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# The Cuban Guy to address BMS Oct. 23

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - The Cuban Guy, a motivational speaker who at the age of 16 escaped his island home of Cuba and fled to America, arriving in Miami homeless, without parents, without money, and not knowing a word of English, will address the Brewster Middle School student body at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23 in the school gymnasium.

In a message centered on motivation. The Cuban Guy will describe how he went from living his worst nightmare, homeless and living on the streets, to living his dream as a college graduate, author, nationally known speaker and CEO. He will also set aside an hour to speak with parents at 6:30 p.m. All parents are



**Courtesy Pinterest** Andres: The Cuban Guy

welcome to attend the event to hear The Cuban Guy's inspirational message.

To learn more about The Cuban Guy, visit his website at reach.thecubanguy.com.

### Help improve state parks, active transportation in NCW

Public invited to open house Oct. 23 to share ideas

#### SUBMITTED BY WSDOT

**BREWSTER**-Washington State Parks and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) invite the public to an open house to share ideas on ways to improve state parks and non-vehicular — or "active" transportation — in North Central Washington.

The gathering is scheduled for 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club, 601 West Cliff Ave., Brewster. The open house provides a venue for area residents to share ideas and talk with friends and neighbors. Complimentary hot dogs, chips and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, as well as a chance at winning "State Parks Dollars" — gift certificates that can be used for stays at campsites, cabins and vacation houses and for merchandise at participating state parks stores. By holding the meeting at the Boys and Girls Club and at the same time as an afternoon school program, the two agencies hope to attract more community members and encourage more dialogue. The two agencies chose the venue for its welcoming environment. Bilingual staff from the club also will be available.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 3-6 p.m., **Brewster Boys and** Girls Club, 601 West Cliff Ave., **Brewster** 

Bridgeport and Pateros. Input from those meetings provided park planners some direction for future growth. State Parks staff would like to hear more from the public about day use, camping and overnight accommodations, parking, natural resources, visitor services, trails and other topics.

For more information about the Alta Lake and Bridgeport state parks planning process, contact Melinda Posner, State Parks planner, (360) 902-8671 or

## New Brewster police chief takes oath of office

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** - The first order of business after mayor Art Smyth gaveled the regular monthly meeting of the city council to order on Wednesday, Oct. 9, was swearing in the city's new police chief.

Marcos Ruiz took the oath of office replacing former chief Nattalie Cariker and renewing a previous relationship he had with the Brewster Police Department for 15 years. Ruiz's father Marcos Ruiz, Sr., then pinned the chief's badge on his son's uniform.

Ruiz wasted no time putting his stamp on the department under his charge. The new chief said the city will now have law enforcement presence in the early morning hours thanks to the addition of a lateral officer on the force who is transitioning from police work in Western Washington back home to Brewster.

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Mike Maltais/QCH Marcos Ruiz Sr., right, father of Marcos Ruiz, pins the badge on the city's new police chief.

### American Legion hosts Four Season Fighters fundraiser

For veterans and first responders

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

**BREWSTER** - Scores of supporters turned out for the Four Season Fighters fundraiser meet and greet dinner last Thursday, Oct. 10 at American Legion Columbia Post 97

Four Season Fighters was founded by three friends whose backgrounds and shared interests brought them together to form a nonprofit to help military veterans and first responders who have sustained injuries and disabilities.

President and co-founder



Four Season Fighters staffers Mark Peffer, left, (Pro Staff), Zach Ames (President), Mike Groff (Secretary) and Tyler Beahan (Executive Officer) gather outside Columbia Post 97 headquarters in Brewster prior to the meet and greet dinner. Co-founder and vice-president Jose Martinez, a military veteran and triple amputee, was not available because he was off somewhere competing in a surfing competition.

founder Jose Martinez served plosive Device in 2002. with Ames during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan in 2002. Martinez lost three limbs and sustained other injuries after stepping on an I.E.D. (Improvised Ex-

Mike Groff is a career firefighter-lieutenant with Bothell Fire and Ames' co-worker. **Other Four Season Fighters** 

surer Brittany Barnes, whose Secretary and co-founder husband is a first responder; executive officer Tyler Bea-

#### Improving recreation at Alta Lake and Bridgeport state parks

State Parks is engaged in long-term planning to improve recreation opportunities at Alta Lake and Bridgeport state parks. The agency began its Classification and Management Plan (CAMP) process for the two parks in May with public meetings in

visit dit.ly/ AltaBridgeport.

#### **WSDOT** Active **Transportation Plan 2019**

WSDOT wants to hear from area residents about walking and bicycling options to get them where they want to go. At the open house, WSDOT staff will be asking attendees to help shape the agency's statewide plan and future projects. What enables or prevents people from walking or biking in their communities? Where and how should improvements be made?

For more information about WSDOT's Active Transportation Plan, contact Charlotte Claybrooke, active transportation programs manger, (360) 705-7302 or visit: http:// bit.ly/WSDOT-2019-ATP

**ADA accommodations** The open house is accessible to people with disabilities. If special accommodations are required to attend, please make advance arrangements by calling (360) 902-8671, (509) 923-2473 or the Washington **Telecommunications Relay** Service (800) 833-6388.

Zach Ames of Arlington is an Army veteran and career firefighter with Bothell Fire in Bothell.

Vice-president and co-

han, and Mark Peffer, Steve Bush, and Tim Cowan on the pro staff. team members include trea-

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### New restroom, playground on Columbia Cove wish list

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BREWSTER - As city Public Works Director Lee Webster was concluding his report to the Brewster City Council at its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9, he was asked by council member Emmanuel "Manny" Hurtado is there have been any new developments between the public works department and Douglas County PUD regarding new restroom and playground facilities at Columbia Cove Park.

The question sparked a discussion over efforts to have one of the city's most heavily used relief stations replaced with a new, larger and highercapacity structure to handle

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A new playground at Columbia Cove would be welcome upgrade.

