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FBI

## Prostitution sweep nabs South Sound pimps, rescues 105

BY STACIA GLENN  
Staff writer

Five pimps suspected of forcing children and women into prostitution were arrested in the South Sound last week during a four-day nationwide sweep that rescued 105 kids, the FBI said Monday.

The campaign, dubbed Operation Cross Country, took place July 24-28 and resulted in nine arrests in Washington state. Another 55 people believed to be involved with prostitution are being held for questioning, 18 of whom are from South Sound. Three children were rescued statewide.

Authorities said they also recovered cash, two guns, a knife, a stun gun and stolen identification cards.

Although the FBI said the pimps traveled throughout the state with their victims, the sweep led agents to locations in Tacoma, Lakewood, Federal Way, Renton, Everett, Kirkland, Seattle, Tukwila and other

areas of King County.

The victims range in age from 13 to 17. Some of the women rescued were forced into prostitution when they were children, according to the FBI.

Undercover agents who spoke with the victims offered them community services such as job training, housing and counseling.

Operation Cross Country was conducted in 76 American cities under the FBI's Innocence Lost Initiative. One hundred fifty people were arrested in all.

"Child prostitution remains a persistent threat to children across the country," Ron Hosko, assistant director of the bureau's criminal investigative division, said at a press conference.

The FBI said the campaign has rescued 2,700 children since 2003.

The investigations and convictions of 1,350 people have led to life

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## Medal of Honor recipient asks comrades to seek PTSD help



PETER MALEY/Staff photographer

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter struggles with emotion Monday in a Joint Base Lewis-McChord news conference as he recounts the 2009 attack in Afghanistan. His wife, Shannon, is at right.

Staff Sgt. Ty Carter hopes the honor will help raise awareness

BY ADAM ASHTON  
Staff writer

Staff Sgt. Ty Michael Carter showed inspirational bravery four years ago when he repeatedly risked his life to rescue a wounded comrade and repel a fierce enemy attack in

Afghanistan.

In his first appearance as a Medal of Honor recipient, the Joint Base Lewis-McChord soldier said Monday that he hopes the honor he receives at the White House next month will motivate soldiers in another way: by persuading them to seek help for the post-traumatic stress that many combat veterans suffer. He wants to "get rid of

the stigma of post-traumatic stress because there are a lot of soldiers that have it but they're ashamed to get the help," he said at a news conference at Lewis-McChord.

The White House announced last week that Carter, 33, would receive the nation's highest military honor at a ceremony Aug.

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**"It's very painful to see a good man suffer and not be able to go to him when you know you can save him."**

**TY MICHAEL CARTER**, Medal of Honor recipient, on being unable to help some comrades during a 2009 battle in Afghanistan.

### IN BRIEF

#### OLYMPIA

##### Evergreen State named a 'best buy' college

The Evergreen State College in Olympia has earned a "best buy" rating in the Fiske Guide to Colleges 2014.

The list includes 21 public and 20 private colleges in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

In addition, Evergreen was the only school from Washington state's public college and university system to make the list,

according to college spokeswoman Sandra Kaiser.

Other Pacific Northwest colleges that made the list were Oregon State University and the University of Oregon.

According to the publication, schools with a "best buy" rating fall into the inexpensive or moderately priced category and have four- or five-star academic ratings.

Evergreen's tuition is \$8,172 a year for state residents and \$19,896 for nonresidents, according to its website.

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### DEATHS

**BRIDGES**, Astrid Mirja L. 76, Shelton, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Shelton Health and Rehabilitation, McComb & Wagner Funeral Home & Crematory, Shelton, 360-426-4803.

**BUNCH**, Donald, 91, Olympia, died Sunday, July 28, 2013, at home, Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Tumwater, 360-753-1065.

**FITZGERALD**, Robert, 64, Lacey, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at home, Woodlawn Funeral Home, Lacey, 360-491-3000.

**LITTRELL**, Linda L., 69, Olympia, died Friday, July 26, 2013, at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Olympia. Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Lacey, 360-491-7222.

**McDOUGALL**, Todd Leslie, 43, Olympia, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Olympia. Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Tumwater, 360-753-1065.

**MOFFETT**, Diana L., 70, Shelton, died Saturday, July 27, 2013, at home, McComb & Wagner Funeral Home & Crematory,

Shelton, 360-426-4803.

**RATTIE**, William R., 62, Rainier, died Saturday, July 20, 2013, at Oregon Health and Science University Hospital, Portland. Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Tumwater, 360-753-1065.

**QUINTANA**, Joseph Daniel, 76, Shelton, died Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at Mason General Hospital, Shelton. McComb & Wagner Funeral Home & Crematory, Shelton, 360-426-4803.

**SIRRS**, Eula P., 90, Shelton, died Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at Fir Lane Rehabilitation Center, Shelton. McComb & Wagner Funeral Home & Crematory, Shelton, 360-426-4803.

**ULIVENES**, James Akre, 75, Olympia, died Sunday, July 28, 2013, at home. Mills & Mills Funeral Home, Tumwater, 360-357-7743.

