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# What's Going On!

## ROCK AND ROLL STROLL

Friday, Aug. 29, 2025 | 9 a.m.–noon  
Windjammer Park, 1600 S. Beeksma Drive,  
Oak Harbor

Kick off Oak Harbor Music Festival weekend with the second annual Rock 'n' Roll Stroll, a family 5K walk and run to support infants and toddlers with developmental delays and disabilities. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite rock stars — glitter, bandanas, lace, leather, big hair, tutus, and all are welcome. The route follows Oak Harbor's waterfront out to Catalina Park and back, with strollers, tricycles, and leashed pets permitted on the paved course.

Pre-registered participants receive a T-shirt, and families can enjoy face painting, kids' activities, photo booths, and post-race refreshments. Proceeds benefit Steps, a nonprofit providing early support services for young children on Whidbey Island, Anacortes, and the San Juan Islands. Donations of new or gently used winter clothing for children ages 0–5 will also be collected as part of a Rockstar Coat Drive.

Admission: \$30 adults, \$15 ages 5–11, free for children 4 and under.

## OAK HARBOR MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday–Sunday, Aug. 29–31  
Windjammer Park, SE Pioneer Way,  
Oak Harbor

A three-day, free festival featuring live music on two stages, food and beer gardens, family activities, and artisan booths. Proceeds support music scholarships and programs for local youth.

## TOKI'S LEGACY EXHIBIT OPENING

Saturday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Langley Whale Center, 105 Anthes Ave.,  
Free admission

The Langley Whale Center invites the community to the unveiling of Toki's Legacy, a new exhibit honoring the life and story of Tokitae, the beloved orca. The day features family-friendly activities, exhibit tours and opportunities to reflect on Toki's lasting impact. Drop in anytime between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to join the celebration.

## WHIDBEY WOMEN + ART

Saturday, August 30, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Dancing Fish Vineyards, 1953 Newman Rd.,  
Freeland

Free admission

Soroptimist South Whidbey Island hosts the 5th annual Whidbey Women + Art benefit show and sale, featuring the work of 36 women artists. Enjoy wine from Dancing Fish Vineyards, food from Japonica Diner and enter raffles for themed gift baskets. Proceeds support programs that benefit women and girls.

## WHIDBEY ISLAND FISHING DERBY

Saturday, Aug. 30, 2–5:30 p.m.  
Freeland Park, 1535 E. Shoreview Ave.,  
Freeland

Cast your line for a day of fishing fun with prizes for kids, women and open divisions, plus raffles, swag bags and live music. Weigh-in by 5 p.m. at Freeland Park. Awards at 5:30 p.m. Registration required. Kids fish free; adults \$35 advance, \$50 day of.

## CLOSING NIGHT: ANIMA

Saturday, August 30, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Island Shakespeare Festival, 5476  
Maxwelton Rd., Langley

Island Shakespeare Festival presents the final performance of Anima (Her Soul), written by Amelia Pincherle Rosselli and directed by Emily Lyon. Set in 1890s Rome, this rarely staged drama follows painter Olga de Velaris as she navigates the fine line between passion, reputation and survival. A bold exploration of self-determination and love, Anima closes the 2025 season with one last outdoor performance. Tickets at islandshakespearefest.org.

## NANCY NOLAN IN CONCERT

Saturday, Aug. 30  
7:30 p.m.  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, 565  
Camano Ave, Langley

Beloved vocalist Nancy Nolan returns to the WICA stage after a KJAZ-sponsored jazz cruise along the Rhine with David Benoit. Joined by Troy Chapman and friends, she'll present a mix of jazz, Latin, and timeless classics from Michel Legrand, Joni Mitchell, Eva Cassidy, Stephen Sondheim, and more.

## WOODPALOOZA: WOOD ART EXHIBIT

Saturday, August 30, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, August 31 Monday, September 1,  
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Zech  
Hall, 565 Camano Ave., Langley

Free admission

The Whidbey Island Woodworkers Guild presents the 21st annual Art + Wood = Woodpalooza exhibition, featuring the exceptional work of 15 of Whidbey's finest artisans. From furniture and cabinetry to instruments, carving and boatbuilding, the show highlights the craftsmanship of professionals while inspiring and educating new generations of woodworkers. Visit woodpalooza.com for details.

## STEM CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Wednesday, September 3  
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM  
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# KID'S CORNER★

## Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

### WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE WATERMELON JOKE?

DANISH	___	HANDS	SAMPLE	___	MEALS
RATTLE	___	LATER	LACIER	___	CLEAR
			BUTTER	___	TUBER
NEWEST	___	TEENS	SOCIAL	___	COALS
PETALS	___	SLEPT	FROSTY	___	STORY
FRYERS	___	FERRY	UNWRAP	___	PRAWN
			CHAPEL	___	CHEAP

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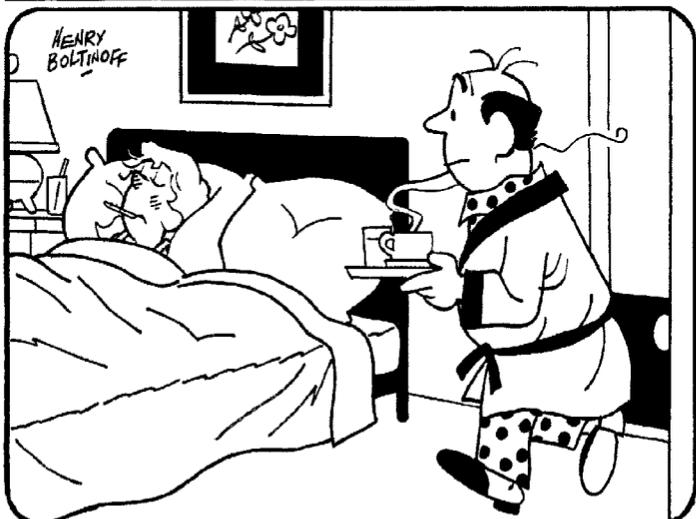
## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

