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JANUARY

Issues: Education – Environment min. – Marijuana/I-502 – Health

Education

1/7/14 – 5 min. – 7:45 A.M. - Kids Find Path To College With Rainier Scholars. Every summer, five dozen mostly low-income students of color from Seattle Public Schools begin an intensive academic program designed to get them ready for college. In Rainier Scholars, middle-schoolers commit to eight-hour school days in the summer and then after-school and weekend classes during the school year. Most of these students would be the first in their families to graduate from college. Ann Dornfeld reports.

1/10 – 3 min. – 2:30 P.M. - Teachers At Seattle School Refuse To Give Standardized Test. Teachers at Garfield High School in Seattle say they have voted overwhelmingly to refuse to administer a district-wide standardized test. A statement from Garfield teachers called the test a waste of time and money. Ann Dornfeld reports.

1/14/14 – 3 min. – 12:15 p.m. Seattle Superintendent And Testing Company Defend Standardized Test. Seattle Public Schools officials and the company that produces the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test are defending the school district's use of the standardized test after Garfield High School teachers refused to give it to their students this quarter. . Ann Dornfeld reports.

1/14 – 19 min. – 12:30 p.m. - More Seattle Teachers Saying No To Standardized MAP Test . A group of teachers at Ballard High School in Seattle has come out in support of Garfield High School teachers' refusal to give students the district-mandated Measures of Academic Progress standardized test. The teachers say the test is useless and shouldn't factor in to teacher evaluations. Ross Reynolds talks with educators and education experts on both sides of the issue.

1/22 – 8 min. – 10:00 a.m. - Should Washington State Get Out Of The Prepaid Tuition Business? Increases in tuition and investment shortfalls have left Washington state's Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) program with a nearly 20 percent funding gap. Senate Majority Leader Rodney Tom says it's time for the state to get out of the prepaid tuition business. Tom says that if everyone now enrolled in the program wanted their money right now, the program would be short \$631 million. The State Actuary puts the chances of GET not being able to meet its obligations at about one percent. Should Washington state end the GET program? Steve Scher reports.

1/22- 6 min. – 5:30 p.m. - Nonprofit Brings Support – And Pressure – To Seattle Schools. In 1991, a small group of local CEOs sat down with Seattle Public Schools officials to ask how the CEOs could help the struggling district. "At that time Seattle Public Schools weren't even wired – I mean, wired for telephones, in some cases. It was really sort of a Dark Ages problem," said Sue Tupper, the first executive director of the Seattle Alliance for Education. Ann Dornfeld reports.

Environment

1/9- 7 min. – 2:45 p.m. - How Far Along Is Puget Sound Partnership In Cleaning Up The Sound? Ross Reynolds talks with Joan Crooks, executive director of the Washington Environmental Council, about the progress made by the Puget Sound Partnership in restoring the health of Puget Sound.

1/3 – 2 min. – 10:00 a.m. - Feds: Crude Oil Headed For Northwest Poses 'Significant Risk'. Ashley Ahearn reports. An alert, issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation on Thursday said that the crude oil coming out of the Bakken formation of North Dakota poses a "significant risk" because it is more flammable than traditional heavy crude. Some Washington refineries are already receiving Bakken oil by train and a handful of ports in the Northwest are considering building facilities to move the oil from trains onto ships.

1/10 – 4 min. – 10:00 a.m. - Oil, Rail Companies Offer Little Information About Shipments. Ashley Ahearn reports. The oil-by-rail boom is underway, and with that, several high-profile, fiery derailments. But state officials don't have the information they need to prepare for an oil train mishap because railroad and oil companies are not required to disclose much on shipments or response strategies.

1/15 – 2 min. 9:00 a.m.- Hanford Contractor Fails To Check Radioactive Tanks For Months. For eight months, a federal contractor at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation failed to check some single-shell radioactive waste tanks for the buildup of hydrogen gas. Federal contractor Washington River Protection Solutions says some of the radioactive waste tanks should have been checked as far back as last March, and weren't.

