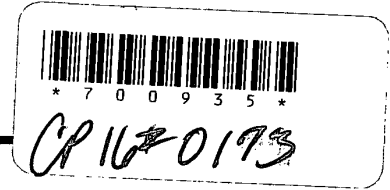


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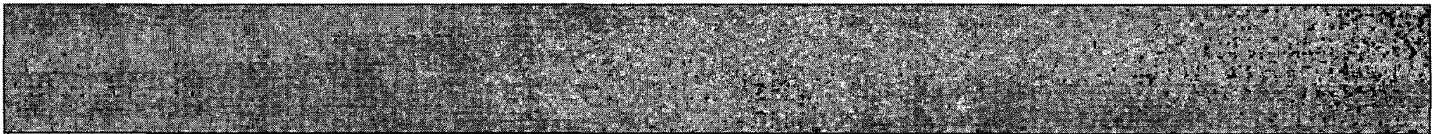
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Yakima is the farm center of the state. Prices are going up dramatically for farm land. Small farms will be required for those wanting to farm, because they will not be able to afford anything larger. At this price a ten acre parcel will cost a potential farmer \$53,000.00 in Yakima, where prices are much lower than in urbanized areas, such as Clark County. Start up costs such as equipment, animals, etc. would add to the cost to start a farm, and would easily be over \$100,000.00. A homesite would also need to be added, if the farmer wants to live on the land. One would have to be very financially well off or file for federal assistance, if one wants to farm in today's market. The federal government would need to be convinced that whatever will be produced will make good money, otherwise the farm would not qualify. Long term commercial significance is important to the federal government, as well as the state.

These statistics indicate that 2.5 and 5 acre farms are more financially feasible as start-up farms in Clark County.

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Value of farmland in Washington continues to rise

25 edition of The Columbian: YAKIMA - The value of farmland continues to rise in Washington, largely because farm prices are rising.

In Yakima County, the average sale price for irrigated, high-quality and vacant farmland rose 37 percent to an estimated \$5,302 per acre.

The Herald-Republic reported that existing farms push the price even higher. Statewide, the average price of farmland already climbed from \$8,500 to \$9,000 an acre between 2012 and 2013.

According to Farmers National Co., a real estate and farm management firm based in Omaha, Neb.

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PUD: Wanapum water level may be near normal by year's end

25 edition of the Yakima Herald-Republic: EPHRATA, Wash. - Operators at the Wanapum Dam announced Tuesday the



enough of a 65-foot long crack to restore the river to nearly normal levels by year's end.

It was discovered in the dam's spillway in late February, the Grant County Public Utility District drew water levels behind the dam 26 feet to reduce pressure on the fractured area. The move stabilized the dam, but left boat ramps and fish ladders high and dry. The river behind the dam has been closed to the public for safety reasons and to protect archeological sites.

See the full story [here](#).

McMorris-Rodgers: Export-Import Bank needs reform

25th edition of The Spokesman-Review: The Export-Import Bank must institute serious reforms to protect taxpayers before the end of this year, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers said Tuesday.

The bank provides funds for the purchase of American goods by foreign buyers, is important for thousands of jobs in trade-dependent industries, she said.

It is so important to be sure the taxpayers are protected.

"I have suggested this is corporate welfare," the Eastern Washington Republican told The Spokesman-Review. "I'm asking for reform."

See the story, click [here](#).

'Get a warrant' to search cellphones, Justices say

25th edition of The Seattle Times: In an emphatic defense of privacy in the digital age, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that police may not search the cellphones of people they arrest without first getting search warrants.

"It is unlike anything else police may find on someone they arrest, Chief Justice John Roberts wrote for the court. They are "inconvenient," he said, but ubiquitous, increasingly powerful computers that contain vast quantities of personal, sensitive information.

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Senate GOP leader rips Inslee

23rd edition of The News Tribune: Budget writers reached a bipartisan agreement on both the two-year operating budget and the supplemental operating budget this year. Now it's election season, and it appears the gloves are already coming off. This time it's budget exercises, which are meant to create some flexibility for his next biennial budget in December.

"I'm concerned about fear mongering. The scenario (for cuts) really doesn't exist with the four-year balanced budget and revenue forecast," Senator Mark Schoesler of Ritzville said late last week. "But it's great fear mongering by the governor. He told us Lean management could take care of all of this" problem with budget shortfalls.

See the rest of the story.

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