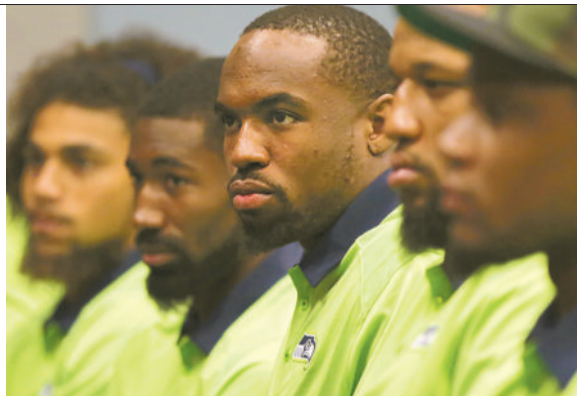


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2 light-rail stops may pick up votes

SOUND TRANSIT ADDS NORTH SEATTLE, SOUTH KIRKLAND TO EXPANSION BOUND FOR BALLOT

By MIKE LINDBLOM
Seattle Times
transportation reporter

As a Sound Transit 3 plan speeds toward the ballot, two light-rail stations were added this month in North Seattle and South Kirkland, despite ridership estimates that appear weak.

What the areas lack in population density, they add in geo-

graphic balance so Sound Transit can promise service to new, valuable blocs of voters for the fall campaign.

In North Seattle at least, the city is revising its land-use plan to add 1,500 households, to make a proposed Northeast 130th Street Station more useful.

"What it doesn't mean is a bunch of expensive one-bedroom

condos, but you have affordable housing for families, two or three bedrooms, where you can walk to a transit stop," said Seattle City Councilmember Debora Juárez.

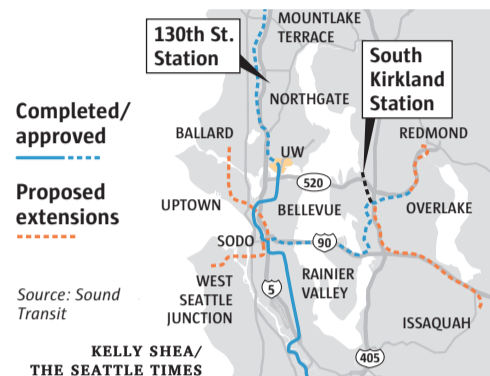
She had threatened to withhold her support for ST3 if that station, in her district, didn't make the cut. Now she's jubilant.

Kirkland officials appear more

ambivalent about Link and, unlike Seattle, they are counting on massive expansion of park-and-ride capacity to feed the trains. And it sets the community on a possible course to eventually build transit alongside a trail.

Both stations look like a done deal among transit-board members, who vote Thursday on

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Mourning Bullwinkle

'THIS WAS MURDER' | A well-heeled trophy hunter faces prosecution for shooting a tame bull elk that had taken to Ellensburg farm life and become a local celebrity.



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Leon Mankowski, of Ellensburg, looks at a photo he took of one of five bull elk, including Bullwinkle, that frequented his yard over the past few years. Only two of the five are still alive.

By ERIK LACITIS / Seattle Times staff reporter

ELLENSBURG — It was midmorning when Leon Mankowski was outside his home putting up Christmas lights last Dec. 1.

It was a Tuesday. When you're 71 and retired from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, you decide when you feel like putting up holiday decorations.

Mankowski remembers that day well.

Suddenly he's hearing shots. "KABOOM!" he remembers.

By the second shot he has a pretty good idea of what's going on.

Bullwinkle — the bull elk that had become a local celebrity, the elk that didn't mind at all when gawkers drove up to the

hayfields to photograph him and his buddies — has been killed.

As the state's Department of Fish & Wildlife puts it, sure the five bull elk in the group were considered wild, but they also had "habituated to valley life," the laid-back life in the farm fields and among the fruit trees.

"This was murder, plain and simple," says Mankowski about the wealthy hunter charged with shooting Bullwinkle.

"I'm guessing he probably got

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Celebrity elk Bullwinkle is seen in February 2015. He was shot by a hunter Dec. 1 in Ellensburg.

'No fly, no buy' bill on gun sales voted down

SENATE REJECTS FOUR BILLS

Would have restricted buyers on terror-watch lists

By CAROLYN LOCHHEAD
San Francisco Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Just eight days after Omar Mateen turned his newly purchased guns on patrons in an Orlando nightclub, Senate Republicans defeated legislation by Sen. Dianne Feinstein that would have prevented him from legally buying the weapons had the law been in place. Three other gun measures also went down to defeat.

The bill by Feinstein, D-Calif., would have banned Mateen and all others who had been on government watch lists from legally obtaining firearms. Mateen had twice been on watch lists before purchasing a semi-automatic rifle and semi-automatic pistol from a Florida store about a week before the rampage at the gay

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U.S. slips, China dominates in supercomputers

By JOHN MARKOFF
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — A new list of the world's fastest supercomputers provides more evidence that the once-yawning technology gap between the United States and China is closing.

China dominates a biannual ranking of the world's 500 fastest supercomputers, called the Top500, that was published Monday. Not only does China have the world's fastest machine for the seventh consecutive time, it has the largest number of computers among the top 500 — a first for any country other than the

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