1/16 – 5 min. – 12:30 p.m. - Scientists: Stop Worrying About Fukushima Radioactivity In Fish. Following the 2011 tsunami in Japan, a nuclear reactor released hundreds of millions of gallons of radioactive water into the ocean. That sparked fear that contaminated water

would reach the West Coast, but three years later, scientists say that radiation in our waters isn't necessarily linked to the nuclear reactor. Although fisheries in Japan remain closed because of high levels of radioactivity and the ongoing release of contaminated groundwater from the nuclear site, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Washington Department of Health and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute have stressed that levels of radioactivity in fish that have made their way across the Pacific have not reached concerning levels.

1/21- 4 min. 9:00 a.m. - Legislation Revived To Protect 126,000 Acres Of Olympic Peninsula. Washington Sen. Patty Murray introduced a bill to permanently protect more than 126,000 acres of Washington's Olympic Peninsula -- an area the size of Seattle and Tacoma combined. The designation of more wilderness around the forested fringes of Olympic National Park is a top priority for environmentalists, hikers and some local businesses on the peninsula. It's also reviving resentment from those who say forest protection comes at the expense of timber-cutting and lumber-milling jobs.

1/27 – 2 min. – 9:00 a.m. - Washington State Slaps Fine For Mishandled Waste At Hanford. Over the last several years, Hanford Nuclear Reservation managers have mishandled barrels and boxes of hazardous and radioactive waste in the central part of the site. Friday, the state of Washington slapped the U.S. Department of Energy with a \$15,000 fine. Washington state's Department of Ecology is charging Hanford managers a total of \$261,000, but suspending most of that as long as the feds adjust their operations. Anna King reports.

1/29 – 2 min. - 12:30 p.m. Feds Declare Salmon Fishery Disaster For Washington Tribes. The U.S. Secretary of Commerce has declared the Fraser River sockeye salmon run a "fishery disaster" for nine tribes and non-tribal fishers in Washington state. The Fraser River empties out near Vancouver, British Columbia. The sockeye salmon from that river are a key resource for the state and tribal fishing industries in Washington. Fisheries managers blame the decline on poor ocean conditions, warm river temperatures and habitat decline, among other things.

Marijuana: The Path To Legalization In Washington State – Over the next several months we will be exploring the issue and tracking the impact of I-502.

1/3- 7:45 a.m. - Tour A State Permitted-Medical Marijuana Grow. Ross Reynolds interviews Alex Cooley, vice president of Solstice, a medical marijuana grower - 6 min.

Ross Reynolds tours Solstice, a medical marijuana grow in Seattle's Sodo neighborhood – 10 min.

Reynolds toured Solstice, a medical marijuana dispensary that has applied to distribute recreational marijuana. There, he met Sherman the dog (not a security dog, mind you, but an "aggressively friendly," good vibe dog) and caught a glimpse of the warehouse's "safe room," which requires fingerprint access. The Washington Liquor Control Board is currently sorting through nearly 5,000 applications to grow, process and sell cannabis. Five of those applications are from Solstice, the which is already fully permitted by the state as a medical marijuana grow.

1/16- 11 min. - 4:30 p.m. - Reactions To Attorney General's Opinion On Pot Moratoriums. Ross Reynolds talks with Alison Holcomb, ACLU's drug policy director, and Candice Bock, government relations advocate for the Association of Washington Cities, about state Attorney General Bob Ferguson's position on local governments' pot moratoriums. On Thursday, Ferguson said state law does not prevent local governments from regulating or banning marijuana businesses in their jurisdictions.

1/17- 5 min. - 3:58 p.m.- Pierce County Councilman Responds To Attorney General's Opinion On Pot Moratoriums. Ross Reynolds talks with Pierce County Councilmember Dan Roach about state Attorney General Bob Ferguson's opinion that jurisdictions may ban recreational pot at their discretion.

