



Vital Statistics

Marriage dissolutions

DECREES GRANTED

Galeotti, Michael J. and Bethany Joy.
Hughes, Steve Eugene and Gladys Comendador.
Graves, Kimberly Charlotte and Ernest Ben. Petitioner's name changed to Gorman.
Skelton, Ronald Leroy and Chene Mignon.

PETITIONS FILED

Woodruff, Ruth and Duane K. Gomes, Maria and Pimentel, Johnny Arget.
Orr, Michael R. and Amberlee Cherie.
Bissonnett, Craig David and Marris Lindsey.
Ewing, Kristina M. and Dennis M. Szegedi, Emoke A. and Lukaszewicz, Georg Romuld.

Marriage licenses

APPLICATIONS FILED SEPT. 18

Samuels, Scott William, 55, Brush Prairie, and Ridge, Gregory William, 51, Brush Prairie.
Tinajero-Zambrano, Viridiana, 25, Vancouver, and Diaz-Lopez, Juan Carlos, 33, Vancouver.
Trotter, Jason Eugene, 40, Vancouver, and Monette, Ann, 33, Vancouver.
Tapani, Brittany Jean, 18, Battle Ground, and Sarkinen, Dylan Wayne, 20, La Center.
Moore, Rachelle Irene, 44, Portland, and Howell, Andra Demetris, 42, Portland.
Aday, Michelle Maile, 29, Ridgefield, and Bloyd, Merle Ray, III, 28, Ridgefield.
Wesson, Alex Mano, 22, Vancouver, and Hough, Cameron Preston, 23, Vancouver.
Fisher, Diana Vasilyevna, 26, Vancouver, and Klym, Stanislav Mykolaevich, 29, Vancouver.
Dewey, Valerie Lynn, 25, Beaverton, Ore., and Haro, Manuel Salvador, Jr., 25, Hillsboro, Ore.
McAdams, Cassandra Lynn, 36, Ridgefield, and Osborn, Sara Jaclyn, 37, Ridgefield.
Borbely, Caitlin, 33, Portland, and Bryan, Donovan Hai, 37, Portland.
Sung, Jennifer, 42, Portland, and Mehan, Ryan Scott, 41, Portland.

Court sentencing

The Columbian's policy is to publish all Clark County Superior Court felony sentencing, as provided by the Clark County Clerk's Office. DC signifies that the defendant has entered drug court. Addresses are provided by the courts and may have changed by the time of sentencing. Misdemeanor sentencing, provided by District Court, are published for the following crimes: DUI (driving under the influence), DWS/revoked (driving while license is suspended or revoked), theft-3 (third-degree theft), and assault-4 (fourth-degree assault). If the defendant is sentenced for other

misdemeanors at the same time, those offenses are also listed. Money figures represent fines. Judges John Fairgrieve, John Hagensen, James Swanger, James Rulli, Vernon Schreiber, Robert Lewis, Darwin Zimmerman, Scott A. Collier, Greg Gonzales, Kell Osler, Sonya Langsdorf, Jan Stahnke, Suzan Clark, David Gregerson, Derek Vanderwood and Bernard Veljacic. Judge Protem: Terry Vetter. Court Commissioners: Carin Schienberg, Amy Swingen, Jeff Witterman, Kristen Parcher, Dayann Liebman and Jennifer K. Snider.

JUVENILE

Baldwin, Nakayla Holly Moline, 18, 9601 N.E. 64th St., 30 weeks, taking a vehicle without permission. (Rulli, Sept. 16).
Morales, Tyler Anthony, 16, 16303 N.E. 44th St., 15 days, 12 months probation, 60 hours community service, assault-3, witness tampering. (Snider, Sept. 15).
Moyer, Sierra Jazmy, 14, Portland, 10 days, 12 months probation, 24 hours community service, theft-3, assault-3, harassment, death threats, minor in possession. (Snider, Sept. 15).
Turkington, Hannah Elizabeth, 14, 2909 Fruit Valley Road, 5 days, 12 months probation, 30 hours community service, taking vehicle without permission-2. (Snider, Sept. 15).
Watkins, Bo Moon, 14, 1414 Brandt Road, 6 months probation, 16 hours community service, minor in possession of alcohol. (Liebman, Sept. 17).

SUPERIOR

Lucas, Duayne Lewis, 54, Yakima, 364 days, forgery, bail jumping. (Lewis, Sept. 16).
Barber, Alexander Kean, 20, Columbia River Correctional Institution, Ore., 50 months, possession of a stolen vehicle. (Lewis, Sept. 16).
Cox, Clinton Myron, 50, transient, 34 days, harassment, previous conviction-death threat. (Collier, Sept. 14).
Jensen, Christopher, 37, transient, 364 days, possession of methamphetamine, obstruction of a law enforcement officer. (Lewis, Sept. 16).
Sams, Jacob Zachariah, 34, 10808 N.E. 99th St., 30 days, possession of methamphetamine. (Collier, Sept. 14).
Marks, Amy Michelle, 37, 10321 N.E. 25th St., 22 days, possession of heroin. (Collier, Sept. 14).
Dombirer, Cody James, 25, 4600 N.E. 117th St., 14 months, taking a vehicle without permission-2. (Lewis, Sept. 16).
Jones, Burdette Alfred, 33, transient, 30 days, criminal impersonation-1-assume false identification, assault-1. (Lewis, Sept. 16).
Morris, Patrick David, 32, transient, 16 days, criminal impersonation-1-assume false identification. (Lewis, Sept. 16).

