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# Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

## DIG INTO BOOKS THIS SUMMER: SOLVE PUZZLES, "FIND THE SUN," AND MORE

Sno-Isle Libraries, in addition to its summer reading programs for kids and teens, is hosting a variety of online events for all ages, including crafts, family trivia, storytimes, book clubs, musical performances and more. Some of the programs require registration to join the events; space may be limited. To find all the Sno-Isle virtual events this summer and to download your reading log, visit [sno-isle.org/events](http://sno-isle.org/events).

**Reading with Rover:** Children build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog in a live video chat. For elementary students ages 6-12, with an adult. One registration required per student. Registration for each online event opens one week prior to the event.

**"Find the Sun" Scavenger Hunt:** Twelve pictures of smiling suns are hidden in each of the communities where there is a Sno-Isle Library. Look in store windows, on fence posts, near sidewalks, inside community centers, and anywhere else a sun could hide. All are visible from outside and at a safe distance. Find all 12 suns around town to learn the secret message. Scavenger hunt forms are available at [sno-isle.org/summer-reading](http://sno-isle.org/summer-reading).

**Sun-Hunting Hints:**

- Clinton Library: Sun posters are in the Clinton village area and the Ken's Korner area.
- Langley Library: Sun posters are all within easy walking distance from the library, on 1st, 2nd, and Anthes streets.
- Freeland Library: Sun posters are all on Main Street and a block to either side.
- Coupeville Library: Nearly all of the sun posters are within walking distance of the Coupeville Library, in parks or in windows of businesses along Front Street and Main Street. Three sun posters are on S. Main Street, in business or school windows.
- Oak Harbor Library: Sun posters are along Pioneer Way and a block to either side. The furthest out are the Library (#1) and the Story Trail in Windjammer Park (#12).

**Summer Shorts:** Explore music, art, science and more with a new video, with activities, each week. Each episode encourages kids to be active in their learning with movement, experiments, and creativity.

**Harry Potter, a Magical Adventure:** The Sno-Isle wizarding world is an inclusive, safe and welcoming space for ALL muggles, witches and wizards. Find online programs, spellbinding activities, escape rooms, booklists, favorite characters, polls to vote in and other great resources. [sno-isle.org/harrypotter](http://sno-isle.org/harrypotter)

**Help for Parents and Families:** The Parent Trust for Washington Children is a source of support and resources for caregivers of children. Its website helps you find community resources in your area, offers stress management instruction through its free, online SMART course, has parenting tips from infant to teen, posts book reviews, and has a long list of family activities to keep your family connecting with each other. [parenttrust.org/for-families/parenting-advice/parentingtips](http://parenttrust.org/for-families/parenting-advice/parentingtips)

## SITES FOR SUMMER FUN INSPIRATION

**Color the World, with [coloringnature.org](http://coloringnature.org):** 650+ FREE coloring sheets for kids and adults. Categories include serious science: biomes, anatomy, animals, plants and more.

**STEM and STEAM, for families of all ages:** [steampoweredfamily.com](http://steampoweredfamily.com) sparks curiosity and a love for learning, regardless of ability, with recipes, seasonal fun, challenges, experiments – and, information for promoting positive mental health in children.

**Learn a Language:** With [Duolingo.com](http://Duolingo.com), when you're playing the games, you're learning a new language. The free version offers 35 world languages you can add to your repertoire.

**Crafts, Activities and Slime:** [Thebestideasforkids.com](http://Thebestideasforkids.com) is an idea-warehouse of fun for kids of all ages. Sensory activities, games, holidays, all sorts of crafts, and 26 recipes for homemade slime!

**Art Lessons for kids and adults:** Free step-by-step instructions to explore your artistic interests. Drawing, painting, and creating at [YouTube.com/c/WildFreeandCrafty](http://YouTube.com/c/WildFreeandCrafty).

**Fun in Learning, for ages 0 to 8:** Writing, math, science, gardening and cultural ideas from educators and homeschool parents, in one place. [Theeducatorsspinonit.com](http://Theeducatorsspinonit.com)

**Nature-ly Great Webcams and Apps:** Pocket Penguins, with the California Academy of Sciences, gives you a real-time view of penguins, on land and underwater. They also have Stingrays Live. These are perfect for the animal-loving child – or to change your own view on the world for a bit, wherever you are.

iNaturalist is a mobile assistant to help you identify plants or animals you see, using your smartphone/device camera. Optionally, you can join the iNaturalist community to share and discover observations world-wide. Its Facebook page is a gem for those who love nature. [iNaturalist.org](http://iNaturalist.org)

**Healthy Island Youth Initiative Scholarships:** HIYI Scholarships can be requested to cover an Island County youth's sports registration fees, equipment vouchers and other expenses that are a barrier to pursuing an organized physical activity. The goal of offering HIYI Scholarships is to provide confidential support to Island County youth who, without this financial assistance, would not be able to participate in a physical activity that meets their interests. Qualifying families need to be receiving assistance for either free or reduced school lunches, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Aid for Dependent Children, or be a foster child. 360-678-7935

**MePowered Camp, Online Connection for Youth:** An opportunity for youth to foster relationship skills and social awareness. Camp MePowered 2.0 will connect, engage and empower through activities, games and a community service project to support the social/emotional development of youth ages 11-14 years, Aug. 10-14. [Mepowerment.org](http://Mepowerment.org)

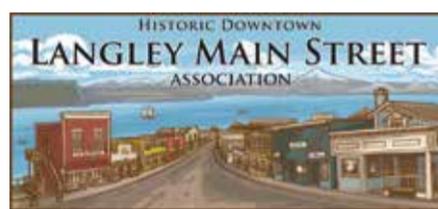
**Civility First's Art and Photography Contest:** Civility First and Sno-Isle Libraries invite participants of all ages to submit an original artwork or photograph with the theme of Choose Civility – Be Respectful, Listen, and Be Kind. Cash prizes will be awarded: \$100 for first place and \$50 for runner up in each of the three age divisions: children (12 and under), youth (13-18), adult (over 18). The deadline to enter is Aug. 15. The Civility First website will exhibit the entries as part of Civility month, October 2020. [Civilityfirst.org](http://Civilityfirst.org)

**Make it a Great Summer:** With a little bit of fun each day, either planned, or impromptu, you can accumulatively create great memories. Click [whidbeyisland.macaronikid.com](http://whidbeyisland.macaronikid.com) or, like us on Facebook for local, virtual and unique ways to enjoy every day.

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



After several quiet days of avoiding the opinionated chatter of emails, it is now time to dust off the keyboard to share a few reader questions.

Just so you know, none of these questions have been edited. As we used

to state in jurisprudence, "Approved as to form, but not necessarily as to content."

### Masks

Dear Jim,

Lately, you seem to be preoccupied with the discussion of masks. Whether it is comfort, communication, or comments between the loops, for me, your mask hysteria is making it worse. My suggestion – don't wear the damn things. Who can think wearing a mask? All I think about is the mask.

Freedom in Freeland,  
Zuglius Portazeebee

Yo Zug,

Thanks for being transparent, something one cannot do while wearing a mask. You are correct. I have become obsessed, perplexed, overwhelmed, and disgusted with this mask project.

I have not had this severe an obsession since high school, trying to find Pine Brothers Wild Cherry Cough Drops at Kresge's.

### Copywrite, copyright?

Dear Jim,

Being an irregular reader of your column (I only get WiFi at the Freeland Library parking lot), I sometimes notice you are using quotes or book fragments without permission. Given the number of readers you probably don't have, this may not make a difference. What if an editor from Harper & Row is in the ferry line for Port Townsend? What if that editor had just dusted a superb pulled pork at Callen's Restaurant, www.callensrestaurant.com, where one can enjoy mask-free breathtaking views while chewing? What if that editor was seeing your column on page 3 quoting Ralph Waldo Emerson without his permission?

Concerned in Coupeville,  
DJ Ray

Yo DJ Ray,

As you will note from the above, this column, entitled *On Track*, is not *by* me, but *with* me. This being the case, if Ralph Waldo Emerson appears in a column without the publisher's permission, it is between Ralph and Harper & Row. As Irwin Edman has pointed out on page vii of his introduction to *Emerson's Essays*, "Emerson is an arch Platonist. To him the world about us is the visible appearance of what is invisible; things in time are symbols of essences in eternity; the life, the vitality, the soul in us is the life, the soul of the universe." So, DJ Ray, this makes you and me and Ralph soul brothers, no matter what our zip codes may be.

### Quick hitter

Dear Jim,

Do you ever get tired of writing about yourself? How about more jokes? Frustrated in Forks

Yo Frustrated,

It means a lot to me and my family you have asked this dual-natured put-down query. While belittling seems to be the nature of today's world, there is certainly no reason for beheading.

I've spent a lifetime talking about myself. When Dad told me how sad it was that all his friends had died, I will never forget his ending sentence, uttered with his head down.

"Jimmy, there is no one to tell my stories to."

So, the next day we started recording his stories on my cassette player.

Yes, I talk too much.

Isn't that why you wonderful readers have sent me these nice masks?

### Pick one

Dear Jim,

How come the picture in your column changes every week?

Wondering on Wahl

Yo Wondering,

As the interrogated say on almost every TV interview, "Great question." Previously, as in many moons ago, I was required to represent myself with a photograph. Something about the rules of Associated Press and witness relocation.

Once my parole was commuted, our really tall publisher stood up for me and allowed me to use photographs that might entice the reader's eyes or reflect part of the column content.

While nudity has been discouraged, I have been able to get away with naked animals if it works with my story.

And, as the interrogated say on PBS, "Thanks for having me."

### Anxious

Dear Jim,

Remember the song in *Oklahoma*, "Everything's up to date in Kansas City?"

There is a line in the song that says, "They gone about as fer as they can go."

Would this apply here to you?

#theendisinsight

Yo Pound Button,

Why do the kids call you a hash tag on Twitter and Instagram but a pound button on the phone?

Your generation, assuming you have one, is mind-toggling.

While my generation, The Boomers, was named after fireworks, your generation, Hash Tag, sounds like a brand of pot.

When Willie Nelson was having 4th of July picnics celebrating life and liberty with music, rednecks, and hippies, do you think anyone at those festivals ever thought they would someday be tweeting?

### Best answer

Longtime local Ken Church is one of the great storytellers, on or off this island. Being one of eight kids, Ken fished and still fishes a stocked pond of family stories.

One of my favorites involves his Dad's answer to the oft-asked question, "How ya doin'?"

Without missing a beat, Mr. Church would respond—"If I felt any better, I'd have to put a rock in my shoe."

### Back home humor

In the 60s, in Oil City, Penn., we got our local and regional news from *The Oil City Derrick*, delivered to our West First Street door by someone with a good right arm.

My fave writer back then was Judith Etzel. Our physics teacher was Harry Etzel. I always figured they were kin although I never confirmed it.

Regardless, Judith could write, and I could read. A perfect relationship with someone I never met.

Last week, I received a funny card with a drawing of Teddy Roosevelt riding a dinosaur. In the envelope with the card was an article by Judith O. Etzel, still a contributing writer for the hometown paper.