1/23- 5 min. 12:15 p.m. - Indoor Pot Farms Are Energy Guzzlers, Research Shows. Bill Radke reports. While the legalization of marijuana could be viewed as a liberal cause, the counterculture's favorite herb isn't exactly eco-friendly. "Indoor pot farms are energy guzzlers," said Seattle news analyst Joni Balter. Californian scientist Dr. Evan Mills released a study indicating the staggering amount of energy that goes into indoor marijuana production. "We're talking about lighting levels that match hospital operating rooms, so that's 500 times greater than what you and I need for reading," Balter said.

1/24- 2 min. 7:30 a.m. Hempfest Backlash: Seattle Police Spokesman Subject Of Discrimination Complaint. The Seattle Police Department made national headlines when officers gave away bags of Doritos at last year's Hempfest. But some police officers were not supportive of the department's lighthearted approach to marijuana users.

1/27 – 3 min. 10:30 a.m. Banks Remain Cautious, Washington Pot Entrepreneurs Turn To Cash, Bitcoin. Attorney General Eric Holder recently said that legal marijuana businesses need access to bank accounts as a public safety issue. Bankers and pot entrepreneurs hailed those comments as an important step. But they said it will take a change in federal law to make banks truly open their doors.

Health

1/6- 7 min. - 2:50 p.m. - Feeling Sick? Flu Season Is In Full Swing. Marcie Sillman talks with Dr. Jeffrey Duchin, Chief of communicable disease epidemiology and immunization for Public Health in Seattle and King County, about this year's flu season.

1/8 – 7 min. – 3:30 p.m. - Heroin Use Is On The Rise, Young Adults Increasing Most. Marcie Sillman talks with Caleb Banta-Green, an addiction and drug expert from the University of Washington, about heroin trends across Washington state.

1/14 – 5 min. - 4:30 p.m. - Washington State Democrats: Health Plans Should Include Abortion Coverage. Marcie Sillman interviews Washington state Representative Laurie Jinkins (D-Tacoma) about the Reproductive Parity Act.

1/15- 3 min. - 4:22 p.m. - State Health Exchange Amps Up Marketing To Reach Young Invincibles. This Friday, fans going to Key Arena to get their dose of Justin Timberlake will also get a chance to learn about health plans. "You have to go where they are, and we know music is very important to this particular audience," said Michael Marchand, spokesperson for the state's health exchange. "It is a place and a venue where you can ideally get your brand in front of a large number of them in one place."

1/17 – 11 min. - 4:00 p.m. How To Manage Workplace Stress. Marcie Sillman speaks with Dr. David Posen about how workplace stress affects our health, and what we can do about it.

1/21- 5 min. - 3:30 p.m. - Young, But Not So Invincible. Ross Reynolds talks with one of the so-dubbed young invincibles, 23-year-old Ursula Swantner, about her experience signing up for health care through the Washington Health Benefit Exchange website, and why she's glad she did.

1/22- 12 min. - 4:00 p.m.- Neuroscientist: 'Decriminalize All Drugs'. David Hyde speaks with Dr. Carl Hart, a professor at Columbia University, about why he thinks all drugs — including cocaine and heroin — should be decriminalized. His latest book is called "High Price: A Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know About Drugs and Society."

1/23- 15 min. - 7:00 a.m. How Limitations Of Self Control And Corporate Marketing Set Us Up For Obesity Epidemic. Ross Reynolds talks with Dr. Deborah Cohen about her new book, "A Big Fat Crisis: The Hidden Forces Behind The Obesity Epidemic – And How We Can End It."

FEBRUARY

Issues: Marijuana I-502, Economy, Proposed Minimum Wage Increase, Environment

Marijuana: I-502 -The Path To Legalization In Washington State

2/6 – 6 min. 3:00 p.m. Recreational Pot May Be Coming To Alaska. Steve Scher talks with Alexandra Gutierrez, capitol correspondent for Alaska Public Media, about a ballot measure to legalize recreational marijuana in Alaska.

