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Bird tries to fly away with pet dog near Cashmere, Washington

CASHMERE, Wash. (AP) — The owners of a small dog suspect an eagle or other large bird attempted to carry it away as it was being walked near a Washington home soon after the bird flew. Tim Wood Truffle into the sky April 20 the tamed Scottish terrier and Chihuahua.

Wood and his Westfalia-esque Truffle were gone. Green Bergen looking until found it about 100 feet from the house, barely conscious.

A veterinarian treated the dog for an injured shoulder, a punctured lung and broken ribs.

Green did not feel the bird she believes picked up her Yorkshire dog and then dropped it. Garcia and her husband accompanied Truffle when it arrived.

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Meet local authors

• Special to the Leader & Times

Come down to the Liberal Memorial Library for a meet-and-greet with local authors on Saturday, May 10 from noon.

There is a chance to discover new authors or meet familiar authors from around the community. Bring your favorite books and take time to chat and answer questions. People will also have an opportunity to purchase books and have them signed.

The event is free and open to the public.

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LHS bands present spring concert

By KAY GOBBS
• Leader & Times

For those looking for something to do as well as a chance to see Liberal High School bands, look no further.

The LHS bands will be putting their annual spring concert on Thursday at James Madison Auditorium. The concert will include the LHS Sinfonia and "Blue" Liberal Band.

Director Lance Bennett decided on the theme for the concert, "Celebrate the music concert. He decided on the theme because there are several celebrations coming up, and he felt it would be a great way to end the school year.

"I also thought it would be great to have a theme for the concert," he said.

Bennett said the concert have been preparing for the last six weeks, according to Bennett, and four of the

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College to unveil 2014 Telolith Magazine at reception

• Special to the Leader & Times

Seward County Community College/Area Technical School will host a Telolith reception at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Shaul Humanities Building.

Students will be able to pick up copies of the 2014 Telolith, which is the college's art and literary magazine, that is published once a year.

The magazine features original work by SCCC/ATS students and staff.

Senators call for VA secretary's resignation

• The Hill.com

Two U.S. Senators called Tuesday for VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to resign amid a growing scandal over long wait times for U.S. service members with new demanding an overhaul from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez, a vocal Tuesday evening for Shinseki to resign, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, the American Legion, Alexander Shinseki's resignation, along with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, have called Shinseki to get that he has lost the confidence of the American veterans VA leadership needs to change.

"It's clear that accountability at VA is absent, oversight absent, mean-spirited and worse," said Sen. Sanders, Veterans Affairs Committee, said on the floor. "There is a dilemma in watching change and hearing the President talk about demanding accountability and transformation within the Veterans Administration. It is clear that it is time for the country Secretary Shinseki overnight is unwilling or unable to do the real change must be made at the top.

"I ask the President to submit his resignation," said Sen. Sanders. "I urge Obama to accept that resignation," he said.

Sanders followed Jerry to the floor of Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who said he is estranged the White House needs "to get to the bottom of what happened and Shinseki's time as secretary has come to an end."

The President needs to find a new leader to lead this organization out of the wilderness, and back to providing the service our veterans deserve, Cornyn said.

Rep. Mike Honda, released a statement on Monday to everyone in the growing controversy standing by Shinseki and saying the president "remains confident in Secretary Shinseki's ability to lead the Department.

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In this Oct. 9, 2013, file photo, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki listens as he testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington before the House Veterans Affairs Committee on the department's budget request. Two senators called on Tuesday, May 6, for the resignation of the Department of Veterans Affairs, following allegations of corruption and excessive deaths at the veterans' hospital in Phoenix. McConnell says the issues of Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki are "beyond the point of no return." Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said Shinseki isn't calling for Shinseki to step down, but says a change in leadership "might be a good thing." (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

New Jersey fire siren silenced by osprey nest

By KARYN DUFFY
• Associated Press

SPRING LAKE, N.J. — A pair of ospreys has quashed a fire alarm in one New Jersey shore town.

The osprey have built a nest atop the fire siren at the Spring Lake Fire Department, and firefighters are linked as a threatened species in New Jersey during their breeding season.

Fire Chief Jim Lynn tested off for the spring and summer, while firefighters and paramedics will prepare and will planned to alert them of emergencies.

Lynn said the fire department is working to replace a fire siren with a horn in hopes that an osprey approach to be building a nest on the siren, which is mounted on a pole. Lynn said the department installed the poles last and first of myself bird watching.

"We had to clear off the siren for the sort of the nest," he said.

Fire responders in the coastal about 60 miles south of Atlantic City are not so far things have been working out.

Spring Lake officials say they may need to create an alternate place nearby for the birds to nest and raise as they tend to return to the same spot.

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Pilot crashes into former home north of Denver

NORTHFIELDPOS, Colo. (AP) — Pass the pilot who crashed into a house near Denver escaped unhurt and tried to get out the house, the fire department said.

And is another surprising twist, Brian Nauck, used to live in the house a decade ago. But no one in the house of Monday's crash broke like a coincidence.

Nauck said KMGH-TV that he didn't realize that house he hit was the one where he once

In this photo provided by North Metro Fire Rescue District, firefighters hose down the plane crashed into a home on Monday in Northfield, Colo. The pilot, Brian Nauck, said that he was unhurt in the home, as were the two people inside. Nauck said he didn't realize that it was the home he and someone else painted it out. Nauck tried to get out of the home but parts have fallen to was forced away by flames. (AP Photo/North Metro Fire Rescue District)

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