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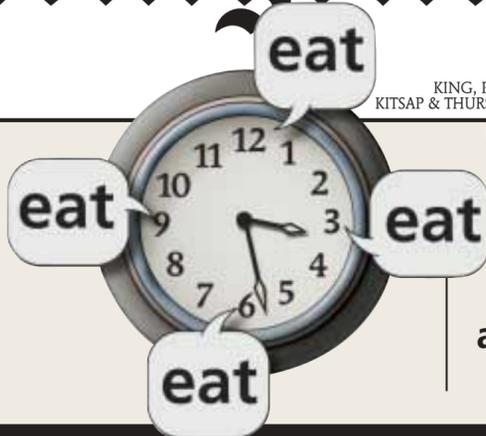
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## Viaduct battle blocking spending package

### GOP reluctant to pass 'Seattle-centric' transportation bill

BY CHRIS MCGANN

P-I Capitol correspondent

**INSIDE**

State Senate narrowly OKs estate tax

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OLYMPIA – The double-decker bridge along Seattle's waterfront became a multibillion-dollar wedge between Senate Democrats and Republicans yesterday as lawmakers raced the clock to advance a 9.5-cent-a-gallon gas tax increase to pay for transportation projects. Democrats eager to bring the \$8 billion road, ferry and transit plan to a vote yesterday exchanged proposed spending spreadsheets, project lists and accountability measures with recalcitrant Republicans all day.

But talks broke down without a vote last night. Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown, D-Spokane, issued a high-noon ultimatum and said the gas-tax would be voted on today, with or without Republican agreement.

The last offer floated across the aisle included \$2 billion for the earthquake-damaged Alaskan Way Viaduct, but Republicans refused the plan. They wanted more money for performance audits and to reduce the investment to \$1.7 billion.

Senate Transportation Committee Chairwoman Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island, finally gave up on the talks.

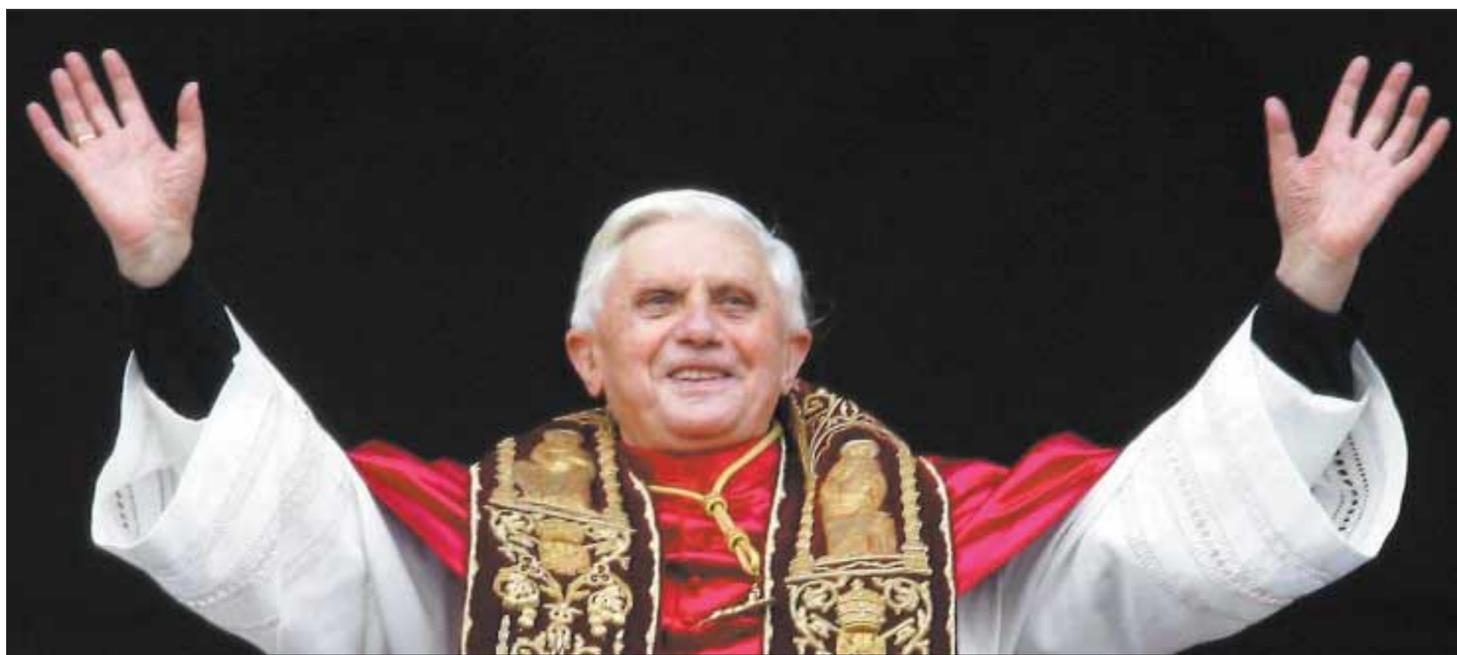
"I don't know what they want,"

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## POPE BENEDICT XVI

# 'I entrust myself to your prayers'

### Cardinals pick hard-liner from Germany as successor to John Paul II



THOMAS COEX / AFP / GETTY IMAGES

Germany's Joseph Ratzinger, the new Pope Benedict XVI, appears at the window of St. Peter's Basilica's main balcony after being elected the 265th pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

BY IAN FISHER

The New York Times

VATICAN CITY – Roman Catholic cardinals reached to the church's conservative wing yesterday and chose as the 265th pope Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, a seasoned and hard-line German theologian who served as John Paul II's defender of the faith.

