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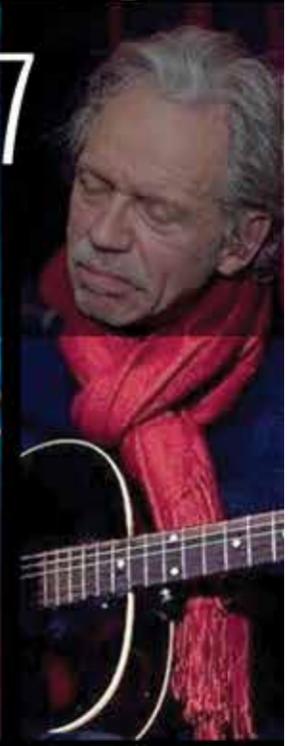
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Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Enjoy One More Meal Together a Week:

September is National Family Meals month. FamilyDinnerProject.org is a super resource to help you bring your family to the table. They have a searchable recipe index which also includes assorted dietary needs. Conversation starters, games, and other connecting tools are there. Should you have tension, conflict, or distance in your family that has prevented family meals, there is a blog page with advice for a variety of circumstances. Free weekly, monthly and "4 Weeks to Better Family Meals" emails with tips to improving your family meals are available.

Do an Act of Kindness, Help One Person Smile:

World Smile Day is Oct. 2. Harvey Ball, who created the iconic "smiley face" in 1963, became concerned decades later over the commercialization of the smiley face. He originally created it to inspire good will and good cheer across the planet. To revitalize the inspiration of kindness and doing something good for others, he created World Smile Day, in 1999.

Across the nation and around the world, there are campaigns and gatherings this day to remind us all how we individually can bring about a smile to someone else. Wear a smile and look for opportunities to pass a bit of happiness to others. Worldsmileday.com

Fall Gardening: Events and tips from experts: I'm looking forward to these events which will help me, as a solely summer gardener, begin some fall and winter gardening. My existing plants would bloom better next year if I learned now how to treat them to some TLC. For all of us perhaps, it would be encouraging to see things grow and improve during the colder months.

Ask a Master Gardener Virtual Clinic: Get your gardening questions answered the first and third Saturdays of October and November. Find out why a plant isn't thriving or identify what's eating your leaves. Trained Master Gardener volunteers are available, at no cost, to help diagnose plant problems and give gardening advice. Questions about pruning, pest control, plant selection, etc., are also welcome. Register as a Zoom user then click the link on the event page at the WSU Master Gardener calendar listing page, for the date you choose to attend. A phone-in option is also listed. These are found at extension.wsu.edu/island/gardening/mg/.

Meerkerk Gardens Octoberfest Fall Plant Sale: Meerkerk Gardens' plant nursery will be offering rhododendrons, locally grown bulbs and other nursery items for sale. Their staff will be on hand to guide you about

the best choices for your garden. With any rhody purchase, you will receive a free bag of fertilizer (limit one per person). Three classes are available, with advance registration, while seats remain. Kids are invited to take part in a scavenger hunt and there will be a wandering accordion player to enjoy while you sip cider and stroll the gardens. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meerkerkgardens.org

October is National Field Trip Month: If there is something good to come out of all of these months of closed attractions, it is the opportunity to experience a wide variety of virtual field trips. From your home, you can visit zoos, museums, national monuments and parks, farms, factories, theme parks, and other fun places. Virtual field trips aren't just for kids; car-lovers, nature enthusiasts, artists, and the constantly curious will enjoy online tours. Here's a recent guide to 21 of the best free virtual field trips, with ratings: Lifewire.com/best-free-virtual-field-trips-4800629.

One of my personal favorites is **Montereybay-aquarium.org/animals/live-cams**. This site has web cams giving you a view into the lives of sea creatures, penguins, sharks and more. They also have FREE online science courses for grades Pre-K to 12th grade.

Halloween on Whidbey 2020: Halloween at Home may be how many of us celebrate this festive fall holiday. With conditions as they are, I encourage you to find out-of-the-pumpkin ways to make memories. Here are a few ideas:

Boo a Neighbor: Treat your neighbors to a yummy surprise by leaving treats on their door and encouraging them to pass along an act of friendly Halloween spirit to others. Small buckets, bags or goodie boxes filled with something delicious are fun to create. Free printables and instructions at Playpartyplan.com/halloween-boo.

Cook a Special Treat: Whether it's pizza with olive spiders, caramel apples, a hot cocoa bar with lots of delicious toppings, popcorn balls, or a seasonal pie with ice cream, each member of your family can enjoy a special Halloween food. Wacky, gooey and creative recipes

at Playpartyplan.com/category/recipes/halloween-food.

Play a Game: Gathering as a family to play games is a great way to have some laughs, learn something new about each other and have fun, off-screen. Games like Monster Match BINGO, candy/small gift scavenger hunts, and Truth or Scare are a Halloween twist on the usual. Ideas and free printables at Playpartyplan.com/category/seasonal/Halloween.

If you want to go out and join a community event in your city, check with your local chamber of commerce. Here are a few events we know are a go:

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce:

Virtual Harry Potter Trivia Night: Monday, Oct. 26, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., enjoy a fun event of answering trivia, dressing up in magical gear (optional), and trying to win one of the three prize baskets. The trivia will be based on books and movies of the Harry Potter series. \$5 per registration, not per person. Register at oakharborchamber.com.

Coupeville Chamber of Commerce, Oct. 1, through Oct. 31, Hauntingofcoupeville.com:

Scarey-Crow Trail: This year's theme is Haunted Farms. Pick up a map of where to find Scarecrows (and other haunted farm creatures) at the Chamber of Commerce or Coupeville Library. Guests are welcome to vote for their favorite display.

Weary Bones Rest Stop Graveyard: Carefully stroll through Weary Bones Rest Stop Cemetery and delight in the wording on the gravestones. However, use caution, not all the cemetery residents rest in peace! Find the graveyard behind the Coupeville Chamber office.

Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association is planning to host a **virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest**; details to follow. Coupevillehistoricwaterfront.com

We look forward to this fall! Don't miss a fun event or activity - Click WhidbeyIsland.MacaroniKid.com for updated guides and memory-making inspiration.

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Experience Safe, Fresh Air Dining at one of Langley's Fine Restaurants

The Braeburn
Saltwater Seafood and Oyster House
Prima
The Commons
Ultra House

and invite a local realtor to join you!

Langley's restaurants are set for cooler weather, thanks to the **Whidbey Island Association of Realtors**. Outdoor dining, which was such a boon to the city's restaurants during the summer season, will now be extended with the installation of three-sided tents sponsored by area realtors.

We, at the Langley of Commerce, and the city's restaurants are thankful to our local realtors for their generosity and community spirit.

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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Now that the smoke has cleared, I have started getting headaches. By now, surely there is an 800 line for post-smoke headaches while wearing a mask during a pandemic with an election year twist.

Sounds like a country song to me.

The hippie situation

The Aug. 20, 2020 issue of *The Mountain Messenger*, since 1853 the oldest weekly newspaper in California, featured an excerpt from their Aug. 20, 1970 issue, published 50 years ago.

Due to the apparent disturbance by disrespectful defendants appearing before Judge C. W. Robbins, then magistrate of the Sierra County Judicial District Court, the following order was directed exclusively to the Sheriff's office:

"To insure that each litigant has a fair and impartial hearing conducted in a dignified manner and to preserve the respect of the Court, you are directed to observe the following rules of common decency and cleanliness before presenting defendants to this Court:

"All male defendants are to be bathed, shaved, hair trimmed to reasonable length, clad in clean clothing and conventional footwear.

"All female defendants are to be bathed and properly clothed. Bikinis, shorts, and other dress array that would tend to distract or disrupt the process of the Court will not be permitted."

You have to love a judge who renders a court mandate using the word clad.

The motivating reason for this court directed caveat must have been a very shocking display to the Judge. Given the times, assuredly so.

Think about it.

1970 brought these top ten singles:

Bridge Over Troubled Water - Simon & Garfunkel

American Woman - The Guess Who

Get Ready - Rare Earth

Band Of Gold - Freda Payne

Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head - B.J. Thomas

ABC - The Jackson 5

Let It Be - The Beatles

(They Long To Be) Close To You - The Carpenters

Mama Told Me Not To Come - Three Dog Night

War - Edwin Starr

In 1970, I was following military ordered directives with a shaved head and combat boots. Judge Robbins would have loved Parris Island, South Carolina. Our boot recruits were all dressed and ready to be Sheriff-approved potential defendants.

Do yourself a favor if you want to take your mind elsewhere. For 35 bucks a year, or 60 for two, *The Mountain Messenger* will be mailed every week to your address. For subscriptions, send your request to *The Mountain Messenger*, 313 Main St., P.O. Drawer A, Downieville, CA 95936.

Tell Carl Butz, owner, editor, and publisher, the *Whidbey Weekly* and the *New York Times* sent you. We are both fans.

On the up and up

Thanks to the person whom I forgot who sent this to me. You know who you are even if I don't.

"This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is UP. It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v].

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward

the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP.

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word *Up* in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about 30 definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP. One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now, my time is UP!"

Wow. Glad that is over. Anyone else feel uppity?

Public domain one-liners

One of our regular providers of jocularity sent me this series of comments about the quarantine back when it started. I was too quarantined to laugh in March. Now that the smoke has cleared the clouds, I think this old stay at home stuff is sorta funny.

I was so bored I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to someone. He asked me what I was wearing.

2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors.

You think it's bad now? In 20 years our country will be run by people home schooled by day drinkers.

This virus has done what no woman has been able to do- cancel all sports, shut down all bars, and keep men at home.

Does anyone know if we can take showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

I never thought the comment, "I wouldn't touch him/her with a 6 foot pole", would become a national policy, but here we are.

Me: Alexa what's the weather this weekend? Alexa: It doesn't matter- you're not going anywhere.

Can everyone please just follow the government instructions so we can knock out this coronavirus and be done? I feel like a kindergartner who keeps losing more recess time because one or two kids can't follow directions.

Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers, and we get really excited about car rides.