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The PUD restroom at Columbia Cove Park needs replacement to handle the increasing traffic that uses the facility. BELOW: Hand dryer inside the restroom.



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the heavy seasonal traffic. Not one to waste words, Webster made his assessment clear: "The bathroom needs to be gone and a new one built in its place."

Webster based his opinion on first-hand knowledge of the traffic the restroom handles from summer fishermen and recreationalists.



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"We need far more capacity than it has," said Webster. "For three months of the year, it does not meet capacity needs.'

City clerk/treasurer Misty Ruiz added that to help meet the demands of the decades-old structure the city supplies extra portable toilets during periods of peak use.

From outside appearances the painted cinder block restroom with the blue metal roof is clean and well-maintained. The inside facilities, however,

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do show their age and invite attention.

Hurtado said he has been making inquiries with PUD officials to learn what the utility's future plans are, if any, regarding a new restroom facility and

**Flu shots** 

to Senior

BREWSTER -

Three Rivers Hos-

pital staff will be

at the Brewster-

Pateros-Bridgeport

Senior Center at 10

a.m., Wednesday,

Oct. 23, to give flu

shots, to all those

who come and pres-

ent their medicare cards. TRH will

handle submission

of billing informa-

tion for payment.

coming

Center



The interior facilities reflect their age and make their own case for attention.

playground.

Ruiz pointed out that public works has been making repairs to the playground equipment over the years.

"If you take a look at the legs on that playground equipment,"

said Ruiz, "the reason why it's in as good a shape as it has been is because public works has gone down and made things to make it work."

Webster recommended comments in writing as the most effective means of getting a response.

'The biggest thing is written letters," said Webster of communications with the PUD. "All comments on a project have to be filed."

### Pateros Mall project nears completion



Construction on Wellhouse #4 is nearing completion and landscaping is done on Pateros Mall with a promenade that connects the mall to Pateros Memorial Park on the water side of Lakeshore Drive.

# CHIEF

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Council member Jan May asked if there have been any further vandalism or graffiti incidents. Ruiz said there were not and the presence of law enforcement on patrol during the off hours should help discourage further violations. Ruiz said Brewster Police Department's newest recruit is doing well at the mandatory Basic Law Enforcement Academy and is scheduled to graduate in December. When the chief received citizen complaints about loud noise from modified car exhausts, he opted for handing out information rather than infractions. "I used the Three E approach," said Ruiz, "Education, Engineering and Enforcement." First offenders were given a copy of the current RCW (Revised Code of Washington) governing proper mufflers on vehicles and allowed time to

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Brewster mayor Art Smyth, right, administers the oath of office to new police chief Marcos Ruiz.

correct the problem

Council member John Housden inquired if truck compression brakes were part of the problem.

"No," said Ruiz "it's cars sounding like they are going a

million miles an hour when they are going five miles an hour."

Ruiz also reported on a Sept. 29 shots fired complaint. He said a group of people were standing in front of the McDonalds Restaurant when a truck drove by several times and the driver displayed a firearm on the last pass.

"Both parties knew each other," Ruiz added.

When the McDonalds party heard shots fired a distance away, they reported the incident. Responding officers found shell casings and eventually an intoxicated individual was arrested.

"There were no injuries, and nobody was shot at," Ruiz said.

In other business council members approved the permit application for Trick or Treat on Main Street. They also gave the green light to the Haunted Hayride permit application from Brewster High School FFA.

An interlocal agreement was approved with Sourcewell, an equipment purchasing co-op through which the city has acquired equipment in the past. City legal counsel Chuck Zimmerman had recommended that the city be more than just a member of the co-op to remove any questions of compliance with auditor guidelines when the city decides to purchase a vacuum truck.

The Brewster City Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in city hall chambers at 105 W. Third Street.



#### Community

# Tourism Council schedules Master Plan workshops

By Mike Maltais Staff writer

BREWSTER – The Okanogan County Tourism Council is seeking input from the public and stakeholders to develop a county-wide Tourism Destination Master Plan and will be hosting seven workshops throughout the county to discuss key tourism assets, existing issues and problems and plan strategies/Ideas.

Workshop dates, times and locations include:

Monday, Oct. 21, 5:30-7 p.m. YourSpace Building on the TwispWorks Campus, Twisp.

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m. American Legon Hall, 314-14th Ave., Oroville.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10-11:30 a.m. Conconully Community Hall, 219 N Main St, Conconully.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tonasket City Council Chambers, 209 N. Whitcomb, Monday, Nov. 4, 5:30-7 p.m. Brewster City Hall, 105 S. 3rd St., Brewster.

#### Tonasket.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 4-5:30 p.m. Okanogan City Hall, 120 3rd Ave. N., Okanogan.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 6-7:30 p.m. Omak City Hall, 2 Ash St. N., Omak.

Thursday, Oct. 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Senior Center, 203 Main St., Grand Coulee.

Monday, Nov. 4, 5:30-7 p.m. Brewster City Hall, 105 S. 3rd St., Brewster.

Topics of discussion will include:

• Key tourism assets throughout the county and their characteristics of these asseta. Where are the places people like to visit. What facilities currently serve their needs?

• Existing issues and prob-

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lems within the current tourism network that warrant attention. What experiences, places, facilities, and services are needed to better serve visitors?

• Strategies, ideas, and opportunities that could be explored in the plan. What actions and projects would best promote, attract, and manage tourism and visitation throughout Okanogan Country?

All meetings are open to the public. To arrange special accommodations, receive digital copies of workshop materials or provide input via email or mail, contact Carolyn Davis Okanogan County Tourism Council (OCTC) phone: 509.826.5107, email: cdavis@economic-alliance. com or Mandi Roberts Otak, Inc., Planning Consultant to OCTC phone: 206.949.2741, email: Mandi.Roberts@otak. com.

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More than 60 people showed up for the meet and greet dinner.