2/20- 2 min. 8:30 a.m. - Washington Liquor Board Rolls Back How Much Pot Producers Can Grow. Applicants to grow recreational pot in Washington could have their state licenses in hand two weeks from now. But they won't be able to produce as much marijuana as they originally thought. Washington's Liquor Control Board on Wednesday instituted new limits designed to avoid a market glut. Olympia Correspondent Austin Jenkins reports.

2/21- 3 min. 8:30 a.m. - Pot Legalization: What Can Washington Learn From End Of Prohibition? This summer marijuana stores will open for business across Washington. The new legal pot market is modeled on a system the state adopted 80 years ago when prohibition ended. But are there other parallels between the legalization of alcohol then and marijuana today. When prohibition was repealed in 1933, business began to dry up for the gangsters, bootleggers and rumrunners. So when legal marijuana sales begin in Washington, how long will it take for the black market for pot to go up in smoke?

2/25 – 2 min. - 8:30 a.m. - Pot Tax Revenue Estimates Likely Hazy. Within the next year, marijuana taxes will start arriving in Washington state coffers. But how much money can the state realistically expect to take in from legal, recreational pot sales? Revenue forecasters like historic models, but since legalizing and taxing recreational marijuana has never been done before, there are no historic models. That's made Washington's revenue forecaster, Steve Lerch, feel, as he says, "a bit reluctant, a bit uncomfortable to forecast."

Economy:

2/4/14- 4 min. – 10:30 a.m. -Analyst: Nadella 'Not A Marquee Name' But 'Solid Choice' For Microsoft CEO. Microsoft has confirmed that Satya Nadella, 46, will be its new CEO as of Tuesday. Todd Bishop, co-founder of the tech website Geekwire, said Nadella, who has worked at Microsoft for 22 years, will be making a big leap. "He's been a strong business leader inside the company, but he's never led an organization at this scale before," Bishop said. Jamala Henderson reports.

2/7/14- 8 min. - 3:00 pm.-Can The Postal Service Help Unbanked Americans? Marcie Sillman talks with Michael Barr, professor of law at the University of Michigan and author of "No Slack: The Financial Lives of Low-Income Americans," about possible solutions for Americans who don't use traditional financial services.

2/12/14- 9 min. – 12 Noon - Mayor Ed Murray Weighs In On Ridesharing. Ross Reynolds talks with Seattle Mayor Ed Murray about ridesharing and what he thinks is the best to regulate the new industry.

2/18/14-7 min.-2:30 pm. Will The Comcast, Time Warner Cable Merger Effect You? David Hyde talks with Bill Schrier, City of Seattle's former chief technology officer, about the \$45 billion merger of Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

2/20/14- 5 min. - 9:00 am. Boeing's 'Terrible Teens' Cut Into Profit, Tax Revenue. Boeing says it will have to wait until sometime in 2016 to turn a profit on the 787 Dreamliners line. Ten years after Washington state passed the incentives package that brought 787 production to Washington, an important legacy of the plane's tortured development remains at Paine Field in Everett. Carolyn Adolph reports.

2/20- 7 min. - 9:00 am. How Seattle Fares In Income Inequality Debate. Marcie Sillman talks with Alan Berube of the Brookings Institution about a new study of the gap between the rich and poor in America's big cities.

2/21- 13 min. - 2:30 pm- Boeing Hopes 'Wounds Would Heal' After 777X Wing Production Rivalry. Marcie Sillman talks with Seattle Times aerospace reporter Dominic Gates about the aftermath of the fight to keep Boeing's 777X wing production in Washington state.

2/28- 6 min. - 4:00 pm- Coffee Roasters, Drinkers Brace For Price Hike. Ross Reynolds speaks with Craig Holt, founder of Atlas Coffee Importers, about the drought in Brazil and how it could affect coffee prices around the world.

Proposed Minimum Wage Increase

2/13/14- 6 min. - 3:00 pm- Income Inequality Advisory Committee Working On Minimum Wage Proposal. Ross Reynolds talks with Howard Wright, co-chair of Seattle Mayor Ed Murray's Income Inequality Advisory Committee, about the status of its proposal to the mayor.

