



Bob George (left) and Donald Koskela with a downtown Portland beauty.

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Sturgeon in the city

Bob takes his eyes off the rod tip as a train rattles across the river bridge. A flock of pigeons blasts into the air. "Wow! Did you see that?" he hisses. One pigeon seems to explode in a cloud of feathers as a feathered rocket, in the form of a peregrine falcon, makes a midair kill.

Koskela snaps Bob's attention back to the rod. "Bob, you're getting a bite." Bob gently picks up the rod and watches as the tip slowly dips toward the river surface with each tug. "Now!"

Bob comes back hard. Half-way through the swing, the rod stops abruptly and goes back the other direction. "Fish on."

Fifty-pound, braided line screams off the reel. "He's coming up. He's coming up." A six-foot white sturgeon cartwheels out of the water and takes off downriver. "That's why they call them fresh water marlin," Koskela yells gleefully. "A trophy fish like that, right in the middle of downtown Portland."

Bob George, of Salem, and his friend Bob Tarter wanted to get in some early spring fishing with catch and release sturgeon on the Willamette River.

George has fished salmon with Donald Koskela, of Pastime Fishing Adventures, before. He has seen pictures of Koskela and clients from as far away as Germany, with hefty sturgeon.



On the Wild Side

by G.I. Wilson

Today is one of those days anglers dream of. Koskela locates fish on the screen and sets the anchor. He baits up a barbless hook with anchovies. Before he can get a second rod out, "Fish on."

Action is fast and furious. Two rods going at the same time happens several times. Then a triple. "Three big, powerful fish on, at the same time, gets pretty exciting," George explains, grinning ear to ear.

Some sturgeon are in the Willamette year round. In winter--when the Columbia is a few degrees colder--sturgeon migrate into the warmer Willamette.

"Sea lions continue to kill thousands of sturgeon in the Columbia," Jimmy Watt, ODFW biologist, explains. "Sturgeon move into the Willamette trying to escape. Now they are killing them in the Willamette. If this continues, our sturgeon numbers are in serious trouble."

"We see sea lions killing sturgeon almost every trip," Koskela adds. "It's heartbreaking to watch them kill mature females. They are the future of the species."

Sea lions have learned to rip

open the bellies of female sturgeon for the roe. These females are at least 20 years old. Some could be as much as 80.

Where else could you be doing battle with a six-foot, trophy-class fish, as ladies--dressed in pink--paddle by in a brightly decorated Dragon Boat? Cancer survivors practicing for upcoming Dragon Boat races.

Experience a taste of nature amidst the hustle and bustle of a major city. Hook into heart-thumping sturgeon, see anglers land prized spring Chinook (springers), and be serenaded by flocks of wild Canada honkers and mallard ducks. Some have become beggars and beg for a handout when they see you eating.

Fishing for trophy-sized fish, surrounded by all the trapping of a major city, isn't exactly the experience most anglers dream of reading *Salmon Trout Steelheader*, or *Field and Stream*. But, sturgeon fishing can be world class. Just ask Koskela's clients that come all the way from Germany to fish eight to 10 days at a time.

NOTE: Catch and release sturgeon is no longer year-round. Anglers need to check current ODFW regulations for changes.

Losing slide snapped by tie in boys tennis

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

The McNary High School boys varsity tennis team has had a rough go of it in recent weeks. After three consecutive 8-0 losses, the team managed to tie West Salem High School 4-4.

It's becoming one of the dreaded rebuilding years.

"Matches have been a struggle, but a lot of our players are new to the sport. They all have different reasons for being out there, and we're trying to put everyone on the same page," said Lisa Reid, McNary head coach.

McNary tied the Titans with one default each in singles and doubles. Roman Kuklicka picked up a win in singles going three sets with West's Michael Magnello. Set scores were 4-6, 6-2 and 7-5.

Sam Farr and Pedro Reyes picked up a doubles win in consecutive sets of 6-2.



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
Celt Roman Kuklicka chases down a volley in the West Salem match-up.

The season can still be a success even if it doesn't translate to wins on the court.

"If they just want to learn to enjoy it for the rest of their

lives, that's a success," Reid said.

"They are good to each other as teammates and they are good sportsmen."

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set scores of 2-6, 6-4 and 6-2.