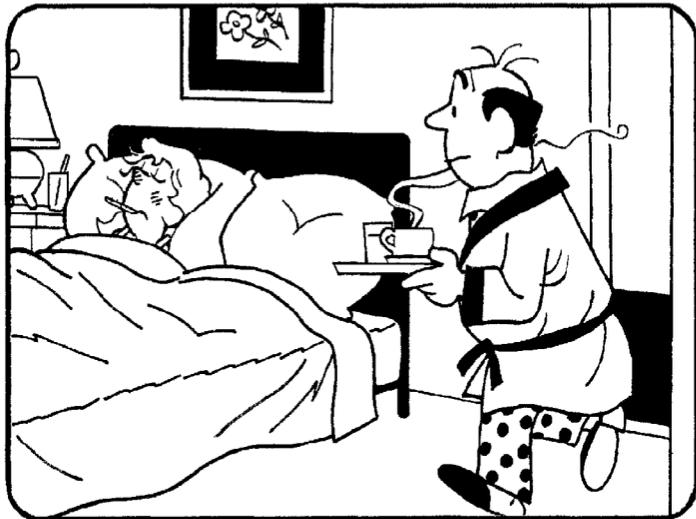
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|------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. Tasteless           | ___ A ___ | Combine               | ___ E ___ |
| 2. Forestry worker     | ___ A ___ | Horseshoes score      | ___ I ___ |
| 3. Structure           | ___ T ___ | Requiring a tuxedo    | ___ L ___ |
| 4. Sing like Bing      | ___ N ___ | Swindler              | ___ K ___ |
| 5. Future oak          | ___ C ___ | Make snazzier         | ___ D ___ |
| 6. Extremely cold      | ___ I ___ | Toast topping         | ___ U ___ |
| 7. Nile River city     | ___ O ___ | Terrier from Scotland | ___ N ___ |
| 8. Barely audible      | ___ A ___ | Fire starter          | ___ L ___ |
| 9. Severe, like winter | H ___     | Swampland             | M ___     |
| 10. Dog shelter        | ___ N ___ | Corn segment          | ___ R ___ |

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Tray is longer. 2. Leg is longer. 3. Mattress is thicker. 4. Flowers are reversed. 5. Door knob is missing. 6. Shirt collar is different.

**Puzzles4Kids Answer**

1. Bland, Blend	6. Bitter, Butter
2. Ranger, Ringer	7. Cairo, Cairn
3. Format, Formal	8. Faint, Flint
4. Croon, Crook	9. Harsh, Marsh
5. Acorn, Adorn	10. Kennel, Kernel

**Even Exchange answers**

DANISH	I	HANDS	T	LATER
NEWEST	W	TEENS	A	SLEPT
PETALS	A	FRYERS	S	FERRY
SAMPLE	P	MEALS	I	CLEAR
BUTTER	T	TUBER	I	CLEAR
SOCIAL	F	STORY	I	COALS
UNWRAP	U	PRAWN	L	CHEAP



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We proudly operate two life-changing programs—The House of Hope and The Haven—providing nightly shelter for up to 45 individuals. Our guests include families, young adults, elders, and many long-time Whidbey residents who, without this support, would face life on the streets and unimaginable hardship.

In 2023, we opened the permanent location of The Haven—creating a secure space where guests receive not only shelter, but dignity. With extended hours, warm dinners, on-site showers, and direct access to case management, The Haven has become a vital hub for healing and hope.

Now, we face a turning point and an incredible opportunity.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000—funds that will not only keep our shelters open but lay the foundation for long-term solutions, including the creation of more affordable housing on Whidbey Island.

Support for WHC is support for health, safety, and dignity. It's a powerful investment in the well-being of our entire community.

Donate online: [whidbeyhomeless.org/donate](http://whidbeyhomeless.org/donate)  
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WHC P.O. Box 453 Langley, WA, 98260

With heartfelt thanks,

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### DjangoFest Northwest Celebrates 25 Years

In less than a month, the soulful melodies of Django music will once again fill the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA) with the annual DjangoFest Northwest (DFNW) Festival. Now in its 25th year, this iconic five-day Gypsy Jazz event will bring in artists from around the world to Whidbey in celebration of the music made famous by Django Reinhardt in 1930s France. This year's festival will take place September 17-21 at the WICA campus in Langley. Along with the Festival Headliner Paulus Schäfer Quartet, which will feature Tim Kliphuis, the festival will include numerous concerts and opportunities for attendees to experience the festival lounge, take in performances by second stage musicians under the white WICA tent, and enjoy the specialty DFNW cocktail, a spiced apple Hot Club Old Fashioned.

"We're thrilled to welcome returning and new Django artists to WICA for this milestone year," says WICA Executive Artistic Director Deana Duncan. "For more than two decades, DjangoFest Northwest has brought in artists and supporters to Whidbey to enjoy this wonderful island and to experience firsthand the magic of this iconic and inspiring jazz. This year is going to be unforgettable, celebrating 25 years of memories while we continue to make new ones!"

