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### 3-23 EDUCATION

## Updating state's education role for 21st century



The Seattle Times editorial board today launches a campaign for Washington state to expand its vision for public education, beyond the K-12 system.

In an extensive, two-page opinion package, the board urges state leaders to embrace a "3-to-23" approach that not only improves K-12 education, but also gets children ready for kindergarten and ensures a college education is affordable. The board asserts:

- Early-learning investments pay off in more success through college.
- The K-12 system needs reform to increase effectiveness.
- Investments in higher education will drive economic growth.

The board also invites the public to engage on this important topic.

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NORM PAULSEN / SPECIAL TO THE SEATTLE TIMES

**THE DEEP SEA:** The *Deep Sea* sank in Penn Cove, home to Whidbey Island's famed shellfish beds, after catching fire May 13. The cause of the fire is under investigation.



STEVEN LANE / THE COLUMBIAN, 2011

**THE DAVY CROCKETT:** The 430-foot vessel was being scrapped illegally last year on the Columbia River when it broke apart, costing \$20 million to clean up.

# BOATLOADS OF TROUBLE



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, 2005

**THE CACTUS:** Owner David Thomsen didn't want to part with his notorious heap that has been a headache for state officials.

## Race for president boils down to 10 states

### ELECTION 2012

Focus is undecided voters in tossups like Ohio, Florida

BY DAVID LIGHTMAN  
McClatchy Newspapers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Get ready for an all-out brawl in 10 too-close-to-call states as President Obama and his Republican rival, Mitt Romney, gallop toward Election Day.

The two presidential candidates will focus on tossup states Florida, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado, Nevada, Michigan and Ohio, smothering them with visits, stacks of direct mail, automated phone calls and an unprecedented barrage of TV ads.

Florida and Ohio may matter most. No Republican has won the presidency without winning Ohio, and Florida's 29 electoral votes — more than 10 percent of the 270 needed to win — are the biggest swing-state prize.

The candidates will be dueling for support from a relative handful  
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**AT A GLANCE:** How the electoral map stands > A10

When the former fishing boat *Deep Sea* sank, spilling oil near rich oyster beds, it cost taxpayers more than \$5 million to clean up the mess. More than 220 derelict ships are overwhelming a state disposal program.

BY MAUREEN O'HAGAN  
Seattle Times staff reporter

**H**undreds of derelict or abandoned boats, both large and small, are slowly rotting on Washington's waterways.

And despite a program whose sole mission is to deal with these potential environmental catastrophes, the state just can't keep up with the tide.

In March, 226 vessels were on Washington's "derelict or abandoned" list. By June, the state or other agencies had helped move, shore up, or dispose of 23 of them — which sounds pretty good, until you realize

that, in the meantime, 18 more vessels were added to the list. Some boats are removed, only to wind up back on the list a second or third time.

Melissa Ferris, who runs the Derelict Vessel Removal Program, can rattle off stories. There are the boats that appear out of nowhere in state waters, dumped by their owners. Those that break anchor and float away, battering the docks or creating a hazard to navigation. Those that the owner swears are seaworthy, right up to the day they sink. They may contain oil, asbestos and other hazards.

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## Chief prosecutor faces ethics charges

**"AN UNMITIGATED DISASTER"** | In Grant County, judges and public defenders have landed in trouble before. Now, the state bar association is focusing on the county's top prosecutor.

BY KEN ARMSTRONG  
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In January 2009, the commissioners for Central Washington's Grant County were poised to name a new chief prosecutor for their 90,000 or so constituents

when they received a warning letter full of italics, bold letters and exclamation points.

The letter — titled *No Confidence Vote* — was signed by seven of the county's assistant prosecutors and the administra-

tive assistant who helped manage the county's prosecuting attorney's office. Their message was: Please do not appoint D. Angus Lee.

They decried Lee's "very limited legal experience," saying he had never even tried a felony case. Appointing Lee, a lawyer who had spent about two years prosecuting traffic

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D. Angus Lee, chief prosecutor

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