"We had a lot of movement. They would get balls past us, we focused the more tired we got," Neads said. "After the first set, we were down on ourselves, but in the second set we decided to make them earn the win. In the third one, everyone was really tired, but we had more heart."

After the big win, Trowbridge was grateful for a slightly easier schedule this week.

"This week we won't have the tougher matches, but I think improvement is the main thing. If we keep seeing that it will help against the tougher teams," she said.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Celts beat McKay High School 6-2 Tuesday, April 14. Sandy and Hannah Childress won in singles competition. Both had consecutive 6-0

sets. Katherine Patterson won in sets of 6-0 and 6-3. Krissy Kelly won her singles match with scores of 6-1 and 7-5.

In doubles, Neads and Trowbridge won in sets of 6-1 and 6-3; Cambria Rush-ton and Hannah Kannier won in sets 6-1 and 6-2; and Mireille Martinez and Maria Munguia Ortiz took a win in three sets, 6-2, 1-6, and 6-2.

On Thursday, April 16, the Keizer girls were swept by the West Salem High School Titans in singles competition, but took three wins in doubles.

The Childress sisters won in sets of 6-1 and 6-3, Neads and Trowbridge won with the same set scores in their match, and Tayler Rains and Blanca Tepeque won their match at No. 4 doubles.

Reid said each of the girls is coming along in their own way this season.

"A lot of it is up to them and the ones who work hard are seeing the improvement," she said.

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Hali Thurston, Doult and Duran won the 4x400 in 4:23.77; Deanna Saukov won the discus with a heave of 104-04; Jasmine Ernest won the javelin with a mark of 115-05; Alyx Peterson won the high jump clearing 4-10; Amanda Vergara won the pole vault clearing 8-06; and Alyssa Looney took first in the long jump with a mark of 17-00.50.

For the boys, Brendan Van Voorhis won the 100 meter in 11.27; Riley Moore took first in the 200 meter in 23.18; Kyle Torres finished first in the 400 meter in 50.68; Michael Reyes won the 800 meter in 2:17.44; Antoine Wilder won both hurdling events, the 110 in 16.51 and the 300 in 41.67; Austin Brown, Van Voorhis, Moore and Torres won the 4x400 in 43.75; Brown, Wilder, Van Voorhis and Moore won the 4x400 in 3:40.46; Tevita Ma'ake won the shot put with a mark of 42-10.5; Tanner Walker won the discus with a throw of 114-04; and Drew McHugh won the javelin with a toss of 135-04.

crossword

All That Glitters

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- 1 South Pacific island group
- 6 Not of the cloth
- 10 Brutus' way
- 14 Wake-up call
- 15 Stravinsky
- 16 ___ d'Or
- 17 Apple
- 20 Ancient moon goddess
- 21 Bristle
- 22 Baby beaver
- 23 Charlotte and Norma
- 25 Wynn's namesakes
- 27 Flee
- 30 More macho
- 33 Bosc
- 37 Bay window
- 39 Le Havre hubby
- 40 Kind of grease
- 41 Layoff payoff
- 44 Portent
- 45 Friendly lion
- 46 Aconcagua's range
- 47 Moon conqueror
- 48 A Buster
- 50 Before, in poesy
- 51 Pose
- 53 Latin love

DOWN

- 1 Droops
- 2 Cosmetic additive
- 3 Shopper's destination
- 4 Array
- 5 Ready to agree
- 6 Put a ___ on it
- 7 Iron and Bronze
- 8 Hercules' captive
- 9 Standards
- 10 Here, in Tours
- 11 Borrowed without permission
- 12 Needle case
- 13 Remainder
- 18 ___ - do-well
- 19 Bounder
- 24 Salesman's case
- 26 Hall-of-famer Warren

- 27 Start work on the PC
- 28 Bakery by-product
- 29 Marathoners' measures
- 31 Finnish port
- 32 List of typos
- 34 Ooze
- 35 Ego leader
- 36 Peewee
- 38 Anagram of 46
- 42 Pertaining to aquatic organisms
- 43 Informers
- 49 Gen. Bradley
- 52 Rage
- 54 Elaborate solo
- 55 Fairy-tale villain
- 56 Crucifix
- 57 Earthen pot
- 59 Woody's scion
- 60 Journalist/diplomat
- Whitelaw
- 62 Assert
- 63 Egghead
- 64 Love god
- 66 D.C. party
- 67 Herb or mint

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