Judith's May 28 column featured some pretty funny observations about our suspect situations today.

*My husband purchased a world map, gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands I'm taking you for a holiday when this pandemic is over." Turns out we're spending two weeks behind the refrigerator.*

*Having some states lock down and some states not lock down is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool.*

*Remember when we only had to stay away from Romaine lettuce? Good times.*

*Keep calm by remembering that the U.S. pharmaceutical industry is working around the clock to find the most profitable vaccine.*

*It's okay to fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart and we still love them.*

### Next week

Our thanks to the county auditor for mailing the primary ballots last week. I have never laughed so much while looking at a ballot. With 36 gubernatorial candidates representing 15 preferred political preferences, we have lots of info to digest.

Do they sell political Tums at Island Drugs?

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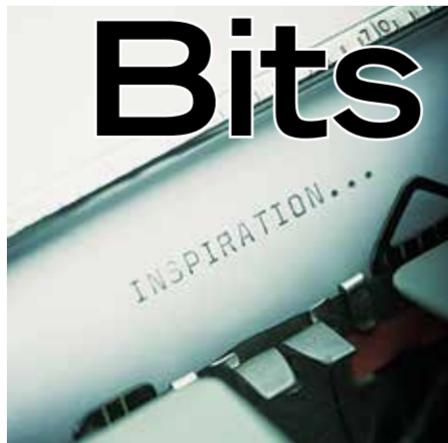


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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

I have known and worked with Angie for a number of years since moving to Coupeville. She worked tirelessly during the last financial downturn as a County Commissioner, getting the county back on track to a better future, including donating 30K of her salary.

She is always prepared and does her homework on complicated issues such as climate change, fish pen management, and veterans services. Most important, Angie will have the passion and conviction to move good legislation forward.

Angie and her family have been part of this community for over 20 years, with Jerry at NAS Whidbey Island and their children attending Oak Harbor schools. I know she will represent all of our needs in Island and Skagit County and work on behalf of the people in our district.

Angie has the experience to hit the ground running. She is approachable and will pick up the phone if you call her! She will draw on her experience as an Island County Commissioner as well as her work in lobbying in Olympia for great causes this island needs to address.

Angie Homola has earned our respect and trust, and I know she will represent us well in the 10th Legislative District as our State Representative. I encourage you to spend a few minutes visiting her website, [www.angieforall.com](http://www.angieforall.com).

Join me in voting for Angie Homola for State Representative.

Gary McIntyre  
Coupeville, Wash.

### Editor,

Voters in District 2 have a choice to make for Island County Commissioner Aug. 4 that can affect how well the county functions far into the future. Much has been made about a candidate's experience and qualifications, but little has come to light about a candidate's personality or ability to work well with others.

It is no surprise one of the largest unions in Island County, AFSCME Local 1845, has come out supporting Fe Mischo. The 190 members of this union, who represent the technical and professional staff, are looking for a culture shift in their working environment. They want an Island County Commissioner who treats them with respect and understands what it is like to work on the front lines and meet deadlines. Most importantly, they are looking for a commissioner who truly listens to their concerns, even if the response they receive is not always what they ultimately want.

Having such a commissioner means these employees can be more productive, experience less job stress and be subject to lower job turnover. Job turnover is a big problem in some of the county departments and is costly to the county. For example, in the Planning Department, it can take at least six months to train a new employee. Workers who are not treated well are quick to find employment off island, where they can earn twice as much money with much less hassle. Among land use and development staff, only four of 11 team members in Coupeville have been with the county for more than five years; moreover, only two out of four building inspectors/plans examiners in Coupeville have been there for five years or more.

Fe Mischo has impeccable people skills and has proven her ability to work as a volunteer and advocate in a number of diversified settings. By all accounts from the people who have worked with her, she would make an outstanding Island County Commissioner, certainly worthy of the voters' consideration.

Marshall F. Goldberg  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### Editor,

Our judicial system is a cornerstone of our democracy, and thus the important role of judges cannot be overstated. I have known Carolyn Cliff for more than two decades and know she will make an excellent Superior Court judge for Island County.

I first met Carolyn when she needed an estate planner for a complex situation she was handling for a client. Through that experience and subsequent ones, I have seen firsthand the qualities Carolyn will offer as a judge: She does her homework and is always prepared – but is smart enough to know when she needs an expert. She is straightforward, personable and very caring – an attribute not always seen in a litigator but one that endears her to her clients. She approaches situations and people in a fair, unbiased manner. I am confident her judicial decisions will be based on the law, not her personal biases.

Carolyn Cliff is the right choice for Island County Superior Court Judge No. 2!

Christy Newman, Attorney at Law  
Clinton, Wash.

### Editor,

I am honored to support Fe Mischo because she is about making local government work for working class people. Fe is a Navy spouse who is proud to call Oak Harbor her home. In raising her children here, Fe quickly became involved with numerous volunteer projects and community boards. Fe's advocacy for her causes surrounding homelessness, youth issues, LGBTQIA+ rights, and interpersonal abuse have brought her from local city halls all the way to Washington D.C. Her compassion, sense of community, her active listening of working people, alongside her drive for equity and justice is what District 2 deserves. Fe truly puts the service in servant leadership. She will use her platform to be a voice for the most disenfranchised and underrepresented. Fe is passionate about expanding child care, increasing mental health and rehabilitation services, sustainable workforce housing, housing our homeless, creating union family wage green jobs, taking bold action with the climate crisis we face, pushing for accessible infrastructure, supporting small businesses as well as local farms, and bringing unheard under-served communities into the dialogue when making decisions. Fe gives me hope for the future as a student and lifelong resident of Oak Harbor, and I am earnest that her race is not about a candidate. It is about us. Please join me and vote for Fe Mischo in the upcoming Aug. 4 Primary election.

In respect and solidarity,

Joseph Busig  
Oak Harbor, Wash.

### Editor,

I want to correct the impression that was provided in a recent letter to the editor (July 2-July 8, 2020 edition). There seems to be an allegation that I don't understand the need for pro bono services (free or low charge legal services). Nothing could be further from the truth.

In addition to many instances of individual or organizational pro bono services – mostly in the intellectual property area (free trademark, copyright, and low bono patent legal work), I spent numerous hours raising funds for King County Pro Bono legal services – as part of my work being on the Board of Trustees with the King County Bar Foundation from 2010-2017. I was an officer from 2014-2018, and the president from 2016-2017. We raised

or were responsible for approximately \$1.5 million (per year) of civil legal aid for the seven King County Bar Pro Bono services including its highly touted Housing Justice Project, Neighborhood Legal Clinics, Self-Help Plus Program, and other pro bono programs, and which also funded \$140,000 (at that time, it's since increased) in diversity scholarships to the two local law schools (Seattle University School of Law and University of Washington School of Law). Further, our annual King County Campaign for Equal Justice – an annual fundraiser in connection with the King County Law Firms – put me in close connection with the Legal Foundation of Washington, which funds pro bono services through all of Washington – including Island County.

I continue to personally donate to both the King County Bar Foundation and the Legal Foundation of Washington (Campaign for Equal Justice), which pays for among other things, civil legal aid to the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Island County. Between 2015 and to the present, my husband and I have donated \$5,800 in total to both organizations.

In 2017, I moved to the island and, in 2018, became a pro tem judge in the county – first in District Court (Oak Harbor), then in Superior Court (Coupeville). Because judges (pro tems included) must maintain a high level of impartiality, I decided to stay in the neutral side of the legal equation – not on the advocate side.

Nonetheless, I was a host of the Legal Foundation of Washington's pro bono fundraiser in Island County May 17, 2019. I donated \$250 at that event.

I am committed to pro bono services. The concern I raised in the subject video-taped interview (Island County Commissioner candidate Nathan Howard June 13, 2020 as part of his Camper Conversations) is the great need for legal services – particularly in civil matters. Somehow, the author completely missed my concern – nor did she take the time to appreciate what I have done and continue to do about it.

Kathleen Petrich  
Candidate: Island County Superior Court Position #2 (Non Partisan)  
Langley, Wash.

### Editor,

Re: Letters by Rick Kiser and Martha Cantwell, *Whidbey Weekly*, July 16-22.

After reading their letters I have a better idea of what both writers are against, but no idea of their solutions, beyond electing Republicans.

Since both writers mention our crumbling infrastructure, and Mr. Kiser blames Democrats, let's look at a little of the history of federal funding for that. I looked it up: at least four times Obama proposed infrastructure bills to deal with our infrastructure needs. Which party said no, and justified it by saying we couldn't afford it; oh, think of the burden of debt on our children! Yet, the Republicans always find a way to lower taxes (and add another trillion or more to the national debt to boot) for people who are already so rich they can't find enough safe offshore accounts to hide their money. As their taxes go down, ours must rise to meet our nation's needs. Why do Republicans support that?

Mr. Kiser does a "mix 'n' match" of factoids to blame present officials. I would like him to write again and explain his better forest management policy; identify the "Corona virus (mis)management" he mentions (I'd rather be here than in a Republican state!); why he thinks officials "allowed" money to be stolen from the unemployment fund, and what his small government/Republican candidates would have done better to meet the tidal wave of need that came with the virus. And what of the "no prosecution of real criminals" comment? Details, please.

What I've heard from Republicans is they don't want our government to succeed, they want it to go away, and they have been very open and

## Create Strategies to Help Achieve Your Financial Goals

Like most people, you probably have many financial goals: a comfortable retirement, long vacations, college for your children or grandchildren, the ability to leave something behind for the next generation, and so on. To achieve these various goals, you may have to follow different investment strategies – and you might have to make some tradeoffs along the way.

To pursue this multi-goal/multi-strategy approach, try to follow a clear course of action, including these steps:

### • Define your goals – and invest appropriately.

You will need to identify each goal and ask some questions: How much time will you have to achieve this goal? How much return will you need from your investments and how much risk are you willing to take? With a longer-term goal, such as retirement, you may be able to invest more heavily in growth-oriented vehicles with higher expected returns. Keep in mind, though, that the value of these investments will fluctuate, and they carry more risk than more conservative investments. However, your long-term horizon allows time to recover from short-term dips. But for a shorter-term goal, such as an upcoming vacation, your investments don't have the same time to bounce back from large drops in value, so you might follow a more conservative strategy by investing in instruments that preserve principal, even though growth may be minimal.

### • Know what you've invested for each goal.

Once you know what type of strategy you should follow to achieve each of your goals, you'll need to enact that strategy. How? By matching specific investment accounts with the appropriate goals. You should know why you own all your investments. Ask yourself these questions: *What goal will this investment help me achieve? How much do I have allocated toward a specific goal? If I have an IRA, a 401(k) and another account devoted to achieving the same goal, are they all working together effectively?* The connections between your different investment accounts and your goals should be consistently clear to you.

• **Understand trade-offs.** Your various investment goals may be distinct, but they don't exist in isolation. In fact, your strategy for achieving one goal may affect your ability to work toward another. For example, would significant investments in your child's education change your funding for retirement? If you decide to buy a vacation home when you retire, will that alter the legacy you'll be able to leave to your family? Given limited financial resources, you may have to prioritize some goals and make some trade-offs in your investment moves.