2/18/14- 5 min. - 8:30 am. Why Are Democrats Suddenly Talking About Minimum Wage? We're hearing a lot these days about raising the minimum wage. President Obama talked about it in his State of the Union address last month. Sea Tac voters approved a \$15-an-hour base wage last fall. And there's a push now to adopt the same in Seattle. Even in Idaho, there's a minimum wage campaign afoot. It turns out this is no accident - it's part of a national effort to put the issue before politicians and voters.

2/19/14- 8 min. - 3:30 pm. Conservative Republican Calls For Higher Minimum Wage. Marcie Sillman talks with Ron Unz, a Silicon Valley millionaire and conservative activist, about why he thinks Republicans and the nation as a whole would benefit from a \$12 minimum wage.

2/20-8 min. -3:45 pm. Progressive Divide Emerging On Seattle's Minimum Wage Debate. David Hyde talks with Publicola's Erica C. Barnett about the latest on a proposed minimum wage hike for Seattle. This week the Income Inequality Advisory Committee, made up of 25 local business and labor leaders, has been examining the issue in closed-door meetings.

2/20 -2 min.- 4:30 pm. 'McPoverty' Protesters Call For Fast Food Boycott In Seattle. Supporters of a \$15 minimum wage in Seattle are staging demonstrations at fast-food restaurants across the city Thursday. Socialist Seattle City Councilmember Kshama Sawant joined the activists at the downtown McDonald's in the afternoon. Sawant has been an outspoken supporter of a \$15 minimum wage and is part of Mayor Ed Murray's Income Inequality Advisory Committee.

2/26- 2 min. -9:30 am - Survey: Minimum Wage Hike Could Force Nonprofits To Cut Services. A Seattle Human Services Coalition survey says increasing the minimum wage to \$15 would hurt critical services for low-income families. Out of the 29 nonprofits surveyed, 21 said they would have to cut services if forced to raise wages to that level.

Environment

2/4/14 – 2 min.-9:00 a.m. Why Is Lake Washington's Water Level So Low? Ask The Engineers. You may have noticed that water levels at Lake Washington beaches are very low. But if you think there might be some connection with the drought that is now gripping much of the western U.S., think again. "No, it's not connected at all with the drought," according to Marian Valentine, a manager with the Army Corps of Engineers. Deborah Wang reports.

2/12/14- 6 min.-4:30 p.m. - Biweekly Trash Pickup: Are The Savings Worth The Stink? Ross Reynolds talks with Suzie Burke, member of Seattle Public Utilities' Citizen Advisory Committee, about the proposal to move toward biweekly trash pickup.

2/13- 5 min. - 2:30 pm. Hood Canal Oil Spill: 'No Evidence Of Harm To Wildlife, Environment'. Ross Reynolds talks with Lisa Copeland, communications manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology, about the cleanup efforts of the 2,000 gallons of oil that spilled in Hood Canal on Monday.

2/20- 2 min. – 8:00 am. Washington Snowpack Building Toward Normal. On a clear day in Seattle, Nick Bond can size up the mountain snowpack on his bike ride to work at the University of Washington. However, in his role as the state's climatologist, Bond crunches the data to get a much more precise picture. "It's not just skiers," Bond said. "It's important to the economy of the state." Liz Jones reports.

MARCH

Issues: Initiative 502; Environment; Columbia River Area/Hanford/Wanapum Dam

Marijuana: I-502 - Legalization In Washington State

3/3 – 5 min. 3:30 p.m. - Cities To State Lawmakers: Don't Bogart The Pot Revenue. David Hyde talks with Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland about her request to Governor Jay Inslee and state lawmakers to share a portion of future tax revenue from legal marijuana.

3/4 – 14 min. 3:30 p.m. - How Washington Impacted The National Pot Debate. David Hyde talks with Ethan Nadelmann, executive director of Drug Policy Alliance, about how he thinks the national debate has changed after Washington legalized marijuana and what he sees as the future of crime and drugs.