The following is the festival lineup:

#### September 17

Opening Night Patio Party | Cafe Impromptu  
Marceline Keene Trio  
The Hot Club of Troy

#### September 18

Olli Soikkeli & Sam Farthing  
Antoine Boyer & Yeore Kim

#### September 19

Christine Tassan et les Imposteurs  
John Jorgenson Quintet with special guests Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews & Jacques Willis

#### September 20

Eric Vanderbilt-Mathews All Stars  
Tim Kliphuis presents: Django Reinhardt – Hand on Fire  
Paulus Schäfer Quartet featuring Tim Kliphuis

#### September 21

Hot Club of Cowtown  
Nick Lehr Memorial Djam

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**Friday, September 12, kickoff at 7:00 p.m.**

**WESCO Football**

**Ferndale at Oak Harbor**

**Monday, September 15, kickoff at 7:00 p.m.**

**NWC Girl's Soccer**

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**Rob Schouten Gallery presents**  
**Angèle Woolery - oil paintings**  
**September 3 - 29**

Opening Reception  
 Saturday, September 6 from 5 to 7 pm  
 During Langley's First Saturday Art Walk

Angèle Woolery works in a richly colored, impasto style of painting, portraying florals, landscapes, and still lifes. In bold, yet measured strokes she captures the vitality of her subjects and gives them a dynamic essence that radiates off the canvas. Her exuberant engagement with her subject results in paintings that capture the viewers immediate attention.

Woolery grew up in post-war Munich, Germany, tagging along with her father on plein-air painting expeditions. At 14 she moved to the United States and attended the High School of Art & Design in New York. Later she moved to Los Angeles and worked for many years drawing Flintstone and Scooby Doo cartoon cells for Hanna-Barbara Studio.

Since moving to Whidbey Island she has concentrated on painting the lush images she imagined doing in her youth.

View the exhibition online at:  
<https://www.robschoutengallery.com/angle-woolery/>

Please join us for our Opening Reception on Saturday, September 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with Langley's First Saturday Art Walk.

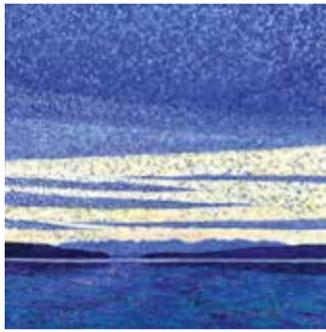
We'd love to see you!

Rob Schouten Gallery, a premier showcase for Whidbey Island and Northwest artists, is located at 101 Anthes Avenue, Langley WA at the corner of First and Anthes.

September Gallery Hours:  
 Weekends 10 - 5; Weekdays 11 - 5.

For further information, call 360.222.3070 or email [info@robschoutengallery.com](mailto:info@robschoutengallery.com)

- RSG #1 - Sunshine Prairie - oil on canvas by Angèle Woolery - 30" x 40"
- RSG #2 - After the Rain - oil on canvas by Angèle Woolery - 36" x 36"
- RSG #3 - Liquid Gold - oil on canvas by Angèle Woolery - 11" x 14"
- RSG #4 - Island Berries- oil on canvas by Angèle Woolery - 16" x 20"



**THANK YOU WHIDBEY ISLAND**

The Oak Harbor Salmon Recovery and Enhancement program is in its fifth successful year, initial funding for all of the required materials to build the two 15 x25 foot floating salmon rearing pens was raised through the Puget Sound Angler (PSA) club, local businesses, and individual personal donations. Local Oak Harbor lumber suppliers, hardware merchants, and custom net builders located in Bellingham Washington were sourced to provide the needed materials. A volunteer working group constructed the floating, rollable pens prior to the arrival of the 30,000 Coho fry that are reared for approximately 4 months, after which time they are released into the Puget Sound to grow to adulthood in the wild.

Yearly maintenance and upkeep on the floating pen costs are provided through donations and continued volunteer work. One of the fund raising processes takes place at our local Oak Harbor ACE Hardware store, with the support and effort of the Ace Hardware public relations representative one month of the year our "round up to the nearest dollar" amount at the check-out counter allows the option for customers to donate to the rearing program. All donations are kept in a dedicated Salmon Recovery account through the Oak Harbor marina. Stainless steel hardware, un-treated repair/replacement lumber, salmon feeding utensils used by visiting residents, and saltwater corrosion control supplies are all items that the donations support.

I would personally like to thank the residents of Oak Harbor and Whidbey Island for your wonderful support of the Salmon Recovery Program, and to ACE hardware of Oak Harbor making the donation process possible. The primary goal of our community program and efforts is help recover the low numbers of coho salmon returning to the Puget Sound, and to act as an "outdoor classroom" for the young residents and anglers of Whidbey Island, one of our children could potentially be the next Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife director, or Wildlife Commissioner, making a positive, common sense impact on the salmon resource we all love.



The Oak Harbor rearing pens are getting filled with coho salmon fry.

The Oak Harbor reared coho will return in and around the Oak Harbor marina each year starting in October through the middle of November, so be sure to study the waters of the marine area looking for small schools of jumping coho salmon, you could see some increased sightings of Orca Whale activity near the entrance of Oak Harbor's marina and Penn Cove waters. During open salmon season recreational anglers will have a chance to catch a 10 to 15 pound adult coho.

The success of the Oak Harbor Salmon Recovery Program has been recognized by surrounding cities and had a positive impact; sister cities are now taking steps to start their own recovery and enhancement programs in their local waters. Oak Harbor is leading the way with lessons learned and helpful information from hatchery coordination, environmental requirements, and Fish and Wildlife resources. Our experience will speed up the process for other program start-ups, and help avoid delays.

Our Recovery and Enhancement program is hoping to be approved to rear Chinook salmon as well as coho, low Puget Sound Chinook salmon numbers are the primary focus and concern of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). A contingent plan is ready to be activated in case the state has the courage to say yes to Oak Harbor and let the incredible residents of Whidbey Island add king salmon to our success story.