• **Track your progress.** Each of your strategies is designed to achieve a particular goal, so you need to monitor the performance of the investments within that strategy to help ensure you're making progress. If it seems that you're lagging, you may need to explore ways to get back on track.

To manage these tasks successfully, you may want to work with a financial professional – someone who can look at your situation objectively, help you identify and quantify your goals, and suggest strategies designed to help you achieve them.

Trying to achieve multiple financial goals can seem like a daunting task, but by saving and investing consistently through your working years, following a clear strategy, being willing to prioritize and accept trade-offs and getting the help you need, you can help yourself move forward.

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blunt about this for decades. I'm done with their ideology.

Both writers are appealing to the faithful. There will always be problems in families, businesses, governments. As a citizen, I expect this, and look not for some pipe dream, for that makes the "best" the enemy of the good and better. The democrats are not perfect, but vote in any Republican, or Independent who leans that way, during their adulation of the most corrupt and awful man we've ever had as president? This time, a straight Democratic ticket for me. At least I can live with the consequences of that choice.

John Seyfried  
Langley, Wash.

**Damian Greene, Candidate for Island County Commissioner, District 1**



The best candidate for Island County Commissioner District 1 is Damian Greene. Damian's vision is to elevate our life quality without increasing our financial burdens. He was raised in Island County and is rooted in our community and state.

Damian has a BA in Communications and science minor in geology from Central Washington University. Damian has been a licensed insurance agent with financial securities. He is a pilot, union ferry and railway engineer, and a Career Tech Educator. Damian is serving in his third elected term on the South Whidbey School Board, annually overseeing a \$20M budget, over 200 employees, properly prioritizing people, maintenance, transportation, and funds.

The county is facing reduced revenue. Damian has successfully managed decreasing funding

resulting in difficult decisions like closing Langley Middle School. Today, those facilities are rented and generating over \$300K in annual revenue and benefiting many through our Community Center.

Damian will work to create a more robust business community, affordable housing, and sewers within our NMUGA. He will enhance county services and advocate ways to ease our commute. Protecting our rural character, Damian will better our natural resources, work towards returning salmon to Maxwellton Creek, and correct wrongful zoning via bureaucratic overreach.

As a 25-year former business owner working with residential and commercial insurance, Damian understands the challenges and complexities of owning a home or business, and will do everything he can to assist you.

For more information about Damian, his ideas, and short explanatory videos, visit his Facebook page and website electdamian.com.

[Submitted by Damian Greene, Candidate for Island County Commissioner, District 1]

**Outdoor Burn Ban In Island County**

**Type I Burn Ban in Effect as of 12:00PM, July 24, 2020**

No outdoor burning of natural debris – even with a permit. Recreational fires are allowed in approved fire pit.

Recreational and cooking fires, limited to three feet in diameter and two feet high remain allowed within enclosures and when safety precautions are followed. Recreational or cooking fires can consist only of charcoal, seasoned firewood or propane-fueled fire pits and must meet the following requirements:

- Enclosures must be AT LEAST 14 inches high, no wider than 3 feet, and made of cement blocks, stones or #10 gauge steel
- Burned material must be kept BELOW the top of the enclosure
- ALWAYS have a charged garden hose OR two 5-gallon buckets of water OR a 5-gallon Class A fire extinguisher and shovel present
- Fires MUST BE 15 feet from combustibles, standing timber or overhanging tree branches

- Someone 16 years old or older must ALWAYS be present to monitor and/or extinguish the fire

These restrictions apply only to unincorporated Island County, if you live within the city limits you will need to refer to the cities policies.

[Submitted by Sheriff Rick Felici, Island County Fire Marshal]

**Island Transit Earns Safety Stars Award**

Island Transit is a winner of the 2019 Safety Stars Award given by the Washington State Transit Insurance Pool (WSTIP) to agencies with an impressive and stable safety record.

"The Safety Stars Award means the transit agency is consistently the best performer for their size in terms of agency auto losses," says Tracey Christianson, Executive Director of WSTIP. "Through the hard work and dedication of their employees, award-winning agencies consistently operate their vehicles safely, year after year. Their performance makes them the best of the best."

As a performance-based award, WSTIP looks at the transit agency's risk profile for a five-year period and actuary's underwriting loss reports for the agency over a 10-year period. Both reports help determine which agency is performing the very best over a longer period of time. The 2019 award was based off performance for the years 2014 – 2018.

WSTIP honors agencies in three categories based on the transit agency's size: large, medium and small. Island Transit won in the medium-sized category and received \$3,500 cash to recognize employees.

"Our operators really are the 'best of the best'. They greatly deserve this recognition, not just for their past performance, but for their ongoing commitment to safety for our passengers, vehicles and others they share the road with daily," says Todd Morrow, executive director of Island Transit. "Driving a large bus is challenging enough, but they're doing it in all kinds of weather and road conditions while providing excellent customer service, picking up and delivering passengers, and keep an on-time schedule. Now with COVID-19, add social distancing and mask requirements to the list of safety considerations. To manage all that without an accident, takes talent. We have an

extremely talented group of operators." This is the second time in 10 years Island Transit has earned this safety award.

Island Transit, established in 1987, is a free public transit system serving Island County with routes covering most of Whidbey and Camano islands. The system currently runs 14 routes with 26 vehicles and 68 operators. For more information about Island Transit, go to www.islandtransit.org.

[Submitted by Meg Heppner, Island Transit]

**Local Business News**

**Oak Harbor Chamber Names Graham as New Executive Director**



The Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Executive Board chose Vicki Graham as its new executive director effective July 15, after the recent departure of Miranda Hoppock.

Graham comes to the job with extensive experience, having served as the Oak Harbor Chamber's events coordinator for almost four years and alongside two previous executive directors.

"The board is excited to make this a permanent position for Vicki. We could not ask for anyone more dedicated to promoting the North Whidbey business community and the vision and mission of the Chamber," said Joel Servatius, president of the Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Graham, who is also a Navy wife of 27 years, brings to the job a wealth of knowledge working with the large Naval Air Station Whidbey Island military population.

The Chamber serves over 350 businesses as their primary advocate in empowering and connecting members to achieving their business goals as well as promoting the business interests of greater Whidbey.

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# Diametrically Opposite

Written and paid for by Joseph C. Coomer, phone 360-929-2397

In all of the Nation's history, never have the political parties and presidential candidates been so diametrically opposite as they are now. The Republican Party and its candidate support law and order. Without law and order there is chaos and anarchy. The Democratic Party and its candidate support defunding the police. As police will not work voluntarily without compensation, there will be no police. There will be no one to answer the 911 calls or no one to answer the phone when there is a call to report a crime being committed.

Another area is the Democratic Party and its presidential candidate support socialism. Throughout history socialism has failed. An example is Venezuela. Socialism converted that nation from a very prosperous nation to an impoverished one in less than three years. The Democrats claim that their version will be different and successful. They lie. The same market forces will act the same in the future as it has in the past. The businesses will flee when they cannot make a profit and survive. With the businesses gone, there will be no jobs, and without jobs, there is no money.

The Republicans support capitalism. With capitalism, there are jobs, and critically important there is the circulation of money among many other benefits.

## Riots and Looting

When it comes to the law and leadership, there is no neutral ground. Either you support the law or you oppose it. *As there was no effort verbally or physically to support the law to stop the rioting and looting means that the respective governors and/or mayors opposed the law and supported the lawlessness.* (In all the cities where these riots and looting occurred, the leaders were all Democrats.) The same can be said concerning the members of the "Black Lives Matter." Although the rioters and looters may or may not be their members, they made no effort to stop them, therefore they supported their actions. Even from the Democratic Party, there have been no voices opposing these lawless thugs.

*Yes, many were upset with the death of George Floyd, but that does not justify rioting and looting.* Leaders at all levels should support the law, not oppose it.

(As one can imagine, if they follow through with defunding the police, our big cities are at risk of becoming an anarchy. With no confidence in their safety and security, many citizens will flee the big cities. *It is a very serious problem.*)

## Reform the Criminal

There are proposals to reform the police. There should also be proposals to reform the criminals involved. *A common thread of all the cases from Rodney King to the present is that they resisted arrest.* When they resist arrest, logic becomes blurred. The arresting officer(s) can easily become convinced that their life is in danger. It is behind much of the unrest in this country today. It is the backbone of "Black Lives Matter." Even before the Rodney King incident there has been the idea that the police are prejudiced against people of color or black people. *When they are arrested it is their belief that the reason why they are arrested is this prejudice and that is why there is so much resistance to arrest.* This resistance is why juries acquit the accused cop. Juries are not prejudiced against black people. They honestly evaluate the evidence both for the prosecution and for the defendant to reach their decision of not guilty. *It is critical that President Trump address this long held belief among blacks that the police are prejudiced, which is not true.* Nearly all that were killed would be alive today if they cooperated.

The conclusion is any person arrested for a crime should cooperate with the arresting officer and not resist arrest. *It could even save their life!*

## Open the Schools Now!

With the pandemic causing the schools to be closed for about three and a half months, there is a need to open the schools now. Education can be viewed as a series of building-blocks, one block being built on the preceding block. With the preceding block only one-third complete, *the system is cheating all these students out of two-thirds of a semester of education.* It is doubtful if there is any consideration of how to make this up. They need to open the schools now and finish the semester with all the days that are normally required. Then in the next grade, the normal school year will begin, but they need to act now!

The pandemic is no excuse. The statistics show that for this age group, they are almost immune to this disease. No worse than the flu. (Sure, the writer is using conjecture as the CDC does not break the disease statistics down into age groups. One report was that only one death under 18 was ever reported out of many thousands.)

## Democratic Governors are Continuing the Lockdown

It is obvious that the collateral damage to the economy is far worse than the disease.

It is also obvious that Democratic governors are playing politics with the disease by keeping the lockdown as long as possible. Their theory is a bad economy will help the Democrats win the presidency in November. (Observe that it is the Republican governors who are opening their states up.)

There is also evidence like in Arizona where there was a spike in new positive test persons, *but there was only one new case that required hospitalization.* Some suspect that many of the new positive test results are "probable" with no test being performed to confirm the positive result. (A better method of judging the pandemic is the number of new hospitalizations.)

## Nursing Homes

Residents in nursing homes represent probably less than five percent of the population, but they are the most vulnerable victims of the disease accounting for about 40 percent of all the fatalities, especially if they have pre-existing health issues. Few can comprehend just how sinister the Democrats are as they try to create negative press and statistics against Trump and the Republicans. They knew what would happen. *The Governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and California all knew the predicted results when they gave orders forcing Coronavirus patients back into nursing homes or equivalent facilities.* Proof is comparing states. New York had five times more and New Jersey had 11 times more nursing home deaths than Florida. (Evidence that the Governor of Pennsylvania knew is his Director of Health moved her mother from a nursing home into a hotel in order to protect her from the disease.)

## Massive increase in Testing needed

Obviously, although not a cure, there is a need to increase the testing for the disease by even a magnitude. The result is the testing will identify the positive test individuals, who can be quarantined. *Removing them will make us all safer.*

It is suggested that large employers test their employees periodically. Airlines need to test both their employees periodically and all of their passengers. Cruise lines should do the same. Along with numerous additional testing sites, many more people can be tested.