3/5 – 6 min. - 3:30 p.m.- Washington Issues Its First Recreational Marijuana License. David Hyde hears from Sean Green about being the first producer-processor to receive a recreational marijuana license in the Washington state. Then KUOW's Amy Radil tells us what this means for the recreational pot industry moving forward.

3/10 – 6 min. -8:00 a.m. -To Experts' Dismay, Teens Embrace Marijuana As 'Healthy' And 'Non-Addictive'. Recreational marijuana is legal – for adults. But it's clear that the movement toward legalization is having repercussions for teenagers too. Federal authorities have said they will be monitoring whether Washington's legal marijuana supply makes its way to underage users. It's one of the indicators that they say could lead them to intervene in the state's experiment. One issue is that teenagers are hearing conflicting messages about the health risks and benefits, and the addictive properties of marijuana.

3/14- 8 min. 3:00 p.m. - Legislature Fails To Pass Medical Pot Regulations, Despite Feds' Warning. Marcie Sillman talks with Jenny Durkan, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington, about the state failing to pass medical pot regulations and what the federal government might do about it.

3/14 - 7 min. -3:30 p. m. Former Pot 'Czar:' Washington's Taking Wrong Approach To Regulating Pot. Steve Scher talks with UCLA public policy professor Mark Kleiman about why Washington and Colorado are taking the wrong approach to legalizing marijuana. He says the current system could lead to increased drug abuse among minors.

3/21- 8 min. - 3:30 p.m. - ACLU's Alison Holcomb Shares Pot Advice with The United Nations. David Hyde talks with Alison Holcomb, ACLU of Washington's criminal justice director, about her recent trip to the United Nations.

3/21- 5 min. - 3:30 pm. Bellevue City Council Considers Ban On Marijuana Businesses. Ross Reynolds talks with Bellevue Mayor Claudia Balducci about a possible ban on marijuana businesses in the fifth largest city in Washington.

3/26 – 7 min. 2:00 p.m. - All In The Family: Bringing Cannabis Business To Port Townsend. Port Townsend father-son duo, Martin Gay and Dakota Sandoval, eagerly anticipate the fate of their marijuana business as Washington State Liquor Board starts issuing licenses next month. Gay and Sandoval's business, Jefferson County Cannabis Company, was among more than 7,000 applications that were submitted in December to legally grow pot in the state.

Environment

3/3- 6 min.- 8:30 am. Inslee Prepares To Make Moral Case For Carbon Reduction Washington Governor Jay Inslee is preparing to take action on an issue that could secure his legacy -- or complicate his re-election chances. He wants to cap carbon, the biggest culprit in greenhouse gas emissions in Washington. It's a controversial and potentially costly idea. But the Democrat believes long-term it's an economic and, even, moral imperative.

3/4- 6 min.- 3:00 pm. Salmon Forecast Predicts 'Historical Run' For Chinook And Coho. David Hyde talks with Ryan Lothrop, recreational fishery manager at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, about forecasting salmon runs for the 2014-15 fishing season. Lothrop said about 283,000 Chinook and 870,000 coho salmon are expected to return to Puget Sound this year.

3/5-3 min.-8:30. University Of Washington To Receive Money From Controversial Timber Sales. The Washington Board of Natural Resources voted unanimously Tuesday to approve the sale of 200 acres of the Olympic Peninsula. The money from the timber sale will go to the University of Washington. The land is home to a rare seabird whose numbers have plummeted to the point that it's listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. "These 200 acres are extremely important," "the question is...whether the University of Washington is really saying they want to log the last remaining habitat for the marbled murrelet for approximately \$600,000." said Peter Goldman, director of the Washington Forest Law Center.

3/19- 8 min. 4:00 pm. Conservationists Work To Restore Wolf Population In Western Washington. David Hyde speaks with Jay Kehne of Conservation Northwest about efforts to restore the gray wolf population in the western regions of Washington State.

Columbia River –

3/5 – 6 min. - 3:30 pm. World's Largest Caspian Tern Colony Could Be Relocated. Steve Scher talks with Dan Roby, wildlife ecology professor at the Oregon State University, about a plan to relocate a colony of salmon-eating Caspian terns from the mouth of the Columbia River.