Pigskin preview

"When you win, nothing hurts." -Joe Namath, Alabama

"I never graduated from Iowa. I was only there for two terms-Truman's and Eisenhower's." - Alex Karras, Iowa

After USC lost to Notre Dame 51-0, Coach John McKay's message to his team was on the subtle side of the pigskin: "All those who need showers, take them."

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- Purchase rhodies at the plant sale
- Get your tulips and daffodil bulbs
- Send a postcard or buy a new hat
- Sip cider in a socially distant line
- Show off your fall-themed mask
- Participate in a kids scavenger hunt
- Sign up for any of 3 classes per day
- Stroll the garden and trails
- Enjoy a wandering accordion player

Get ALL the details and pre-register for classes at www.meerkerkgardens.org



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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

I support Carolyn Cliff as a Superior Court judge because she is an excellent attorney and judge pro tem who cares about the law and the citizens of Island County. By electing Carolyn Cliff to serve on the bench, our community will greatly benefit from her 30 years of experience as an attorney and 20 years of experience as a judge pro tem.

As an attorney in Island County, I often represent juveniles. I admire Carolyn Cliff's ability to communicate effectively with young people who usually are quite stressed and nervous about appearing in court. She always conveys a calm demeanor and a willingness to listen. She takes the time to explain to them the legal process and her decisions in words they can understand.

Carolyn Cliff's knowledge and skill as an attorney have enabled her to become a very effective judge pro tem. She knows our community and what resources are available to those appearing before her. Her track record makes it clear she will be a terrific Superior Court judge and she deserves our votes.

Sara Andrews
Coupeville, Wash.

Editor,

I was chagrined that the [South Whidbey] School District would display a BLM banner. The article [Sept. 17-23 issue of *Whidbey Weekly*] reads this is not partisan or political. IT IS PARTISAN AND POLITICAL and has no place on school property.

Karola Jenkins Cornelius
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Editor,

We support Carolyn Cliff as Island County Superior Court Judge.

In a recent Letter to the Editor, the writer stated he supported Carolyn's opposing candidate because the opposing candidate was new to the local legal community and had not practiced law locally. These are deficiencies, not advantages.

Contrariwise, Carolyn is well known to the local legal community and has practiced law locally for many years, including the very court in which she would preside. She is well-grounded in the subject matter and types of cases that constantly appear on that court docket. That is an asset. Also, practicing members of the local legal community can observe and learn about a fellow lawyer from many perspectives. That is, get to know their true character and legal prowess. Accordingly, Carolyn is known to us as very knowledgeable, well prepared, honest, and honorable.

In addition, a judge's local knowledge can be valuable when deciding local issues. But a judge's decision must be based upon the applicable law and proven facts, not upon local connections. Carolyn will focus on relevant law; she will not be influenced by local connections.

Please vote for Carolyn Cliff. She will be an admirable Superior Court Judge.

Joan McPherson, Former Island County Superior Court Judge
Molly McPherson, Practicing Island County Attorney

Editor,

I see a number of signs to re-elect the current president have been removed after his most recent outrage. It is hard to imagine how he still has any supporters left at all. Those who still support him must be victims of, as the president says, herd mentality.

The reason for this letter is not about the president per se, it is about those running in the party of which he is the leader. The sycophants at all levels have encouraged this president to continue to engage in barbarity and scandal, doing nothing to rein him in. It is important that we not vote for any of them!

I did a telephone "survey" recently. It was clear it was no survey, it was a hit piece directed at one particular candidate, Angie Homola!

Those who are familiar with the candidates could clearly see the false representations made. Angie's opponent demonstrated his ignorance of the duties of a state legislator by misleading statements.

Don't allow bad government to perpetuate. It is important we return honesty and integrity to government at all levels. Vote for Democratic candidates!

John Colby Stone
Coupeville, Wash.

Editor,

During the five years I have lived and worked on Whidbey Island, I have been continually amazed by its residents' "old fashioned" approach to daily living: The constant acts of kindness, neighborliness, the honest and ethical approaches to business, and the plain old good citizenship.

One of the first examples of this was when I needed an estate attorney and contacted Carolyn Cliff. She told me right off that she was retiring from private practice but asked what kind of help I needed. I explained our situation and criteria, and she recommended two other local attorneys, taking the time to explain their differences in approach and experience. That made it easy for me to decide who would best fit our needs. We were quite pleased with the referral and impressed by Carolyn's willingness to take the time to help us.

Over the past few years, Carolyn has become a friend. In discussing her with many different local business people, I have heard countless stories of what she has done for clients and how she has fought for justice. I've learned that, in addition to her private practice, she's been a judge here in Island County for over 20 years. Carolyn has a reputation for being fair and impartial, thoroughly prepared, and willing to tackle tough issues while remaining compassionate to those involved. Carolyn has devoted most of her career and adult life to the betterment of our community.

Carolyn is now running for Island County Superior Court to replace Judge Vickie Churchill, who is retiring. I strongly believe that, when choosing our next judge, we should vote for the candidate who has strong judicial experience, a proven ability to be fair-minded, is experienced across a wide range of the cases that come up in our court, and who has the respect of so many who interact with her while on the bench. That candidate is Carolyn Cliff.

As a business person, I understand that past behavior represents future behavior. Carolyn's track record as an exemplary attorney and experienced judge make me confident that she will be an outstanding judge.

Janis Machala
Langley, Wash.

Editor,

Norms, Standards and Behaviors Revisited

Two years ago I wrote a letter to the Editor titled: "Norms, Standards and Behaviors." At that time I had watched a C-Span episode that featured James R. Clapper, former Director of National Security, and Michael V. Hayden, former Director of the National Security Agency. Their main point was that our national

institutions had been under tremendous stress when it came to the rule of law, national policy, diplomacy and foreign relations as a result of Presidential tweets and actions.

Now we have added stressors that include COVID-19, racial injustice issues, climate change, economic fallout and White House falsehoods, misinformation and incompetence.

If you have decided to vote for Trump, nothing I write will change your mind. If you are weighing the good and bad that have transpired since Trump took office, and are unsure how to cast your presidential ballot, be aware that science, history, tradition and integrity are not welcome in this administration. We have moved past my belief that men and women of character and professionalism, like Mr. Clapper and Mr. Hayden, would prevail, that they would advise and assist Trump's administration in practicing good governance.

How is it possible that someone with no background in science, health, history, economics or governance could reassure you that he knows best, no matter what the topic? If my car, and its various parts, stand in for the U.S. government, I want the best mechanic I can get fixing the problems. I want professionals with lots of experience and vetted credentials handling our national affairs. I want accountability, proof, and reason as part of the mix, not half-truths, conspiracy tales and made up stuff.

We have moved way past a Ford vs. Chevy, Republican vs. Democrat scenario. We are in the hands of a despot who is a master at put downs, talking over people, and using bluster and pretension to manage our country. I miss hearing what intelligent Republicans like Jon Huntsman Jr. have to say about our national mess. I miss public discourse that works to come up with solutions to all of our domestic and foreign policy issues. I miss real Republicans who take a stand based on principles and not party.

I am asking my fellow Americans to take a step back from anger, bitterness, rage and vitriol. Deep down, most of us want for our country what we want for our families, friends and communities; we want respect, cordial relations, and social discourse that works toward solutions. Let's vote that way so we can return to the norms, standards and behaviors we are all familiar with – the ones embodied in the Golden Rule.

Mike Diamanti
Coupeville, Wash.

Editor,

Bridge to nowhere

Did you all know Island county is building a bridge to nowhere? Well, it's actually a behavioral health crisis center, also known as Crisis Stabilization Center. Here are some facts about the project: it's 10 beds serving five counties. Originally it was going to serve three counties but I heard Jill Johnson, the lead commissioner of the project, say five counties. "It's for people who are feeling that they are in some sort of crisis...they feel they need to go somewhere where they're safe for a couple of days." That's a pretty broad description as to who this facility will be serving. The crisis center will be for voluntary admittance only for short-term residential stay, 3-5 days, "all of the services provided would be steps in the recovery process, but none of this would be intended to be permanent," I read that as a "revolving door." The county secured "about" \$5 million from the state capital budget (our money) and spent \$1 million (our money) that came from the Island County homeless fund, for the land. Since the county will own the property and building, and since government doesn't produce anything, that means we the people will continue to be paying for this project. We don't know what the yearly costs will be to run the facility or the toll it will take on the community. There was never a public hearing on the project so the citizens could express their concerns, there were only public lectures. I don't know about you, but I want a county

commissioner who will listen to their constituents, not lecture us because they know what's best for us. I voted for Jill Johnson for the last two elections, I will be voting for Dan Evans this time around. I will leave you with Jill Johnson's quote, "I don't know if it will get any better than this if we pull this off."

Char Henderson
Freeland, Wash.

Editor,

Your Navy must be ready to respond

As we've done for decades, your U.S. Navy conducts critical military readiness activities in the Pacific Northwest, and we are reapplying for authorizations to continue this training and testing for the next seven years, as our current authorizations expire later this year.

It is imperative the Navy continues these activities in the Pacific Northwest to prepare our Sailors for dangerous or emergency missions throughout the world, to include large-scale conflicts, maritime security operations, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief efforts.

Training and testing in the Pacific Northwest's diverse and challenging environment is crucial to prepare Sailors for what they will experience in dynamic real-world situations to ensure both their success and survival.

As part of this process, the Navy recently released the Northwest Training and Testing (NWT) Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, in which the Navy analyzed the potential environmental impacts associated with proposed future military readiness activities in this region.

These activities are predominately similar to ones that have safely occurred in this area for decades. While Navy activity makes up less than one percent of all Puget Sound vessel traffic and approximately six percent of air traffic in Washington State each year, we are committed to collaborating on best practices while balancing our national defense and environmental stewardship responsibilities.

The Navy implements multiple protective measures during these activities to mitigate impacts on the environment. The Navy has added new and updated protective measures based on the best available science, recent consultation with Federal and State regulators, and comments from the public. You can learn about them and find the Navy's updated comprehensive analysis at www.nwtteis.com. The Navy expects to release a Record of Decision on this analysis later this fall.

The bottom line is the skills your Navy needs to ensure our national security at sea are challenging to master and they require consistent practice in unique environments like the Pacific Northwest.