It is recommended that all those who test negative should be issued a card to that effect, including the date tested. The card does not guarantee that the person will not test positive, but it gives the ability to assess the risk. This means that a person with a recent-dated card represents a very low risk that will be accepted by restaurants and other businesses.

## Marxist in control

After publishing this ad in another newspaper, this writer received a call from a true "Marxist." After acknowledging that I was the author, the caller stated, "You favor rich people running the government?" Without allowing me to respond, he hit me with, "You like Mulvaney, he was with Goldman Sacks?" (Aside from my accusing him of being a grossly-ignorant jerk the conversation ended in a stalemate.)

Now to explain what that caller refused to hear. As an example, consider Mike, the "My Pillow" guy who is the CEO of a thriving company. The Marxist plan is to tax the hell out of "rich" people. So, what happens to Mike and his thriving business? Without the ability to make a profit and survive, he moves to Mexico or Canada along with several hundred jobs. Thousands of companies will do the same as their CEOs are also "rich."

This is what happened to Venezuela, as the businesses fled with their jobs, changing a rich country into an impoverished one in less than three years.

In conclusion, losing the 2020 presidential election to the Democrat's Marxist is not an option. We need to fight with more than our votes, but our pocketbooks too.

# Vote Republican

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# COVID cases rise, causing reopening rollbacks

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

An alarming increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 across the state has caused Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to not only pause any forward progression in the phased reopening of the economy but roll back some of the activities previously permitted.

As of Monday, counties in Phase III of the Safe Start plan –

like Island County – will once again have to limit the size of gatherings to 10 people rather than the 50 originally allowed under the guidelines. Those counties in Phase II or in modified Phase I must limit gatherings to no more than five people. In addition, live entertainment, whether indoor or outdoor, is prohibited.

Inslee said health officials believe large social gatherings are causing a sharp increase in the number of infections, which

are averaging over 600 a day, more than the number of cases seen during the original spike in March.

“Social settings are now of such concern to us...that when we do have these meetings, social distancing is absolutely imperative,” Inslee said during his announcement of the rollbacks last week. “Doing things outside is so much safer than inside and of course, wearing masks are absolutely pivotal in our success in any and all of our social get-togethers.”

Exceptions to the new limits include spiritual services, weddings and funerals.

Inslee said he understands how difficult these re-implemented restrictions are for people.

“This is somewhat of a challenge for us, because the kind of things we have always treated as benign and innocent and healthy...are now dangerous,” he said, citing gatherings such as backyard barbecues, picnics and birthday parties with too many people are now not only a violation of his new order, but a health danger.

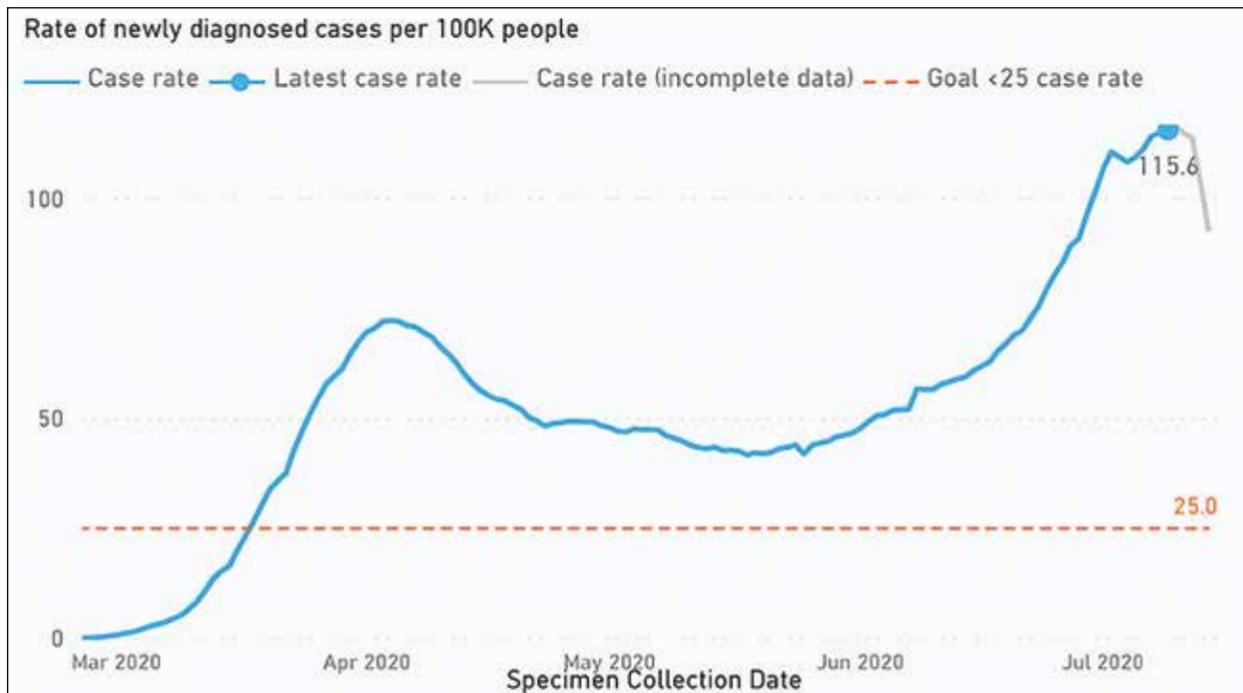
“As governor, I have a responsibility to share with people the things that are impacting deaths in our state and it is these innocent get-togethers,” Inslee continued. “We cannot let our guard down, even as we engage in more activities. But if we are going to save ourselves from increasing deaths, this is simply what we have to do.”

The new limitation on group size hits hard for Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley, which has had to cancel its popular Summer Nights Series.

“We proactively closed March 11, before Inslee’s decree, reopened for a brief four weeks and are now once again closed,” said WICA Executive Director Verna Everitt. “This is especially hard on our staff - many who were laid off only to



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An alarming rise in the number of COVID-19 infections – even higher than the rate in April – has prompted Washington Gov. Jay Inslee to walk back some of the permitted activities allowed previously as part of the Safe Start phased plan to reopen the state’s economy.

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## GUEST COLUMN

Written by Lance Morehouse Sherwood CEO

### My story about the Americans with Disabilities Act

In the mid 1980s, I was a young, single father raising my two sons after my first marriage ended. My oldest son, Lance Jr., had a near-drowning accident March 5, 1990, at the age of seven. He was underwater for 30-45 minutes before being rescued by a diver. After three weeks in ICU, doctors got us together as a family and shared that he was brain dead and we needed to decide about continuing life support or not. After several days of tough conversations, we made the difficult decision to remove life support. What we learned next is doctors don't always know everything. Lance Jr. had other plans and he survived.



The Americans with Disabilities Act passed Congress and was signed into law that same year. Believe it or not, President Bush signed the ADA into law on Lance Jr.'s birthday, July 26. Little did I know at the time how monumental this law would be to ensure Lance Jr. would live a meaningful life in his community!



Lance Jr. was left with significant disabilities as a result of brain damage because of the lack of oxygen to the brain. I had no experience with people with disabilities before Lance Jr.'s accident. I suddenly found myself in a world of grief, trying to find resources that would meet our family's needs and allow Lance Jr. to return home to live with our family. After a year and a half in a children's care home, Lance Jr. finally came home Christmas Eve, 1991.

The ADA contains several provisions to allow people with disabilities to challenge societal barriers that excluded them from their communities. This law followed other civil rights laws passed in the United States, including the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975.

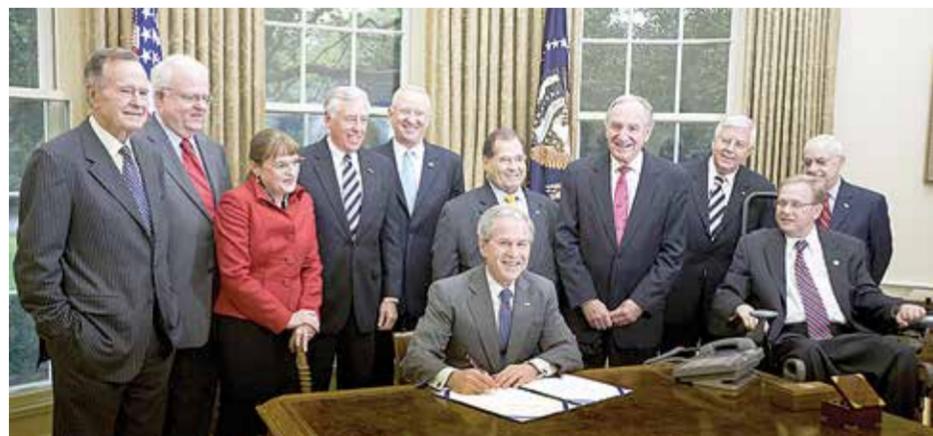
Most people know the ADA as requiring accessibility in public buildings. While this is very true, the act also has other provisions, including protections against discrimination in the workplace, access to reasonable accommodations including interpreters, access to technology and accessibility to services and programs.

Because of the ADA, Lance Jr. was able to live an inclusive life in the community, attend his neighborhood school and live with his family. He was able to work as an adult, go to movies, and receive services to meet his needs. He was able to visit parks, go to museums, go shopping, and eat in restaurants, all things many of us take for granted.

As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the ADA this month, please think of Lance Jr. and other people with disabilities you might know who have the same opportunities as you and I. Lance Jr. was able to reach his potential and be a contributing member of society because he was able to access his community!

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Lance Morehouse is CEO of Sherwood Community Services, which provides services and advocacy for children and adults with disabilities in Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties.



#### THURSDAY, JULY 2

##### 9:23 am, Walker Ave.

Reporting stop sign missing at location and reporting party was nearly hit by another vehicle. Also advising there is an RV parked on someone's property at the intersection which obstructs the view.

##### 12:01 pm, Fidalgo Dr.

Advising has issue with neighbor when doing yard work by property line. States neighbor threw all the bark reporting party put in her yard and put up a fence on reporting party's property.

##### 3:07 pm, Fairway Ln.

Caller advising neighbor is cutting down his trees, happening now. Caller says he owns the easement.

##### 3:14 pm, SR 525

Requesting call regarding turtle walking in area, feels this is not right.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 3

##### 12:50 pm, Harper St.

Requesting check of subject. Advising yesterday subject told caller she was being stalked and demonic worshipers are breaking into her house at night and sending messages through Amazon Echo.

##### 4:56 pm, Northgate Dr.

Reporting party advising was at storage unit and vehicle was stolen when reporting party was in the office. Rental car.

##### 5:24 pm, Main St.

Advising took knife and scratched a car. "People have a death wish. They better f\*\*\*ing kill me." Caller disconnected.

##### 5:31 pm, Midvale Rd.

Requesting call. Advising fiancé put meth in her coffee in January of this year.

##### 6:15 pm, Smugglers Cove Rd.

Reporting party advising elderly lady at location threw a casserole at her. Reporting party is standing outside.

