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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

10 for 2015

It's that time of year again when the sports world sits back and decodes the seemingly arbitrary selection process that rearranges so much furniture in the living space of our brains.

But if you want to get down to the real granite countertops and feng shui stuff, nothing invites more earnest discussion than that little plat in Cooperstown, N.Y., inspires.

Thirty four names are on the Baseball Writers' Association of America 2015 ballot, of which 17 are holdovers and 17 are newcomers. My 10 picks are as follows:

1. Pedro Martinez — The consummate "villain" pitcher, Pedro stands out in that he also was nearly impossible to hate. From 1997 to 2002, there was only one power pitcher that could touch him, and he's on the ballot, too.

2. Randy Johnson — Too many statistics to choose from, so I'll just say he's the second best strikeout artist of all time.

3. Craig Biggio — Biggio missed induction by two votes last time and should be a lock this year. He is the only player in baseball history with at least 3,000 hits, 600 doubles, 400 stolen bases and 250 home runs. Biggio is

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Sports Calendar

Jan. 3

- SHS wrestling At Riddle H.S. 9 a.m.
- SHS girls BB at Rogue River 3 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at Rogue River 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 8

- SHS girls BB hosts Junction City 7 p.m.
- SHS wrestling at Marshfield H.S. FWL dual meet 4 p.m.



Into the swing of things

Golf club members keep a full calendar, rain or shine.

Carol Moore has a number of dates circled for 2015, including Nov. 10 for the Ocean Dunes Women's Golf Association awards celebration.

As president of the ODWGA, it's a day she hopes caps a great year of growth and good fun.

"We finished last season with 32 members," says Moore. "We really want to build on that."

First up is the annual tee-off breakfast March 10 at the Ocean Dunes Golf Links clubhouse at 3345 Munsel Lake Road.

"We'll also play some golf, if it's nice," Moore says. "If it rains, we'll stay in the clubhouse and socialize. We're not like the crazy men, who go

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Stranded turtle warms up at aquarium

Caregivers cautiously optimistic about sea turtle's prognosis.

NEWPORT — One week into her rehabilitation at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, "Solstice," a distressed olive ridley turtle, is showing slight signs of improvement.

Solstice, whose stranding coincided with the winter solstice, was found hypothermic and dehydrated on a beach in Oysterville, Wash. Her location alone indicated something was amiss, as the Pacific Northwest has much colder water and is far north of this species' typical range.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service transferred the turtle to the aquarium, where it arrived for rehabilitation the evening of Dec. 22. The aquarium is one of the few facilities in the Northwest able to provide the specialized care this animal requires.

At 41.5 pounds, Solstice is considered a sub-adult. Her gender and age make her an exceptional patient, olive ridley turtles are classified as endangered and her recovery is important to the future success of her species.

The aquarium's team is working



Distressed sea turtle Solstice is moved by an aquarium staff member. (courtesy photo)

around the clock to administer fluids and slowly raise the 41.5 pound turtle's body temperature. At this point, the aquarists caring for Solstice are cautiously hopeful for her recovery.

"Initial blood tests indicated that she had no sign of infection and is stronger than many turtles the aquarium has

received in the past," said Jim Burke, the aquarium's Director of Animal Husbandry. "Her body temperature has increased 12 degrees Fahrenheit since she arrived in Newport, and we hope to stabilize at her target temperature of 75

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OFWC to reconsider barbless hook requirements

SALEM — The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will consider a rule change that will allow salmon, steelhead and trout anglers to use barbed hooks on the lower Willamette River, Youngs Bay, and lower Gnat Creek when it meets in Salem on Friday, Jan. 9.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. at the ODFW headquarters building, 4034 Fairview Industrial Dr. SE, Salem,

Ore. 97302. The meeting will be chaired by Michael Finley, who was recently appointed the new Commission Chair by Governor John Kitzhaber.

Finley has been on the Commission since 2011. He succeeds Bobby Levy as chair. Levy will continue to serve on the Commission until a replacement is named.

The meeting agenda also includes

several informational briefings, to include an update on implementation of Columbia River fisheries management reforms, progress on the 10-year update and revision of the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore strategies, and development of a state management plan for marine fisheries.

The current barbless hook

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On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The wild coho salmon fishery in **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes is slow. Most fish have migrated onto the spawning grounds.

ALSEA RIVER:

Chinook, steelhead

Winter steelhead season is underway with reports of some steelhead being caught from the lower river up to the hatchery. Good numbers of fish typically start returning over the next few weeks.

SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead

Winter steelhead are starting to show up in most coastal basins. Salmon River does get a good return of wild winter steelhead and an occasional stray hatchery fish.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook

Winter steelhead season is underway with a small

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Jan. 3	
10:14am / 8.3	4:17am / 3.0
11:47pm / 6.5	5:16pm / -0.6

Jan. 4	
10:56am / 8.3	5:04am / 3.0
	5:55pm / -0.7

Jan. 5	
12:26am / 6.7	5:48am / 3.0
11:36pm / 8.1	6:32pm / -0.6

Jan. 6	
1:03am / 6.8	6:29am / 2.9
12:14pm / 7.9	7:07pm / -0.4

Jan. 7	
1:38am / 6.8	7:10am / 2.9
12:51pm / 7.6	7:41pm / -0.1

Jan. 8	
2:13am / 6.8	7:50am / 2.9
1:29pm / 7.2	8:15pm / 0.2

Jan. 9	
2:47am / 6.8	8:33am / 2.9
2:08pm / 6.2	9:23pm / 1.2

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