam digging starts Saturday

SETH KOLSHINSKI

For The Daily News

This week in SW Washington, the rain and snow are going to give way and give anglers a dry weekend to chase steelhead in the local tributaries. Winter steelhead fishing on earlier returning rivers like the Lewis and Washougal has been hit or miss. The later returning tributaries, like the Kalama and the Cowlitz, are slowly starting to get more fish every week. Merwin is still slow this week, but providing a near limit to anglers willing to put the extra time in. WDFW also approved a razor clam dig for this weekend.

Reminder: Please verify the regulations before fishing any body of water and wear a life jacket.

Lewis River: The Lewis is again flowing around 2,300 cubic feet per second this week, which is pretty low for this time of year. While the old golf course intake pipe is no longer a hazard for boaters, there is still plenty of the river that can get treacherous, so be cau-

tious. Fishing has been hit or miss as I talked with several anglers who all except two anglers went skunked on the day. Bailey Huston fished the river Sunday caught three above Cedar Creek towards the power lines. I talked with trusted reporter Hank Nodurft, who went up that direction as well and landed one with that being his only fish of the day. Plunking has been slow due to the lower water; I stopped by the golf course where two anglers were plunking on Saturday and neither had a takedown all day.

Kalama River: No creel reports this week.

Cowlitz Report: Last week, Tacoma Power employees recovered 37 winter-run steelhead adults over five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator. During the past week, Tacoma Power employees released one winter-run steelhead adult into Lake Scanewa and one winter-run steelhead adult into the Tilton River at Bremer Bridge. River

flow below Mayfield Dam is 7,760 cubic feet per second on Monday.

Washougal River: The Washougal is falling fast and becoming lower and lower. It is also another river that has been hit or miss this week. I fished it pretty hard on Jan. 2. We ended up hooking and landing two fish, but we had several other takedowns and bobber downs that we couldn't get fish to commit on. I talked with two other drift boats on the water at the end of the drift, with only one of them having at least a takedown, but no fish between the two. The river looked desolate, with almost no bank antlers and no plunkers in the lower river.

Merwin and Yale Lake: Merwin is fishing okay again this week with anglers taking home near limits, although most are not heading home with their ten fish. I received several reports this week and the majority left with around six fish a person. The fish have been scattered and no area or depth seems to be pulling

in more biters. The boat launches have been very icy, so be cautious of that if you are planning a trip in the next coming days before it warms back up. The water temp at the lake is 42 degrees this week.

Long Beach: Razor clamming is approved for this week! Tides aren't fantastic this week but should still provide some clams for those that venture out to the coast.

Feb. 8, Saturday, 3:36 p.m.; 0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Feb. 9, Sunday, 4:29 p.m.; -0.3 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Feb. 10, Monday, 5:15 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Feb. 11, Tuesday, 5:54 p.m.; -0.5 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Feb. 12, Wednesday, 6:29 p.m.; -0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Mocrocks

Feb. 13, Thursday, 7:01 p.m.; -0.1 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

Feb. 14, Friday, 7:32 p.m.; 0.4 feet; Long Beach, Twin Harbors, Copalis

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Proponent: Cowlitz County Department of Building and Planning

Location of proposal: The ordinance applies to Cowlitz County jurisdiction.

The SEPA Notice, checklist and documents can be reviewed online at: <https://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/1328/Projects-In-Review> or upon request at Department of Building & Planning, 207 Fourth Avenue North #119, Kelso, WA 98626 or by email: trimblea@cowlitzwa.gov. Comments on this decision must be submitted by 12pm on February 18, 2025, to the email or address above.

Notice filed by: Adam Trimble, Planning Manager

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LEGAL NOTICES

Probate Notice to Creditors
SUPERIOR COURT OF
WASHINGTON
FOR COWLITZ COUNTY -
Estate of PETER L. MOORE,
Deceased.
No.24-00440-08

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Deceased must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice, if the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the probate assets and nonprobate assets of the Deceased.

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Notice and Summons by
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TO: ANYONE CLAIMING A PATERNAL INTEREST

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the Cowlitz County Superior Court, Cause No. 25-7-00003-08, a Petition for Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship between Cameron Ray Torres, born on January 30, 2023, in Vancouver, Clark County, WA, and Anyone Claiming a Parental Interest. A court hearing on the matter will be on April 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the Cowlitz County Youth Services Center, 1725 First Avenue, Longview, Washington 98632.

You have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, an attorney will be appointed for you. Your failure to appear at this hearing or respond to this notice or file a claim of paternity under RCW 26.26 may result in a default order permanently terminating all of your rights to the above-named child.

