Spotlight on youth
By Kim Jarvis of The Columbian

Kingsway Christian School
Michael Fuller, a ninth-grader and the son of Michael and Susan Fuller of Camas, spent the first week of the legislative session in Olympia serving as a Senate page for Sen. Joseph Zarelli, R-Ridgefield. He ran errands, delivered mail and studied state government in page school.

Hockinson High School
Sierra Hawksley, a junior and the daughter of Cheryl and Raymond Hawksley of Brush Prairie, recently spent a week in Olympia serving as a page for Rep. Deb Wallace, D-Vancouver. Approximately 20 junior high and high school students a week serve as pages in Olympia.

Cascadia School
Jessica Woodley, an eighth-grader and the daughter of James Woodley, spent a week in Olympia serving as a page for Sen. Joseph Zarelli, R-Ridgefield. She said she enjoyed meeting senators, making deliveries and walking through Olympia’s government buildings.

Frontier Middle School
Jerica Pinard has been accepted into the People to People World Leadership Forum, which will take place in Washington, D.C., in October. Pinard will earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring monuments and institutions.

Jazz Festival at Clark College
Clark College hosted a jazz festival featuring more than 50 bands and vocal ensembles from Pacific Northwest high schools Jan. 24-26. The bands compete in four divisions, based on the size of their school, and they each have less than a half-hour to make a mark. The vocal jazz competitions took place Jan. 24, and the instrumental bands competed Jan. 25-26. Local winners included:

Third place: Union High School, Camas

AA division
First place: Hockinson High School, Brush Prairie
Third place: Union High School, Camas

Outstanding musician awards were given to Aleks Arzhanov, alto sax from Washougal High School; Andrew Gospe, pianist from Hockinson High School; and Kelly Campbell, trombone player from Union High School.

Vocal jazz competition
A Division
First place: Kingsway Christian School
Second place: Woodland High School

AAA Division
Second place: Battle Ground High School
Third place: Skyview High School

Outstanding musician awards were presented to Heather Christina of Kingsway Christian School and Kaelen Brede of Battle Ground.

Jazz band competition
A division

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