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URBAN GAMES

Marschae Davis-Sanders plays some wheel chair basketball at the 2nd Urban Games: A Sport, Health and Wellness Event, April 28, at Garfield Community Center. There were a variety of fun activities at the event including fitness and nutrition workshops, indoor and outdoor games, health screenings and cooking demonstrations. Able bodied young people were invited to experience playing basketball in a wheelchair.



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Special Session Coming

Stuck at square one, budget agreement remains out of reach

By Mike Baker and Rachel La Corte
The Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — With just one day before the end of session, Washington lawmakers slogged through a handful of lingering bills Saturday but appeared to make little progress toward the ultimate goal of a final budget agreement.

Leaders in both the House and Senate seemed to resign themselves to the prospect of an overtime session, with the regular 105-day period coming to an end Sunday night. A spokesman for Gov. Jay Inslee said that no decision had been made on when a special session may start.

Republican Sen. Don Benton, deputy majority leader in the Senate, said budget negotiations were moving "glacially slow." He said the two sides were struggling to agree on the general size of the budget and hadn't begun negotiating on the components that would be included.

Lawmakers are tasked with patching a projected budget deficit of more than \$1.2 billion for the next two-year budget, not counting additional money needed for a court-ordered requirement that they increase funding to basic education.

The House and Senate have taken different approaches to balance state spending and increase funding for education, with the biggest difference centered around whether to raise revenue from extending taxes or eliminating tax breaks.

Democratic Rep. Reuven Carlyle, one of the House budget negotiators, said that while both sides may be far apart, he thinks a resolution could be swift.

"Things can get unstuck quickly," Carlyle said.

With the budget talks stalled, lawmakers worked for only a few hours Saturday. They passed some remaining bills, including:

— **WOLF MANAGEMENT:** Lawmakers want to compensate the owners of livestock who suffer losses due to wolf attacks. A bill

College Tuition Rates in Limbo

Legislative stalemate on budget means students don't know costs

By Donna Gordon
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Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Students heading off to college in Washington state next fall will have to wait awhile to find out how much tuition they'll be paying.

Since the Legislature was set to go home without finishing the state budget, no one is sure whether Washington students will be getting a tuition increase, a cut, or neither. All three ideas have been proposed

this year.

If you go to the University of Washington or Washington State University, tuition and mandatory fees already add up to nearly \$13,000 a year, so plus or minus \$390 may not seem like a lot to individual students or their parents.

But students aren't the only ones waiting for a decision from the Legislature. The state's college and universities are also on hold.

They can't finish putting together their budgets for next

year until the Legislature finishes its work. Depending on the choices lawmakers make when they return to Olympia soon, universities are waiting to hear whether they'll get millions more from the state this year and next.

Officials at all Washington's public colleges and universities will likely have to wait a few weeks or even a few months longer before they can set tuition for next year.

For the most part, college officials say they're not chewing

their fingernails over the delay.

"It's not that unusual in the first year of a biennium," said Todd Sprague, spokesman for The Evergreen State College.

Although trustees of the Olympia college usually make their tuition decision in June, they also have a July meeting scheduled and can add a special meeting if they need one, Sprague said.

"We wouldn't do anything without getting direction from the Legislature," he said.

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NBA Committee Rejects Kings Move

Sacramento erupts in cheers, Seattle is back to the drawing board

By Antonio Gonzalez
AP Sports Writer

The NBA's relocation committee voted unanimously Monday to recommend that owners reject the application for the Sacramento Kings to relocate to Seattle.

The committee, made up of 12 league owners, made the decision over a conference call and forwarded its recommendation

to the NBA Board of Governors. The board, which consists of all 30 owners, will convene during the week of May 13 to vote on the matter.

Moments after the league announced the committee's recommendation, Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnston wrote on Twitter: "That's what I'm talking about SACRAMENTO!!!! WE DID IT!!!!!"

The recommendation doesn't guarantee

the Kings will stay in California's capital city. But at this point, it's difficult to imagine how they don't.

The Maloof family that owns the Kings reached an agreement in January to sell a 65 percent controlling interest in the team to a group led by investor Chris Hansen at the total franchise valuation of \$525 million,

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