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Under the motto: Saving lives one season at a time, Four Season Fighters stated mission is to "help veterans, firefighters and police officers whose lives have been altered permanently because of the sacrifices they made while serving their country and communities making what they thought once impossible, possible."

"I started it because I kind of find my peace in the outdoors and I know how much it helps me," said Ames of his inspiration to create Four Season Fighters

Groff said he grew up fishing and hunting and wanted to give injured vets and first responders the opportunity to experience the healing power of the outdoors.

Columbia Post 97 had the honor of hosting the first Four Season Fighters fundraiser with the help of Brewster businesswoman and community activist Shan Miller who, with help from other volunteers, organized the event.

"I met these guys exactly one year ago," said Miller

Miller told the audience of donors that she received a phone call from a friend who was trying to make lastminute arrangements for a hunting trip for some guests. The party included Ames and



Brewster businesswoman and community activist Shan Miller helped organize the Four Season Fighters dinner and sits on the group's Board of Directors.

Freedom in Afghanistan in 2002. Martinez lost three limbs and suffered other injuries after stepping on an I.E.D. (Improvised Explosive Device). A prearranged hunting trip for the group in north Okanogan County fell through so Miller made some calls to landowners she knew and secured a location for the hunting party. That chance introduction

Jose Martinez, an Army vet-

eran who served with Ames

during Operation Enduring

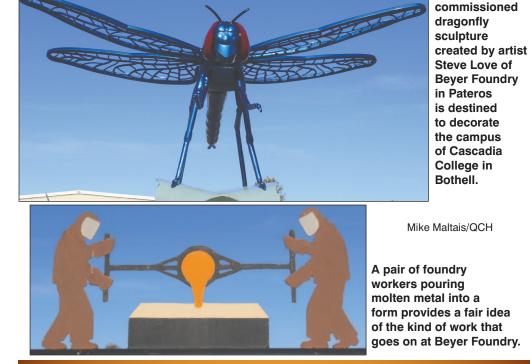
evolved into the meet and greet dinner last Thursday and Miller's invitation to serve on the Four Season Fighters board.

For more information about Four Season Fighters or to donate visit fourseasonfighters.org online.



Courtesy fourseasonfighters.org Four Season Fighters co-founder Jose Martinez with the mule deer buck he brought down on a recent hunting trip.

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Nila Maxine **Black**

Nila Maxine Black Born, April 23, 1928 Died, September 29, 2019 A classy lady who married a local cowboy. Together with her husband, Deane Schmidt, they raised 5 children and managed the Schmidt Farm.

In 1953 she dedicated her life to doing God's will and was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. She faithfully attended the congregation in Brewster, Wash. for over 60 plus years. As a student of the Bible, Maxine recognized the wisdom and benefits of applying its principles. She became a wonderful example of Christian qualities. Even her daughter-in-laws were glad to have her as a mother-in-law because of those wonderful qualities.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandma, family was always one of Maxine's highest priorities.

Maxine is survived by her 5 children, Shelley, Brad,



her brother, Gordon Black.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband Deane, their daughter April Lynn, her brother, Howard Black, their grandson, Brittan, parents, Mary and Harry Black.

Services will be held at 1 p.m., October 26, 2019 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 301 State Way (Hospital Hill), Brewster.

### **DEATH NOTICES/SERVICES Clayton Douglas Bailey**

Clayton Douglas Bailey, 77, of Brewster, Wash., passed away on Oct. 9, 2019. Services to be announced.

Please leave any thoughts and memories for the family at barneschapel.com. Services are entrusted to Barnes Chapel of Brewster.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF

#### Oct. 10

Transfer at 56 Gun Club Road, Bridgeport Bar.

#### Oct. 11

Parking/abandoned vehicle at the 117 Sage St. area, Bridgeport. Animal problem at 123 Arden Ave., Bridgeport Bar. Public assistance in the Bridgeport, Bridgeport.

Parking/abandoned vehicle at 1847 Foster Creek Ave., Bridgeport.

#### Oct. 12

Public assistance at 108 Arden Ave., Bridgeport Bar. Oct. 13 Traffic offense at 222 17th St., Bridgeport. Miscellaneous at N. Division St., Mansfield. Domestic disturbance at 14 Arden Ave., Bridgeport Bar. Suspicious incident at Rd.29.5 N.W. and Rd. A N.W., Bridgeport.

#### Oct. 14

Noise at 106 Arden Ave., Bridgeport Bar. Welfare check at 314 19th St., Bridgeport. Fall at 314 19th St., Bridgeport.

### **COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

#### Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

#### Brewster Senior Center Rummage Room

BREWSTER - Hours at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center are 8 to 12:45 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday. Donations will be accepted during store hours at the back door for the Rummage Room. No children's clothing. They will take "small pieces of furniture and sometimes larger items.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

#### Senior meals

BREWSTER - The Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center hosts the Okanogan County Transportation and Nutrition (OCTN) meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Suggested donation for those over age 60 is \$4. For those 60 and under the cost is \$8.50. All diners are welcome.

#### Oct. 22

Tater Tot Casserole, Cottage cheese, Carrot Raisin Salad, Chilled Peaches, WW Bread or Roll, Dessert

#### Oct. 23

Garden Chili, Spinach Salad, Apple Wedges, Cheesy Garlic Bread, Oatmeal Cookies

#### Oct. 24 Tuna Noodle Casserole, Peas & Carrots, Garden Salad, Oregon Ber-

ries, Whole Wheat Bread or Roll, Dessert

#### Wednesdays

#### Bingo is back at Brewster Senior Center

BREWSTER - Bingo is back at 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday morning at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center at 109 S. Bridge St. Cost is 25 cents per card.

Thursdays

#### S.A.I.L classes

BREWSTER - S.A.I.L (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes are Thursday, 10-11 a.m. at the Brewster-Pateros-Bridgeport Senior Center.