##### 10:09 pm, Smugglers Cove Rd.

Reporting party states someone is trying to get into her residence. Heard door rattling, strange sounds, seeing lights. States medics took husband earlier tonight, so she is home alone.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 4

##### 9:03 am, S Harrington Lagoon Rd.

Reporting party requesting call; wanting advice about someone using her buoy in water when they know it belongs to her.

##### 9:12 am, Lakeside Dr.

Reporting party advising 30-40 minutes ago was walking by location with her dog and subject behind fence at location watched her until she was right in front of location, then lit off very loud firework.

##### 10:07 am, NW Front St.

Requesting call referencing seeing two subjects walking off pier with two buckets of cleaned crab; reporting party concerned because it seems like a lot of crab and thought you weren't supposed to clean them until you get home.

##### 1:30 pm, Deception Pass Bridge

Reporting party on side of road in motorhome, south of Deception Pass Bridge; states wife told reporting party a female leaned over into traffic and told reporting party she was hit by reporting party's motorhome.

##### 7:17 pm, Driftwood Dr.

SNO911 transfer; states was in back of her house and someone opened the front door of her house. Heard male voice. Reporting party yelled out to subject and male said he thought there was an open house at location.

##### 11:23 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party states neighbors shooting off illegal fireworks. When asked for phone number caller stated "He has guns." When asked for clarification if guns on someone now, caller advised fireworks are very large and hung up.

##### 11:38 pm, Monkey Hill Rd.

Reporting party states someone is doing donuts in intersection. No vehicle description available. States vehicle does a donut, leaves, and then returns. Has been going on for last five minutes.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 5

##### 5:50 pm, Deception Pass State Park

Caller states female threatening to stab reporting party with a knife because reporting party confronted her about issues her dog was causing. At [Cranberry] Lake - north side near the beach.

##### 6:26 pm, Sunshine Ln.

Reporting party states neighbor is shooting between reporting party's house and barn; found 14 bullet holes in building.

##### 7:14 pm, SR 20

Gold Honda Accord passed reporting party in double lanes. Driver is throwing things out the window and passing numerous people.

##### 10:03 pm, Keystone Ave.

Reporting party's sister thinks she saw a car in the pond. Sees recent tire tracks going into pond. No visible car.

#### MONDAY, JULY 6

##### 6:14 am, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party advising female she let stay in house for a few days has been moving garbage into home and taking items belonging to reporting party.

##### 6:37 am, SR 20

Caller advising green Cadillac flagged her down and broke her mirror; subject passed her and flipped her off first.

##### 8:56 am, Fort Casey Rd.

Requesting call. States neighbor took freezer and she wants it back.

##### 10:14 am, Ault Field Rd.

Advising subject tried to hit him with cane, now in red Toyota Tacoma. Subject flipping reporting party off.

##### 11:06 am, Honeymoon Bay Rd.

Advising male parking truck at vacant 40 acres. Caller doesn't want call-taker to talk on radio during call.

##### 4:35 pm, Napoleon Dr.

Requesting call; states FedEx told reporting party her package of gun parts was delivered, however it was not. States FedEx is not helping reporting party and telling her they have proof it was.

##### 7:27 pm, Mobius Loop

Reporting party recalling regarding vehicle in pond at Keystone last night, states it is his car and is requesting call.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.



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**A SLOW START**

Saltwater Marine Areas 5, 6 and 7 have been open to salmon for three weeks; fishing reports are mixed and overall what I would call a bit slow. A slow start is not always a bad thing, the low numbers of recorded catches will mean the retention quota the recreational fishermen have been given will not be met as quickly and will let us fish longer into the summer.

Here is something to consider while out salmon fishing. The state uses a term called "Salmon Encounters;" the state's fish checkers gather these salmon encounter numbers from fishermen returning to the boat launched at the end of the day, then use the collected data to count down the allocated quota. The minimum size to keep a Chinook salmon is 22 inches; if I have caught-and-released, let's say, 10 small shakers (salmon under the legal size limit), the state considers those 10 small fish an "encounter." In turn, all 10 fish or a certain percentage of the 10 fish encountered, count against the overall quota. Track your salmon encounters closely and carefully.

When the fishing reports in our nearby waters are slow, I like to keep a close eye on the town of Sekiu, out on the Olympic Peninsula. This is a popular salmon fishing destination for many anglers and for me is a good indicator of things to come, or I should say, when the fish may be coming closer to us. If the salmon fishing is on fire out at Sekiu, it generally means five to 10 days later we will see a wave of aggressive fish come through our area. Every year is different; for example in 2013 out in the straits of Juan de Fuca near the area of Salmon Bank during the second week in July, the salmon fishing was so fantastic and three species of fish were so plentiful we could not get our salmon trolling gear down deep enough to catch a Chinook salmon, because on the way down to 100 feet, a pink, or coho salmon would strike and hook-up. This incredible bite lasted for almost five days. Every boat within eyesight was catching fish. If I had not experienced this magical event myself, I would tend to chock it up as another fish story. I had never seen salmon fishing so good in the inner Puget Sound during mid-July and have not seen it since.

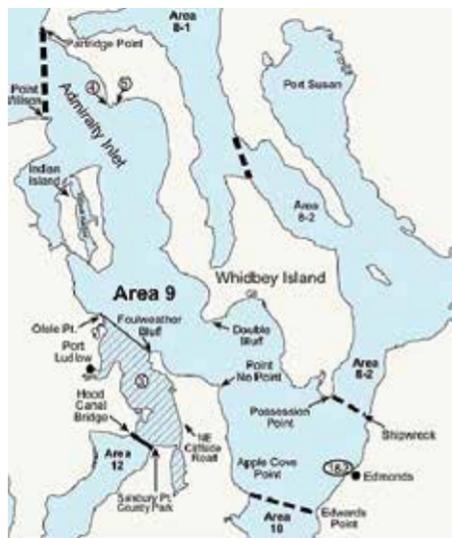
By the time you read this, Marine Area 9 will have been open to salmon fishing for about a week. Area 9 boundaries begin at Partridge Point and travel south along the west side of Whidbey Island down Admiralty Inlet, ending just south of Edmonds. Area 9 can be a very productive salmon area; I've seen this area reach its salmon catch quota in 10 days! At which time the season is closed. Area 9 is well known for two salmon hot spots in particular - at the North end there is Mid Channel Bank. This underwater shelf runs from Point Wilson to Marrowstone Point, and is a popular trolling bank. On each end at tide change, the mooching fishermen give the trolling fishermen a run for their money; the sand lance are plentiful on this sandy structure and can create a serious bite. Troll with the tide very near the bottom between 90 and 150 feet; use your favorite spoon or herring for best results. Mid Channel Bank is

where I experienced my first double Chinook take-down years ago; unfortunately, a seal swiped one 15 feet from the boat.

The second hot spot is at the south end of Whidbey Island called Possession Point. This underwater continuation of the island draws salmon fisherman from Seattle and beyond. Possession Point is the turning point for many salmon headed for the inland rivers; Possession can be a huge holding area and feeding ground for the migrating salmon. They will take time to gorge themselves on whatever prey is available before committing to the mouth of their river. This large, fishy area is very influenced by the tide and water flow; study your bottom contour charts and GPS to get familiar with the plateaus, ridges, shelves, and low depression areas, then combine and apply the tidal movement times to these topography changes to maximize the time over these sweet spots. These contours are where the bait will be pushed by the underwater currents and this is where the salmon will be as well.

Another spot to consider is Bush Point. It's not as well known for Chinooks as it is Coho, but it is an option, plus Bush Point has some public beach access for the shore fisherman. Last summer, I heard of a couple of nice sized Chinooks landed on the public beach caught on a pink Buzz Bomb during coho season. The fish had to be released but was a great catch and photo opportunity for the lucky angler. For the boat fisherman, the salmon will normally be near the bottom because this is where the candlefish (sand-lance) are. For lures, use greens, blues, purples, and don't forget about pink; if krill or shrimp are in the area, pink can be a hot color. To match the hatch, examine the stomach contents of your first legal fish landed.

The slow start will pick up and the fishing will get better. Ocean reports are good, so it's only a matter of time. Hopefully the weekend weather will be kind to us and the winds will stay below 10 knots so we can get out and catch some fresh salmon for dinner. The summer months can mean fog on the water, so give yourself extra time, or simply wait for the fog to lift. Be patient with the essential personnel, be smart and safe, let's not give the state any reason to think up any creative nonsense. GOOD LUCK out there, Island Anglers!



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# Two local fire districts propose fire levy lid lifts

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

On Whidbey Island, some emergency and fire service needs have been met for decades by North Whidbey Fire and Rescue and South Whidbey Fire/EMS. For both districts, call numbers have seen a steady rise in recent years. To better serve the surrounding communities, each department has proposed a respective fire levy lid lift to cover rising expenses.

John Clark, the fire chief at North Whidbey Fire and Rescue, said while the department is limited to a one percent increase in revenue a year, costs such as gas, equipment and other needs have been rising by three to five percent each year. In response, the department is asking the public to consider a fire levy lid lift of 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value during the Nov. 3 General Election.

"If you get a one percent increase in your revenue that you are budgeting for, but you have a three to five percent increase in expenses, sooner or later, no matter how prudent you are with it, the expenses are going to outpace the revenue," he said.

On the south end of the island, H.L. "Rusty" Palmer, fire chief for South Whidbey Fire/EMS, said the fire district is asking voters to approve a fire levy lid lift of 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value on the Aug. 4 Primary Election ballot to help replace fire apparatus and hire up to eight full-time staff members.

"We are hopeful that voters will prioritize emergency services when looking at how to spend their tax dollars," he said. "The pandemic has shown this need, but it's more than that. We want to provide an adequate

emergency response 24 hours a day, which we currently cannot do but is needed."

Clark, who has been in the fire service for 40 years, said call volumes have gone up 45 percent in the last 10 years. In addition to having more calls, North Whidbey Fire and Rescue is due to replace two fire trucks. Clark said if approved, the levy lid lift would be focused on providing the funds needed to purchase new fire engines.

"We have two fire trucks that need to be replaced," he said. "They are at their replacement point now; they are still operational but it is at the point where repairs outpace the value of the vehicle and reliability. It is not like when you go to start your car at home and it does not start and you are late for work. If you have a fire truck that does not start, that is a bigger issue."

Palmer, who has served as the fire chief at South Whidbey Fire/EMS since 2010, said calls have risen 12 percent since 2014.

"We have seen the number of calls increasing for some time," he said. "This year we are level with last year's numbers year to date. We do anticipate call volumes continuing to rise as a result of population growth and people visiting the island for tourism."

Clark said although North Whidbey Fire and Rescue has been prudent with its resources and uses savings to purchase items, costs continue to rise above revenue. Clark said replacing the fire trucks and ensuring up-to-date and adequate fire apparatus will help maintain the community insurance rating, which is linked to how much premiums cost for certain home and business owners.