At 5:50 p.m., wispy white smoke puffed from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel where the cardinals were meeting, signaling that the new pope had been chosen, only a day after the secret conclave began. His name was not announced until nearly an hour later, after the great bell at St. Peter's

tolled, and the scarlet curtain over the basilica's central balcony parted and a cardinal stepped out to announce in Latin: "Habemus papam!"

"Dear brothers and sisters," Ratzinger, 78, said, speaking Italian in a clear voice, spreading his arms wide over the crowd from the balcony, "after the great John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me, a simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard. I am consoled by the fact that the Lord knows how to act, even with inadequate instruments, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers." He announced his name as Benedict XVI.

The unusually brief conclave seemed to

suggest that Ratzinger was a popular choice inside the college of 115 cardinals who elected him, a man who shared – if at times went beyond – John Paul's conservative theology and seemed ready to take over the job after serving beside the late pope for more than two decades.

It was not clear, however, how popular a choice he was on St. Peter's Square: The applause for the new pope, while genuine and sustained among many, tapered off decisively in large pockets, which some assembled there said reflected their reservations about his doctrinal rigidity and whether, un-

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**MORE ON THE POPE**

**Hard line on Seattle's Hunthausen**

The new pope is known locally for helping strip the archbishop of some of his power when he opened churches to gays and lesbians. **A4**

**You just may see a surprise or two**

Pope Benedict will likely move quickly to put his stamp on the church and reverse its decline. **A4**

**The right choice?**

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## Haida open Seattle front in forest fight

### Weyerhaeuser riles tribe with rich deal to sell logging rights

BY PAUL SHUKOVSKY

P-I reporter

Members of the Haida Nation bring their insurgency against Weyerhaeuser to Seattle today, one day before the global forest-products giant holds an annual meeting at its Federal Way headquarters.

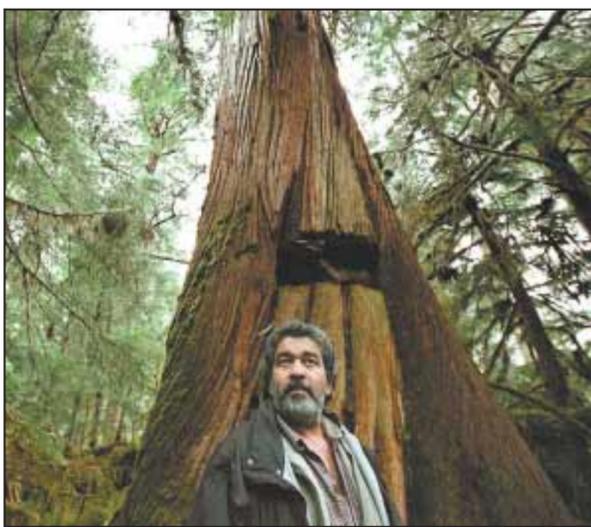
Back home on the Queen Charlotte Islands, non-Indian residents and Haida have banded together to seize millions of dollars of logs from Weyerhaeuser. And they have set up land and sea barricades, paralyzing two huge sorting yards from which

the company has loaded a wealth of logs onto barges to feed the world's hunger for timber.

In Seattle, the tribe hopes to gather public support that can pressure Weyerhaeuser and the British Columbia government to give the Haida more say over logging decisions on its traditional lands.

Haida leader Guujaaw, who has himself manned the barricades, asserts that "Weyerhaeuser has become the most hated company on the coast" by violating nearly every agreement reached with the tribe on how to log the land. Guujaaw, president of the Council of the Haida, portrays the company as collaborating with the government's efforts to diminish its regulatory authority over logging through a cozy rela-

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Haida leader Guujaaw is directing an attempt by the tribe to gain more voice in how timberlands are managed on British Columbia's Queen Charlotte Islands. Weyerhaeuser is in the middle of the fight.

## Study shows obesity risks may have been overstated

P-I NEWS SERVICES

Obesity is less deadly now than in years past, and carrying a few extra pounds doesn't appear to increase mortality at all, a study in today's edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association showed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention analysis also showed its own earlier estimates were overstated. Excess weight killed about 25,000 people in 2000, a dramatic drop from 365,000 deaths the CDC reported in January when the agency said excess weight and sedentary lifestyles may catch smoking as the leading cause of preventable death in the United States.

In fact, people who are overweight have a lower risk of death than those of normal weight, federal researchers are reporting in an unexpected outcome to the newest and most comprehensive study of the effect of obesity.

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**INSIDE**

**Food pyramid gets new look**

The government has redesigned the traditional pyramid of food recommendations to accentuate food groups and portion sizes. And this time exercise has been factored in as well. **A8**

**Carbs can also count**

Learn all about the glycemic index, blood sugar spikes (and crashes) and why dense bread is better for your health than squishy white bread. **E7**

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**FOOD**

### Who is that restaurant critic?

When she went incognito to make sure no one would recognize her in her role as The New York Times' restaurant critic, Ruth Reichl did it up right, inventing several different personalities. Food editor Hsiao-Ching Chou chats with her.

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**COMING UP**

### On TV, they'll look like giants

Fox's Web site for "The OC" beckons you to "See Death Cab for Cutie perform on this week's episode." TV critic Melanie McFarland explores the role of that show and others in reviving alternative music.

TOMORROW IN LIFE AND ARTS



**GOVERNMENT**

### No U.N. envoy vote

A vote on John Bolton's U.N. ambassador nomination has been postponed for at least two weeks while a Senate committee looks into new allegations about him.

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