STATE POPULATION ESTIMATES

County No. 2 in growth rate

State figures list Vancouver 2nd in net population gain

By PATTY HASTINGS
Columbian staff writer

We’re No. 2! We’re No. 2! Clark County is the second-fastest-growing county in the state, and Vancouver takes second place for net population gain. Clark County also continues to be second in terms of population density.

The county grew by 9,020 people between April 1, 2014, and April 1, 2015, an increase of 2.04 percent, according to estimates released Thursday by the state’s Office of Financial Management. This is the county’s biggest population boost in at least five years. Vancouver gained an estimated 3,000 people over the last year.

So, what locales bumped us from the top spot? Washington’s major metropolis, Seattle, accounted for almost one-quarter of the state’s growth, gaining a whopping 21,900 people in the last year. Seattle is within King County, where the population density is estimated at 970.3 people per square mile, compared with Clark County’s

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NOTE: Data looks at population estimates from April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015

SOURCE: State Office of Financial Management

Boehner says Obamacare battle isn’t over yet

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court sent a clear message Thursday that President Barack Obama’s health care overhaul is
Population

Did You Know?
- Washington's population is estimated at 7,061,400.
- The state grew by 93,200 people from April 1, 2014, to April 1, 2015.
- Clark County accounted for nearly 10 percent of that growth.
- Clark County makes up 6.4 percent of the state's total population.

Ridgefield continues to be the county's fastest-growing city in terms of the percentage of population growth, evident to anyone who's passed by the throngs of new construction there. The small city grew by an estimated 365 people, but that's a 6.05 percent gain.

Battle Ground also experienced a healthy influx of 570 new residents — a population increase of 3.05 percent.

Growth of Clark County's small cities, 2014-2015

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Mural

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By the time hostilities ended three years later, about 36,000 American troops were killed or missing in action, and 103,700 were wounded, Keesee said.

"The reward was the

Legislature

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contingency."

House Democrats released their latest budget proposal Monday. The plan doesn't include any new taxes but looks for about $350 million in additional revenue through closing or limiting several tax exemptions, a compromise encouraged by Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee.

Hill, meanwhile, introduced a bill late Wednesday looking to close two exemptions that would bring the state an additional $125 million over the next two years.

The new Senate plan increases the amount it spends from its previous offer by $367 million, with the largest amount — an additional $157 million — going toward a one-time lump payment to teachers on top of legally required cost of living increase, along with additional money for early learning, child care and mental health programs.

Hill said the latest budget offer is a true compromise.

The Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate have been locked in budget negotiations that have driven them into a second overtime legislative session. If they haven't passed a budget by mid...