"We have been buying capital based on savings and being frugal with our money



Photo Courtesy of North Whidbey Fire and Rescue

The team of six full-time, 23 part-time and 61 volunteer personnel at North Whidbey Fire and Rescue respond to around 2,400 calls per year in the community. A proposed fire levy lid lift would help to fund two new fire engines.

and we are at the end of where that cycle is going to work using that savings to pay off expenses," he said. "What this levy would do is it will allow us to continue our capital plan so we would have reliable equipment to run calls."

Palmer said volunteers are a key piece of the South Whidbey Fire/EMS, and the levy would help to support volunteers by bringing in full-time personnel.

"Our volunteers are the backbone of this organization," he said. "Our call volumes and training requirements have increased to the point where we are losing them (volunteers) because some are struggling with the time commitments necessary to train and respond. Full-time personnel will allow our volunteers to continue to participate in the organization."

Tom Gideon, a volunteer who has been with South Whidbey Fire/EMS for 12 years, said he enjoys working with the volunteer team at the department. However, he said with increased call volumes, meeting the emergency services needs can sometimes wear on the available volunteers.

"The levy is super important because it helps the volunteers," he said. "The people that I have that volunteer with me at Station 36 are all really super people. They go above and beyond. But, it grinds on them."

Palmer said COVID-19 has also had implications on volunteer availability.

"We have lost volunteer personnel due to the pandemic because they are at risk of catching the virus or bringing it home to a vulnerable family member," he said. "The pandemic itself has shown just how important emergency services are to the community. Emergency calls now require extreme caution and care when responding to the pandemic."

Gideon, who serves as lieutenant at Bayview Station 36, said COVID-19 has impacted the district and shown the need for additional support.

"The whole deal with the COVID-19 stuff has really hit us because a lot of the volunteers, including myself, are in what you would consider the high-risk (group), so that has hurt us quite a bit," he said.

Clark said North Whidbey Fire and Rescue plans to continue to provide information to the public and will also be forming a citizen's committee to set up plans and help shape the district in the future. Applications for the committee are available on North Whidbey Fire and Rescue's website until July 31.

"We are going to provide a lot of education, we have really tried to up transparency and public information, but I would just ask if the public has questions that they ask us," he said.

To learn more, visit North Whidbey Fire and Rescue at [nwfr.org](http://nwfr.org) and South Whidbey Fire/EMS at [swfe.org](http://swfe.org).



Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey Fire/EMS

If approved, a levy lid lift would enable South Whidbey Fire/EMS to replace apparatus and hire up to eight full-time firefighters.

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happily return to work. It's extremely hard to have to lay them off for a second time. Same for our local artists. They were so excited to have a paying gig again, to perform their art in front of an audience. And our audience was so appreciative. They knew WICA had their safety first and foremost - we followed all CDC guidelines - which made them relaxed and able to enjoy an outdoor performance under the stars."

The good news in this said Everitt, is the nonprofit organization has learned it is possible to operate successfully on a smaller scale.

"The model for Summer Nights was a huge success," she said. "With our max audience of 50 patrons, all of our shows were sold out or on their way to being sold out. What we learned was we can remain viable with a smaller crowd, socially distanced inside our theatre when we are allowed to return to Phase III and eventually Phase IV."

Ultimately, returning to "normal," or even returning to original Phase III guidelines, requires a decrease in the infection rate. Like the rest of the state, COVID-19 cases in Island County have been slowly and steadily climbing. According to the Island County Public Health website, there are now 217 confirmed cases of COVID-19 (as of Monday night) in Island County, up 36 cases since early June. It had held steady at 181 cases for weeks. *Whidbey Weekly* reached out to county health officials for comment multiple times, but received no response.

According to WhidbeyHealth, which has opened three new swabbing stations on Whidbey Island, approximately 30 tests were conducted each day at those locations only during the first week of operation. Specimen collection sites are located at the walk-in clinic in Clinton, the Cabot Drive Clinic in Oak Harbor and at the WhidbeyHealth Medical Center in Coupeville. Pre-registration by phone is required at all locations. Call 360-240-4055 Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. to register. Those registering will be given a specific time for their test and a testing location. Find more information at [whidbeyhealth.org](http://whidbeyhealth.org).

The spread of COVID-19 is also increasing among younger adults, according to Inslee. From January through March, the percentage of younger people infected with the virus was 22 percent. From May to June, that number jumped to 45 percent, leading the governor to threaten more rollbacks - or even another stay-at-home order - could be imminent.

"If individuals do not adhere to mask-wearing, do not adhere to social distancing, do not adhere to these limitations on gathering's [these] rollbacks may be a forerunner to additional rollbacks," said Inslee. "And, we cannot rule out the potential for another stay-at-home order this year and perhaps not in the too-distant future. So how individuals respond to this crisis will determine what happens to all of us combined."

"There are many things at risk," agreed Washington Secretary of Health John Wiesman. "We have at risk schools opening in

the fall with in-person classrooms if we don't get a handle on this, because right now it is just simply moving in the wrong direction and is going to be too dangerous if this continues. This is about the impacts we can all make.

"The bottom line is, our attention to this can't be a part-time job," Wiesman continued. "This is a full-time job. Every interaction we have, we have to think about doing it safely; wearing our face coverings, keeping our distance. If we do that, we can bend the curve again, and it's absolutely essential we do that."

Despite rising cases and setbacks to reopening, Gov. Inslee said there is reason to be optimistic, especially because there are promising early results of vaccine trials being conducted in Washington state, although any vaccine is months away at best. Inslee said the most effective tools we have right now are face coverings, social distancing and limiting interactions with others.

"I want our students to go back into the classroom; I want our restaurants and businesses all to be open; I want the state budget to stop hemorrhaging billions of dollars; and I want people to be healthy and long-lived," Inslee said. "We can accomplish those things if we abide by these simple principles."

Find more information about the Safe Start plan and the latest Coronavirus statistics at [coronavirus.wa.gov](http://coronavirus.wa.gov). Local information can be found at [islandcountywa.gov](http://islandcountywa.gov).



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# Movies, Take Me Away

By Carey Ross

Cinema that transports



Not long ago, I asked my friends to divulge their cinematic guilty pleasures, what they watch when no one is watching. I wasn't sure what kind of response I would get, but I needn't have worried. They provided me with enough fodder for not just one article, but for an entire still-on-going series that has been dubbed "Cinema of Shame."

During these COVID-constrained times, when our lives and geographic footprints are smaller, and exotic travel is not only inadvisable, but also impossible given how many countries have travel restrictions forbidding people from the United States from visiting.

But movies are nothing if not transportive, and since we're all stuck at home or close to it, traveling via our televisions is the easiest way to make the most of our summer vacations. And while I have my own ideas about the films that really evoke a strong sense of a particular place, I thought it might be far more interesting to poll my knowledgeable and opinionated friends for what they watch when they want to be anywhere but where they are.

I'd expected them to offer up suggestions set in well-trod travel destinations, and some of them certainly did that. However, as with the Cinema of Shame, I vastly underestimated their creativity with this particular topic. Sure, there might've been a few folks who mentioned such well-loved movies as *A Room with a View*, which takes viewers to Florence, Italy, as only a Merchant-Ivory production can, and *Amelie*, which makes both Paris and Audrey Tautou appear to be made of magic, but by and large, most of the suggestions were either closer to home or out of this world. And much like its Cinema of Shame predecessor, my social media post garnered a lot of info on a very short timeline—the thread is closing in on 100 comments with more movies surely to come.

A side note: Much of the fodder to be found on the internet these days seems determined to divide us—and is doing a pretty good job of it. However, the only thing you'll find in the long comment threads for my Cinema of Shame and travel movies posts is people, many of them strangers to one another, engaged in a lively and positive discussion about that which they love. Conversations about movies certainly won't fix the world's many immediate ills, but they probably don't hurt anything either.

Digressions aside, let's get down to it.

My longtime friend Carly Henry, who I would classify as a cinephile, was quick to proffer Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* as a movie that captures the essence of what it's like to truly live in New York City. Given it's where Henry currently resides, I'm inclined to believe her. "I loved this movie before I even moved to New York," she says, "because it captured the feel of the summer in the city so perfectly. I could feel the sweatiness and the humidity through the screen. And also the fact that it amplified everyone's impatience and crankiness. At the same time, there is more of a sense of community because everyone is outside on their stoop, having a block party or running through open hydrant water together to cool down. It's a pretty true depiction of New York." If you haven't watched the 1989 Oscar-nominated film that made Spike Lee a household name, its story of simmering racial tension set against the heat of a New York summer has never felt more immediate or relevant.



While many people suggested lighthearted fare like *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Roman Holiday* (and I commend each and every one of them for staying far, far away from *Eat, Pray, Love*), a goodly number of the movies that take people away appear to be darker in subject matter. No film got more mentions than *City of God*, which details life in Brazil—but we're not talking beaches and Carnival here. Instead, the movie centers on the rise of organized crime in the favelas of Rio de Janeiro. With a tagline of "If you run, the beast catches you; if you stay, the beast eats you," this is not exactly the stuff of travelogues, but in the hands of director Fernando Meirelles and a cast comprised mostly of nonprofessional actors, it's an exhilarating slice of life in a brutal and undeniably beautiful place. Well worth a watch, according to my discerning friends.

Australia also was a cinematic destination for a few folks—but no one was talking about *Crocodile Dundee* as being a classic among travel movies. Instead, a friend from a former book group, Daryl Madill, proffered *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, about three young aboriginal girls of the "Stolen Generation," who escape from a settlement camp and walk 1,500 miles while being pursued by government officials to return to their aboriginal lands. Meanwhile, Heather SeEVERS says *The Proposition*—written by Nick Cave—really makes you feel like you are in frontier Australia—and it is not a comfortable feeling; you can almost feel the heat and the flies.

Not to be outdone, longtime Pickford Film Center volunteer Dieter Martin apparently travels to Australia via *Wake in Fright*—and if you've ever seen this deranged flick, you know full well why I am occasionally concerned by how many times Dieter has watched and recommended it. Its graphic kangaroo-hunt sequence aside, he says, "*Wake in Fright* really gives me a contradictory sense of claustrophobia in the Australian Outback. There are many wide-open spaces, but it all starts to close in on the main character by the end of his journey."

As with the Cinema of Shame, this only barely scratches the surface of the many inspired suggestions I received, so look for a future installment of movies to take us to destinations near and far. I'll try and populate that one with movies that cause slightly less discomfort. But at least I know which of my friends I do not wish to travel with, if ever we're able to travel again.

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# MILITARY MUSTER



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A U.S. Navy EA-18G Growler flies over Afghanistan, Jan. 23, 2020. The EA-18G has the capabilities to perform a wide range of enemy defense suppression missions with the latest electronic attack technology, jamming pods, and satellite communications.

## Rooks Return to NAS Whidbey Island After Extended Deployment

By LT Brandt Engel, Electronic Attack Squadron 137 Public Affairs

The “Rooks” of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 137 returned to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in June after a seven-month deployment to the 2nd Fleet, 6th Fleet, and 5th Fleet Areas of Responsibility.

The Rooks left NAS Whidbey Island for Norfolk, Va., on Nov. 19, 2019, and embarked aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN75). The squadron’s five EA-18G Growlers joined the rest of Carrier Air Wing One and departed with Carrier Strike Group Eight for immediate tasking in the Central Command Theater.

