

od, primarily in recreation. Environmentalists immediately hailed the report, released Wednesday, saying it provided clear-cut evidence that dam removal is in the nation's best interest. Conservationists have long pushed to breach, or remove the earthen levees of the dams, to hasten recovery of threatened salmon and steelhead.

Washington. "I think it's a nonsense option for us in Eastern Washington and really in the Pacific Northwest," Nethercutt said. The costs of breaching are high, he said, while the benefits, if any, are questionable. Partial removal of the dams is estimated to cost at least \$1 billion and disrupt activity in the river for years, Nethercutt

cosponsor. Federal officials concede that last year's drought set the plan back but urged patience. They maintain that efforts to revitalize the runs are still on track — a view conservationists reject. "If we're on track, we're heading for a train wreck and it's called extinction," said Nicole Cordan of Save Our Wild Salmon. A spokesman for the corps'

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DEATHS AND SERVICES

Arthur Knoy

Sept. 25, 1927 — Sept. 5, 2002

Port Angeles resident Arthur Knoy, 75, died in Virginia Mason Medical Center, Seattle, of complications from surgery.

He was the son of Arthur M. and Maude (Laughlin) Knoy and is survived by his wife, the former Mary McCarthy.

Services: No local services. Drennan & Ford Funeral Home, and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Charlene Sleeper

Aug. 7, 1923 — Aug. 18, 2002

Homemaker Charlene "Charlene" Sleeper died in Sequim of a stroke. She was 79.

She was born in Grant, Okla., to William C. and Georgia (Yansey)

gods and raised in Texas. Other residences included Pioneer, Milpitas and Fremont, all in California, before she moved to Sequim.

Mrs. Sleeper's enjoyed her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed reading, cooking, baking, sewing and crocheting.

In November 1941, she married Robert Earl Sleeper, who preceded her in death in March 1980.

Her survivors include sons David E. Sleeper of Sequim and Robert Daniel Sleeper of Roswell, N.M.; daughters Diane Kralovansky of Fre-

mont, Calif., Pamela Crouch of Roswell, N.M., and Judy Roderick of Loma, Colo.; sisters Polly Crouch of Alpaugh, Calif., and JoAnn Jennings of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services: Private family memorial was held Aug. 19 in Sequim with Todd Crouch officiating. Burial followed in San Bruno, Calif. Drennan & Ford Funeral Home, Port Angeles, was in charge of arrangements.

Thomas B. Van Buren

Feb. 16, 1921 — Aug. 31, 2002

Thomas B. Van Buren of Sequim died in Tacoma from renal failure at age 81.

He was born and raised in Sunfield, Mich., to Earl and Pearl (Lovell) Van Buren.

He married Virginia Hofner in Lansing, Mich., on May 10, 1947.

After moving to Seattle, Mr. Van Buren worked as an exper-

diter at Boeing for about 12 years and managed a government-building lunchroom in Tacoma for about 15 years.

The Van Burens retired to Sequim about 30 years ago.

Because Mr. Van Buren was blind for more than 30 years, talking books were important to him.

He also enjoyed playing the piano, listening to a wide range of music and following Seattle Mariners baseball games.

Mr. Van Buren is survived by his daughter, Pam Croston of Gig Harbor, three grandchildren and one great-grand-

child. He was preceded in death by his wife and by son James.

Services: At his request, none. Burial will be in Gardiner Cemetery. Kosec Funeral Home, Port Townsend, is in charge.

Correction

Kenneth E. Brown, who died in Sequim at age 92, was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marylu Davis, on Dec. 20, 2000. They were married Feb. 17, 1939. Incorrect information was published in Mr. Brown's obituary Thursday on Page A6.

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DEATH AND MEMORIAM NOTICES

ALBERT SIMPSON

Albert "Al" A. Simpson, age 53, of Oak Harbor and formerly of Bellingham, passed away, August 31, 2002 at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham.

He was born May 6, 1949, in Seattle, Wash., to Albert and Harriette (La Fleur) Simpson. Mr. Simpson married Connie Shore in 1968, in Port Angeles, Wash., where they both grew up.

Al was a heavy equipment mechanic. He was currently living in Oak Harbor where he worked as a mechanic for Island County. Prior to that he had worked for the Haskell Corporation in Bellingham for 15 years.

Al loved boating, camping in his motor home and being with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Simpson is survived

by his wife, Connie; two daughters, Lisa and husband Mike Helmick and Vanessa Simpson; brothers David and Paul Dale and Steve Simpson; sister Linda Sims; stepfather Howard Dale; and grandchildren Chris, Kaylee, and Chelsea Helmick. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, David "Shaun" Simpson.

A private graveside service will be held. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Vanessa Simpson Education Fund c/o North Coast Credit Union, 1100 Dupont St., Bellingham, WA 98225. You may share your thoughts and memories in the memorial guest book at www.greenacresmoles.com.

Greenacres/Moles Funeral Home-Cemetery-Crematorium is in charge of arrangements.