#### Oct. 17 - New location and day

#### **TOPS** meeting

BREWSTER - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Thursdays, 10 a.m., 600 W. Indian Avenue. Preteens, teens, adults - male, female welcome. First meeting is free. TOPS Club, Inc. ® is an affordable, nonprofit, weight-loss support and wellness education organization. Learn about nutrition, portion control, food planning, exercise, and motivation. For info: Joyce Anderson, Coordinator, (509) 922-8820, visit www.tops.org, call TOPS Headquarters, (800) 932-8677.

#### Oct. 18, Nov. 8

### Brewster area monthly bus trips to

#### Omak and Wenatchee

BREWSTER - OCTN takes Brewster area residents to Wenatchee, second Friday of the month. Next trip is Nov. 8. The bus starts picking folks up at their homes at 7:30 a.m. Riders may request destination(s); medical appointments etc.

On the third Friday of each month, Oct. 18, riders will be taken to Omak for the day. Riders request their destination(s). Wenatchee: \$12/boarding for General Public, \$6 suggested donation/day for Seniors (60 plus). Omak: \$5.50/General Public, \$2.75 suggested donation Seniors (60 plus). (509) 826-4391 to reserve your seat.

### Brewster Fire Dept. scheduled open house next Thursday, Oct. 24

BREWSTER - The Brewster Fire Department will host an open house from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Free hot dogs and soft drinks will be served and raffles for smoke alarms, sleds and flashlights will be part of the fun. Drop in to take a ride on one of the fire trucks and more

All ages are welcome. Come to the fire hall to meet the

#### Oct. 18

#### **Farmers Market**

BREWSTER - The Brewster Farmers Market is held every Friday, 2-5 p.m. at the Brewster Grange Hall, located at the corner of Highway 97 and Grange Road in Brewster. The market will continue thru mid-October.

#### Oct. 21

#### Study Group for Citizenship / Grupo de estudio para la ciudadanía

BRIDGEPORT - Join us at the library as we study materials and practice answering citizenship test questions on Mondays 1-2 p.m. at the Bridgeport Public Library. / / Los lunes unase a nosotros en la biblioteca de Bridgeport de 1-2 p.m. para repasar materiales y practicar a contestar las preguntas del examen de la ciudadanía. For additional information about this event, contact Ana Trejo at (509) 686-7281 or email atrejo@ ncrl.org.

#### Oct. 22

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#### Oct. 23

#### **Toddlers & Waddlers Storytime** for Little Ones

BREWSTER - Looking for an exciting way to start off the day for your little ones? Join us at the Brewster Public Library for rhymes, stories and playtime every Wednesday at 11 a.m. For more information, Rebecca Zion at (509) 689-4046, email brewster@ncrl.org

#### Oct. 21

#### Compassionate Friends to meet

WENATCHEE - The Compassionate Friends is an organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. They are bereaved parents reaching out to bereaved parents. Anyone who has had a child or loved one die in their family is invited to their monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 21, 7-8:30 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 1408 Washington Street. For information: Carol, (509)860-3620.

#### Oct. 23

#### **OCSRA's Retirement Planning Seminar**

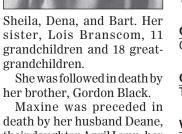
OKANOGAN - All public school employees of WA State retirement plans 1, 2, and 3 are invited to attend a free Retirement Planning Seminar, 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23 at Okanogan High School library, 244 5th S, Okanogan. No reservations necessary. The Seminar is sponsored by Okanogan County School Retirees' Association. Information: Penny Garrison: 509-429-0292.

#### Oct. 24

#### American Red Cross Blood drive

BREWSTER - An American Cross Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Oct. 24, Noon-5 p.m. at the Brewster Boys and Girls Club, 601 Cliff Ave. How to donate blood: Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood. org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

#### Oct. 25





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For info call Ruth 509-682-2213, or email ruthk@lakechelanmirror.com

#### School retirees to meet

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County School Retirees' Association meets 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 25 for a general meeting and no-host luncheon at Cariboo Inn, 233 Queen St., Okanogan. State Department of Transportation spokesman will discuss priorities, roundabout stats, Walmart intersection, and money targeted for Okanogan County. Information: Jennie Hedington: 509-422-2954.

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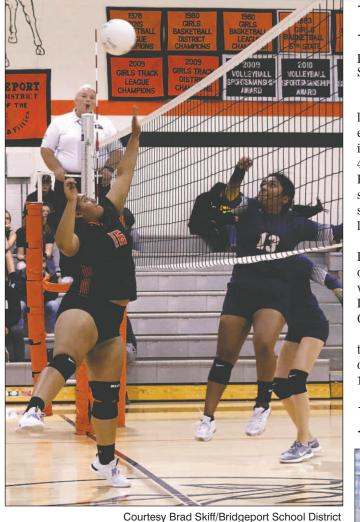
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Bridgeport's Yareli Palacio, left, defends at the net against

**Fillies look for first** 

**CW2B** volleyball win

way.

Oroville.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

Lady Trojans.

follows:

Set 1: 21-25 Bridgeport Set 2: 25-17 Manson

Set 3: 25-16 Manson

Set 4: 25-12 Manson

Set 5: 25-16 Manson

Set 1: 25-17 Manson Set 2: 25-11 Manson

Set 3: 25-19 Manson

BRIDGEPORT - The Fil-

lies varsity and JV volleyball

teams traveled to Manson

on Thursday, Oct. 10, and for

most of the scoring it was a

one-way trip in favor of the

Manson took all three var-

sity sets while the JV won the

first of its three. The Bridge-

port C squad fell in two sets

to their hosts. The scoring,

as provided by Fillies assis-

tant coach Zoe Baxley is as

JV (first 3)/ C Squad (last two)

Varsity

The Fillies hosted Oroville

on Oct. 8, with a better out-

come for the JV team that

swept the Lady Hornets in

**Bridgeport evens soccer record 4-4** 

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

BRIDGEPORT - The Fillies varsity soccer team evened its central Washington 2B league record at 4-4, with two wins over Lake Roosevelt with a 1-0 loss to second-place Liberty Bell sandwiched in the middle last week.