**WARNING**, Patricia, 68, Shelton, died Sunday, July 28, 2013, at Providence Mother Joseph Care Center, Olympia. Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Tumwater, 360-753-1065.

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### US REPRESENTATIVE

## Herrera Beutler's baby OK despite serious defect

BY MIKE BAKER  
The Associated Press

U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler's first child has survived two weeks after birth despite a pregnancy problem that is usually fatal, and a doctor said Monday that the medical team is cautiously optimistic about the girl's future.

Abigail Rose Beutler was born prematurely on July 15, weighing just 2 pounds, 12 ounces, Herrera Beutler announced Monday. Doctors had diagnosed a serious problem during the pregnancy called Potter syndrome, in which impaired kidney function leads to low amniotic fluid. It is typically fatal because it prevents the fetus's lungs from developing.

Abigail has no kidneys and had no amniotic fluid in the womb. During the pregnancy, doctors injected saline solution into the

womb in the place of amniotic fluid.

At birth, Abigail had fully developed lungs, and she is breathing on her own, suggesting that the relatively uncommon treatment had worked, according to a statement from Herrera Beutler. Abigail requires dialysis and will eventually need a kidney transplant.

Herrera Beutler and her husband said they were thankful for the doctors and nurses who were not willing to accept the fatal diagnosis. "We are grateful to the thousands who joined us in praying for a miracle. But most of all, we are grateful to God for hearing those prayers," Herrera Beutler and her husband said in a joint statement.

Dr. Louis Halamek, a neonatologist at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

in Palo Alto, Calif., said they are cautiously optimistic about the future of the baby, born after a 28-week pregnancy.

"Despite Abigail's prematurity, small size and life-threatening disease, she

is doing well," Halamek said. Herrera Beutler, 34, is a Republican in her second term in Congress, representing the 3rd District covering the southwest portion of the state.

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Goldendale fire about 25% contained

IN BRIEF

BELLEVUE

State Republican Party chair leaving for DC

State Republican Party chairman Kirby Wilbur says he's leaving his post to go work for a conservative outreach group in Washington, D.C.

The Associated Press

GOLDALENDA — Firefighters are starting to gain control over a large wildfire burning near Goldendale on top of Satus Pass, fire officials said Monday.

But a wildfire burning south of Wenatchee in the Colocolum Pass area has burned three houses and several outbuildings since breaking out Saturday.

25 percent contained, said spokesman Randy Shepard of the interagency fire management team.

Today's weather continues to be favorable for firefighting. We made significant progress yesterday, Shepard said Monday.

small town of Bickleton, but Shepard said fire officials do not expect the flames to get near the village.

U.S. Highway 97 is still closed between Goldendale and Tappanish and will remain closed as long as necessary.

About 1,200 people are fighting the fire. A few more homes have been added to the evacuation

notices, but no structures have been destroyed. The fire threatens about 144 structures, including about 70 residences.

Meanwhile, the wildfire burning in grass, brush and timber south of Wenatchee has burned about 31 square miles and destroyed three homes.

Fire spokeswoman Karen Ripley reported Monday that about 60 homes have been evacuated.

Roads to the fire area from both Kittitas and

Chelan counties are closed. The fire was only about 5 percent contained as of Monday morning and officials expect it to continue to grow.

Firefighters were working on improving containment lines on the north and west end of the fire.

About 300 people were working on the fire on Monday, with assistance from helicopters.

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SOUNDINGS

From A1 programs that made up the orchestra's 2012-13 season at The Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

MASON COUNTY

Young woman drowns during swim to buoy

A Seattle woman drowned in Lake Nawatset about 7 p.m. Sunday, the Mason County Sheriff's Office reported.

Katiana A. Taylor, 20, formerly of Vashon Island, had swum to a buoy about 120 feet from shore when friends noticed that she was struggling and had gone under the water.

Civilian boats with Fire District 12 and Central Mason Fire medics searched for the woman. She was located 126 feet from the dock and under more than 20 feet of water, but swimmers could not get to her.

The Sheriff's Office launched a patrol boat, and a county dive team recovered the woman about 8 p.m. and started CPR. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

ROCHESTER

Drunken youth arrested after he enters homes

A belligerent knife-wielding teen was caught late Saturday in Rochester, thanks to neighbors working with law enforcement to track him down.

A resident on 185th Avenue Southwest initially reported an intoxicated young man outside the home about 9 p.m. The caller had tried to calm the man down, but the youth began pushing the caller.

About 30 minutes later, a frantic woman called 911 saying someone was trying to break into her home. She fled, and the suspect went inside. He had a knife and had slashed and cut the door on his way into the home.

Calls began coming into 911 regarding the young man, who ended up confronting four homeowners, threatening one with a knife and demanding their car keys.

Several Thurston County sheriff's deputies responded to the calls; one located the suspect walking down the street and took him into custody without incident.

The 16-year-old was booked into the Thurston County Youth Service Center on suspicion of first-degree burglary and first-degree attempted robbery. Staff reports.

FUNDRAISERS

SAINT MARTIN'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY GOLF TOURNAMENT to raise money for Saint Martin's. Tournament takes place on Friday at Capitol City Golf Club.