I want to make it clear that our program is NOT a salmon farm, short term rearing pens have been used for many years in the Puget Sound as short term containment facilities used to strengthen the number of salmon that survive to adulthood in the wild. The salmon recovery task force established by the Washington State Governor recognizes rearing pens as viable, reliable, and a successful way to achieve salmon enhancement. One again I want to say "THANK YOU" to the people of Oak Harbor and Whidbey Island for your support!

Pink salmon fishing is hot! Pinks are being caught all around Whidbey Island from beaches and boats. Pink Buzz Bombs, pink wobbling spoons, and pink rubber jigs are getting the job done. Anglers are allowed to retain 4 pinks per person as long as pink salmon is the only species you have in possession, otherwise it is 4 fish total with the possibility of two coho being mixed in (be sure to check the state regulations and web-site). The pink saltwater run will start to slow in the second to third week of September then the pinks will be moving into the river systems to spawn. Get the fish now while they are chrome and the fillets are firm, be safe and be patient with fellow anglers, and as always GOOD LUCK out there!!

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55 YEARS- REMEMBERING TOKITAE

By Clara Burns

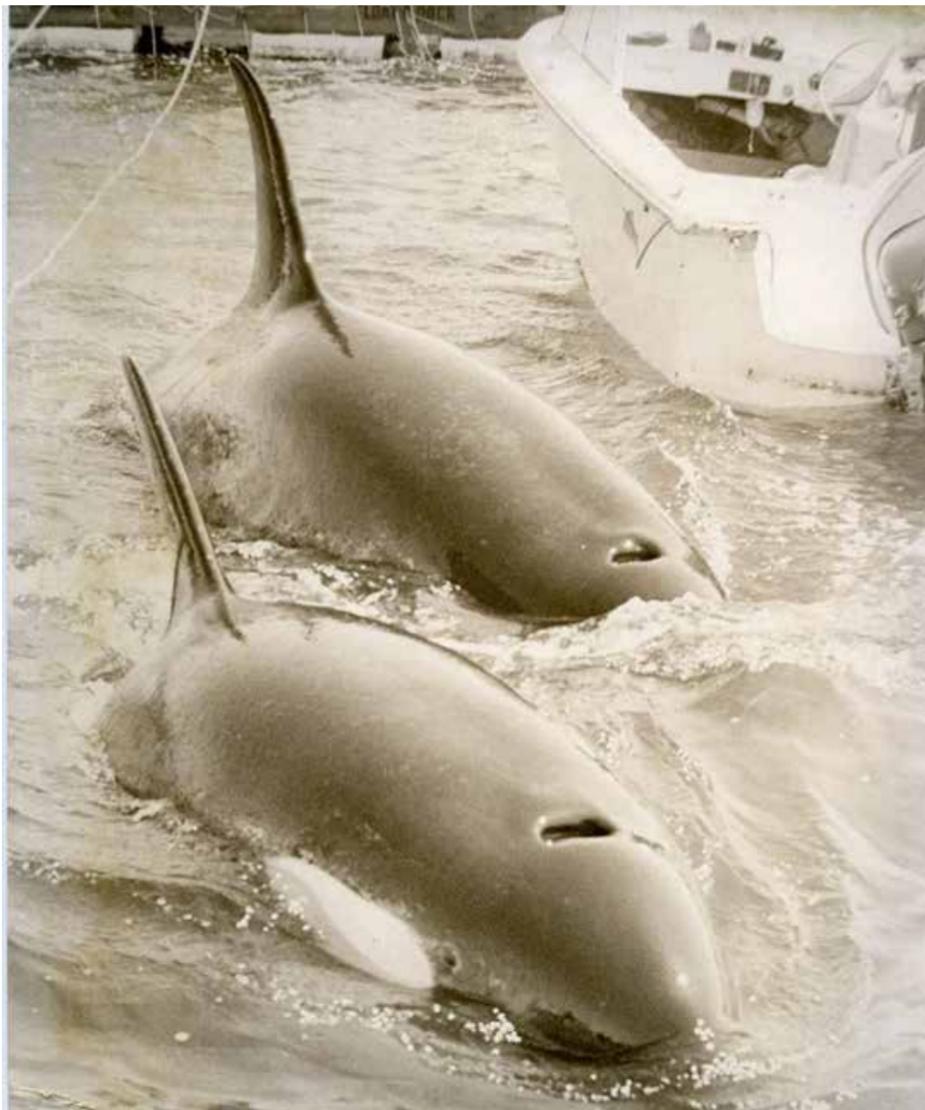


Photo from the day of capture ICHS Collection, 2020.009.036

Tokitae was captured on August 8, 1970 in Penn Cove. She was one of seven young whales sold to marine parks around the world from this roundup of over 80 orca conducted by Ted Griffin and Don Goldsberry, partners in a capture operation known as Namu, Inc.

Five whales, including four baby whales, drowned during this capture. Orca have to come to the surface to breathe. The drowned calves had their bellies slit, were filled with rocks, and weighted with chains and anchors to keep their deaths from coming to the attention of the public. Three of the carcasses washed up on the shore of Whidbey Island in 1970.

Tokitae was recorded to be about 14 feet long and 4-6 years old at capture, though witnesses say she was probably no more than 12 feet long and only 3-4 years old. She was sent to the Miami Seaquarium in Florida in September of 1970 to be a playmate for a young orca male named Hugo who had been captured in the Puget Sound in February, 1968. They were both from the same clan, the Southern Resident community, but no one knew that at the time. They constantly called to each other across the park until they were allowed to share a tank. Hugo died 10 years later, and she was alone.