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NEWS RELEASE

Rural County Public Facility Funds Project Proposals Sought by County Commissioners Cowlitz County is accepting project proposals eligible for funding with rural county public facility funds. Cowlitz County is the recipient of certain sales and use taxes that may be used only for the purposes authorized by R.C.W. 82.14.370, including but not limited to public facilities serving economic development purposes or finance personnel in economic development offices. Eligible projects must meet specific goals identified in the legislation. The Board of Commissioners may award up to \$3,000,000 in 2025. Those wishing to submit project proposals for consideration by the Board of Commissioners or to receive more information should contact the Cowlitz County Office of Administrative Services, Room 308, 207 4th Ave N, Kelso, WA 98626, telephone (360) 577-3065, to obtain an application. Applications are also available at the County website: Rural Economic Development Program | Cowlitz County, WA - Official Website Proposals are due not later than March 17th at 4:30 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. 108

1st Ave South, Suite 450 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee Sale No:

WA-24-995902-SW Title Order No:

FIN-24008481 Reference Number:

Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 3731144 Parcel Number:

04691 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW

65.04.015: WILLIAM N INMON,

A SINGLE MAN, SOLE OWNER

Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): Guild Mortgage

Company LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: QUALITY

LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: Guild Mortgage Company LLC

I. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/21/2025

at 2/21/2025 At the Main Entrance of the Cowlitz Superior Courthouse, 312 SW 1st Ave, Kelso, WA 98626 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of COWLITZ, State of Washington, to-wit: LOT 31, BLOCK 38, HIGHLANDS ADDITION TO LONGVIEW NO. 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 35, RECORDS OF SAID COUNTY. SITUATE IN COWLITZ COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON. More commonly known as: 344 DOUGLAS ST, LONGVIEW, WA 98632 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 3/7/2023, recorded 3/9/2023, under Instrument No. 3731144 records of COWLITZ County, Washington, from WILLIAM N INMON, A SINGLE MAN, SOLE OWNER, as grantor(s), to FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, A WASHINGTON CORP., as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS DESIGNATED NOMINEE FOR GUILD MORTGAGE COMPANY LLC, BENEFICIARY OF THE SECURITY INSTRUMENT, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to Guild Mortgage Company LLC, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 3756726 II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust as referenced in RCW 61.21.030(4) is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$21,275.29. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$31,003.31, together with interest as provided in the Note from 2/1/2024 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute. V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. Said sale will be made without warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 2/21/2025. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 2/10/2025 (11 days before the sale date), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before 2/10/2025 (11 days before the sale), or by other date as permitted in the Note or Deed of Trust, the default as set forth in Paragraph III is cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. Payment must be in cash or with cashiers or certified checks from a State or federally chartered bank. The sale may be terminated any time after the 2/10/2025 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance by paying the principal and interest, plus costs, fees and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults. VI. A written Notice of Default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the

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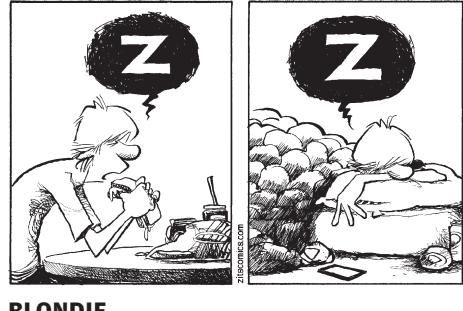
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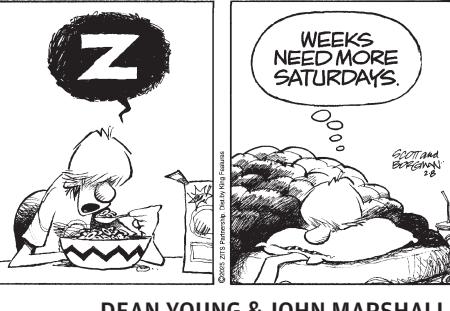
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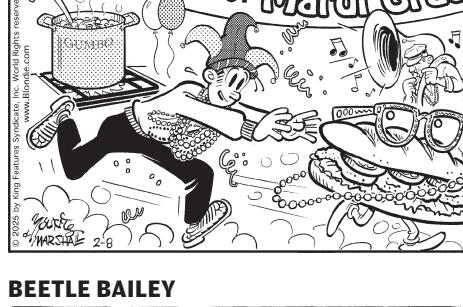