Over the seven month deployment the Rooks maintained a high operational tempo and executed over 1,000 flight hours, including 124 combat hours with a 100 percent combat sortie completion rate in support of Operation FREEDOM’S SENTINEL. The Rooks participated in the first dual carrier operations in the theater since 2012, and provided deterrence against threats to American interests in the region. On return to the East Coast of the United States, the Rooks took part in a Dynamic Force Employment off Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada, where they participated in a joint exercise with the Canadian Armed Forces.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the entire Rook Team. Working in stressful and high pressure conditions, the Rook Maintainers

kept the squadron’s Growlers mission ready and ensured the squadron operated effectively in the 5th Fleet AOR. The Admin team dealt with a myriad of pay and logistic issues, some on very short timelines, which ensured the Rooks had the right people, in the right place, at the right time. The Rooks led the CSG in Medical Readiness and the Intel team was consistently praised for the classified tasking requirements met. Rook sailors upheld Rook Pride outside the squadron as multiple TAD sailors were recognized at Ship’s Award Quarters for their efforts.

During deployment, the Rooks were treated to some much deserved rest in the port of Duqm, Oman, where the entire squadron took advantage of the sandbox and the freedom to spend some time off the ship.

Nothing was as pleasing to the squadron, though, as returning home to their friends and family after the constant COVID-19 stress. The Rooks unquestionably proved their honor, courage and commitment during this tumultuous period.

“Every Rook proved themselves as true professionals while weathering a combined 14 months away from home in the last two years during two Dynamic Force Employment deployments,” said CDR Kevin McCarty, Commanding Officer, VAQ 137. “I could not be more proud of their effort, and I will be forever humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve with them.”

## NAS Whidbey Island SAR Rescues Two at Rachel Lake

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued two climbers who had fallen off a steep ridge near Rachel Lake and suffered serious injuries in late June.

One climber was reported to be suffering abdominal pain and urinating blood, while the other had a potential serious back injury with a loss of feeling in his lower extremities.

During their transit, the SAR crew experienced limited visibility as they neared Snoqualmie Pass. Initially blocked from the injured climbers’ location by poor visibility, the crew increased altitude to fly safely over the location to search for a different approach. After several attempts to find a suitable visual approach, the crew flew to Pangborn Memorial Airport in Wenatchee to refuel and assess the weather situation. About an hour after taking on fuel, the weather cleared enough for the crew to make another, ultimately successful, attempt to rescue the injured climbers.

Prior to transporting the two injured climbers out of the area, the crew picked up a Seattle Mountain Rescue doctor to assist with treating the injured climbers. The SAR crew transported the injured climbers to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

NAS Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 22 total missions throughout Washington State this year, including 11 rescues, three searches and eight medical evacuations.

The Navy SAR unit operates three MH-60S helicopters from NAS Whidbey Island as search and rescue/medical evacuation (SAR/MEDEVAC) platforms for the EA-18G aircraft as well as other squadrons and personnel assigned to the installation. Pursuant to the National SAR Plan of the United States, the unit may also be used for civil SAR/MEDEVAC needs to the fullest extent practicable on a non-interference basis with primary military duties according to applicable national directives, plans, guidelines and agreements; specifically, the unit may launch in response to tasking by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (based on a Washington State Memorandum of Understanding) for inland missions, and/or tasking by the United States Coast Guard for all other aeronautical and maritime regions, when other assets are unavailable.



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# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Hungry for victory? Want to chalk up a W so bad you can taste it? Watch out. Hunger makes people do funny things. Absurd things, such as the Big Texas 72 Ounce Steak Challenge. Your meal is free, IF you can choke the whole bloody thing down. In your hunger for the big W, have you bitten off half a metaphorical cow? Be careful. The happiest diners are the ones saving room for dessert.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Problems fall into 3 categories: "Oh, pfff," is easily fixable. "Houston, we have a problem," is still fixable, with a little help. "OMG, how did it come to this!?" is beyond fixable or not fixable. Category 3 is the unthinkable, appalling mess. It leads quickly to, "Spin a Tale, Pin it on a Donkey." The big question: Who's the donkey? Who's really to blame for the mess? It's never ourselves, of course. Or is it?

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



A pair of climbers ascends a steep pitch, linked by a safety line, each member positioned to catch the other in case of a fall. Name the activity. Marriage? Mountaineering? The conquest of ego? While marriage involves the climbing of many a mountain, and while mountaineering involves a mutual dependency akin to marriage, ego defeats both. Conquest of ego, therefore, is the best answer. Onward and upward.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



When you affirm people and ideas that have no other support, what happens? What happens to a seed under the right conditions of moisture and warmth? The seed grows to fulfill its potential. At maturity, it becomes a sustainer, able to support life through yet another cycle of birth and growth. The people and ideas you affirm today are tomorrow's sustainers. Are they likely to remember your kindness and return it? Why would they not?

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



A sage once said, "Weed your garden, or someone will weed it for you." Really?! Bye-bye, have fun in the dirt! We're going boating! But wait. What if "garden" is sage-speak for something else? A bank account, marriage or other dear project you've nurtured and watched grow. Do you trust someone who may not know a weed from a blossom tinkering with your creation? Certainly not. To the garden, then, and the work that only you can do.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



We humans are a curious lot. Far from withstanding stress, we improve under it. We ingest risk, uncertainty, and chaos and turn them into spiritual muscle. (Nice peak on your biceps. Must be all that social distancing.) Under our current training regimen, those who aren't already sporting righteous six-packs soon will be. So

keep grinding out those pious push-ups, the saintly sit-ups. The future belongs to the fit.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



What happens when you change the placement of your waste basket? Three weeks of automatic dunk shots on the floor. That's how long it takes us humans to cement a new habit. And if the placement of waste baskets everywhere in the world changed overnight? Three weeks of missed dunk shots, times billions. That's a lot of garbage on the floor. Much has changed recently. Be patient, and remember to pick up after yourself.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Pick a problem. Large or small, any old problem will do. A disagreement. A misunderstanding. Put it on a picnic table with a stack of paper plates, some potato salad, baked beans and barbecued ribs. It's called barbecue diplomacy, and by dessert time, differences, though not forgotten, will be moving toward resolution. That's the power of food. Breaking deadlocks begins with breaking bread. Gather 'round the table. . . .

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Should your sleeve length be less than your reach? Should your reach exceed your grasp? An independent committee of 100 tailors answered both questions with a resounding, "Yes!" and agreed with poet Robert Browning, who added, "Or what is heaven for?" Use the knowledge well. Your proximity to heaven is not for us to judge, but little else this week lies beyond your reach.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



When the unexpected knocks on the door, planning goes out the window. Such thief in the night behavior is, alas, typical. The best laid plans of mice and men, etc. Flakey as it is, we still recommend planning. In its haste to escape, planning often leaves things of use behind. A lost earring. A forgotten satchel. Things that help reconstruct planning's original intent. Remember the carpenter's rule: Measure twice, cut once.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



You're a person of many faces. A face for your children. Another for your dog. One for your spouse. (Only one, please.) But who are you to you? Are you and yourself besties forever? Still getting acquainted? How much do you know about that face in the mirror? Whatever the stage of your relationship, a smart move is to set up a secret communication. A good one is, "If the Phone Doesn't Ring, It's Me." You work out the details.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



Pioneers have it hard. Lewis and Clark needed a year and a lot of moccasin leather to reach Oregon, and another year to return. You're just as much a pioneer, did you know? You're the vanguard of independent thought. Reaching free thinker status, like reaching Oregon, has its grizzlies in the bushes. They'll show teeth, claw mightily, anything to scare you back. The pioneer response? Keep marching forward, and learn to skin grizz'.  
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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

# Crossword Puzzle

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## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Cyprinids
- 6. Icelandic literary works
- 10. Break in half
- 14. Japanese mushroom
- 15. Have offspring
- 17. Not feeling well
- 19. A very large body of water
- 20. Witch
- 21. Behemoth
- 22. Speak negatively of
- 23. Absence of difficulty
- 24. Pampering places
- 26. Drives
- 29. Truck that delivers beer
- 31. Makes
- 32. A team's best pitcher
- 34. \_\_ Carvey, comedian
- 35. Seas
- 37. S. American plants
- 38. Time zone
- 39. Deviate
- 40. No longer are
- 41. Moving in slowly
- 43. Patrick and Glover are two
- 45. Living quarters
- 46. Taxi
- 47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river

- 50. Not happy
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Give way to anxiety
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2K lbs.
- 61. Word of farewell

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. \_\_ ex Machina
- 2. WWII diarist Frank
- 3. Concluding passage
- 4. Supplement with difficulty
- 5. Title of respect
- 6. Cubic measures
- 7. Remnant
- 8. \_\_ Jones
- 9. Salts of acetic acid
- 10. Long, upholstered seat
- 11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture
- 12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra
- 13. Prefix denoting "in a"
- 16. Propels upward
- 18. What we are talking about
- 22. Prosecutor
- 23. Employee stock ownership plan
- 24. He brings kids presents
- 25. Burmese monetary unit
- 27. Hurries
- 28. Injury remnant
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane
- 31. "The Partridge Family" actress Susan
- 33. Midway between east and southeast
- 35. Most excellent
- 36. Heat units
- 37. Possess legally
- 39. Food items
- 42. Skeletal structures
- 43. Challenge to do something bold
- 44. Blood type
- 46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter
- 47. Farmer (Dutch)
- 48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer
- 49. Piers Anthony's protagonist
- 50. Malaysian coastal city
- 51. Hairstyle
- 52. NY-based department store
- 53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Niger-Congo languages
- 56. Gesture

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## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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# Life Tributes

## Mindy Lynn Whelchel



Mindy Lynn Whelchel, 45, of Oak Harbor, Wash. passed away Friday, July 10, 2020, with her family at her side.

Born June 24, 1975 in San Diego, Calif., Mindy was the daughter of Ronald and Bonnie Weatherlow, and a wife and loving mother of four. She was employed as a BCC Life Coach and was the owner of Mindful Ways, she was also a beloved member of the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce.

Mindy was a strong, resilient, independent woman, and is well known for her vivacious personality and infectious laugh. She enjoyed the challenge of learning new things, continuing her education, and helping others. Her hands were rarely still, and her love of cooking and entertaining often reflected this. Mindy valued her family, friends and pups, Trigger and Nova, the most and their company is what truly brought happiness to her.

Mindy is survived by her cherished husband, Kevin Whelchel, her father, Ronald Weatherlow, brother, Ronald Weatherlow Jr., her mother-in-law, Karyn Kaspari, and her four children, Kodie Kreimann, Austin and Gavin Brobst, and daughter, Krystalyne Brainard. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Kyah and Calvin Kreimann, Hayden and Mason Brainard, and Carson Brobst.

A viewing was held Tuesday, July 14 at Whidbey Memorial in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Mindy's wishes to "swim with the dolphins" will be lovingly honored. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories at the [www.whidbeymemorial.com](http://www.whidbeymemorial.com).

Fly High Crazy Angel.

