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Kalakala ferry tale just might come true

Plan to restore retired boat as a floating museum impresses business-savvy crowd

BY MIKE BARBER
P-1 reporter

A business plan is on the table to float the Depression-era ferry Kalakala as a self-sustaining business venture, three years after the craft was rescued from an Alaskan mud flat and returned 1,700 miles to a nostalgic homecoming.

The rusty old boat that now sits on North Lake Union was once a world-famous symbol of Seattle, on a par with with the Space Needle. Under the plan it would be restored to its former glory,

moored on the waterfront as a combination landmark and museum, with a restaurant, ballroom and conference center, and even a honeymoon suite created in a restored flying bridge and wheelhouse.

The plan was pulled together by David Ruble, principal member of the Olympic Consulting Group, a software architecture and development firm, who joined the Kalakala Foundation's board of trustees in May primarily to help it get down to the nuts and bolts of business. A final draft was ready to go Sept. 10, but the terrorist attacks a day later shelved the debut.

"All over town we have seen a genuine desire for the Kalakala to succeed," Ruble said this week. "But up until now, there has been no view of how we can pull it off. This changes the nature of the dialogue."



Peter Bevis stands atop the Kalakala, the retired ferry he rescued from a muddy cove. PAUL JOSEPH BROWN / P-1

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Ex-cons are on state payroll

Most work in mental hospitals; 74 to be told they could lose jobs

BY ANGELA GALLOWAY
P-1 reporter

OLYMPIA – State officials plan to notify 74 front-line social service workers that they may lose their jobs because of crimes in their pasts – including two murders, an arson, numerous assaults, two rapes and one rape of a child.

The people primarily work in mental institutions. In reviewing the criminal history of nearly 5,300 employees as ordered by the Legislature last year, the state also found some who had been convicted of manslaughter, rape, prostitution, vehicular homicide, burglary and drug offenses.

The findings reflect only about one-third of the employees to be checked because of the new law, which expanded such inquiries to current employees as well as new hires.

The Department of Social and Health Services yesterday released those preliminary findings of employees who have unsupervised contact with the elderly, disabled, poor, deaf, mentally ill and addicts, sex offenders and other vulnerable adults.

Workers with a serious criminal history or pattern of criminal behavior must be moved into jobs that do not include unsupervised contact or they will be terminated. They can appeal to two state boards, or directly to DSHS Secretary Dennis Braddock.

About 1.4 percent of the background checks identified serious criminal records. The figure is higher, 1.86 percent, among workers at mental hospitals.

"It's about what we would expect," Braddock said, adding that the state checked the histories of all mental hospital employees. "Even if they're a janitor or work in the laundry room – because it's an enclosed institution."

Braddock expects about the same percentage of hits from another 10,000 checks later this year of workers who

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Reporter's death linked to consulate attack plot

Video recording shows Pearl's gruesome beheading

BY DOUGLAS JEHL
The New York Times

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan – The chief suspect in the Daniel Pearl case has told investigators that the captive Wall Street Journal reporter was killed in late January as part of a plot that was to have included an attack on the U.S. Consulate in Karachi, intelligence and law enforcement officials said yesterday.

The claims by the suspect, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh, a British-born militant now in Pakistani custody, are among the clues being weighed by the American and Pakistani authorities still pursuing others thought to have been involved in the killing, a gruesome beheading recorded on a three-minute, 50-second digital videotape made available to American investigators in Karachi late Thursday.

Intelligence and law enforcement officials who have viewed the tape said it showed Pearl, full face and in conversation until the hands of unknown assailants intruded into the picture to pull his head back by the hair and to slit his throat. Later in the tape, Pearl's dismembered head was shown, said the officials, who spoke on condition that their nationalities not be specified.

A senior Pakistani intelligence official described Pearl as having been calm at the time of his death.

Pearl's wife, Mariane, who is seven months pregnant, issued a statement saying that her husband's killers could not defeat his spirit and that she would tell their son that his father had worked to end terrorism.

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U.S. to face Canada in hockey final | Russians denied in skating protest, but stay in Games
'Croatian Sensation' Kostelic wins 4th ski medal, 3rd gold | Today, Ohno goes for 2 more medals

TEAM USA BEATS RUSSIA 3-2



PAUL KITAGAKI JR. / P-1

Jeremy Roenick celebrates Team USA's win over Russia in the Olympic hockey semifinals yesterday. The United States advances to the gold medal game tomorrow against Canada.

Medal matchup for ratings?

LAURA VECSEY



WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah – Russia-USA is no more. Not the way it used to be. Not the way it could still be.

"Miracle on Ice" became the dispersed on ice.

The greatest hockey rivalry in

Olympic history gave way yesterday – sadly, angrily, suspiciously – to a "most-wanted" hockey matchup between two North American powerhouses.

The Canadians beat Belarus in their Olympic semifinal, 7-1. Team USA beat Russia, 3-2.

It will be Canada-USA for the gold medal at these Winter Games. "It's perfect. It's what everybody was hoping for, that both teams would be playing well and not meet before the final," Team USA defenseman Brian Leetch said.

Or is it? The Russians had their suspicions

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Small tribes see big threat from wider gambling

More non-Indian gaming would siphon off revenue casinos share

BY PAUL SHUKOVSKY AND ANGELA GALLOWAY
P-1 reporters

In the Cascade foothills of Snohomish County, Norma Joseph runs a tribal government with so many needs and so little money.

But with the tens of thousands of dollars it now makes from leasing its slot machine permits to larger tribes with casinos, the tiny Sauk-Suiattle Tribe plans to do what once seemed impossible.

Perhaps it can finally hire someone to staff its vacant health clinic. There's thought of providing scholarship aid to tribal members for post-secondary education and training.

Some of the money might even go toward saving the shrinking population of the mountain goat – an animal so definitive to the culture of the tribe that its Indian name loosely translates into "our brother, the color of snow."

As the Legislature and governor consider expanding the slotlike machines to card rooms and retail outlets, Washington's Indian tribes are pointing to the smallest and most impoverished among them as examples of who would be hurt the most.

They include tribes such as the Sauk-Suiattle, whose unemployment rate is 69 percent.

At least nine small or remote Washington tribes lease their permits for slot machines to tribes operating big casinos.

The leases bring in millions of dollars of desperately needed revenue, and that money is used for everything from health clinics to economic-diversification plans.

But with Washington's burgeoning budget deficit, a variety of bills have cropped up in the Legislature to allow

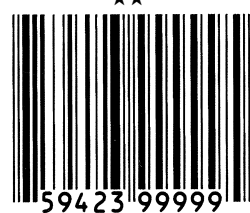
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