Bridgeport defeated the Lady Raiders, 4-1 at home on Oct. 8, and extended the win margin to 7-1 on the Lady Raiders' home turf on Oct. 12.

Bridgeport was scheduled to face non-league Okanogan on the road on Tuesday, Oct. 15, before hosting Manson



Courtesy Brad Skiff/Bridgeport School District

Bridgeport's Jaqueline Lombera, 5, center, kicks a goal attempt against the Lady Raiders' goalkeeper during home field action on Oct. 8.

The Fillies are in the middle Tonasket, 6-1 Liberty Bell

at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17. of the CW2B pack behind 7-0 and 4-3 Brewster.

### Mustangs (barely) gallop by Billygoats, 42-20



Bridgeport senior running Gilberto Padilla, 35, encounters a herd of Billygoats tacklers.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

PATEROS - It was a close football game between two well-matched teams when the Billygoats varsity welcomes Bridgeport under the lights last Friday, Oct. 11, and the outcome was a nail-biter right down to the two-point conversion by Bridgeport to clinch the 42-40 road victory, its second win of the season.

"The Mustang offense was

powered by five touchdowns and 346 rushing yards from Gilberto Padilla on 23 carries, including a 98-yard TD run,' said Mustangs head coach John McDougal. "Enrique Morales had 40 yards rushing, while Tony Flores had 29 yards on the ground, including a sensational 20-yard TD run. Miguel Mendoza scored the game-winning two-point conversion with about 3 minutes left in the game."

yards receiving and led the



Mike Maltais/QCH Chris Poore, right, goes up to haul in a pass as Bridgeport's

defensively to stop their run game."

The Billygoats tied the the second quarter and made it a close game down to the final buzzer.

The Mustangs have a bye week this week while Pateros prepares to host Entiat at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17.

Julio Sanchez added 36

Santiago Moreno, 6, defends. Billygoats defense with 22

game 14-all two minutes into

#### to celebrate Senior Night, Tuesday, Oct. 15, while hosting undefeated Brewster. Bridgeport will host Entiat at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, and Tonasket at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Oct. 22. In other volleyball action,

Brewster defeated Soap Lake, 3-0, on the road Oct. 8, and Liberty Bell at home ,3-0, Oct. 9. Pateros shut out both Eas-

three sets. The varsity sets,

however, went all Oroville's

JV

Varsity

The Fillies were scheduled

Set 1: 25-16 Bridgeport

Set 2: 25-23 Bridgeport

Set 3: 25-15 Bridgeport

Set 1: 18-25 Oroville Set 2: 10-25 Oroville

Set 3: 20-25 Oroville

ton, 3-0, and Moses Lake Christian, 3-0, at home on Oct. 8 and Oct. 10 respectively. Waterville-Mansfield kept

its league record at 2-2 with a 3-0 win on the road at Tonasket, Oct. 10, and a 0-3 loss at Liberty Bell on Oct. 12,

### Bears notch second season win at Orovil

tackles.

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OROVILLE – On the heels of

"We played well in the sec- on 17 carries and had three p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, the Bears ond half," said Bears head coach Jake Johanson. "It took us a while to get going but even-

touchdowns," said Johanson. "Mason Kelly did a good job coming in and sparking us on offense.' Johanson said his team needs to improve on many fronts but is slowly going in that direction. With Davenport coming to town for a game at 7

"We struggled at the start

giving them 14 points to

start the game with not be-

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kicks," said Billygoats head

coach Marcus Stennes. "We

were able to come back and

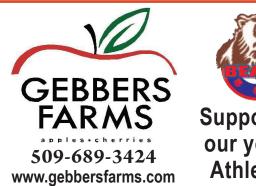
take the lead and compete

until the end. We struggled

want to make those improvements quickly. "Davenport will be tough,"

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their 35-21 win over Manson on Oct. 4, the Bears varsity football team took its show on the road and scored an encore win at Oroville, 32-20, against the Hornets last Friday, Oct. 11.

tually got rolling. I would have liked to see us tackle better and not have so many penalties on offense, but a win is a win."

"Adaih Najera had a great game rushing for 208 yards

said Johanson. "They have a big squad that wants to run the ball a lot. We need to stay at home, do our job, and tackle well if we want to have a chance to win."

### **Bridgeport XC teams compete at Omak**

BY MIKE MALTAIS STAFF WRITER

OMAK - The Bridgeport High School and Middle School cross country teams were among some 20 that turned out at the Omak Cross Country Meet on Wednesday,

Oct. 8.

Coach Richard Neigel sent along the following results:

Seniors: Catalina Martinez ran the 3.1-mile event in 22:28 and took fifth place; Alan Andrade in 22:41; and Gage Fletcher in 21:22.

Juniors: Miriam Jimenez

ran the course in 22:20 and took fourth place; Luis Leon in 22:33: and Alex Parea 20:38.

