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## A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

### Price is not right

Believe it or not, most reporters do not like confrontation. Be it a city beat reporter, restaurant critic or sports writer, most of the time reporters just want to do their job and go home just like everyone else.

Yes, there are people who lay in wait for the "big story" that will make their career, and there are times when the "news" tramples over people's lives and leaves only smoldering remains as the news crews move on to the next story. Most of the time, however, the complaints you hear about "the media" are from people who are just frustrated that they can't control or manipulate the media. Reporters did not go to school to learn, say, the engineering that goes into the building of a dam. But they are trained to ask questions about it, and with experience they know when they're not getting straight answers.

Sometimes reporters are asked if they can go "off the record."

This a gentleman's agreement. Since most reporters will go to jail rather than give up a source, this is taken very serious. Other times the reporter gets a wagging index finger attached to a red-faced person saying, "Don't go putting this in your paper now!" which, of course, signals to the reporter that he or she will have a story for the paper.

And then there's professional sports. Grown men, making millions of dollars playing little boys' games. Putting the players aside for a moment — much has been written over the years about events like Reggie Jackson dissing Thurman Munson to a reporter ("the straw that stirs the drink"), Marshawn Lynch's strategy to avoid getting fined for missing press conferences, and Allen Iverson's repetitive use of the word "practice" when discussing

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## Sports Calendar

### April 25

• SHS track at Centennial Inv. 11 a.m.

### April 28

• SHS track at Philomath Inv. 4:30 p.m.  
• SHS baseball at North Bend 5 p.m.  
• SHS softball hosts North Bend 5 p.m.



Ned Hickson/Siuslaw News

Siuslaw senior Brad Snow pitched a two-hitter in the Viks' sweep of Douglas Thursday and scored the winning run in the opener.

## Viks double trouble for Douglas

### Viking boys sweep Trojans; Lady Viks' battle comes up short

BY NED HICKSON  
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The Viking boys made an important home stand Thursday, sweeping Douglas and creating a three-way tie for second place in the Far West League along with South Umpqua and Marshfield (3-3).

In the opener, senior hurler Brad Snow threw a complete game for the Viks, allowing only two hits en route to a narrow 3-2 win.

In addition to leading the team defensively from the mound, Snow

also provided the winning run with the game tied at 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning. At the plate, Snow put the ball in play and used his speed to beat the throw to first and get aboard on a single. He then stole his way to third and eventually came home on a walk-off RBI from junior Kenny Thrall for the win.

In the nightcap, Thrall took over the mound and gave up two runs on two hits in the top of the first inning, then dialed in and only allowed a single hit through the next four innings before senior Trey Cornish came in for relief — effectively shutting down the Trojans and preserving the win, 9-5.

Around the softball diamond, the Lady Vikings played on the road

against a hard-hitting Trojans team that knocked in a pair of home runs in the second inning to quickly move ahead 4-0.

Meanwhile, Siuslaw's offensive firepower was dormant in the first game as Douglas took the opening in five innings, 10-0.

"We played well but just couldn't hit around their defense," said Siuslaw coach Sean O'Mara.

In game two, the Viking bats came alive as both teams slugged it out for a total of 32 runs — including eight homers.

Five of those homers came from Douglas, with Siuslaw's three rounders coming from junior slugger

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## Sailors on good run at Monroe meet

### Boys tie for third, girls place fourth at five-team invite

BY NED HICKSON  
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On the track at Monroe High School on Thursday, Mapleton sophomore Hunter Simington and senior Tucker Ford each had the day's only wins for the Sailors for either team.

For the boys, Simington won the 400-meter race in 56.15, then finished third in the 200-meter event. Simington also ran a leg on the fourth-place 4x100-meter relay team along with junior Trevver D'Auteuil, senior Chris Free and sophomore AJ Foster (50.28).

Ford, meanwhile, launched a throw of 135-03 to win the javelin. He also placed third in the high jump (5-6), and was fourth in the triple jump at 32-1.50.

D'Auteuil was another of the boys team's top scorers, placing second in the discus (97-02) and shot put (30-09.5). Freshman Dominic Wells was fourth in the 100 meters (13.86) and eighth in the 200 meters (28.55).

Freshman Cole Spencer was second in the 800 meters (2:37.57) and seventh in the high jump (5-0), with Wells placing eighth (5-0).

Foster finished out scoring for the

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## On the Bite

### A weekly fishing report for the local region

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#### MID COAST LAKES

The rainbow trout stocking program is in full swing and most water bodies have been stocked recently or will be soon again. Most areas will be stocked multiple times until early June. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species can be productive during the spring months as lake temperatures start to rise and fish begin spawning. Anglers will start finding more fish up in the shallows over the next month.

#### SIUSLAW RIVER:

##### Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is starting to slow down for the season but decent numbers of fish are still around the Whittaker Creek area. The river should fish well later in the week as the river levels begin to drop. Lake Creek typically clears up more quickly.

#### ALSEA RIVER:

##### Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is slowing down for the season down but fair numbers of fish can still be found in the upper river, especially after a rain event. Native fish tend to be prevalent this time of year. Casting lures, bobber and jig/bait or drifting beads along the bottom can be effective techniques.

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## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

**April 25**  
12:26am / 0.7 5:27am / 6.1  
7:12pm / 5.8

**April 26**  
6:35am / 5.7 12:59am / 3.1  
8:12pm / 5.8 1:27pm / 1.0

**April 27**  
7:47am / 5.5 2:13am / 2.8  
9:03pm / 6.0 2:27pm / 1.2

**April 28**  
8:56am / 5.5 3:17am / 2.3  
9:46pm / 6.2 3:21pm / 1.3

**April 29**  
9:56am / 5.6 4:08am / 1.8  
10:23pm / 6.5 4:07pm / 1.4

**April 30**  
10:47am / 5.8 4:52am / 1.2  
10:57pm / 6.8 4:48pm / 1.5

**May 1**  
11:33am / 6.0 5:30am / 0.7  
11:29pm / 7.0 5:26pm / 1.6

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