The lives of our men and women in uniform depend on their readiness, and our Nation depends on them to be prepared to answer the call when the moment arrives.

Rear Admiral Stephen Barnett
Commander, Navy Region Northwest

Dine Out for Kids

Dine Out for Kids Thursday from 7:00AM to 4:30PM at Sunshine Drip, 306 N. Main Street, Coupeville. Sunshine Drip will donate a portion of their sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support through teacher grants, college scholarships and the Promise Fund. For more information, visit www.4coupevilleschools.org.

[Submitted by Kathy Harada]

Getting Ready for Medicare - Online Workshop

People who are nearing their 65th birthday, or who are eligible for Medicare based on Social Security Disability, are encouraged to attend this Zoom virtual workshop Friday at 10:30AM. You will receive information about the enrollment process, Medicare benefits and costs, prescription coverage, all plan options available to Island County residents - including low income assistance.

For information and to register, call Island Senior Resources at 360-321-1600, ext.0

SHIBA is a free service of the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner. SHIBA can help you research, assess and eval-



uate what options work best for you and your needs, so you can make an informed decision.

[Submitted by Jean Mathisen, SHIBA Volunteer, Island County]

Books by Mail Removes All Contact from Book-Borrowing Equation

Sno-Isle Libraries wants to make sure its customers can get books and other physical materials, even for those customers who are reluctant to try contact-free services at their local library.

Books by Mail is available to any Sno-Isle Libraries customer who can't or doesn't want to go to a community library to pick up materials, said Sonia Gustafson, manager of Sno-Isle Libraries Library on Wheels program.

Books by Mail is intended as a temporary service for those who are unable to participate in contact-free services at a physical library location due to coronavirus precautions. It's available to customers who live within the Sno-Isle Libraries District, including the city of Everett.

To join Books by Mail, customers will need to complete an online application form or call any community library to request the service. Customers who are approved for the service will receive an email confirmation within two to three business days and can begin placing holds for books and other physical materials at that time.

"If customers need assistance placing holds, they can contact their community library," Gustafson said. "Just remind them to send holds to Library on Wheels."

While customers will select "Library on Wheels" as the pickup location, they won't need to go past their mailbox to get their holds. The Books by Mail team at Library on Wheels will send items using U.S. Postal Service Media Mail.

The number of items in each Books by Mail envelope is determined by size and weight of the items placed on hold. Up to five items will fit in an envelope. If all of a customer's requested hold items will not fit in one enve-

lope, the customer's remaining holds will be sent after the first order is returned.

"We are able to send most library materials through the mail, including books, DVDs and audiobooks," Gustafson said. "However, we can't send big coffee-table books, most cookbooks, atlases and other large or heavy items."

It can take up to two weeks for the Books by Mail envelope to arrive in the mail. This time frame is taken into account when due dates are set for the customer's items.

Customers can check the due dates on borrowed items by clicking the Log In/My Account button on sno-isle.org. All items are automatically renewed if no other customer is waiting to borrow the item.

Each Books by Mail envelope sent to customers includes a postage-paid return mailing label and instructions about how to mail the items back to Sno-Isle Libraries. In general:

- Use the envelope provided to mail materials back to Sno-Isle Libraries and ensure it is labeled correctly.
- Double-check the receipt and return only the materials sent by Library on Wheels. The prepaid postage rate is determined by the weight of the customer's hold items. Please do not use the envelope to return items that were not sent using Books by Mail. Seal the envelope and place in your mailbox or contact your local post office to discuss pickup options.

[Submitted by Communications Specialist Kurt Batdorf, Sno-Isle Libraries]

Northwest Training and Testing Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement Available for Public Viewing

The U.S. Navy has completed a final supplement to the 2015 Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with

proposed ongoing and future military readiness activities within the NWTT Study Area, referred to as the "Study Area." Military readiness activities include training and research, development, testing, and evaluation activities, referred to as "training and testing."

In the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS, the Navy evaluated new, relevant information, such as more recent marine mammal density data and scientific information, and updated previous environmental analyses as appropriate. The Navy prepared the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS to support the issuance of federal regulatory permits and authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Proposed Action:

The Navy's proposed action is to continue training and testing activities at sea and in associated airspace within the study area. These activities include the use of active sonar and explosives. The Navy will continue to implement mitigation measures to avoid or reduce potential impacts on marine species and the environment from training and testing activities.

Proposed activities are similar to those that have occurred in the study area for decades and previously analyzed in the 2015 document.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to conduct training and testing activities to ensure the Navy can accomplish its mission to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas.

To achieve and maintain military readiness, the Navy proposes to:

- Continue training and testing activities at sea and in associated airspace at levels required to support military readiness requirements beyond 2020.
- Incorporate evolving mission requirements, including those resulting from the development, testing, and introduction of new

vessels, aircraft, and weapons systems into the fleet.

The study area remains unchanged from the 2015 NWTT Final EIS/OEIS. The Study Area is comprised of established maritime operating areas and warning areas in the northeastern Pacific Ocean, including areas within the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound, and the Western Behm Canal in southeastern Alaska. The Study Area includes air and water space within and outside Washington state waters and established special use airspace, Navy pierside and harbor locations within Washington state waters, and air and water space outside the state waters of Oregon and Northern California. A predominant portion of the Study Area offshore remains outside of 12 nautical miles from the coastlines of Washington, Oregon, and California. No land-based activities were analyzed in the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS.

In accordance with National Environmental Policy Act regulations, the Navy will wait a minimum of 30 days after publication of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS before making a final decision on the action.

The Navy is committed to providing an accessible version of the Final Supplemental EIS/OEIS to the public during COVID-19 conditions. The document will be available to the public on the project website www.NWTTIEIS.com beginning Sept. 18, 2020. If you need assistance accessing the document, please contact Ms. Julianne Stanford, Navy Region Northwest Public Affairs Office, at julianne.stanford@navy.mil or 360-867-8525.

If you would like additional information, please visit www.NWTTIEIS.com or contact:

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest
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The Reasons Why

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There are so many reasons why the voters should consider voting for the Republicans and especially President Trump, **who is considered by many to be the best President of the United States in its history** and will be so written in the history books. This contrast diametrically with President Obama, when the dust settles, and the truth is clear, his legacy will be written as its **most corrupt** and worst President in its history. ***The reason why they hate Trump so much is his success as he becomes impossible to defeat.*** Consider Trump's accomplishments, which a few are:

- Trump is responsible for great trade deals like the USMCA, the trade deals with South Korea and Japan, and the UK and the EU are in progress. Finally, the United States is getting fair trade deals and not winding up with the short end of the stick.
 - Trump defeated ISIS and its Caliphate. This includes the killing of several of its top generals. Recently, he warned Iran not to take revenge action as the US reaction will be 1,000 times more severe.
 - Trump is responsible for a booming economy with the best job and unemployment numbers of all groups of our citizens in memory. The pandemic has put a damper on those statistics, but they are returning very fast.
 - Trump has rebuilt our defenses to where now they are the best in the world.
 - Trump has been successful in getting many NATO countries to pay their fair share to support NATO.
 - Trump has reformed the medical support for our vets so now they get fast local service without waiting excessive periods of time to get the medical help they need.
 - Thanks to Trump, jobs are returning in large numbers due to his tariffs and other actions.
 - Trump is building the wall and now with over 300 miles completed, keeping out illegal immigrants that will have a negative impact on many things.
 - Trump's performance on the pandemic is outstanding in all areas.
 - Trump supports law and order while the Democrats support defunding the police and their silence says they support the riots, and the lawlessness that is destroying a number of our large cities.
 - Trump has been successful in getting about 300 federal judges including 2 Supreme Court ones appointed to the bench. These judges will support the Constitution as it is written. It is predicted that he will now nominate a third one to this highest court and get that one approved before the election.
 - Trump was successful in getting 2 Arab Nations to establish diplomatic and peace relations with Israel. For this achievement he was nominated for two Nobel Peace Prizes.
- In summary, Trump has kept the promises made.

The list seems endless and now to compare Joe Biden's accomplishments, which are:

Biden was successful in getting the Ukraine prosecutor fired who was investigating his corrupt son. (His son was being paid huge amounts of money by a corrupt Ukraine energy company even though his son had no experience in energy.) Biden made fortunes selling out America to the Chinese that resulting in countless numbers of American jobs going to China. Biden supported NAFTA and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP). NAFTA cost thousands of American jobs and the TPP would have too. (It is a mockery that the Democratic Platform now supports the "made in America" slogan.)

One must consider that as a zebra doesn't change its strips, a proven crook will still be a crook even if he is elected President!

The 2020 Democratic Party Platform

In history, socialism has been tried several times with not one success. Communism was an optimum social model, but it resulted in a wall being built separating the communist world and the capitalist. Its purpose was to keep their citizens from fleeing for a chance at a better life. As the economics of socialism is unchanged, so the ***voters need not risk being part of another experiment to change America into a socialist nation as that will not be a dream but a nightmare*** with their vote. The Democratic Platform is full of "free" items from "Medicare-for-all," college tuition, and on and on ***requiring \$ trillions in new taxes.***

With beautiful language, the Platform discusses many things, but not discussed is the performance of the Democratic Governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Michigan who ordered their sick with COVID 19 patients back into nursing or similar facilities to infect many other residents there and causing thousands of deaths. It has no mention of defunding the police and the rioting causing billions in property damage. ***Reimagined police is no police.*** Currently, there is an absence of law and order in many of our larger Democratic controlled cities. ***The backbone of society is law and order. Without law and order there is anarchy and riots and that is what we are witnessing today. If you vote for a Democrat, this is what you are voting for!***

Volumes could be written concerning their socialistic platform and the following is a sampling:

- The Democratic Platform is the answer to the unions' dream. They propose to repeal the "right-to-work" laws that are on the books in many states. This means that workers that don't belong to unions will still be required to pay union dues.
- The Democrats will rejoin that disastrous Paris Climate Agreement.
- The Democrats propose that the maximum rent should be no more than 30% of one's income. The balance is paid by, you guessed it, the taxpayers.
- The Democrats want to install 500 million solar panels and construct 60,000 wind turbines. Economics are never discussed as these changes could send our electric bills soaring. (One coal executive once stated that coal cost \$.04 a kilowatt-hour to generate and wind turbines cost \$.27. Of much interest to the consumer is to learn the real cost of both concepts.) An item not mentioned is wind is not reliable which would require a total redundant system as backup.
- The Democrats want to make Washington DC and Puerto Rico the 51st & 52nd states giving them 4 more Senate seats.
- The Democrats will repeal the 2017 Trump tax cuts.