The Lummi Nation, the Orca Network, and the Center for Whale Research campaigned for years to bring her home. Lummi carvers made a totem pole in her honor and took it all the way to Miami to protest her captivity. In 2019, as the campaign heightened, Tokitae was given a new name: "Sk'aliCh'elh-tenaut" for the indigenous village that used to be at Penn Cove.

An expert report in 2016 found that Lolita lived in the smallest tank of any orca in North America. She had no one to talk to, and despite being a member of a highly social species, was kept alone. She spent much of her time staring at the wall of her tank, according to the expert, Maddalena Bearzi, Ph.D. "Based on these observations and my experience with killer whales in the wild, the behavior displayed by Lolita...is certainly not indicative of a thriving animal or, for that matter, one kept in good care." Dr. Bearzi described her in a deposition as "almost catatonic" – when not performing for her food twice daily for paying customers.

Just when it was looking like she might be able to come home, she passed away August 18, 2023 at the Miami Seaquarium, from sudden acute renal failure. As that was happening, her entire family was off the west side of San Juan Island in what these days is a rare gathering, with all three pods swimming up and down the island, socializing in a Superpod. This is often a social ritual to mark a significant event in their community, and many believed they were welcoming her home.

"Toki is finally home, not the way we wanted, but her family seems to know she is with them once again in ways we may never comprehend." - The Orca Network.

This month, The Island County Museum in Coupeville is having a special exhibit to commemorate the 55th anniversary of Sk'aliCh'elh-tenaut (Tokitae's) Capture.

## Moments in time

\* On Sept. 8, 2012, a pair of Elvis Presley's undershorts, which had been framed under glass, failed to sell at a British auction, though they'd been optimistically expected to go for more than \$10,000.

\* On Sept. 9, 1942, a Japanese seaplane dropped incendiary bombs near Brookings, Oregon, in the first such attack on the U.S. mainland. The bombs were intended to start a forest fire, but fortunately caused little damage, due to wet conditions. Twenty years later, the pilot, Nobuo Fujita, visited Brookings in a gesture of reconciliation and friendship.

\* On Sept. 10, 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald published his first short story collection, "Flappers and Philosophers." In a copy he sent to editor and critic H.L. Mencken, Fitzgerald labeled four of the stories "worth reading," one "amusing" and the remaining three "trash."

\* On Sept. 11, 1841, American portrait painter John Goffe Rand received a patent for the first collapsible tin paint tube. Until then, artists had to mix their own oil paints, storing leftover supplies in animal bladders tied with string. French artist Pierre-Auguste Renoir later declared that "without paints in tubes there would have been no C@zanne, no Monet, no Sisley or Pissarro, nothing of ... Impressionism."

\* On Sept. 12, 1972, cowboy actor William Boyd, best known for his role as Hopalong Cassidy, died at the age of 77. He was the first cowboy actor to make the transition from movies to television, after more than 50 successful B-grade Westerns in which he was accompanied by his faithful and exceptionally intelligent horse, Topper,

\* On Sept. 13, 1940, Benito Mussolini's forces crossed the Libyan border into Egypt, achieving what "Il Duce" described as the glory Italy had been seeking for 300 years.

\* On Sept. 14, 1975, Elizabeth Ann Seton (n./@ Bayley), who was raised Episcopalian but later converted to Catholicism after being left a widow with five children, was canonized by Pope Paul VI at the Vatican in Rome, becoming one of the first American-born Catholic saints.

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# VETERANS POST

## Community Care Extended

By Freddy Groves

Veterans who receive community care for medical treatment have been required in the past to seek and receive new referrals every 90 to 180 days. Just getting that referral or authorization can cause delays in treatment. Now, with changes at the VA, those referrals won't be as frequent.

Starting now, in 30 different categories of medical care, referrals and new authorizations will only be required once a year.

Community care can literally be a lifesaver for veterans who live too far from a VA medical facility, whose closest facility doesn't provide the medical care that's required or if the VA's wait times are not acceptable.

Here are a few of the 30 medical categories that are now eligible for the longer authorization: cardiology, oncology, gastroenterology, pain management and pulmonary.

If you've been getting community medical care and are subject to the need for frequent reauthorizations, contact the Community Care office at your closest VA medical center to ask how the new rule impacts the schedule you'll be on going forward. Ask whether the new "year" began when your current authorization period did, or whether a new year begins right now. Get the answer in writing, if you can. Take the steps you need to, to guarantee that your authorization is indeed extended so you don't discover at the last minute that there's been a problem and that your file was overlooked.

If you'd like to take advantage of community care, you need to be enrolled in VA health care or be eligible for it.

If you're getting VA care, tell your VA physician that you'd like to get community care. If they think it's appropriate, they will start a referral.

Once you find a civilian community care provider that you like, be sure to verify that they're part of the VA's network before you get any treatment from them, otherwise VA won't pay for it.

To learn more about community care or to find a provider in your area, go online to [www.va.gov/communitycare](http://www.va.gov/communitycare).

# Adoptive grandparents remembered with love



by JoAnn Hellmann

Grandparents Day is Sunday, September 7 this year. It honors the important role grandparents play, recognizing the wisdom, guidance, and love they provide. The holiday is especially poignant for me as I write this because I attended a memorial service earlier this month for two very special people who became adoptive grandparents to my children when we moved to Whidbey many years ago.

