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Debris

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A commercial crab fisherman in attendance at the press conference told the governor that one of his vessels recently picked up 500 pounds of debris that was wrapped together and reported it to federal officials. He said fishermen like him are concerned about the security of their fixed gear, like crab pots.

“If there’s a significant amount of debris, that gear can be swept away,” said Larry Thevik, of Ocean Shores, noting that such an impact on fishermen would also impact the local economy.

Gregoire promised him that his concerns would be addressed in the plan that is currently being worked on by the state team.

Gregoire said that she expected a draft from the team within the next two weeks, and depending on what they determine, she said she’s willing to look at releasing money from her emergency fund, which currently has more than

\$700,000 and was last tapped to address the state’s whooping cough epidemic.

“How much I release depends on that plan,” she said.

In March, Gregoire joined the governors of Oregon and Califor-

The Department of Health has been testing any items that have washed onshore for radioactive activity. Last week officials said they were testing samples taken from a 20-foot boat that could be debris from the Japanese tsunami.

The governor said there’s no reason to fear eating seafood or visiting coastal beaches. Health Secretary Mary Selecky says monitoring has found no radiation in salmon.

The state also is monitoring for invasive species, but Gregoire says she’s not aware of any arriving on tsunami debris.

Gregoire has joined with the governors of Oregon and California and the premier of British Columbia to manage debris from the tsunami

nia and the premier of British Columbia in announcing that they would collaborate to manage debris from the tsunami that might wash up along the west coast. Gregoire had already separately signed a similar agreement with B.C. Premier Christy Clark in February.

The boat was found beached at Cape Disappointment State Park on Friday.

The Department of Ecology will screen materials that could be hazardous and is working with local governments and volunteer groups to pick up debris as needed.



Shooting

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ed settlement of a lawsuit that was reached last month between the city and Ann Zehm. It also called for a payment of \$1.67 million, better training for police, and a pavilion in a Spokane park to be named in honor of Zehm.

At the same June 4 meeting, city officials gave Zehm a check for more than \$700,000 — representing the city’s portion of the monetary part of the settlement. The city’s insurance company will pay the balance of the \$1.67 million.

Condon’s letter said: “I very much regret, and I sincerely apologize for, the death of your son, Otto. I understand that Otto was a loving and supportive son who enjoyed his work and enjoyed spending time with you, other

family members, and friends. His death is a loss not only for you, but also for our entire communi-

ty.” Board that it name a pavilion for Otto and place a plaque stating that the pavilion is offered: “In

The written apology was part of a mediated settlement — along with a payment of \$1.67 million — that was reached last month between the city and the victim’s mother

ty.” “I cannot change the past, but I can ensure a better future. Since Otto’s death, the City has committed to instituting procedures to protect citizens like Otto.”

“I will recommend to the Park

Memory of Otto Zehm.”

Police confronted Zehm in a convenience store after two young women reported he was behaving erratically. The women erroneously reported that he may have taken money from an ATM.

Surveillance video in the store showed that police officer Karl F. Thompson Jr. rushed up to Zehm and began beating him even though Zehm was retreating. Zehm was beaten with a baton and Tasered. He was also hogtied and sat on by officers until he lost consciousness.

The civil case is separate from a criminal case filed in federal court by the Department of Justice over Zehm’s death.

Thompson was convicted last year in federal court of using excessive force and lying to investigators in the case. But he has yet to be sentenced and remains free as his lawyers seek a new trial.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE 2012



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday June 21

PARKS HOST CELEBRATION FOR RENOVATION AT ROANOKE STREET MINI PARK. Please come join us from 5:30 – 7 p.m. at Fairview Ave. E. and E. Roanoke St. This is a great opportunity to see the beautiful waterfront location. The event will feature music and light appetizers generously provided by Blue Ribbon Cooking & Culinary Center.

Thursday – Friday June 21 – 22

ROCK-N-ROLL MARATHON HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO. 60 exhibitors will offer free samples, showcase the latest in running gear, sports apparel and much more. Free admission and open to the public. Thursday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Century Link Field Event Center.

Friday – Sunday June 22-24

BOOK ON OVER TO WARREN G. MAGNUSON PARK: FRIENDS OF THE SEATTLE PUBLIC MINI BOOK SALE. The book sale is open to the public from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sunday. 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Building 30 Workshop.

Saturday June 23

THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HOST CHINESE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL. The Seattle Public

Library will host a performance of song, dance and poetry in celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1.

Friday – Sunday June 29 – July 1

EMERALD QUEEN CASINO’S TASTE OF TACOMA. Admission is free: Join KMPS at The Emerald Queen Casino’s Taste of Tacoma at Point Defiance Park as they celebrate 27 years as Tacoma’s Ultimate Family Festival. Friday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday July 1

GLOBAL HEALTH EXPERIENCE EXHIBIT. The exhibit culminates in the Pathways to Global Health Activity. There will be a tent filled with hands-on activities and child friendly experiences. Free admission, all day event. McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer St.