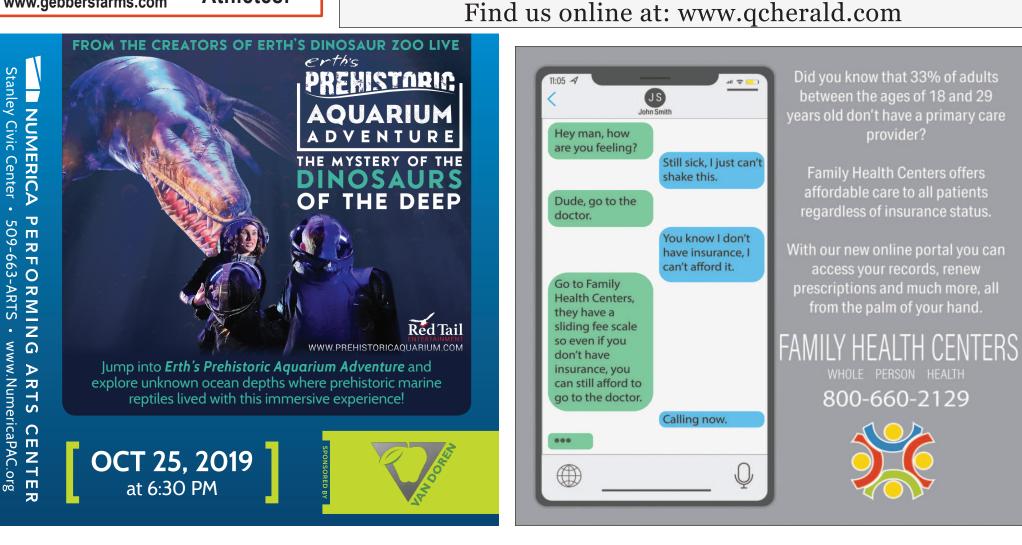
Sophomores: Antonio Andrade ran it in 25:48; and Terri Campos in 27:37.

Freshman: Christian Lopez ran the course in 21:53.

Middle school runners

ran a 1.4-mile race and they included Brandon Garcia with a time of 19:02 and took eighth place in his division, Diego Salazar with 9:32 and Yair Lopez with a time of 9:25

All runners doing a fantastic job.



#### School / Community

# **NCESD** adds Mario Martinez to its team

SUBMITTED BY NCESD

BREWSTER/ BRIDGEPORT -North Central Educational Service District (NCESD) has announced the addition of Mario Martinez as a Network Support Technician serving the Brewster and Bridgeport School Districts.

Martinez is a graduate of the University of Phoenix and received his AA degree in IT/ Networking. Previously, he served as an Operation Technician III with U.S. Electrodynamics, Inc which operates as a Space Satellite Earth Station. The North Cen-



**Mario Martinez** 

tral Educational Service District is a resource to the 29 districts within the four-county service area, providing professional and timely tools to meet the needs of individual schools and districts, and a reliable point of education-related information for the communities served. The NCESD is a respected resource to other ESDs throughout Washington State.

# **Okanogan PUD commissioners** review EMP, 2020 draft budget

SUBMITTED BY SHEILA CORSON, APR, COMMUNITY RELATIONS COORDINATOR

OKANOGAN - Okanogan County PUD commissioners reviewed an equity management plan (EMP) and draft of the 2020 PUD budget at a regular meeting Oct. 7.

The proposed budget reflects revenues of about \$57.2 million, expenditures of \$48.3 million and debt service of \$3.6 million. Capital outlay amounts to \$13.3 million, funded by operations, reserves and debt issuance.

The district had developed a 10-year capital projects plan, which considered condition of the infrastructure, load requirements and overall reliability risk. If the overall plan were to be implemented, it would require additional capital funding, potentially a four percent rate increase. Staff recommended deferring 25 percent of that plan to later years to propose a lower rate increase of three percent. Staff presented the draft budget to commissioners for the first time at the Oct. 7 meeting.

General Manager Steve Taylor said much of the capital includes catching up on replacing and upgrading equipment on more than 1,700 miles of distribution lines, such as poles (there are about 29,000 poles in the system). The district spends about \$2 million per year in regular replacements, upgrades and maintenance, but needs an additional \$4 million per year to fund depreciation, which would allow the district to borrow less and help catch up on aging infrastructure.

The capital budget also includes large multi-year projects throughout the county, including rebuilding the Tonasket substation and the Okanogan-to-Brewster and Loup transmission lines, and about \$7 million for Enloe dam safety work.

The equity management

plan, presented by Sergey Tarasov of FCS Group, showed that in order to keep its financial targets (cash on hand, debt ratios, etc.) that the district needs to balance how much it pays in cash and how much borrowing is done. Some bond issues will drop off in 2022, allowing for more debt capacity.

The big question was if the district deferred more capital projects, what would be the risk to the customer reliability and would it really save money? The capital plan is about "building for reliability," so that outages are prevented or restored faster.

Stretching out the plan for replacements and upgrades would reduce next year's need for funding, but add cost in the long run, as costs continue to rise and only doing portions of a project can mean paying for mobilization, bidding and risk evaluations multiple times.

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tinue to review the details of the draft budget before the next meeting. The budget hearing remains open, and will include the regular 3 p.m. board meetings as well as 6 p.m. special meetings to discuss areas of the budget Oct. 21, Nov. 4 and Nov. 18. The budget is draft only until its approval by commissioners in December.

In other business, the board heard both a power sales and telecom report from Director of Power Resources and Broadband Services Ron Gadeberg. Wholesale power sales were a bit better than budgeted for September, but August retail sales were under the expected amount. That leaves power sales revenue total for the vear at about \$3.5 million under budget with overall mild weather, and brutal cold snaps in February and March. Telecom, however, continues to add customers and grow its revenue.

# Protecting your skin during radiation

Q: I'm starting radiation treatments soon for my newly diagnosed breast cancer. How can I help keep the treatments from burning my skin?

Nearly 8 out of 10 people with cancer who are treated with radiation will get skin irritation from it. called "radiation dermatitis" by doctors. It starts out with redness and warmth like a mild rash, then becomes increasingly sensitive to touch and may even feel "tight". As radiation damage progresses your skin feels "dry", starts to itch and can eventually peel, exposing tender red skin which oozes clear fluid.

You're more likely to have a serious skin reaction from radiation treatment if you have another skin surface rubbing up against the skin being radi-

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ated, you've had surgery there in the past, if you smoke or if you have diabetes.

To reduce the risk of experiencing post-radiation irritation, which tends to peak about a week after treatment, treat your skin gently. Avoid rubbing or scratching the area being radiated. Keep the barrier of your skin intact by drinking plenty of water and applying a moisturizing cream to the area faithfully.