THURSTON COUNTY FOOD BANK needs clean, unopened grocery sacks. If you can help, drop them off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Fridays at 220 Thurston Ave. NE, Olympia.

PARK

From A1 property at 1919 Division St. in December after a succession of proposals to develop it — at least five

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SWEET

From A3 imprisonment for 10 months and the seizure of more than \$3.1 million in assets.

FBI has been attacking the problem in partnership with a non-profit group, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

to see young families and children enjoying the music. I was particularly struck by a young boy — I guess his age at 5 or 6 — marching, waving an American flag to the music.

The Olympia symphony's 2013-14 season, titled "From the Heart," opens at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 with a performance called "From the Heart of the Countryside."

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Future plans include reclaiming an alley and adding it to the park, and perhaps adding some adjoining properties if they come up for sale.

Another hurdle the group has to clear is getting land-use approval from the city of Olympia for the park. Elliott has applied to the city for a "change of use," which the city requires "when the type of business or occupancy being proposed is different from the previous type, or when a space has been vacant for more than 12 months."

The city's top inspector, Tom Hill, said Elliott will have a conference with the city on Aug. 14. The

city will then determine what permits or other land-use designations the site requires. He noted that it's unusual for the city to receive an application to put in a privately owned park. Elliott envisioned a "neighborhood park" that is pedestrian-oriented and dedicated primarily to green space," according to the application.

"People ride their bikes up here," she said. "People take the bus up here. It's a very easy place to meet, and I'm really pleased about that."

"I think it's going to work out very well for the community."

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man's furnishings has become a repository for certain ship artifacts, largely due to the connection between the mansion and the silver service.

Lockman's favorite story about the USS Olympia — as recounted in "Rogues, Bullfins and Statesmen," by Gordon Newell — goes something like this: While state officials at the turn of the 20th century scrambled to raise funds to pay for a silver service for the USS Olympia officers, Olympia brewer founder Leopold Schmidt came up with his own marketing scheme, sending the ship's sailors a shipment of Olympia beer.

While two preservation groups compete to provide a permanent home for the USS Olympia — one in the San Francisco Bay Area where the ship was launched, and the other in Port Royal, S.C., which was home to a support post for the Atlantic fleet during the Spanish-American War — let's not lose sight of USS Olympia's many ties to

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His cavalry troop from Fort Carson, Colo., won the day, but Carter said that he and others struggled with their experiences from that battle.

Ed Faulkner, a fellow soldier in Black Knight Troop, died of a drug overdose less than a year after his return.

When the limelight dims, he wants to roll up his sleeves and get to work in the Army units that care for wounded and ill soldiers. He thinks he'd play a valuable role in the so-called warrior transition units.

He would tell the soldiers there, "It's not going to be easy, but you will improve. You will get better. You just need to get the help."

the custody of a so-called pilot, she is not considered to be a victim of abuse, and that's just wrong and defies common sense," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said during a Senate Finance Committee hearing last month. Wyden co-sponsored the bill with Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Julianne (Jill) Sofron Jill passed away on July 4, 2013, never recovering from the anaphylactic shock caused by a wasp sting. She was born in 1943 to Elmer and Ruth Elliott in Central Washington.

The family moved in 1944 to Stevenson, Washington, where Jill graduated from Stevenson High in 1961. She went to college at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, graduating with a BA in education, and taught kindergarten in Vancouver, WA for three years.

In 1969 she moved to Olympia, where she was Director of Auxiliary Services at St. Martin's College. In 1977 she went to work for the State of Washington, Office of the Administrator for the Courts, as Training Specialist, Client Services, developing court training programs. It was a position that involved much traveling throughout the state, visiting county clerk's offices.

It left her with fond memories, but also many friends she met there, with whom she remained in contact the rest of her life.

In 1989, a vacation in Puerto Vallarta led to a movie romance. In the hotel elevator she met Don, her husband-to-be, a movie executive whose company was shooting a film in the resort town. A year later they married and Jill moved to Hollywood. It was 15 years that she relished, going to the Academy Awards and movie premieres. Upon Don's retirement in 2005 they moved to Olympia, where Jill pursued her love of gardening and herding her cats. She discovered cooking and dinners were frequently new recipes that she had discovered.

Travel was another passion, with trips to Hawaii and cruises, but her heart was won by her walks in Paris and driving through the hill towns of Tuscany.

Jill is survived by her husband, Don; a niece, Andrea Lindman; and two nephews, Derek Elledge and Chris Beres.

The family thanks so many of Jill's friends who have sent messages, and thanks the considerate doctors, nurses and staff in Critical Care at Providence St. Peter's Hospital.

A remembrance will be held in August.

Armous Kenneth Poyner Armous "A.K." Poyner, born March 7, 1924 passed away on August 7, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Cathryn; children Ken (Sussie) Poyner, Doug (Saker), Wendy (Deb) Boydert; 7 grand-children, and 2½ great grandchildren. A.K. retired from the Olympia fire department in 1985. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. An online obituary will be posted at DignityMemorial.com.

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