Our firstborn, a toddler then, had grandparents who were two and three thousand miles away. At that age, they were just nice people he talked to on the phone. But Granddad and Mémé (the French diminutive for grandmother I believe), which is what their grandchildren called them, were the nice people who lived nearby. We had met them a couple of years earlier while we were stationed in Lemoore, California, and they were looking forward to retiring in 1975 on this wonderful little island north of Seattle called Whidbey with a naval air station in a town called Oak Harbor. My husband and I hadn't decided yet on our next duty station. We'd never been to the Pacific Northwest and thought "Let's give it a try." If it wasn't to our liking it'd only be for three years or so. Arriving the Christmas week of 1976 and finding an eighteen-month wait to get into base housing we bought our first home.

So over the highway and through the woods to Granddad's and Mémé's we'd go for our first holiday here, when the absence of relatives was especially felt. That continued for the next few years and in between they were there as needed, especially the night they watched our son when his sister was born at the naval hospital. A year later the Navy sent us to the east coast and then to Hawaii. Granddad and Mémé kept in touch those seven years and saw to it that we got all the news "back home." We returned in 1988, retired not long after, and stayed.



Robert Liebeck aka Granddad, who retired as the Master Chief of Naval Air Station Lemoore in 1975, passed away in 2015. Charleen aka Mémé left us in May of this year. If not for them, we would likely have never discovered our version of paradise nor have so many wonderful memories of them. To say they are greatly missed is an understatement.

Over the past several decades it seems that grandparents and grandchildren have gotten farther apart. My mother grew up with grandparents who lived across the hall. I grew up with grandparents who lived across town. My children grew up with grandparents who lived across the country. Fortunately, I lucked out with grandchildren who live less than 100 miles away.

With so many military children here on the island, it's a good bet that many of them have long-distance grandparents. And with our ever-mobile society, many grandparents here likely have grandchildren who live far away. But that distance is only found on maps and not in the hearts of those who keep in touch on a regular basis. Back in my day that was done with phone calls, letters and video tapes. Grandparents and grandchildren can be even closer nowadays with video chats.

Sometimes though all that isn't quite enough and there is still love to spare. So share! There are plenty of kids around in our neighborhoods, schools and churches who would welcome an adopted grandparent. Not only will the kids benefit but I guarantee your own self-esteem will rise several notches.

How appropriate to find while writing this that the flower of the U.S. National Grandparents Day is the forget-me-not. A fitting symbol for honoring these special folks and appreciating their presence in our lives. We'll never forget Granddad and Mémé: our memories bloom with love.

JoAnn Hellmann is a long-time resident of Oak Harbor and a retired Navy Journalist Chief.

## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What canal connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
2. MOVIES: Which of Disney's animated princess movies was the first to get a live-action version?
3. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male duck called?
4. LITERATURE: In which famous museum does a murder take place in the novel "The Da Vinci Code"?
5. SCIENCE: What part of the plant is responsible for photosynthesis?
6. TELEVISION: When did the animated TV sitcom "The Flintstones" debut?
7. U.S. CITIES: Which city is known for the saying, "Where young people go to retire"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: Which Southeast Asian fruit has such a strong smell that it's banned on public transportation?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which star is the brightest in the night sky?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many meters are in a kilometer?

- ANSWERS
1. Suez Canal.
  2. "Cinderella."
  3. A drake.
  4. The Louvre in Paris, France.
  5. The leaves.
  6. 1960.
  7. Portland, Oregon.
  8. Durian.
  9. Sifius.
  10. 1,000.

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Astrology for August 28-September 3 2025

Mercury Enters Virgo

On **August 28**, Uranus in Gemini sextiles Neptune retrograde in Aries at 1°. This transit is ongoing because the planets have been traveling in this formation for many weeks, months even, and will continue to do so. However, today this aspect is exact. This is a supportive aspect in the name of freethinking, imagination, dreaming a new dream, and staying open to unexpected ideas that create opportunities. What kind of downloads are you receiving today?

On **August 31**, Mercury in Leo trines Chiron in Aries at 26°. The planet of communication is sending positive vibes to the planet of our deepest wounds/deepest healing. This is a really good day to dig into any part of our personal healing journeys. A potent day to utilize journaling, words, writing, conversations in the name of healing are likely to bring rewards. In fire signs, we are supported to take action in these areas, as we may even have more courage to do so than usual. What needs to be said? What has been tough to look at? Today is a great day to try again.

On **September 1**, Saturn retrograde re-enters Pisces at 29°. This is the final lap of Saturn in Pisces for another 29.5 years. From now until February 12 of 2026, we will be closing out major chapters that are complete. Things that have been long-standing in our lives, especially around themes of escapism, addiction, and victim consciousness will finally close. Saturn's job is to mature us through challenging experiences, make us face our responsibilities, and ensure that we are fit to continue on the path of life with all that we have learned from our trials. Saturn first began its transit through Pisces on March 7, 2023. Reflect back on how life has made you face endings and completions since that time. How has your ability to surrender been challenged? Have you improved at letting go? At having faith? Here goes the last of that challenge.