There is a debate in progress concerning the Democratic ticket. Is it Biden and Harris or is it Harris and Biden? Biden clearly does not have the intelligence or character to be president. Trump, perhaps 30 years ago described Senator Biden as a "No brains, but a great smile person."

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Outcast's stream season p. 10

WICA presents a whole new way to Django

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley has put on an acclaimed celebration of gypsy jazz music for 20 years and organizers were not about to let a worldwide pandemic stop this season of DjangoFest Northwest. After initially thinking they'd have to cancel, they are happy to report DjangoFest will proceed with a three-day, virtual festival starting Friday and running through Sunday.

"When we made the decision to postpone our international festival – our 20th Anniversary festival no less! – our community, fans and artists urged us to find a way to keep the music going," said Verna Everitt, WICA's executive director and DjangoFest producer.

"Gypsy jazz festivals everywhere have been canceled," said Deana Duncan, longtime DjangoFest producer and WICA's artistic director. "Early on, we realized that a virtual DjangoFest NW would be a fantastic and important way to keep artists and audiences connected.

"Live streaming allows us and the music to be relevant during this time of global shuttering of live performance and travel bans," Duncan continued, saying the ability to livestream

is useful – for now. "We're learning valuable ways to stay connected in the future, but it's not a format that can ever replace live performance. Of that, we are certain!"

WICA recently produced its first livestream event and that experience is now benefiting DjangoFest Northwest, according to its Artistic Director, Simon Planting.

"We also learned that assembling the right talent is very important," he said. "Verna and Deana produced a great event with a dream team of filmmakers and technicians. I am happy they will be working on our festival, too."

Although there will be no in-person concerts or workshops with celebrated artists from around the world, no pop-up "djam" sessions sprouting up around the City by the Sea, the ability to hold a virtual festival this year could actually mean more exposure for Whidbey Island.

"The festival traditionally draws thousands of visitors to our community each year," said Everitt. "Our innovative, virtual fest will be an extraordinary opportunity to introduce first-time, international audiences to Whidbey. When the time comes, we hope they will join us in-person to experience our beautiful island and first-class hospitality."

From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 2:30 p.m., there will be livestreaming concerts from the festival stage. These performances will feature festival favorites like Troy Chapman, Duo Gadjo, Julian Smedley, Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews and Pearl Django doing 25-minute sets of live music, according to Everitt.

There will also be recorded "home" concerts by other artists from well, everywhere.

"Our 'From-Home' concerts are bespoke and feature outstanding artists from around the world," said Planting. "Fapy Lafertin, Koen de Cauter, Paulus Schäfer, and Dominique Paats rented an intimate theater in the Netherlands to film two sets; The Transatlantic Trio, comprised of Richard Smith, Rory Hoffman, and Joscho Stephan recorded in their studios in Nashville and Germany; the Bina Coquet Quartet, featuring Florian Cristea, produced a beautiful concert of traditional



Photo Courtesy of DjangoFest Northwest
Livestreaming from the DjangoFest mainstage Saturday at 7:30 p.m. will be Duo Gadjo with Julian Smedley and Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews along with Simon Planting, part of this year's virtual DjangoFest Northwest.

and original music in Brazil; and Robin Nolan is putting the finishing touches on his set in Amsterdam."

Those interested in enjoying this virtual DjangoFest can purchase tickets for \$10 on WICA's website (wicaonline.org), then will be sent a link with information about how to watch. Recordings of the event will be available to watch until Oct. 4.

Organizers hope the low cost will encourage people to support the festival.

"The idea that 'art shouldn't be a luxury' is very important to us," Everitt said. "We know that many of our neighbors are struggling right now and hope that the ticket price will make the festival accessible."

"In addition, the modest fee should encourage music lovers unfamiliar with the genre to experience this one-of-a-kind introduction to the world of gypsy jazz," Planting added.

"Because venues and festivals are closed world-wide, our artists have been unable to earn income," Duncan pointed out. "Ticket sales from the festival will help support the musicians sharing their talents with us."

Information about artists, schedules and tickets can be found at wicaonline.org or djangofest.com.



Photo Courtesy of DjangoFest Northwest
Closing out this year's virtual DjangoFest Northwest live performances will be Pearl Django, livestreaming from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Clinton Community Council presents Gateway draft plan for feedback

By **Alec Brown** Whidbey Weekly

The Island County Planning and Community Development Department and the Clinton Community Council (CCC) have held their first two meetings via Zoom to discuss and receive feedback about a proposed Gateway Draft Plan.

The CCC was formed to be the voice of Clinton's community in the absence of a mayor. Doug Hofius, the council's chairman, has been working for eight years on various issues in the Clinton area—and he and the council are now working on updating the economic element of the Island County Comprehensive Plan (ICCP).

The first of two meetings, which were held the past two Tuesdays, saw around 28 participants. Island County Long Range Planner, Meredith Penny, presented the plan, along with associates Jonathan Lange, Island County planning manager, and Grant Johnson, associate land use planner.

Penny began the presentation by stating the Island County Comprehensive Plan (ICCP) is normally updated every eight years—but now, it is being updated every 10. She defines it as the "centerpiece of local planning at the county...over a 20-year time frame."

The ICCP is required by state law under the Growth Management Act. The Gateway Draft Plan's ultimate goal is to become an amendment to the Economic Development Element of the ICCP in 2020.

After working with consultants to survey property and analyze opportunities for economic growth in Clinton, they are now editing the Gateway Draft Plan to prioritize the most important things to work on and improve Clinton's first impression as visitors arrive on Whidbey Island.

Commissioner Helen Price Johnson offered a quick clarification to attendees about what the "Gateway" part of the plan means before the presentation began, stating "The seven gateways mentioned include the two state bridges (SR20 and SR 532), the two state ferry runs (Clinton and Coupeville) and the three small airports."

The Gateway Plan's five main priorities are walkability for pedestrians, traffic calming, beautification, zoning, and infrastructure. The CCC plans to work with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accomplish the first two priorities. This includes installing sidewalks, crosswalks, and refuge islands along highways to provide bike and pedestrian connectivity to Clinton.



Photo Courtesy of Clinton Chamber of Commerce
The Clinton Community Council is looking for feedback on a proposed Gateway Draft plan that looks to make improvements to various entrance points to Whidbey Island.

Another part of these priorities involves reducing speed limits along SR 525, and potentially reducing the number of north-bound lanes from the Clinton ferry dock to mile marker 9.25.

But it's not just safety the plan prioritizes. The beautification, zoning and infrastructure initiatives call for sidewalk and median planter strips, provide regular cleaning and maintenance to Dan Porter Park, evaluate current zoning and provide a wastewater

treatment system to support expanding retail. These changes, in theory, will make Clinton a much more desirable location for new businesses and growth.

Several participants at the meeting had questions, including whether wastewater issues would limit more dense housing options.

According to Penny, that is correct. Housing density can increase through zoning, but

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For Vets Only

Memories and recollections
 of U.S. Service Members

Contributed by
 Jeff Rogers
 Freeland



Like most veterans, I like to share "war stories" with other vets. Those kinds of stories, often about our humorous or bizarre experiences in the military, are fun and strengthen bonds between us. But as veterans know as well as anyone, there are also different kinds of stories. Stories about the difficult ways war affects people in their daily lives.

I have seen effects of war from three points of view. I've seen the damage war inflicts on those fighting; the toll on those participating in policy decisions about war; and the struggle by veterans and their families to cope with the lasting effects of war.

I served for a year in the Vietnam war. Some of my duty was ashore, but much of my time was on the Navy hospital ship Repose (AH 16) stationed in Danang. Day after day, night after night, helicopters and small boats brought us injured young American soldiers and Marines and injured Vietnamese children. Far too many left in body bags.

A few weeks after I arrived in Vietnam in early November 1968, newly elected President Richard Nixon chose my father, William P. Rogers, to be the Secretary of State. That surprise appointment made my year in Vietnam even more surreal. I wrote my parents letters describing the reality of the war as I saw it. Dad anguished as he and Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird struggled – mostly in vain – to persuade Nixon and his advisor, Henry Kissinger, not to escalate senseless bombing and fighting, but to end the war wisely. Instead, 25,000 more Americans and countless Vietnamese died before the war ended in a tragic stalemate, which led to immense suffering afterwards.

In 2004, after being a lawyer for 30 years, I began a second career as a mental health counselor to help those managing the damage of war. I treat combat veterans and their families dealing with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, depression, addiction, moral injury, and suicide. I've worked with veterans from World War II through the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. They are affected in similar ways, no matter how different the wars may be.

I am not a pacifist. I believe circumstances can sometimes, regrettably, make war necessary. But I have seen enough of the ways war profoundly damages individual lives to make me hate war at the deepest level of my soul. I feel intensely sad and angry about policymakers who send young men and women to war without understanding – or worse, without caring – how war tears apart lives and families. For those affected, war is not a "war story."

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Life Tributes



DEBORAH BARROW-DAUMEN



Deborah Barrow-Daumen passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones Sept. 10, 2020. Debbie's life was sadly cut short from pancreatic cancer. Despite her diagnosis and hard fight against cancer, she remained incredibly stoic,

demonstrating her unrelenting strength, determination and love for life.

Debbie was born Nov. 19, 1961 to Roberta and Donald Wood in San Jose, Calif. She was raised in Auburn, Calif., with her five other siblings: Annette Cosgrove, Jeanette Prout, Tricia Bushey, Don Wood, and Julie Riise. Debbie remained in Auburn until she married her first husband, Brad Barrow. They later moved to Granite Falls, Wash., where they started a family together and had five children: Jennifer (Baker), Amy, Kristen, Eric, and Laura (Le). In 1995, they moved to Langley to be closer to family and raise their children.