3/19- 4 min. - 9:30 am. Tribes Push To Restore Salmon To Upper Columbia River. Once upon a time, salmon and steelhead swam over a thousand miles upriver to the headwaters of the mighty Columbia River, at the foot of the Rockies in British Columbia. Those epic migrations ended in 1938 with the construction of Grand Coulee Dam. This week, tribes from both sides of the U.S.-Canada border along with scientists and policymakers are meeting in Spokane to figure out how Columbia River fish could be restored to their entire historical range. The idea draws passionate supporters, but has unknown costs that you might be asked to help pay.

Hanford

3/3- 4 min. 8:30 am. Hanford Tanks: How Much Do We Know? When it comes to the many underground tanks at Hanford filled with radioactive sludge, just how much do we know? U.S. Senator Ron Wyden says not enough. He's accusing the Department of Energy of not being forthcoming. In fact, he says the federal agency that manages the nuclear site held back a report that would have informed cleanup negotiations with Washington State.

Wanapum Dam

3/3- 6 min. - 3:30 pm- What's Next For Columbia River's Cracked Wanapum Dam? Steve Scher talks with Northwest News Network reporter Anna King about what lies ahead for the Wanapum Dam on the Columbia River. On Friday, inspectors discovered a 65-foot underwater crack in the dam.

3/5- 6 min.- 9:00 am. Outside Experts Weigh In On Columbia River's Damaged Wanapum Dam. In central Washington state, teams of engineers are scrambling to figure out what's gone wrong with part of the Wanapum Dam's spillway structure. The problem with the dam is on a structure called the ogee, a big piece of concrete that is anchored to the bottom of the river. It has a big curve on the top where the water flows over it. Anna King reports.

3/7 - 2 min- 8:19 am. Exposed Shoreline Behind Damaged Wanapum Dam Closed To Public. Officials in Grant County, Wash., are asking the public to stay away from the shoreline behind the damaged Wanapum Dam. They drew down the level of the reservoir to take pressure off a cracked portion of the spillway. But the freshly exposed shoreline creates its own safety hazards. Wednesday night, firefighters had to rescue a woman who had been sucked into the wet sand up to her waist.

3/14 – 5 min. 8:00 am. Wanapum Dam River Drawdown Churns Up More Old Bones. State officials are reporting the discovery of a second set of human remains near the cracked Wanapum Dam on the Columbia River in Eastern Washington state. The first skeleton discovered last week near Crescent Bar is male, Native American and could be very old. The second skeleton is also Native American but its gender is not yet known. More than 50 years ago, the Wanapum Dam's reservoir cloaked scores of culturally significant sites, petroglyphs and graves deep under water.

3/21- 2 min- 5:00 am. Fish Experts Plan A Salmon Water Slide On Cracked Wanapum Dam. The ongoing issue with the cracked Wanapum Dam in central Washington is now creating a problem for migrating salmon. The drawdown of water to relieve pressure on the crack fish ladders are left dry. Now, government fish scientists and engineers are trying to figure out just how to get adult salmon by both hulking concrete structures. Anna King reports.

3/21- 5 min.- 5:00 am. Washington Fruit Farmers Scramble To Irrigate From Lowered Columbia River. Wanapum Dam engineers are continuing to keep the pool behind the ailing structure drawn down to relieve pressure. the dam's drawdown is having very real consequences for the region's farmers, tourism hubs and Northwest tribes. Anna King reports.

OSO Landslide

3/23- 4 min.-8:00 pm. Site Near Oso Had Previous Landslides, Potential For More. Satellite images show the area on the Stillaguamish River near Oso, Washington, experienced a landslide in 2006. According to the Sliding Thought Blog, the "Hazel Landslide" that year was caused by groundwater and erosion by the north fork of the river. University of Washington geologist, Dr. Dave Montgomery, described possible causes of Saturday's landslide and its potential for similar future events. Ashley Ahearn reports.