

Longview girl pricked by dirty needle sparks protests

Associated Press

LONGVIEW, Wash. — People in Longview held a protest against drug use in their community after a 6-year-old girl was pricked by a dirty hypodermic needle while playing at the Kelso Rotary Park.

The Daily News reported that Emilee Moore, the girl's mother, said she complained about having a sliver in her foot but they found a piece of a needle.

Moore says she freaked out

and they took the girl to the hospital for tests. Doctors said she could have hepatitis C or HIV.

The family's story went viral after they reported it on their Facebook page.

On Monday, about 20 people gathered to protest drug use in the area. Some blamed a homeless shelter near the Cowlitz River.

But others say discarded needles have been a problem in area parks long before the shelter opened.

Red flag wildfire warnings for thunderstorms across Northwest

Associated Press

GRANTS PASS — Firefighters across the Northwest are bracing for thunderstorms that have the potential to produce several large new wildfires.

The Northwest Interagency Coordination Center in Portland on Monday posted red flag warnings for thunderstorms across the region through Thursday.

The highest risk for new fires is in southwestern, central and northeastern Oregon, with an elevated risk throughout the region.

Forecasters say a low pressure system is dropping south off the coast and will kick inland on Thursday. There will be showers with many of the storms, but some dry lightning as well.

There are currently eight large fires burning in Oregon.

Department of Labor rules for Hanford whistleblower

Associated Press

RICHLAND, Wash. — The U.S. Department of Labor has tentatively ordered Bechtel National to pay limited back wages plus \$25,000 to a Hanford Nuclear Reservation whistleblower who lost his job in 2011.

Bechtel and former employee Walt Ford have 30 days to request a hearing before an administrative law judge. If neither side files, the ruling becomes final.

Bechtel said Monday that it disagrees with the finding and did not retaliate against Ford for raising safety concerns.

The Tri-City Herald reported that the Department of Labor concluded that Ford's role as a whistleblower in his 35 years at Hanford contributed to the decision to lay him off in November 2011.

Bechtel laid Ford off as all construction work was stopped at the Hanford vitrification plant's Pretreatment Facility.

Strolling in Seaside to fight Parkinson's

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SEASIDE — A Seaside team raised awareness and more than \$2,600 for the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation during the fundraising event "Strolling in Seaside."

Led by captain Tina Sawyer, a Seaside resident, and her loyal companion, Anniken Sawyer, a 2-year-old cockapoo, the group walked along the Promenade from Avenue U to the Seaside Aquarium. The event in late July was an extension of the foundation's second annual "Walk in the Park," held the same day in Seattle. People with Parkinson's disease, care partners, professionals and friends walked a 2-mile course at Magnuson Park to raise awareness and funds.

While they could not physically attend the Seattle walk, about a dozen people and four canine participants participated in the Strolling in Seaside event.

Sawyer organized the local fundraiser. She was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease about 10 years ago and has since become an advocate for research, education and support services, which are offered through the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation.

Others who joined Sawyer for the walk had been similarly affected by the disease. Jenny Becker, owner of B. Boutique

Orca may have shaken fishing lure



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A lure hangs from an orca near the San Juan Islands, Wash., Aug. 1. Federal officials say they're monitoring the killer whale, but it does not appear to be injured.

Associated Press

FRIDAY HARBOR, Wash. — Federal officials say a killer whale they've been monitoring near the San Juan Islands may have gotten rid of the salmon lure that was hanging from its mouth.

The orca, a 12-year-old male known as J-39, was observed to have the lure stuck from its mouth on Aug. 1, and researchers were concerned it might affect its feeding and behavior. NOAA Fisheries provided some additional money to the Center for Whale Research in Friday Harbor to further track the whale and assess its condition.

In new photos, the shiny, oblong-shaped lure known as a "flasher" is no longer present. NOAA spokesman Michael Milstein says the hook itself is not visible in the photos, but it's tough to say for sure whether it's still in the whale's mouth.



David Ellifrit/Center for Whale Research

An orca splashes off San Juan Island, Wash., Thursday. Federal officials said Sunday the killer whale they've been monitoring may have gotten rid of the salmon lure that was hanging from its mouth.

Researchers say J-39's behavior does not appear to have been affected.

Lee Talbot

Lee Talbot lost his hard fought battle with Multiple Myeloma on August 3rd, 2015. Lee's life was about going fast, and his family referred to him often in the last few years as the "Energizer Bunny". In his youth, he built and raced motorcycles and cars with his friends on dirt tracks and in the CA deserts. Later he shifted to speed-style, and interests to building and racing boats. Most of all he loved to build & modify boats, and in doing this over the years acquired a large group of friends from Arizona to CA, who will remember their wonderful family times racing and being around the water and jet boats. Lee spent his working life for 36 years at the Livermore National (then Radiation) Lab in Mechanical Engineering. During that time he sought to be in the frontline testing area and got much satisfaction from being part of the Lab's success.



Those left here to miss him are: His wife, Judy Talbot of Astoria; his daughter, Tanna Orr of Salem, OR.; former wife & friend Jean Talbot of Livermore, CA.; their two children, Lori Talbot Breigleb & her husband Brad Briegleb of Clayton, CA., and Christopher Talbot & his wife Connie of Livermore, CA.; Judy's children, Erin Goulette of Eugene, OR. and Tim Cadigan of Portland, OR.; a sister, Suzie & her husband Dick Tavis of Santa Barbara, CA.; and a large, extended family, including grand-children, great grand-children, and great-great grand-children. Also, many, many terrific friends who will remember him and their good times together.

A Celebration of Life will be held in California, where family resides.

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