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WHITE SALMON TO BECOME MORE FISH FRIENDLY WHEN CONDIT DAM FALLS



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The Condit Dam, in a narrow, twisting canyon near the confluence of the White Salmon and Columbia rivers, began to take shape in 1911. "To me, it's like a grandfather," said Larry Moran, demolition project superintendent for JR Merit. "... Now it's time to lay it to rest."



A construction worker prepares to enter a hole that will allow water to flow below the Condit Dam, emptying the reservoir behind it.

BY LYNDA V. MAPES
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First Elwha and Glines Canyon, and now Condit: The three largest dam removals ever in the country will be under way in Washington today, when contractors detonate 800 pounds of dynamite and blast the White Salmon River free.

"You hate to see it go; it's good, carbon-free energy," said Tom Hickey, senior engineer for hydro resources for PacifiCorp. But Con-

dit Dam is only one of 47 projects in the company's hydro fleet, Hickey said, and it has other sources of power from wind to coal.

Condit's time simply had come. "To me, it's like a grandfather," said Larry Moran, project superintendent for JR Merit, lead contractor on the job. "It's not an evil, it served a purpose well, and now it's time to lay it to rest."

While a dam-busting frenzy may seem to be under way in the North-

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Removing Condit Dam

At noon today PacifiCorp will breach Condit Dam, draining Northwestern Lake in the first stage of removing the dam.

1. A 13- by 18-foot tunnel was drilled into the 90-foot-thick dam, near its base.
2. 800 pounds of dynamite will be packed in the back of the tunnel.
3. At noon the dynamite will be detonated, blasting out the last 10 feet, breaching the dam.
4. The lake (750 acre feet of water) will drain in about six hours.
5. Once the lake is drained, the dam will be broken into rubble that will be buried onsite as part of the restoration.
6. Next spring, after the dam has been removed, revegetation and restoration of wetlands will begin.

Source: PacifiCorp

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\$1M BAIL SET FOR SUSPECT IN SCHOOL STABBINGS

JUDGE SAYS GIRL, 15, POSES RISK TO COMMUNITY

Police say she planned attack on random victims

BY CHRISTINE CLARRIDGE
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EVERETT — While many of her schoolmates were getting ready for Snohomish High School's annual homecoming dance Saturday, one 15-year-old girl was hatching a plot "to stab someone at school," police said.

She wasn't particular about her targets, according to police, and ended up attacking two strangers in a campus restroom before the start of school Monday morning. One victim remains hospitalized after suffering up to 25 knife wounds, including punctures to her heart and lungs, police said.

On Tuesday, a Snohomish County juvenile-division judge ordered the suspect held on \$1 million bail for investigation of first-degree attempted murder, first-degree assault and second-degree assault in

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Trio charged in scheme bilking \$250K from schools

BY STEVE MILETICH
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David A. Johnson would laugh and joke about how he and his friend Silas Potter Jr. were making easy money for doing nothing, according to newly disclosed court documents that detail how Seattle Public Schools was bilked of \$250,000.

Under police questioning, Lorrie Kay Sorenson, who was Johnson's girlfriend, said Johnson confided to her that stealing from the district was possible because they had someone on the inside — Potter — to authorize payments.

Sorenson acknowledged to a detective she wanted part of the action, according to the documents made public Tuesday.

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Prosecuting Attorney Dan Satterberg tells how subpoenaed bank records led to a cleaning company used as a front. Interim Superintendent Susan Enfield is at left.

Congress works to defuse threat of defense cuts

DEFICIT-REDUCTION TALKS

Automatic trigger was part of deal designed to force good-faith negotiations

BY LISA MASCARO
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WASHINGTON — Weeks after agreeing to impose mandatory spending cuts on the federal government in exchange for increas-

ing the debt ceiling, lawmakers are hard at work to overturn a key element of the deal — the threat of automatic, steep cuts in the defense budget.

The possibility of defense cuts — what budget insiders call a trigger mechanism — was intended to spur Republicans and Democrats to agree on a plan to reduce the deficit by \$1.5 trillion over 10 years. Instead, Congress increasingly seems likely to scuttle the

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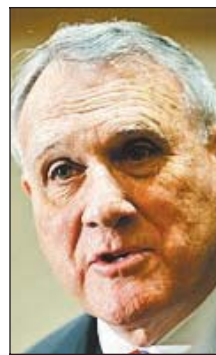
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cuts even without a deficit deal.

"It feeds into the notion that everyone is having, but not saying, which is that the trigger is a complete phony thing," said Jim Kessler, a vice president at Third

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Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., has said he would walk away from his post on the supercommittee if defense cuts were part of its recommendation.

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