It's okay to use soap; in fact, washing your skin gently with mild soap and water has been shown to cause less skin reac-

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tion compared to just rinsing with water. Most patients who start radiation treatment are advised to use a "mild, non-alkaline soap, preferably unscented"

Unfortunately, there isn't much agreement about which soaps are best and no clear evidence that any specific soap is superior. Mild soaps like Dove®, Ivory®, or Neutrogena® are considered safe to use, but most experts agree that highly scented soaps such as Coast® and Irish Spring® should be avoided when undergoing radiation treatment.

You can safely wear deodorant or antiperspirant during treatment unless the skin of your armpit develops a cut, scratch or blister.

Applying a moisturizer after radiation sessions can help protect your skin from dryness, irritation and skin breakdown. There's a new option now available to help tion damage.

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2. Stay out of hot water.

Avoid using hot water or strongly scented soaps when washing or bathing. 3. Don't scrub.

Treat your skin gently. Avoid washing using harsh scrubbing tools like exfoliating cloths, rough washcloths, or loofahs.

4. Keep yourself hydrated. Irritated skin loses water more easily, making it feel dry and itchy. Drink plenty of water to help keep your skin

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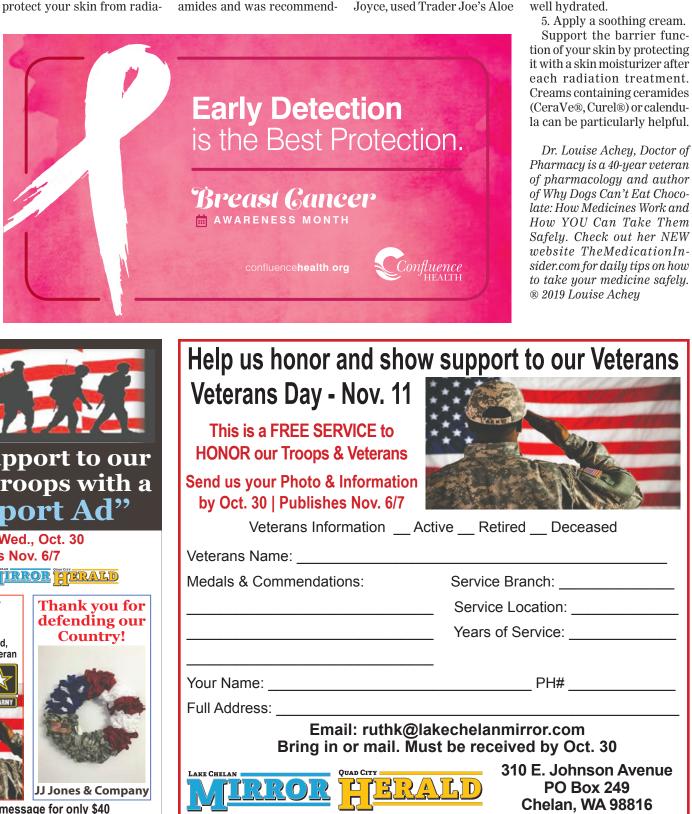
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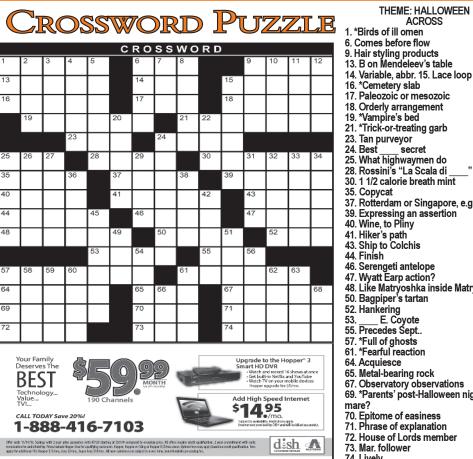
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#### **OP-ED**

#### It takes a village to collect \$1.2 billion tax increase

#### By JASON MERCIER

Although state revenues were already projected to increase by nearly \$5 billion, lawmakers last session raised taxes by more than \$1 billion. We now know thanks to the Department of Revenue's (DOR) supplemental budget request, that it takes a village to collect a tax increase of this size. As reported by Jerry Cornfield:

"The Department of Revenue says it needs 44 more people - 17 now and another 27 in the next fiscal year — to handle added responsibilities created by 32 revenue bills signed into law earlier this year.

#### **Reject dishonest** vehicle taxes, vote yes on I-976

GUEST EDITORIAL BY TIM EYMAN

Taxpayers are getting ripped off, everybody knows it, and politicians refuse to fix it. That's why 352,000 voters signed petitions to get Initiative 976 on the ballot.

Taxing a \$10,000 vehicle like it's \$25,000 is fraud. I-976 repeals the dishonest vehicle valuation schedule that politicians are currently using to artificially inflate our vehicle taxes.

If a private company was price gouging its' customers like this, the government would shut it down. But here, because it's the government taking more than they should with a dishonest tax, all we're hearing is threats, lies, and scare tactics.

Politicians admit their taxes are dishonest and inaccurate. But they won't fix them because the Public Interest Groups feeding at the trough won't let them. For two and a half years, citizens have been screaming

#### Russia saves Kurds, next is WW III

Here is the scenario for World War III: Trump has allowed Turkish incursion into Kurd cities by removing our observation posts. The cover support. Russia (Putin)

Agency leaders want to hire information specialists to help taxpayers understand what they may owe, examiners and auditors to ensure compliance with the laws, and legal support for an expected increase in appeals and other disputes.

