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Camryn Baldwin, 5, waves a small flag as the color guard marches past to kick off the start of the Armed Forces Day Parade on Park Avenue on Saturday in downtown Bremerton.

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MARIJUANA Medical pot to change hands

■ Patients get ready for state overhaul

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SILVERDALE— Jim Boyer has no interest in getting high, but marijuana has made his life more livable.

For the last four years, Boyer has used cannabis-infused creams to ease his crippling back pain.

"It just relaxes the body," the 70-year-old said. "It doesn't take away the pain, it just allows you to tolerate it."

Boyer is one of the untold number of Kitsap residents who've come to rely on cannabis-based products to treat a wide range of ailments since voters allowed medical marijuana use in 1998. The passage of the law birthed a loosely regulated medical marijuana industry that allowed collective marijuana gardens and medical dispensaries to flourish with little oversight.

Those freewheeling ways will soon come to an end. Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill into law last month that will overhaul Washington's medical marijuana rules and roll the industry into the state's intensely regulated recreational marijuana market. Most key provisions of the law take effect next year.

Local patients and business owners are already scrutinizing the changes. Some welcome the legitimacy the new regulations will bring to the medical marijuana system. But they fear the rules make it hard for many gardens and dispensaries to transition to the recreational system, and more expensive for authorized patients to obtain their medicine.

"They made it so recreational is more important than medical, and I don't believe that's right," said Tom, a Kitsap medical marijuana cooperative manager who declined to give his last name.

See MARIJUANA, 5A

FESTIVAL FLURRY

■ Bands hustle from Bremerton to Poulsbo

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BREMERTON— Eighty five maroon-shirted band students poured out of buses Saturday morning and streamed down 11th Street, black berets and white tubas bobbing above their heads.

Band dad Steven Horne roamed in the midst of the "controlled chaos," keeping

the middle schoolers pointed toward the parade staging area.

"Let's go percussion!" Horne called out, noticing straggling drummers. "Who dropped a mouth piece? I heard a mouth piece hit the ground."

A fresh pile of parade horse dung came into view.

"Watch out for the land mines on the left!"

See PARADES, 2A



TOP RIGHT: The Husky Saxes perform at the Viking Fest Parade in Poulsbo.

RIGHT: The Kingston Middle School Cavaliers march through downtown Poulsbo for the Viking Fest Parade. The band performed in the Armed Forces Day Parade before the Viking Fest.



Silverdale dentist in Nepal

■ Phillips, there during temblor, plans to return

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SILVERDALE — A Silverdale dentist saw firsthand the destruction of the April 25 earthquake in Nepal and hopes to return in the fall to help where he can.

Dr. Jeff Phillips, who has run his dental practice out of an Old Towne Silverdale

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office for four decades and lives on Bainbridge Island, had finished up a 10-day effort offering free dental care in the Nepalese town of Khumjung and had spent a few days pursuing a more traditional effort: climbing a mountain.

Phillips and a companion, Seattle author and mountain guide Charlotte Austin, had attempted to reach Island Peak's summit at 20,305 feet above sea level. "I pooped out

at 18,500 feet," Phillips said. Austin and a local sherpa made it. As they were hiking down back to Namche Bazaar along a rugged trail in a valley about a quarter-mile wide, Phillips said, Austin found the footing treacherous and was thrown to one side. She said she felt like she was having a seizure. The next sight changed all their minds about the cause of Austin's fall.

"Once we saw the boulders coming down we knew it was an earthquake,"

See PHILLIPS, 5A

Dr. Jeff Phillips, a Bainbridge Island resident who practices dentistry in Silverdale, provides free dental care to residents of rural Nepal in 2014.



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