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Elliott Bay Book Co. closes a big chapter



A sparse crowd browses Tuesday afternoon at The Elliott Bay Book Co. in Pioneer Square. The store is moving to Capitol Hill.

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Seattle Times staff

After almost 37 years in Pioneer Square, iconic Seattle retailer Elliott Bay Book Co. will close for business there at 6 p.m. Wednesday. Owner Peter Aaron said he expects better business on Capitol Hill, at 1521 10th Ave., where the bookstore will open by mid-April. Cedar bookshelves that were emptied by a recent used-books sale are being rebuilt at

the new location now, and more shelves will follow after new books are packed. A celebration will be held at the new location at 4 p.m. April 15.

The restaurant beneath the store, Elliott Bay Café, will stay in Pioneer Square and after Wednesday can be accessed from outside. A second Elliott Bay Café will open at the new location.

See a photo gallery of the old location at seattletimes.com

CENSUS 2010

Gays can now check 'husband or wife'

1. Print name of Person 2
Last Name: _____ MI: _____
First Name: _____ MI: _____

2. How is this person related to Person 1? Mark ONE box.

<input type="checkbox"/> Husband or wife	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Biological son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Son-in-law or daughter-in-law
<input type="checkbox"/> Adopted son or daughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Other relative
<input type="checkbox"/> Stepson or stepdaughter	<input type="checkbox"/> Roomer or boarder
<input type="checkbox"/> Brother or sister	<input type="checkbox"/> Housemate or roommate
<input type="checkbox"/> Father or mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Unmarried partner
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild	<input type="checkbox"/> Other nonrelative

WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE LEGALLY MARRIED

Rights groups see it as a start; critics suspect a political agenda

BY LORNET TURNBULL
Seattle Times staff reporter

Gay and lesbian couples who share a home may identify one another as "husband or wife" on their 2010 census forms if that's how they view their relationship — even if they have not legally married in any of the places where it is allowed.

And whatever they say on that form is precisely how the government will count them.

Advocates who have long sought a complete count of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community say this falls short but is still a partial breakthrough — one they say offers tacit acknowledgment of the very relationships the federal government legally denies.

"Even in the absence of federal recognition of our relationships, we have an opportunity to say on an official form that, 'Yes, we are married.' Yes, our relationships are every bit as equal to everyone else's," said Josh Friedes, executive director of Equal Rights Washington, a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) advocacy group in Seattle.

And Friedes encourages same-sex couples — including thousands registered as domes-

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Urgency to address teen bullying grows

LATEST SUICIDE RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOLS' ROLE IN PREVENTING HARASSMENT

Girl hangs self; 9 teens charged

Seattle Times news services

Phoebe Prince's family had moved recently to Massachusetts from a small town in Ireland. She entered high school last fall.

Prosecutors and classmates say the taunting started when the 15-year-old freshman had a brief relationship with a popular senior boy. Some students reportedly called her an "Irish slut," knocked books out of her hands and sent her threatening text messages, day after day.

Prince hanged herself from a stairwell at



Phoebe Prince, 15

her home in January, leading to charges Monday against nine teenagers, including two boys charged with statutory rape and a clique of girls charged with stalking, criminal harassment and violating Prince's civil rights.

The charges are an unusually sharp legal response to the problem of adolescent bullying, which increasingly is conducted in cyberspace as well as in the schoolyard and has raised questions about educators' role in prevention.

South Hadley High School officials won't be charged, even though the district attorney determined the girl's harassment had

been "common knowledge," contradicting administrators' previous assertions that they had been unaware of problems.

The school officials were the target of intense criticism, and Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth Scheibel's assertions Monday infuriated some parents anew, a sign that pressure could mount on the School Board to take action against administrators.

"They knew all along and did nothing to prevent it," resident Donna Tower said. "There needs to be justice for Phoebe Prince."

Prince's family has moved away and could not immediately be located for comment.

Christine Swelko, assistant superintendent for the South Hadley Public Schools,

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Threat of garbage strike intensifies

WALKOUT COULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS THURSDAY

Company advertises for replacement workers

BY LYNN THOMPSON
Seattle Times reporter

Garbage collection for more than 1 million customers could be disrupted as early as Thursday in King and Snohomish counties as unions representing workers and the garbage companies failed for another day to agree on a new contract.

The contract between Teamsters Local 174, which represents more than 500 garbage workers, and their

employers, Waste Management and Allied Waste, expires at midnight Wednesday.

Both companies have said they will bring in replacement workers to cover the routes of the union trash haulers. The contracts with cities and counties require that garbage, recycling and yard waste be picked up regardless of a strike.

Waste Management took out ads Tuesday for replacement workers in several regional newspapers, including The Seattle Times, The Tacoma News Tribune and The Everett Herald.

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Bernard Thompson collects trash for Waste Management, which, along with Allied Waste, may see a strike.



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