After Brad's passing, Debbie met Jim Daumen and they married in 2002. Along with Jim's children, Amy (Ward) and Lucy (Casal), their family enjoyed many happy memories together - traveling, hiking, cooking, playing games, and sharing Debbie's love for family gatherings. When Jim and Debbie retired, their shared love for travel continued to take them on many adventures together, while also frequenting Debbie's two favorite places - Leavenworth and Maui. Debbie and Jim also enjoyed spending precious time with their six grandkids, Marlon, Juniper, Zedro, Anazalea, Tiago and Brayden.

Debbie had a passion for serving others and loved the South Whidbey community. She was an admired leader, involved with the Relay For Life, Whidbey Island Highland Games, Langley Middle School's Builders Club, Pennies for Patients and other organizations promoting goodwill throughout the community. Debbie also worked as the Attendance Secretary at Langley Middle School for many years. She loved working with students and strived to maintain a safe, positive, and supportive environment at LMS. She treated students with the same respect and kindness, as she did her own children.

Debbie will always be remembered for her generosity, caring, positive attitude and tremendous love for her family, friends, and community. She was preceded in death by both parents and leaves behind many relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Memorial donations can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network in Debbie's name at Pancan.org.

A celebration of life gathering for the community will be held at a later date. Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

BETTY ANN ROBBINS



Betty Ann Clark Robbins passed away Sept. 15, 2020. She was born in Fayetteville, N.C., to James McNeil Clark and Lillian Crawford Clark Nov. 18, 1927. Betty grew up in Fayetteville and was a devout Methodist. After

graduating from Greensboro College in 1949, Betty met the love of her life, Lt. George (Robbie) Robbins, while working as a librarian at Fort Bragg, N.C. They married Aug. 12, 1950 and enjoyed 68 joyful years of marriage, until Robbie passed away in August of 2018.

Betty had an absolute joy and excitement for life. She was a lady who fully embraced the adventures and challenges of being a military wife. Throughout Robbie's career, they lived in many beautiful places including Costa Rica. During their retirement years, they traveled extensively in their RV throughout Canada, the United States, and Central America. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking an RV trip in New Zealand. In 2001 they settled in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Betty had various interests including book clubs, garden clubs, and duplicate bridge. She was a Life Master bridge player and a certified flower show judge.

Betty treasured music and was awed by the natural beauty God has provided.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Col. George Bernard Robbins, Jr.; her parents, James McNeil Clark and Lillian Crawford Clark; and her brothers, James McNeil Clark Jr. and John Crawford Clark.

She is survived by her daughter, Joy Robbins Pearson; two grandchildren, Diana Marie Eberhardt (Matthew) and Scott James Pearson; and three great grandsons, Luke Pearson Eberhardt, James Henry Eberhardt, and Caleb Aaron Eberhardt.

Betty Ann's final resting place will be with her love, Col. George B. Robbins Jr., at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Wash.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will not be a celebration of life ceremony. A graveside committal service will take place Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the First United Methodist Church of Oak Harbor through the mail at: First United Methodist Church, 1050 SE Ireland Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, or online at: oakharborfumc.org/give.

She wished to share the following poem in her obituary:

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
 I'm following the path God laid for me.
 I took His hand when I heard Him call:
 I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day
 To laugh, to love, to work or play.
 Tasks left undone must stay that way;
 I found my place at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
 Then fill it with remembered joys.
 A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
 Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
 I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
 My life's been full, I savored much;
 Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
 Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
 Lift up your heart and share with me;
 God wanted me now, He set me free.*

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2****8:06 am, Sunlight Shores Ln.**

Reporting party advising hired male to do work and he walked off job; took \$200 worth of hardware.

11:08 am, Williams Rd.

Advising subject at location keeps calling business line to SNO911 "Saying a female named Tanya is stealing his thoughts with an EMF machine."

11:17 am, Juniper Ct.

Caller found deceased rat in her yard, close to road. Caller lives alone, no one to assist her with picking it up.

1:59 pm, Goss Lake Rd.

Requesting call referencing subject who lives in area; her dogs repeatedly run out and attack reporting party and his dogs when he is on walks.

2:53 pm, Silver Lake Rd.

Occurred around 1 pm today; FedEx driver stopped in front of location and reporting party believes he was taking pictures of her daughter and her friend.

6:52 pm, NW Crosby Ave.

Reporting party advising daughter is being blackmailed over internet regarding some pictures taken. Reporting party states daughter believes male subject lives in Mount Vernon, unknown name.

8:38 pm, NW Alexander St.

Advising heard alarm and then loud explosion; no fire or smoke seen.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3**4:22 pm, SR 525**

Reporting party advising male sitting on side of road with helmet on holding his ankle. Advising didn't see bike, could have been in ditch.

5:30 pm, Harbor Hills Dr.

Advising deer got tangled up in reporting party's windsock, it is stuck around its neck, unknown where it is now but normally stays in area of her residence.

6:06 pm, Cornet Bay Rd.

Reporting party advising subject swearing and yelling at reporting party's group in front of children. Male upset about crabbing dispute and location of crab pots.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4**12:24 am, East Harbor Rd.**

Advising many people at her house. She heard crashing sound "like a space craft" and everyone is gone. Reporting party advising "she is of sound mind."

10:58 am, N Sherman Rd.

Reporting elderly male walking backwards up Sherman Road. White male, tan hat, white shirt, tan shorts.

12:06 pm, SR 20

Advising tire is on fire in middle of highway, reporting some flames and smoke.

3:14 pm, SR 525

Reporting party told business owner he didn't like his Black Lives Matter sign and owner told reporting party he wasn't welcome in his business. This was 15 minutes ago. Reporting party just wanting it documented in case something happens.

4:00 pm, Heller Rd.

Advising weird happenings today at location. People have been going in and out of window and they bring ladder

with them and gallons of bleach. Occurs in middle of night. Last night was most recent occurrence.

4:40 pm, Main St.

Female in store, chose not to wear mask, called employee names. Occurred 30 minutes ago. Wants her trespassed.

5:02 pm, SR 20

Grey Kia Soul swerved in reporting party's lane trying to hit reporting party. Occurred around 4:45 pm.

5:26 pm, Storkson Dr.

Male on side of highway. White male, approximately late 40s, six feet tall, large build, blond ponytail, last seen wearing black "costume" hard hat statue and cape and appears to be putting on a costume; has a lot of signs out.

11:52 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising people from location are running around area screaming and yelling at each other and female; last heard subjects by Pit Road.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5**8:39 am, SR 525**

Large cow getting ready to cross highway. Reporting party just drove past it, just south of location.

10:04 am, Sidney St.

Received report from lifeguard at location who just arrived to find someone had broken into pool last night. Clothing, bracelet and other items left behind. States it is obvious pool was used. Also found blood on pool deck.

8:49 pm, Storkson Dr.

Reporting party states was having activist project yesterday. Gas station owner called police. States went to get gas and owner of gas station was aggressive.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6**1:34 am, Jones Rd.**

Reporting party states huge fire in front of camper; states "I'm being accused of taking stuff."

3:20 am, SR 20

Advising kept trying to go to sleep and neighbor woke her up; reporting party is at 7-11 using phone. Will be at 7-11 for contact.

10:39 am, S Main St.

In dining room, customer refusing to put on mask. Was asked to leave. Male using profanities and is now refusing. Doesn't want male trespassed but asked to leave.

11:05 am, Shore Ave.

Caller states male is walking briskly in area and looks suspicious. States he looks suspicious because he's walking fast.

12:44 pm, SR 525

Reporting someone put Dave Paul sign on their property. Requesting call.

2:35 pm, Timberline Rd.

Vehicle caught up in power line. No arcing or sparking. Vehicle is blocking road. Everyone is out of vehicle.

4:29 pm, Swede Hill Rd.

Advising female in front of reporting party's house threatening reporting party's life; is yelling and saying "You need to get off this land or you're gonna get killed."

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

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A VIRTUAL OUTCAST:

Local theater company embraces streaming season

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

It's tough to have a theater season when live performances are banned. The answer – although not a permanent one – is video streaming.

OutCast Productions (OCP) has just announced it will indeed have a 2020 season, it just won't be in its theater in Langley. It will be anywhere audiences have the ability to livestream. Beginning Friday, audiences have the opportunity to stream OutCast's 2017 production of "Ghostdrivers, the Musical." Opportunities to stream two more productions will follow about every six weeks.

OCP Artistic Director, Ned Farley, said the theater company has the opportunity to offer up past productions because of the way the organization is structured.

"Around June we began having conversations about how we might use digital platforms to provide some entertainment," he said. "The issue with theater is that unless you are doing original work, you have to seek permission and pay royalties to produce plays. Fortunately for us, part of our mission is to be an incubator space for new work, with a staged reading slot each year for workshopping a new play or musical. These are productions we film, both for our archives and for the playwrights, who can use them to market their work to other theaters.

"Because of this aspect of our work, we conferred with a handful of playwrights for whom we workshopped and/or premiered their work and received permission to stream some performances and to share any money we made with them," Farley continued. "This allowed us to build a 'streaming season.'"

Following a practice run in early July, OCP decided to proceed with the streaming season.

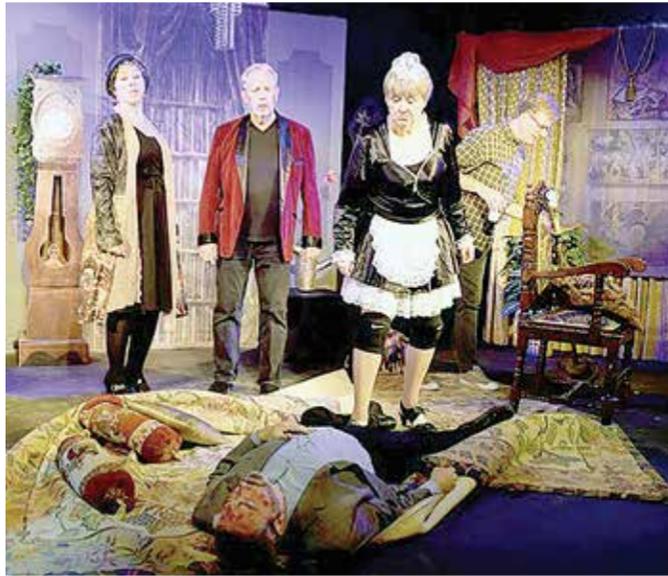


Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions
The OutCast Productions staging of "Over My Dead Body" will wrap up the theater company's streaming season in December.