On **September 2**, Mercury enters Virgo until September 18. Mercury is strong in the sign of Virgo, the sign of its rulership. Mercury is extremely detail oriented in this sign, yet able to mutate and remain malleable as needed. This is especially true in matters of speech, words, writing, conversation, and the exchange of ideas. Mercury in Virgo keeps receipts and advises that you do the same. With this transit, we want to remember ways that we can effectively and constructively slow down the mind, to remember that we cannot solve every problem that exists by ourselves, and that we are meant to be of service to others, but not at the expense of our mental and physical health. Beware of self criticism and perfectionism. How are you speaking to yourself? Don't get lost in the detail marathon and forget about the big picture. Ground the overactive mind through slower paced physical activities. Our minds are sharp now, but take periodical rest to avoid burn out.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

This week asks for balance, Aries. Your drive is strong, but pacing yourself will help you last the long run. Midweek, an honest conversation clears up a lingering misunderstanding.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

You're drawn toward comfort and familiarity, Taurus, but growth happens just outside your comfort zone. An unexpected opportunity on the 30th may challenge you in the best way.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**

The spotlight is on communication, Gemini. Missteps are possible, but clarity comes if you pause before responding. The weekend brings a chance for deeper connection with someone close.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

Practical matters dominate, Cancer. Money, work, or health requires steady effort, but don't neglect your emotional well-being. Around September 2, a moment of recognition affirms your progress.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

Your natural charm attracts attention this week, Leo. Use it to inspire or lead others. A creative spark around the 31st could open the door to a new project or collaboration.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

The focus is on your personal space and routines, Virgo. Small adjustments at home bring peace of mind. By the weekend, a heartfelt exchange strengthens a key relationship.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

This week highlights your social side, Libra. Friends and teamwork play an important role in moving forward. On September 1, a new idea or invitation may expand your horizons.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Career or responsibilities weigh heavily, Scorpio, but your persistence pays off. Midweek, a power dynamic shifts in your favor if you remain patient and strategic.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Your adventurous side is restless, Sagittarius. Whether travel or study, you crave exploration. The weekend brings clarity on how to align your ambitions with practical steps.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Deep reflection is called for, Capricorn. Financial or emotional resources may need reevaluation. Trust your instincts around September 2, especially in matters of sharing or trust.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Partnerships are highlighted this week, Aquarius. Collaboration feels rewarding, but compromise may be necessary. The end of the week brings an uplifting surprise from a friend or ally.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Your focus shifts to health and daily structure, Pisces. Start small with new habits—they'll have lasting results. A career-related breakthrough could arrive by September 3, lifting your confidence.



# King Crossword

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1 **Poke**
- 4 **Sneaky chuckle**
- 7 **Niagara sight**
- 12 **Dos preceder**
- 13 **X-ray's cousin**
- 14 **"-- Gold" (Fonda film)**
- 15 **Rx writers**
- 16 **Salad dressing order**
- 18 **7, on older phones**
- 19 **Capital of South Korea**
- 20 **Salty waters**
- 22 **Soon-to-be grads**
- 23 **Desist**
- 27 **Drench**
- 29 **"Constant Craving" singer**
- 31 **Places in the heart**
- 34 **Indian yogurt dish**
- 35 **Wards off**
- 37 **However**
- 38 **Corridor**
- 39 **Expert**
- 41 **Foundered**
- 45 **"Peachy!"**
- 47 **Cravat**
- 48 **Tangential topic**
- 52 **Eggs**
- 53 **Zodiac ram**
- 54 **Khan title**
- 55 **Rent out**
- 56 **"Live at the Acropolis" performer**
- 57 **"Way cool!"**
- 58 **Vegas opener?**

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1 **Checker moves**
- 2 **Tennis great Agassi**
- 3 **-- nova**
- 4 **Med. plan options**
- 5 **Papa Hemingway**
- 6 **-- -miss**
- 7 **Tank filler**
- 8 **Gore and Green**
- 9 **Floral necklace**
- 10 **Guided**
- 11 **Compass dir.**
- 17 **Corn cover**
- 21 **Marble cake pattern**
- 23 **Bed boards**
- 24 **-- chi**
- 25 **Toronto's prov.**
- 26 **Links org.**
- 28 **Have lunch**
- 30 **Actress Joanne**
- 31 **Sound of relief**
- 32 **FDR project**
- 33 **Seminary subj.**
- 36 **Tools with teeth**
- 37 **Whale variety**
- 40 **Activist Chavez**
- 42 **Coral island**
- 43 **Skin care brand**
- 44 **"Endymion" poet**
- 45 **Spanish ayes**
- 46 **Pencil filler**
- 48 **Utter**
- 49 **Glass of public radio**
- 50 **Cacophony**
- 51 **Still, in verse**

Answers on page 11

**The Spats**



**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

Thurs, Aug 28 North Isle H-71°/L-58°	Fri, Aug 29 North Isle H-72°/L-57°	Sat, Aug 30 North Isle H-68°/L-57°	Sun, Aug 31 North Isle H-68°/L-58°	Mon, Sept 1 North Isle H-72°/L-57°	Tues, Sept 2 North Isle H-72°/L-56°	Wed, Sept 3 North Isle H-71°/L-59°
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# OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

Thinking of this upcoming Labor Day week-end, how did you decide to do the work you are now doing?



**Dr. Michelle Kuss-Cybula,**  
Oak Harbor

I always thought I would be an architect. But then I spent a summer working in a summer school program, and everything changed. Watching students light up when they grasped a new concept and laughing with them over silly jokes made it clear: education had called my name.

Fast forward 33 years in public education, and I've never once regretted answering that call. While I may not have drawn blueprints for skyscrapers, I've had the privilege of "designing and building" something even more meaningful—schools.

Looking back, I realize that architecture and education aren't so different after all; both are about creating strong foundations and building something that lasts.

**Charles LaFond,**  
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**Jean Wieman,**  
Oak Harbor

I grew up in small town in Wisconsin and remember going to the grocery late at night so fewer people would see my Mom using food stamps to buy food for our family. So, I understood at an early age, the stigma that is associated with being low income. My husband came back into the military after we were married so he could support our family. He was transferred to California and when it was time to transfer from there, we came back to Whidbey. I called my friend who was the Employment Specialist at the Family Service Center where I had volunteered and was then hired as the clerk/typist prior to us moving. I asked her to keep her eyes open for a job for me because we were coming back. She called and told me there was a secretary job opening up at the Help House that would be perfect for me if I was interested. I sent my resume and came in to talk to the Director when we got back. I was hired immediately. I went from secretary to Deputy Director and then, in 2004, became the Executive Director. I am still here, 29 years later, because no one should have to go hungry or be ashamed to ask for help for themselves or their family. Food is a necessity of life and it should be something that every person should be able to have.

