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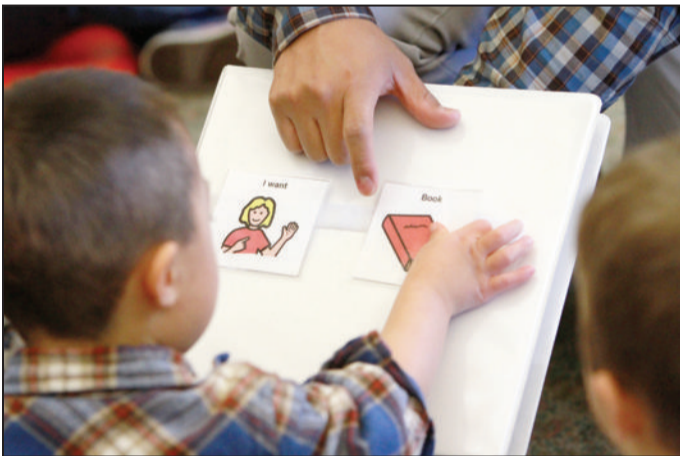
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Finding the right path for special-needs kids



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Colton Kivela, who has Down syndrome, works with speech-language pathologist Ann McMahon on wiping his face after a meal last Thursday. Colton will turn 3 next month, leaving Kinderling Center to start preschool in a Lake Washington School District program.



Colton works with a therapist. He has learned to roll, sit, crawl, eat and walk with help of Kinderling Center experts.

THEY — AND THEIR PARENTS — GET SOLID START AT KINDERLING CENTER IN BELLEVUE

By JANET I. TU
Seattle Times staff reporter

December is a big month for Colton Kivela. He'll be turning 3, "graduating" from Kinderling Center and starting preschool at Lake Washington School District through its Ready Start program.

"It's been amazing, the progress he's made so far," said Colton's mom, Jamie Kivela, on a recent day, as she watched her son raise his hands in class and play with other kids.

Kinderling Center, a nonprofit based in Bellevue that provides services for children from birth to 3 years old who have special needs, had a lot to do with that.

Jamie Kivela, 33, of Redmond, who works as a project controller at an engineering firm, hadn't known what to expect when she found out at

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NEW SPD JOLT HITS ANOTHER MEMBER OF SENIOR BRASS

DEMOTION FOR ASSISTANT CHIEF

Shake-up follows harsh report over pace of reform

By STEVE MILETICH
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Seattle Times staff reporters

In a move that has sent shock waves through the Seattle Police Department, Assistant Chief Nick Metz, one of the most visible and longest-serving members of the senior command staff, will leave the position in the wake of a highly critical report on the progress of police reforms.

Department members were told of the change in an email Wednesday from Interim Police Chief Jim Pugel, two days after the announcement that another assistant chief took a demotion to captain in what represents the biggest shake-up in the top ranks in years.

Pugel gave Metz an ultimatum: Take an assignment to captain or accept a severance package, according to sources familiar with the move.

In emotional written messages to the department and community issued shortly after Pugel's announcement, Metz said he had accepted the demotion and would



Nick Metz popular with department's rank and file

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INSURINGHEALTH

Insurance sign-up for small firms is delayed a year on federal site

By ANITA KUMARY
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration said Wednesday that it will delay for one year the online enrollment for small businesses buying insurance through the new health-care law.

The Small Business Health Options Program, known as the SHOP exchange, will start online enrollment in November 2014, according to the Department of Health and Human Services. It already had been delayed once, from October to November.

Online enrollment for Obamacare was supposed to provide small businesses with a more efficient way to buy insurance coverage for their workers. But they still will have the option to buy insurance

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Thanksgivukkah: When it's OK for two holidays to mash it up

A large menorah looms above Shimon Emlen as he celebrates the beginning of Hanukkah Wednesday evening in downtown Seattle.



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RARE MERGER OF TRADITIONS

A time of fun, puns and lots of questions

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — For most American Jews, the Hanukkah script has been pretty clear for decades: Light candles in menorahs, make potato pancakes (called latkes), play a game with a spinning

top called a dreidel, sing songs, give presents and call it a night (or eight, in this case).

Then came the menurkey of 2013. And greetings cards of pilgrims wearing the long, curly sideburns of the Orthodox. And debates about whether cranberry sauce goes with latkes.

Witness the messy process of holiday creating, and on a lightning-fast scale. That's because of the extremely rare overlap Thursday of Thanksgiving and the first full day of Hanukkah, which usual-

ly falls well into December.

Owing to an overlap in the Gregorian and Jewish calendars, Hanukkah and Thanksgiving have collided for the first time since at

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