"This gave us the chance to see what worked from a technology standpoint and to then support the purchase of some tech equipment to make it more streamlined in future online performances," Farley said, adding the plays selected had all been produced between 2015-2019. "We are offering these for a minimum donation of \$10 (with the option of donating more); once a donation has been logged on our PayPal site, we can send the link for the performance of choice and we have ourselves a 'virtual theater.'"

Farley said 2020 season ticket holders can view these productions at no charge, because none of them asked for their money back when the live season was canceled. Those who take part in the experience can log on starting at 7 p.m. on their selected production night; performances will begin streaming promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Farley is hoping this streaming season will help grow support for OCP, now in its 10th year.

"What we hope for is that our patrons (and hopefully some new audience members) can at least feel a connection to the theater and to have some entertainment outside of what they are seeing on TV," he said. "I see this as a new entertainment form, and one that will be a learning process for all of us. It is not an attempt to look like TV or movies either, so in many ways it is a hybrid form that we hope over time to get better at, and it may become another offering to expand our audience base."

While there is much to celebrate about being able to have a virtual season, Farley said it can never replace the real thing.

"Let's be clear – digital performance is not, and never will be, the same experience as sitting in the theater," he said. "Even when we have the opportunity at some point to have actors in the theater on stage, we may not be able to have an audience. With social distanc-

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Photo Courtesy of OutCast Productions
OutCast Productions will present a virtual theater season Friday featuring three of its previous productions, such as "The Hotel Belleclaire," streaming in November.

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each parcel still has to be able to provide for its wastewater treatment without a sewer system, so it is a limiting factor.

Price Johnson was asked how the plan will be funded.

"To be eligible to apply for many government grants, a project or concept must be mentioned in a jurisdiction's comprehensive plan," she said. "Not having the Clinton area specifically mentioned in the ICCP has restricted the options for funding. Adding the Clinton Gateway Draft Plan to the ICCP will open up options for funding through infrastructure, environmental, planning and economic development grant sources.

"I am very excited to see this moving forward right now," she continued. "Clinton is the southern gateway of Island County. It has commercial areas and intensely developed residential areas and yet is unincorporated. This means that up until now, there was no opportunity to provide localized visioning and planning for the future of this area. The county's comprehensive plan must fill that gap. This month the CCC is putting forward

their suggestions and providing residents and business owners an opportunity to comment on their proposed goals."

Next year, zoning in the Clinton area will be evaluated to see which changes would be appropriate. Commissioner Price Johnson reinforced that no changes will be coming immediately, as this is a long term plan.

Price Johnson ended by emphasizing how islanders can engage with the plan.

"There are multiple times and places to let your voice be heard," she said. "After the CCC outreach, there will be a public hearing on the draft plan with the Island County Planning Commission, and then their recommendation will come to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval. This will also take place at a public meeting. Anyone interested in the Clinton Gateway Plan can sign up to receive updates from Island County. I also encourage folks who wish to contribute to shaping the future of Clinton to stay engaged with the Clinton Community Council."

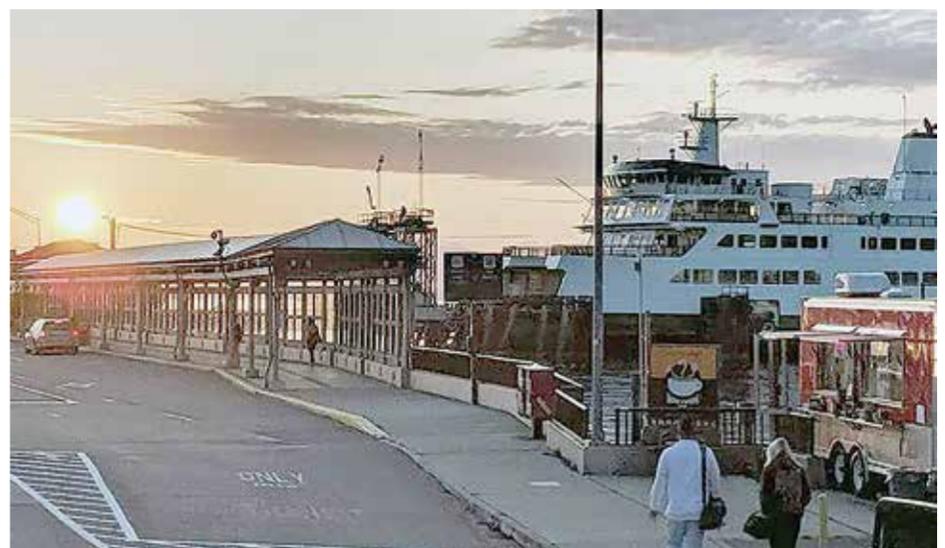


Photo Courtesy of Clinton Chamber of Commerce
Thousands of visitors arrive in Clinton via a Washington State Ferry. A proposed Gateway Draft Plan seeks to make improvements to welcome visitors to Whidbey Island.

The plan will be edited with community feedback from both meetings, and then presented to the CCC Monday. The plan will then be presented to the Planning Commis-

Langley restaurants have customers covered

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Some Langley restaurants are celebrating a big boost to their businesses, thanks to the generosity of the Whidbey Island Association of Realtors and an innovative concept from the Langley Chamber of Commerce.

The "We've Got You Covered" campaign is literally just that – five Langley restaurants have had large outdoor tents erected outside, giving them the ability to keep their outdoor dining spaces open through the cooler temperatures and rainy days.

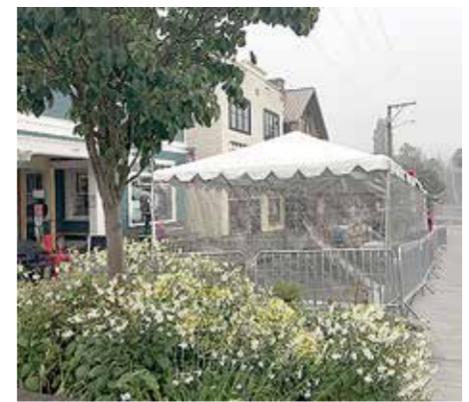
"For the majority of the restaurants, which tend to have small interiors in Langley, it more than doubles their space, within the current COVID guidelines," said Langley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Inge Morascini. "The tents are open on one full side, making them outdoor space. Tables will still be placed with social distancing and masks are worn by staff and patrons, while not eating."

Morascini said tents have been placed by the Braeburn, Saltwater, Ultra House and South Whidbey Commons. A tent has also been placed over Prima Bistro's rooftop deck.

The goal of the campaign is to prevent restaurants from having to close for the fall and winter months, or reduce their service to takeout options.

"The 'We've Got You Covered' initiative came out of conversation with the restaurant

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Inge Morascini Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
The Whidbey Island Association of Realtors has provided funds needed to put outdoor dining tents outside five Langley restaurants, including the Braeburn, helping them to stay open as the cooler, rainy weather arrives.

ion and Board, where they will be provided with more comments.
More information on the draft plan is available online at clintoncommunitycouncil.org.



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Legal Eagle

RBG at the movies

By Carey Ross



"I would like to be remembered as someone who used whatever talent she had to do her work to the very best of her ability."

~Ruth Bader Ginsburg

She was a tiny lady in a lace collar, and yet she was a giant. Tough as nails, brilliant jurist, the unlikeliest pop culture phenomenon, hero to so many.

I'm talking, of course, about Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

We all knew she was in frail health—as if the word "frail" could ever be used in conjunction with her name—but when she passed away Sept. 18 after a prolonged battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer, it was the shock heard round the nation.

Although Ginsburg was cagey about it, it was a widely accepted political truth she was delaying retirement from her lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court bench until after the Nov. 3 presidential election. She almost made it. She came so close. She had the will, but her body lacked the strength.

Her death plunged the country into even greater political chaos (didn't think such a thing was possible? Welcome to 2020). Roughly eight or nine seconds after the Ginsburg family announced her passing—along with her dying wish she not be replaced until after the election—President Trump said he'd move to nominate someone "without delay." Predictably, this set off a firestorm of anger and dismay among Democrats, who saw President Obama's confirmation of Merrick Garland stymied by a right-wing excuse now known as the "McConnell Rule," which says a Supreme Court Justice should not be nominated and confirmed during a president's lame duck period. For their part, Republicans descended into gleeful clapping and rank hypocrisy as they promised to bring a confirmation vote to the Senate floor and McConnell said (I'm paraphrasing here), "McConnell Rule? Never heard of it."

All of the sturn und drang has further worn out and panicked an already exhausted and shell-shocked American electorate, but mostly it has sucked the oxygen out of efforts to remember and honor Justice Ginsburg herself. Which is a shame because she was a truly remarkable woman.

It is entirely possible you need a break from screaming headlines and screeching Twitter feeds and the rage-filled memes that are what the internet seems to be made of right now. It is quite probable you need a break from the internet itself. What better way to do it than by watching one or both of the films with Ginsburg as their subject?

Even though it happened right before my very eyes, I'm not entirely certain how Ginsburg became a cultural phenomenon. Lord knows being a Supreme

Court Justice does not typically lend itself to such things. But somewhere along the way, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the notorious RBG, perhaps a ridiculous nickname, but an identity she wore easily and embodied effortlessly.

Her life and her ascension to judicial rock-stardom are chronicled in the 2018 documentary *RBG*. Yes, it details her famously difficult workout routine (my respect for Ginsburg was never greater than when I tried to do it myself); the cottage industry of T-shirts, posters, coffee mugs and other assorted ephemera that come with being a cultural icon; the hilarious homage paid to her by Kate McKinnon on *Saturday Night Live*, and the unlikely fandom she, by all accounts, seemed to take in stride.

But *RBG* also details her unlikely path to the nation's top court, to being the first female member of the prestigious Harvard Law Review, to becoming just the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court. In the middle, she had an impressively successful legal career advocating on behalf of and arguing for gender equality—including several cases that saw her arguing before the Supreme Court in a harbinger of her future on that very bench.