More charter school problems found

State auditor faults First Place Scholars for host of issues

By DONNA GORDON
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SEATTLE — The state auditor has found sloppy bookkeeping, cash flow problems and a host of other issues at Washington's first charter school.

The report comes on the same day that the Washington Supreme Court said it will allow more time to file a motion asking the justices to reconsider or clarify their recent ruling that the voter-approved law allowing charter schools in the state is unconstitutional.

In the report issued Monday,

the auditor says First Place Scholars needs to do a much better job of following state laws and tracking how taxpayer dollars are spent. The audit was requested by the charter commission, which has been tracking problems of the school since it opened its doors in fall 2014.

The audit is just the latest in a series of challenges for charter schools across the state.

Acting State Auditor Jan Jutte said most of the problems at First Place were related to inexperience in following state laws. But some were deeper financial problems.

Jutte characterized the problems as sloppiness, but said they were not unusual for a startup organization.

Among the problems identified, included:

■ Teachers without proper certification at the beginning of the school year.

■ Less enrollment than expected, resulting in an overpayment by the state to the school of more than \$200,000. The state distributes money based on estimated enrollment, but other issues added to the overpayment, the audit found.

■ Inadequate record keeping on revenues and expenditures.

■ Confusion over what money was spent by the school and what was spent by the nonprofit that supports the school and whether the charter school used public dollars for nonprofit expenses.

■ The charter board did

not comply with the Open Public Meetings Act.

■ Cash flow problems that left the school in danger of not having enough money to cover its payroll at one point.

Cheryl Thresher, the schools program auditor manager, saw evidence that the school didn't understand some state rules.

"They weren't aware of some of the responsibilities that went with receiving public funding," she said.

Eight more charter schools opened their doors this fall. Jutte said the lessons learned by First Place could help the other schools.

The new deadline for filing a request for reconsideration of the Supreme Court ruling is Oct. 23.

Around the Area

VANCOUVER

County council to vote on 20-year parks plan

The Clark County council will consider adopting the Clark County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan at its meeting today.

The plan sets goals and guidelines for Clark County's park system for the next 20 years, and will fall under the county's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan update.

The Clark County Planning Commission voted unanimously at its August meeting to recommend the council adopt the plan.

The Clark County council will take public testimony on the plan following its regular meeting at 10 a.m. today at the Public Service Center at 1300 Franklin St. To read the proposal, visit clark.wa.gov/publicworks/parks.

VANCOUVER

Voter registration deadline approaches

The deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 3 general election is fast approaching.

The last day to submit mail-in registration or register to vote online is

Oct. 5. Mail-in registration forms must be postmarked by that day, and online applications can be submitted until midnight.

Voters currently registered in the state of Washington must submit their change of address on Oct. 5 to take effect in time for the general election.

To register or change your address online, visit clarkvotes.org.

Those who are not currently registered to vote in Washington can register in person through Oct. 26 at the Clark County elections office, 1408 Franklin St.

VANCOUVER

State names Teacher of the Year

A Vancouver English teacher was among the finalists for this year's state Teacher of the Year Award but the winner comes from a Tacoma high school.

The winner, social studies teacher Nathan Gibbs-Bowling, was announced Monday afternoon during a ceremony at the Experience Music Project in Seattle. Gibbs-Bowling is entering his 10th year teaching in Tacoma. This year, he teaches AP government and human geography at Lincoln High School.

Two years ago, Gibbs-Bowling's started the first freshman advanced placement course in his district. Today, his students pass the AP exam at a rate three times greater than the district average, according to a press release from the state Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Bethany Rivard, who teaches senior English classes at Fort Vancouver High School, was South west Washington's finalist for the award.

From here, Gibbs-Bowling will move onto consideration for the national Teacher of the Year Award. In the spring, President Barack Obama will announce the winner at a ceremony at the White House.

VANCOUVER

Habitat for Humanity to repair three homes

Evergreen Habitat for Humanity is repairing three homes Saturday in Vancouver's Fruit Valley neighborhood as part of Brush with Kindness Week. About 20 volunteers will help three low-income families remove brush, repair siding and trim trees. It's part of a larger effort to revitalize the neighbor-

hood and enhance the quality of life.

Brush with Kindness Week runs through Saturday and is celebrated by almost 40 Habitat for Humanity affiliates. For more information about the local efforts, contact Heather Cochran, community outreach coordinator for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity, at 360-737-1759 or volunteer@ehfh.org.

VANCOUVER

Blessing for Habitat homes this weekend

Evergreen Habitat for Humanity is hosting a ground blessing ceremony Sunday at the site of three new homes. Three low-income families, comprising four adults and five children, will live in the homes.

The ceremony, which is open to the public, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday at the corner of Mill Plain Boulevard and Winchell Avenue. Two of the homes were already built through the Geometry in Construction program in which Evergreen School District students learn math and get experience building a house. The homes will be moved to the site on Winchell Avenue next month.