They are asking for \$4.1 million in the 2020 supplemental budget to cover the added costs.'

request mentioned 32 revenue bills were adopted last session. Here are a some of those tax increases DOR is asking for more staffing to help administer:

• HB 2158 ("off-budget") B&O increase on select professional services: \$380 million

• SB 5998 – Graduated Real Estate Excise tax: \$245 million • HB 2167 (Title Only bill) -

B&O increase on banks: \$133 million

at politicians to fix them, but they haven't. When I-976 qualified in January, the Legislature had all session to fix them. They didn't. They could've put an alternative on the ballot alongside I-976. They didn't do that either. Why? Because the Public Interest Groups that get the dishonest taxes wouldn't allow it.

the initiative process - to give the voters the chance to solve a problem the politicians won't.

I-976 gets rid of dishonest vehicle taxes, repeals artificially inflated vehicle valuations, and sets license tabs to a flat, fair, and reasonable \$30 per year for your car, truck, motorcycle, motorhome, and other vehicles. It's a common-sense policy the voters have repeatedly passed. We're already paying huge sales taxes when we buy a vehicle, huge gas taxes and tolls when we use a vehicle, we shouldn't be forced to pay dishonest triple taxes just to own a vehicle. Working class folks, not just rich people, should be able to afford a newer vehicle. And under I-976, future vehicle

DOR's supplemental budget

• SB 5581 – Sales tax nexus

This is exactly why we have

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appealed to Russia for air

change related to Wayfair ruling: \$116 million

• SB 6016 – B&O changes for international investment management companies: \$59 million

• SB 5997 - Changes to nonresident sales tax exemption: \$54 million

• HB 1873 – Vaping tax: \$27 million

• SB 6004 - B&O tax increase for travel agents: \$5 million

Let's not forget that one of those tax increases (HB 2167) was rushed through as a Title Only bill, imposing a constitutionally-suspect tax increase in the waning hours of session.

Indicating that the legislature may not be done raising taxes in the near future, the adopted budget also includes \$2 million for the Department of Revenue to facilitate a tax structure study that is tasked

approved and based on Kelley Blue Book. In other words, they'll have to ask our permission and tax us honestly.

If politicians had any compassion for the average taxpayer, I-976 wouldn't be necessary. Washington is one of the highest taxed states in the nation. Dishonest vehicle taxes, skyrocketing property taxes, crushing sales taxes, massive gas taxes, obnoxious tolls, and costly fees on everything. Despite record revenues and a huge \$3.5 billion tax surplus, Olympia imposed 11 new taxes costing \$27 billion. It's insane. Now they're demanding income taxes, carbon taxes, pay-permile taxes. Enough is enough.

If we can't get tax relief when there's a huge \$3.5 billion tax surplus, when can we? Besides, all the money taxpayers save will get pumped right back into our state's economy. Opponents' threats, lies, and scare tactics are absurd - I-976 only affects a tiny fraction of government spending. An oversized semi-truck knocked down the Skagit Valley Bridge - but TV ads claim low taxes caused it. Total lie. Not a penny of car tab

the fan. It is only a matter of time

when a Russian jet will be shot down or a Turkish tank(s) will be annihilated by a Russian jet or a Russian "advisor" (remember those from Vietnam?) gets

with looking at the possibility of a corporate income tax among other things (Section 137 (2)(c)).

While lawmakers consider DOR's staffing request to help administer the \$1.2 billion tax increase, let's hope they don't follow up with a dismal encore performance next session by ramming through an illegal income tax on capital gains. One can only imagine the massive staffing that would be needed to navigate the legal and administrative hurdles imposing a capital gains income tax would require.

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taxes goes to roads or bridges – gas taxes pay for those. And that \$3.5 billion tax surplus can easily backfill any affected program.

Triple taxing vehicles is indefensible. Taxing a \$10,000 vehicle like it's \$25,000 is fraud. Taxpayers are getting ripped off - that's the issue. Attacking me? A dumb distraction. I didn't create dishonest vehicle taxes, the government did. I didn't create dishonest vehicle valuations, the politicians did. When Karen and I sold off our retirement fund and loaned \$500K to kickstart the signature drive for this historic effort, it was a huge risk.

But we had faith - unshakeable faith that there were lots of people sick and tired of getting ripped off. Polls show our faith was not misplaced.

Overwhelming voter approval of I-976 is the only way to get rid of this dishonest tax. Politicians will never fix it here's our only chance. Vote Yes on I-976.

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Stock Market ... or not.

It is often said that uncertainty causes crashes in the Market, but the rebirth of "heavy industry" (read armaments) and all the associated industries needed to support a full fledged war, will jack the Market out of sight. It may be the actual savior of American factories as thousands of items will. because of the war, be manufactured in the good ol' USA, just like during the first two world wars. I do have a solution for all of this: Put a Trump Tower(s) in every nation's major urban center and/or capital city and all hostilities will end, at least from the U.S.

taxes and fees must be voter-

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killed, maybe even fatal cidents" involving the 1,000 American troops in the immediate area.

Now enter NATO. Turkey, as a member of NATO, is subject to protection by all other NATO member nations. It's is written - part of the deal.

An attack on one is an attack on all.

Russia, Assad, maybe Cuba and other puppet states and some terrorist groups allied with same, versus NATO. The entire "Turkey versus Kurds" issue is lost in the shuffle.

China and other nations may be caught in the middle.

Iran will enter by using their huge terrorist network.

Israel, Egypt and the Saudis will actually cooperate because they all distrust (hate) the Iranians.

Great Britain, as a part of NATO, will also cause Australia and other former "Empire" associates to side with NATO.

This may seem like a dire scenario, but alas, it is a possible scenario. 100 years ago it was WW I just ending which caused all this mess in the first place.

The lousy terms the victors gave the Germans ending that war directly led to WW II. Now the fall of the Soviet Union and the newly capitalist-leaning Vietnam and China will also cause massive angst in the Far East and the former Eastern Europe.

This stew is what Italians call Pasta Fazul, a mixture of all kinds of stuff from leftovers to spices to new ingredients commonly eaten by the common man.

Besides the actual death of Americans, allies and millions of others, add to this the potential for a collapsing

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