However, the best—and most illuminating—part of the affectionate portrait presented by *RBG* deals with her marriage to Marty Ginsburg, a man also ahead of his time in that he wholeheartedly supported his wife's ambition and career during a time when most women were expected to stay home and raise children. Speaking of children, her kids make an appearance in the documentary as well, and from them—even more than from the ticker tape of her many accomplishments—you get a sense of Ginsburg's toughness and work ethic, which went hand in hand with her obvious love for her family.

Keep in mind *RBG* does not exactly paint an objective picture of Ginsburg and her career, steering well clear of the controversies that have sometimes come with her legal positions. But as an affectionate glimpse of a beloved icon, it's well worth a watch.

For a fictionalized account of the events of her early years that help transform her into a feminist titan, turn to the biopic *On the Basis of Sex*. The film itself is entertaining if oversimplified (as with most biopics), but Felicity Jones shines as the not-yet-notorious RBG, while Armie Hammer does duty as her dutiful husband. We see the often-brutal discrimination she endured during her Harvard years, her retreat to academia when no New York law firm would hire a woman, and finally watch her try the case that launched a dazzling career that took her to the nation's highest hall of justice. It's affecting filmmaking, and when Ginsburg herself shows up at the end, you may just find yourself with something in your eye, if you know what I'm saying.



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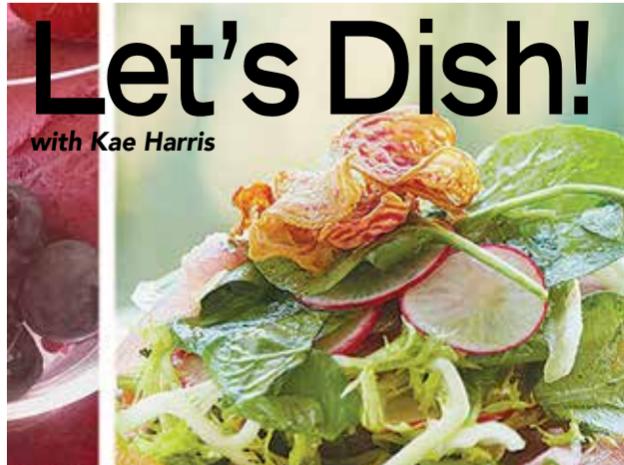
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Let's Dish!

with Kae Harris

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GREASY TO BE (MAC N') CHEESY!

It's officially fall and you know what that means. Yes, that's right, it's pumpkin-spice-everything time again, which is great, but it's not actually what I am talking about today. Today I wanted to talk about the ways in which you observe fall; because whether we acknowledge it or not, many of us observe the season. I get excited when the weather changes; you know, the definitive change when the crispness in the air tells you fall, well...fell.

So, fall is about the way we recognize the change in season and start welcoming in the upcoming holidays. There are some who have been anticipating the holidays this year since the day after they wrapped up last year! In any event, there are these get-togethers that just wouldn't be the same without our tried and tested, old fashioned fall favorite foods and it can be anything – it all depends on each individual and their personal flavor predilections.

I happen to love a good stew or chicken noodle soup at this time of year, whereas my kids LOVE mac n' cheese. Maybe it's because it's dense, stodgy and filling for a chilly fall day. It's perfect comfort food. I thought about the many, many times I have made my baked mac n' cheese, how they rhapsodize "Mmmmm! SO good!" after taking the first bite of dinner. It makes me feel good to know they are enjoying it so much because it tells me 1) they will likely finish it – not waste it; and 2) not complain about what's for dinner, or have a bit of a grumble after the fact. It's a winner.

Irrespective of its winning ways, I wondered

about the plethora of macaroni and cheese recipes out there and who dreamed up this delicious bowl of thick, cheesy goodness. To whom do I owe my gratitude, that I am able to turn out something my family loves, in no time at all? America has quite an appetite for macaroni and cheese it seems, and this includes my brood. With the advent of animal husbandry, agriculture and farming, came the need to utilize every single thing your farm produced. This was as true from its inception some 10,000 or so years ago, as it is today. The constant use and reuse of items to prevent spoilage or at least lengthen the shelf life of a food article is an incredibly human characteristic, except for alligators, who seem to like to lengthen the shelf life of their takings with little regard as to whether or not it spoils. I suppose when you have a stomach as strong as a gator's, you can eat all kinds of spoiled foods. It'd have to be a strong stomach because alligators don't chew their food; though I also know some people who barely chew theirs. My dad is one of them. Anyway, the point is cheese was one such item that started its journey as milk and became the strangely flavored fare we know and love today.

Cheese making goes way back and cheese-makers have been perfecting their product since the practice of producing it first commenced. I imagine lots of batches of cheese succumbed to mold and maggots; though some cheese is intended to actually house maggots, to consume later; this would be casu marzu. Cheese is a strange food with a deep, rich, complex flavor. No two cheeses are the same and each one has its own unique taste notes infused deep into the texture of the food. A texture which is also,

exclusive to each and every cheese. Is there one which is more fitting for a macaroni and cheese and if so, why?

According to history, parmesan is supposedly the best cheese to use in baked mac n' cheese. Apparently, a predecessor of the dish was first made from fermented dough and parmesan. It was named "de lasanis." It sounds so cultured. Maybe just because I don't speak Italian; for all I know, "mac n' cheese" might sound elegant to some non-English speakers. Whatever way it's said, in any number of languages, mac n' cheese is always prepared with specific cheeses for a reason. The next best one to use (depending on whose list you're going by), is sharp cheddar, as it melts really easily. It also leaves a tanginess in the mouth, an umami flavor that hits the tongue just right. Next there is gruyere, followed closely by gorgonzola, but to be fair, I don't often see these used in true "homestyle" versions of the dish. Gruyere offers a creamy, nutty flavor; a decadence that lies in its incredibly smooth melt, so when making an indulgent take on macaroni and cheese, gruyere does the dish justice. Trust me.

Which cheese to choose though? Well, my dear readers, let's not forget about vegan versions. There are a wealth of ways we can turn a tried and true fall favorite into a meal everyone can enjoy. I have a very good friend who swears by vegan versions of animal derived products. Cheese is one of those things. I trust her opinion, so when I happened across this recipe, not only was I excited to try it, I am equally as eager to share it. I found it on a great website, www.ambitiouskitchen.com, and I thought "Well, every kitchen at some point or another,

should be ambitious." It's a simple recipe which I played with and I hope you try this particular autumnal fave! If you have any comments, questions or recipes you would like to share, please do send those to me at letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do exactly that and Dish!

Vegan Mac N Cheese

- 1 ½ to 2 cups raw cashews
- ¼ cup nutritional yeast
- 3 garlic cloves
- 1 cup almond milk or cashew milk, unsweetened
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Black pepper to taste
- 1 lb small elbow macaroni
- Fresh parsley to garnish

Place cashews in a large pot and cover with 4 cups water. Bring cashews to a boil over high heat and turn off immediately. Allow to sit in the water for 45 minutes, then drain. Next, add the drained cashews, nutritional yeast, garlic cloves, almond or cashew milk, paprika, onion powder, mustard, salt and pepper to a high powered blender and blend until completely smooth. It should have a thick, sauce-like consistency. For a thinner sauce, add a little more milk and for flavor, play with the seasonings. Cook the pasta as per package instructions and then drain. Mix the pasta into the cheese sauce and combine well. Garnish with some parsley, serve and enjoy!

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owners and the Chamber of Commerce," Morascini explained. "The restaurants were facing the prospect of having to close for the winter if they could not continue to utilize the outdoor dining areas that have gotten them through the summer. The cost of tenting these spaces was prohibitively expensive for them, given the number of weeks they had had to close or move to takeout only in March, April and May. The Chamber sought bids from several tent rental suppliers and brought the problem to the attention of the City Council. Without the restaurants, all of the businesses would see reduced customer traffic and we were at a crisis point."

Fortunately, said Morascini, local realtor and business owner, Rachel Jeppeson, heard the call.

"She took the idea of sponsoring the rental of the restaurant tents to the Whidbey Island Association of Realtors and had the local real estate offices on board within 24 hours," Morascini said.

"Whidbey Island Association of Realtors is thrilled to support our Langley Village restaurants because WIAR is about more than promoting the real estate industry and real estate ownership on Whidbey Island," Jeppeson said. "It's also about being an integral part of our community and supporting the people who live and work here. As the banner will say on the tents: 'We've Got You Covered!'"

Once the tents went up, it didn't take long before they were put to use.



Inge Morascini Photo Courtesy of Langley Chamber of Commerce
Within minutes of being set up, customers settled themselves under a new, tented dining area outside the Braeburn Restaurant in Langley. In all, five restaurants have tented areas for outdoor dining, courtesy of the Whidbey Island Association of Realtors.

"Braeburn was nearly full the other day and it made me so happy and emotional," said Jeppeson. "The restaurants have been through so much these past few months and I truly hope we can unite as a community and do all we can to support them."

Information on the rental cost of the tents was not provided to *Whidbey Weekly*.

Morascini said she hopes the tents' addition will make a meaningful difference for these small businesses that have been hit hard during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Business during the pandemic has been difficult for all of the businesses in Langley, but especially the restaurants," she said. "Between being closed for a period of time, and then being relegated to takeout only, most have suffered severe losses."

Morascini said the Chamber and the owners and directors of Langley's restaurants are grateful WIAR was able to lend a hand to make the "We've Got You Covered" campaign a reality.

"Sometimes it just takes the right person, in the right place, at the right time," she said.

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ing, our theater is too small to make that financially viable, as we will still have to pay for the rights to produce."

While OutCast Productions is in decent shape financially, Farley said that won't last forever, so it was important to come up with ways to keep the theater company solvent. But he admits there has been some benefit, despite the challenges of navigating 2020.

"We had to pivot rather quickly to make sure we would survive," he said. "We don't have any paid employees, as our creative artists are mostly paid stipends for their time. This was actually going to be our first season where we would pay actors stipends as well. What it has given us an opportunity to do is think creatively outside the normal theater box, which will benefit us in the long run."

Other productions slated for the streaming season include "The Hotel Belleclaire" in November and "Over My Dead Body" in December. Tickets and information can be found at outcastproductions.net. In the meantime, Farley said he'll be happy to get back to normal, whenever that comes.