## Peter F. Kieviet



July 10, 2020 the Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Peter leaves his beloved wife, Joyce; sons, Dale, Douglas and wife, Shirley, Dennis Murphy and wife, Merilee; sisters, Helda Mooney and Evangeline Altier; and grandchildren, Shannon and husband, Bill Huff, Jason Murphy and wife, Christall, Nathaniel Murphy and wife, Kellee, Jonathan Murphy and wife, Carissa, Rebekah and husband, Justin Green, and Kyle Kieviet.

He was preceded in death by his precious daughter, Diann Murphy, and sisters, Mary Houg and Winifred Phillips.

April 21, 1925, Peter was born to his loving Dutch parents, Charles and Sadie



## Pam's Prayer Corner

*In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email [info@whidbeyweekly.com](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

O Lord God,

We praise your name for all the rich variety that is found in the human family, your children. We thank you for the different songs by which we sing our joys and sorrows to one another, for the different languages in which we speak our hopes and hungers, for the contrasts of color and stature which catch our eye and drive us to want to know each other. Glory be to you for the many faces and voices of our family! Now teach us to treasure our differences, great God, as evidence of the endless richness of your love for this world. We pray in the name of our Lord, the Jew who praised a Samaritan; who interceded on behalf of the marginalized; who ministered alike to Jew and Gentile, slave and free, men and women, and was not afraid of the wealth of your love. Amen

Matthew Erikson  
Pastor - Hope Church Oak Harbor  
Director - Whidbey Island Young Life

*"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

**Galatians 3:28**



Kieviet of Lynden, Wash. In his growing years, he was nourished in Christian training through the Christian Reformed Church and Lynden Christian schools.

At the age of 17, he hitchhiked to Seattle and joined the U.S. Coast Guard, serving aboard a naval vessel in the China Sea. Upon the end of World War II, he received an honorable discharge and came back to Lynden, where he was trained in carpentry, becoming a fine carpenter.

In 1950, he began a new career at NAS Whidbey Island and retired after 39 years.

The San de Fuca Chapel, with Christ first, was his solid rock.

Peter's Key Verse is: "But as many as receive Him, to them, He gave authority to become the sons of God." John 1:12

The family and friends of Pete Kieviet extend a very grateful thanks to the staff and caregivers at HomePlace Memory Care for the love and energy provided.

Pete's family suggests memorials to Wycliffe Bible Translators online at [www.wycliffe.org/donate](http://www.wycliffe.org/donate), or by mail to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862-8200; and by mail to San de Fuca Community Chapel, P.O. Box 991, Coupeville, WA 98239. A private graveside service was held July 18 at Fircrest Cemetery, with a private reception following at San de Fuca Chapel in Penn Cove.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash.

## Chizuko M. Irvine



Chizuko Michaela Irvine was born Sept. 1, 1935 in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, to Nobuharu and Ichi Yakura and lived in Yokohama (Bessho) for most of her childhood, with the exception of several years during World War II, when she lived in Fukushima, Wakamatsu, Japan. Chizuko graduated from Seibi High School in Yokohama in 1953 and attended business school to become a secretarial assistant for the U.S. Navy in Atsugi, Japan. Chizuko met Pickens "Bill" Irvine while employed as Bill's Division Officers' secretary and where they occasionally exchanged greetings. Chizuko invited Bill to attend a sukiyaki dinner party at her parents' home and as a show of gratitude, Bill escorted Chizuko to the movies for a showing of Roger's and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" in Tokyo. This ended up becoming their first date and seven months later, Bill proposed marriage to

Chizuko. Shortly thereafter, Bill was transferred to Midway Island and Chizuko took steps to become baptized as a Catholic. Bill and Chizuko were married in November, 1958 at Sacred Heart Church in Yokohama, Japan and Bill returned to Midway Island to complete his tour of duty.

Chizuko and Bill were reunited once again in San Francisco, Calif., in 1959 and their first duty station as a married couple was in Norfolk, Va. Chizuko told of when she and Bill rode the bus to downtown Norfolk to shop in J.C. Penney and she needed to use the restroom because she was pregnant. While Bill waited, Chizuko walked away to use the ladies' room and suddenly shouted, "Bill! Bill! What do I do?" Faced with two entrances to the ladies' room, one labeled "White" and the other labeled "Colored," Chizuko was not sure which entrance to use. Bill suggested using the "White" washroom and thankfully no one noticed.

Chizuko and Bill spent 30 years as a military family and lived in Norfolk, Va.; Great Lakes, Ill.; San Diego, Calif. (twice); Oak Harbor, Wash.; and San Francisco. Along the way, they raised five children, starting with Michaela (Vanessa); Margaret (Serdar); Matthew (Debbi); Maureen (Mitch); and ending with Monica (Kevin). The kids were affectionately called "The Five M's" and were blessed to learn so many things from their mother, like responsibility and hard work. Chizuko taught her children how to cook and clean their home. She was known for the saying, "Corner to Corner" when instructing her children how to properly clean flat surfaces.

Chizuko enrolled in Beauty College in 1972 while stationed in San Francisco and went on to become a cosmetology instructor and Director of Education for Beauty Schools in San Francisco and San Diego. Chizuko and Bill purchased a Fantastic Sam's beauty salon franchise in 1986 and successfully built a business in Lemon Grove, Calif. After selling the business in 1993, Chizuko and Bill sold their home in San Diego and moved to Whidbey Island, Wash. Chizuko loved to forage for mushrooms, ferns, clams, colt's foot, and any other edible treasures on Whidbey Island or in Skagit County. She knew how to spot a Prince or Matsutake mushroom in a quick second.

Chizuko passed away peacefully at home July 11, 2020. She leaves behind a family of grateful children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who will miss her strong presence in their lives and whom she will continue to influence despite her lack of a physical presence. She will be interred in Fernhill Cemetery on Fidalgo Island in a location that offers a nice view for those who come to visit.

A private visitation was held at Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash. A private funeral mass took place at St. Augustine Catholic Church with Rev. Paul Pluth, J.C.L. presiding.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor. Please visit Chizuko's page in our Book of Memories online at [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com) to share memories and leave condolences.

## Larrie Leon Ford



It saddens us to announce the passing of our beloved father, Larrie Leon Ford, July 13, 2020 in Coupeville, Wash.

Larrie was born June 13, 1942 in Wapato, Wash., to parents Clifton Ford and Majorie Shinaberger. Larrie grew up in Camas, Wash., riding his beloved horse, Chico. He competed in bull riding, bareback riding and tie-down roping on the rodeo circuit, winning many trophies and ribbons. While in high school, Larrie held several Washington state track and field records that he was very proud of, many of which stood for over 50 years. In 1962, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Ordnanceman (IYAQYAS), where hard work and dedication helped him rise through the ranks. He served his country with pride from the shores of Vietnam to N.A.S. Whidbey Island, where he spent most of his Naval career. He retired in 1982.

Aug. 4, 1977, Larrie married the love of his life, Janice L. Wilson. Jan called him her "Knight in Shining Armor." They had a wonderful 30-year marriage, full of adventures while raising six children. Larrie enjoyed many years as a coach and advisor for Coupeville High School's athletic program. He was a competitive shooter and served as president of the Central Whidbey Sportsman Association. He loved fishing and could be found at his "secret spot" on Cranberry Lake with his family and devoted dog, Barkley. Dad kept busy as a member of the Oak Harbor Yacht Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars organization, the Moose Lodge and Coupeville Booster Club. Larrie was preceded in death by his brother, Denny; sister, Nola Ford Restorff; and his beloved wife, Jan. When Jan passed, he gave her half of his heart to hold onto until he could be with her again. He is survived by his son James and wife Frances; daughter Deanna; son David and wife Barbi; daughter Tina; son Tony and wife Kara; son Eric and wife Holly; along with his nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A private service with full military honors will be held to celebrate Larrie's life. In memory of Larrie Ford and to continue his support to the youth of our community, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Coupeville Booster Club, PO Box 452, Coupeville, WA, 98239. The family is especially grateful to all who have reached out and shared their love and stories of our father. Like all great men, he made all of us a little better for having known him.

To sign his online guest book please visit [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com).

**Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**



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**GARAGE/ESTATE SALES**

BIG SALE: Friday, July 24, 11am-5pm, Saturday, July 25, 9am-4pm, Sunday, July 26, 9am-1pm, 505 NE 9th (Across from Coupeville launch ramp). Featuring dad's collection of antiques and mechanical oddities, furniture, building supplies, Breyer horses, train sets, books, art, instruments, linens, jewelry supplies, puzzles, CDs, and so much more. See you there, don't be square, but remember to wear your mask!

HUGE GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26, 9am-5pm, 2166 Madrona Way, Coupeville. Boat, marine stuff, garden and garage tools, household items. Too much to list. COVID cautious - mask-up, sanitizer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right-FREE. Pregnancy Care Clinic, open most Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 4pm. Call 360-221-2909 or stop by 6th and Cascade in Langley.

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If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed. Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupportservices.org>

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Big Brother Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact [admin@bbbsislandcounty.org](mailto:admin@bbbsislandcounty.org) for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Island. Volunteers include medical and public health professionals as well as other community members with no prior healthcare background. ICMRC utilizes volunteers to strengthen community health, enhance emergency response capabilities, and boost community resiliency. They prepare for and respond to natural and manmade disasters such



*Michele,  
You are a wonderful wife, mother, friend and partner. Thank you for blessing me with your love for the past 22 years! I look forward to many more anniversaries to come! Happy Anniversary With all my love,  
Eric*

as winter storms, flooding, earthquakes, as well as public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks. If you are interested in volunteering please go to the Island County MRC website for more information or contact [s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov](mailto:s.ziemer@islandcountywa.gov)

The Habitat Stores depend on enthusiastic volunteers to help carry out our mission. We are looking for volunteers to help us with customer service, merchandise intake, store up-keep, organization and pick-ups of donated items. If you have two (2) hours or more per week to donate, please join us in our mission to create affordable housing in our community by volunteering at our Oak Harbor Store. Hours: Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm and Sun, 11am-4pm. Please contact Tony Persson if you are interested in volunteering at our Oak Harbor store (290 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor, WA 98277): 360-675-8733, [tony@islandcountyhabitat.org](mailto:tony@islandcountyhabitat.org). For our Freeland store (1592 Main Street, Freeland WA 98249), please contact John Schmidt: 360-331-6272, [john@islandcountyhabitat.com](mailto:john@islandcountyhabitat.com). Habitat for Humanity of Island County, [www.islandcountyhabitat.org](http://www.islandcountyhabitat.org), 360-679-9444.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the PBY-Naval Air Museum. Go to [www.pbymf.org](http://www.pbymf.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself. Imagine Oak Harbor's first Food Forest, Saturdays 11am-3pm, at 526 Bayshore Drive. Each week, we have volunteer opportunities available to help care for our community garden, share organic

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Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email [wamothermentors@gmail.com](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

Looking for board members to join the dynamic board of Island Senior Resources and serve the needs of Island County Seniors. Of particular interest are representatives from North Whidbey. For more information please contact: [reception@islandseniorservices.org](mailto:reception@islandseniorservices.org)

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