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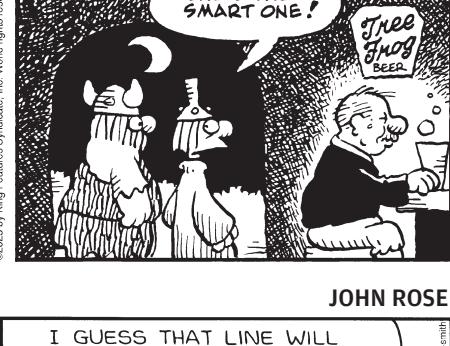
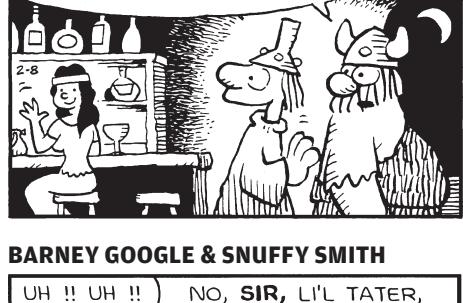


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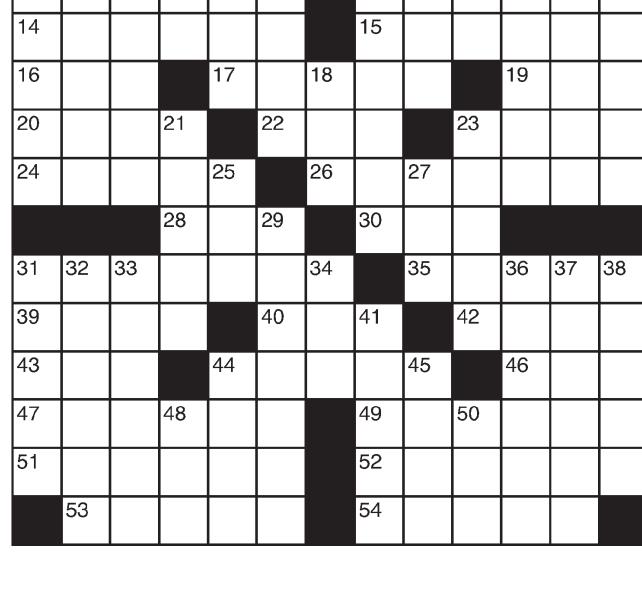


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20 - ale hour 14 China
22 Rocker Nugent 15 Brand
23 Raced 16 Dorothy's 17 British
24 Nosh at friend 18 Ref. work
midnight
26 Bishop's 19 Solution time: 26 mins.
district
28 Free (of)
30 Spanish gold
31 Pianist Arrau
35 Slowpoke
39 Fireplace shelves

Yesterday's answer 2-8



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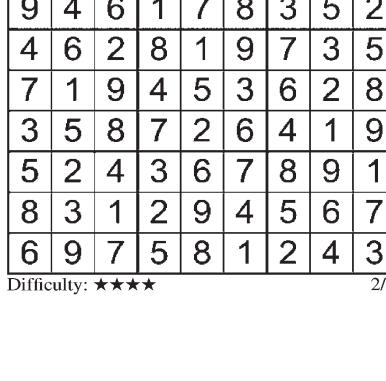
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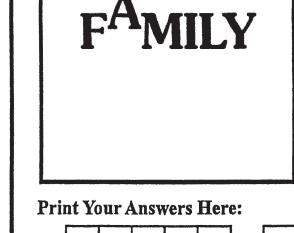
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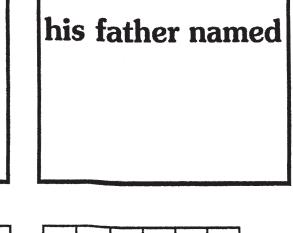
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JUMBLE

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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

I. OSYBS

II. SKIKO

III. NWUDIN

IV. GHILPT

THAT SCRABBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Cartoon by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

I know you can't help yourself.

WHEN IT CAME TO KNOWING EXACTLY WHEN TO SPRAY, THE SKUNK HAD...

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

OSYBS " " SKIKO " " NWUDIN " " GHILPT " "

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FROND BLANK WHEEZE OSPREY

Answer: The two sixes appeared in the math equation on the — DOZEN'S BEHALF



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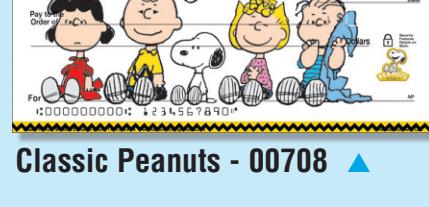
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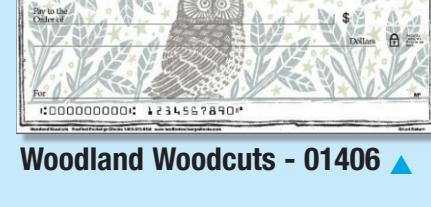
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