"I can't wait to actually get back in the theater with all of our creative team and patrons," he said. "I'm beginning to frame what our delayed 10th anniversary season will look like, although I'm not quite ready to announce it. It will be exciting though!"



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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Vigorous debate. Good thing or bad thing? The answer depends on the goal. Is the goal of the debate tug-o-war? Drag the undecided over to your side and never mind how? Or is the goal a neutral appraisal? Careful scrutiny of the question from all sides, evaluating every word for clarity, consistency and flaws, the way a jeweler appraises a diamond? Loupe or rope. In some debates, you get both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Define "spurt." Hmm. A drip under pressure? Fair enough. We'll accept that. Now, a tough one. Define "expert." Expert, expert. . . . ex-pert. Um, a former drip under pressure? Oh! A wise guy. But we like it. So let's go with it. For any subject of controversy, is the "expert" on the subject a former drip under pressure? Now we're getting somewhere. Why is the "drip" under pressure? Maybe to hide some shady dealings? Keep asking why. . . .

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Stealthy insults dressed as compliments. "You look beautiful today!" (Gulp. Wasn't I beautiful yesterday?) Veiled insults trigger our insecurities. Not fun! But let's think. Why would the insult comic see you as a target worth insulting? Of course. Because something in you triggers their insecurities. Their response? Raise themselves up by putting you down. Can you just say, "Thank you!" and move on? That's beautiful every day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Some people mistake kindness for weakness. They're the dimwits who take the wrong side of every bet. They lose when the smarter and the brighter win. And, yes, when it rains soup, there they stand, holding out a fork. It's hard not to feel sorry for dimwits. But that's no reason to allow the less bright to labor alone in their ignorance. Be smart. Be strong. Stand tall. A good example is the kindest thing you can give them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Who's the slowest float in your parade? How do you get around them? You don't get around them, except by getting out of line, and then what do you have? A free for all. Without order, your once-dignified parade dissolves into Black Friday chaos. Not pretty. The obvious solution? Bide your time. Stay in step. Enjoy the view and relax. When life's parade slows, it's never without good reason.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



You see the rain clouds building over someone else's picnic. What do you do? What can you do? Nothing, really, because it's not your picnic. You don't want to become the rain that you'd like to warn about, now, do you? No. So let it go. Clouds do funny things, and weather guessers are known to be wrong. And if it

rains, so what? A good attitude and some marshmallows will see you through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



The waxless smile. The beeswax smile. Know the difference? From Smiles 101: Renaissance artists patched flawed sculptures with beeswax. The rare flawless sculpture was, in Latin terms, sine cera--without wax. The waxless smile, hence, is the sine cera or sincere smile. It being hard to sculpt, the more common beeswax smile is the popular choice for everyday wear. Wax or no wax, great smiles, like great art, come from the heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Talk is NOT cheap this week. The things you say may be rough, tough and gruff. You may say them in a few heartfelt words, carefully considered and powerfully delivered. You may speak metaphorically, with compelling imagery to bolster your speech. In short, talk can be many things, but cheap, it's definitely not. The price? The ability to back up what you say with convincing action. If you can do that, the sky's the limit. In a manner of speaking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



An eight-car passenger train moving at eighty miles an hour needs a mile to stop. A loaded cargo ship, two nautical miles and nine to eleven minutes. What's your own stopping distance? Think mail order catalogues and credit offers. You're essentially unstoppable. As you are this week, under a full head of steam, a train or ship in a braking contest with you would both win. Even so, no harm tapping the brake on curves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



A single honey bee visits fifty to a hundred flowers in a single gathering trip, and makes twelve trips per day. That's over a thousand flowers visited. In your own day of gathering facts and resources from hither and yon, you could give the honey bee a run. Consolidating power the way bees consolidate pollen is the way you edge out competitors. Still, it's good to emulate the bee in one other way. Stop to smell a rose along the way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Come one, come all, it's the merry-go-round of new ideas! Before taking the ride, look closer. See anything really new? Or is the carnival barker pitching glitzy new words to sell the same old same old? When familiar old faces appear, telling you things are sure to be different this time, that's a clue. It's the dog chasing its tail around and around, ever sure of a capture that never quite comes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



Do your wide viewpoints include a few things you wouldn't dare share with anyone? Things scraped from the dog dish of public opinion? Things you fear would ruin the breath of your popularity quicker than a bowl of garlic dip? Don't be so sure. In a world upside down, the road to acceptance is often the road you'd least suspect. Look closely at the gate keepers of the road you fear to travel. Paper tigers are everywhere.

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19. Expression of annoyance
20. Cabbies
22. Bro or sis
23. Spiritual leader
24. Where football coaches work
27. Old TV part
30. A way to color
31. Touch lightly
32. Surround
35. Breached
37. Aristocratic young woman
38. Dry ravine
39. Hebrew measurement units
40. Supporter
41. Type of sword
42. Influential Irish playwright
43. Witch
44. Flower cluster
45. Mark Wahlberg's animal friend
46. Psychedelic amphetamine

CLUES DOWN

- 47. Actors' group
48. Cool!
49. Salts
52. Group of SE China
55. Illuminated
56. Semitic Sun god
60. Water (Spanish)
61. Employed
63. Japanese ankle sock
64. Fishing fly
65. Some pheasants are this
66. Literary name for Ireland
67. Must have
68. A way to write
69. One point east of southeast

- 25. Male parent
26. A way to get
27. Body part
28. Seam in an organ
29. Landlocked African country
32. Process for producing ammonia
33. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
34. Boggled down
36. Native American tribe
37. Unfashionable person
38. Female grunts
40. Well known
41. Gurus
43. Norse mythological site
44. Tell on
46. ___ Farrow, actress
47. Cotton fabric
49. Reciter of Scandinavian poems
50. Clouds
51. Satisfies
52. Shuttered Air Force base in Germany
53. Phil ___, former CIA
54. Japanese seaport
57. Female horse or zebra
58. First month of ancient Hebrew calendar
59. Trigonometric function
61. Fashionable knowledge (Slang)
62. Insecticide

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecast table for North and South Islands from Thursday to Wednesday, including temperature ranges and conditions like rain, clouds, and sun.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact jeff.natter@islandshakespearefest.org.

Volunteer with Habitat - Make Lasting Change. Do you believe everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to call home? Do you have some time to donate to help Island County families fulfill their dream of home ownership? We are now accepting applications to join our Resource Development Committee. No experience necessary, just a desire to make Island County a better place to live. <http://bit.ly/HabitatCommittee>.

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

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community members to inquire. Please contact 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 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.zierner@islandcountywa.gov

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture,

and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.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 gardening tips, and learn Permaculture principles. All ages and skill levels welcome. Schedule can change due to adverse weather conditions. If you have any questions, please contact us at: imagineapermacultureworld@gmail.com

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 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

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JOB MARKET

Regency on Whidbey is now hiring Caregivers and LPNs. Visit www.regency-pacific.com to review the job description and to apply online. (0)

Local Non-Profit SEEKING VIDEOGRAPHER for Virtual Event. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County is preparing for the 2020 Festival of Trees with some distinct creativity. Due to COVID-19 and necessary safety precautions, Festival of Trees will look a bit different this year but will be full of the same holiday cheer! We need a local VIDEOGRAPHER to make several recordings for our online event and work with our planning team and tech support group. Festival of Trees will host a LIVE virtual event Dec. 4, including the live auction of decorated trees. A week-long silent auction will showcase a variety of local treasures and wreaths. This annual event raises over half of the annual budget for BBBSIC. In order to continue changing the lives of youth on Whidbey Island, BBBSIC and Festival of Trees need your support. Local businesses are encouraged to donate auction items to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. For more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County at development@bbbsislandcounty.org, or call 360-279-0644 (2)

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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 or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We ask you to protect all the firefighters, first responders and volunteers who are battling the many wildfires on the West Coast. Bless all those who have lost their houses and businesses in the fires. Welcome those who have lost their lives into your kingdom and comfort the families they have left behind.

We ask for these things in your holy name, Amen.

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'"

Psalm 91:1-2



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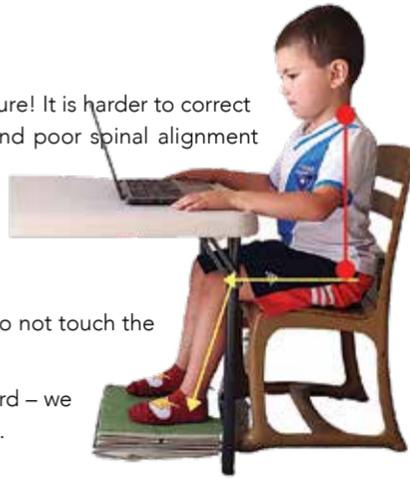
By Dawn Miller

DESK SETUP

WHY? Raise your hand if you suffer from poor posture! It is harder to correct as we get older. Kids' bones are still malleable, and poor spinal alignment early on can cause big problems down the road.

HOW:

- Elbows and knees are close to 90 degree angles
- Place something under your child's feet if they do not touch the ground
- Remind your child to sit up and not hunch forward – we want the back to be straight as much as possible.



WRITING ON THE WALL (almost)

WHY? When kids write in this position, it helps develop shoulder strength and stability, in addition to helping with coordination. Plus, it's fun!

- Tape a piece of paper to the wall and have kids practice tracing or writing letters and shapes.
- Note: this is more difficult than writing on a desk, so your child might try to write by holding onto the writing instrument with both hands. Ask them to place their non-dominant hand on the wall and write with their dominant hand. It might be tricky at first, but it's a great way to learn!



ACTIVITY BREAKS WITH ANIMAL WALKS

WHY? Movement breaks are great exercise and help kids refocus when they return to their schooling. Dr. Bryant recommends scheduling breaks every 15-30 minutes.

- Crab Walks: have kids walk on all fours with their stomach facing the ceiling.
- Bear Walks: Same thing as crab walks, but with the stomach facing the floor. If you're familiar with yoga, it's like walking in a downward-facing dog!
- More: Ask your kids to invent their own animal walks!



We hope you can incorporate some of these ideas into your home learning routine. Dr. Bryant uses them with her children at home, so they are kid tested and approved!



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