## Joyful Saying of the Week

When you do things from your soul, you feel a river moving in you, a joy.  
-RUMI

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging  
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Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
**North Whidbey Help House:**  
1091 SE Hathaway St.  
Oak Harbor 360-675-0681  
Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(5 p.m. on Tues)  
Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

**Island Church of Whidbey**  
Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade  
Ave., Langley 360-221-0969  
Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**SPIN Café:** 1241 SW  
Barlow St., Oak Harbor  
Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**St. Hubert's Catholic Church**  
Wednesday Soup Kitchen  
All are Welcome!  
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
804 3rd St., Langley  
360-221-5303

Ask about our Thursday Dinner

**HUB After School:** 301 Anthes  
Ave., Langley 360-221-0969  
Food and activities for middle and  
high school youth. Mon, Tues,  
Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6  
p.m.

**Ryans House for Youth:**  
Food, fun, support, 19777 SR  
20, Coupeville 360-331-4575  
Drop-in center for adults ages 18-  
24; Daily 6 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., 35 SE  
Ely St., Oak Harbor 360-682-5098  
Drop-in center for youth ages 12-  
21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Women, Infants & Children  
(WIC):** -Oak Harbor/North  
Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-  
Thurs 360-240-5554 Text: 360-  
544-2239

### CRISIS LINES

9-1-1: Call for threats to life,  
fire, accident or crime

-Non-emergency lines:  
Oak Harbor Police  
Department-360-279-4600  
-Island Communications  
Dispatch (ICOM) - 360-679-  
9567

9-8-8: Suicide and crisis  
lifeline, free & confidential  
- 741-741: 24/7 Crisis Text  
Line  
-800-584-3578:

24/7 Northwest Washington  
Crisis Services  
- 360-678-7880: Island  
County Behavioral Health  
866-488-7386 Trevor  
Project: 24/7 support for  
LGBTQIA2S+

### SHELTERS/HOUSING

#### CADA Emergency Shelter

- Confidential crisis shelter  
for women and children  
fleeing domestic violence/  
sexual assault/stalking. This  
is NOT a homeless shelter.  
Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis  
Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free:  
800-215-5669

#### Island County Housing

**Support** - 105 NW 1st St.,  
Coupeville 360-678-8284  
For homeless or at risk of  
losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9  
a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Ryan's House for Youth

- 19777 SR 20, Coupeville  
360-331-4575  
For at-risk adults ages 18-24

#### Whidbey Homeless Coalition

- Serving Island County 360-  
900-3077

#### The Haven Overnight Shelter

is a night-to-night shelter for  
up to 30 individuals. Must fol-  
low check in rules and must  
register daily between 4:00  
and 4:30pm Mon. thru Fri.  
and 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm on  
Saturdays and Sundays at the  
SPIN Café, 1241 SW Barlow  
St., Oak Harbor.

#### House of Hope Emergency

**Housing**, Langley, 360-708-  
4533. Transitional housing  
for families and adults at se-  
vere risk of homelessness; to  
apply, contact the Housing  
Support Center or call the  
number above.

#### Oxford Houses - Recovery

housing [oxfordhouse.org](http://oxfordhouse.org)  
-Men:360-246-4101  
- Women & Children: 360-  
682-5773

### MONTHLY MEETING

#### Monthly Meeting

**Hosted by NAMI** for All Adult  
Individuals who have a family or  
friend suffering from depression,  
anxiety, bi-polar disorder, or  
other mental health conditions.  
Trinity Lutheran Church in  
Freeland, Lower Building  
Closest to the Highway  
18341 WA-525, Freeland  
3rd Wednesday of the Month  
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.  
Email for more information:  
[karens@nami-sno-isle.org](mailto:karens@nami-sno-isle.org)

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

**MEMORY CAFÉ** Every 1st and  
3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00  
p.m. at the First United Methodist  
Church 1050 SE Ireland Street  
Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bi-  
monthly gathering for people with  
memory loss and their family to  
enjoy a time of fun, conversation,  
music and laughing (and snacks).  
This is a dementia friendly setting.  
For information: 360-720-4535

#### SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-

**ANON FAMILY GROUP** meets  
every Wednesday at 6pm at the  
Langley Methodist Church, 301  
Anthes in Langley. We meet in  
the Fireside Room, rear of church.  
Karol:360 914 7695.

Have a problem with drinking? It  
doesn't cost anything to attend  
**A.A. meetings.** Local Meet-  
ings are in Coupeville, Freeland,  
Langley, Clinton, and Oak Harbor.  
There are no age or education re-  
quirements to participate. Mem-  
bership is open to anyone who  
wants to do something about  
their drinking problem. A.A.'s pri-  
mary purpose is to help alcoholics  
to achieve sobriety. We're here to  
help. For local meetings search  
[aa.org](http://aa.org) or call 888-360-1564

Have you ever been affected by  
someone else's drinking? Al-  
Anon may be for you. **AL-ANON:**  
Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor  
Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW  
2nd Ave. There is help and hope:  
Contact for more info: Rebecca  
425-773-6937

Bothered by someone's  
drinking? **AlAnon** can help!  
Langley Family AlAnon  
Group, Wednesdays 9:30 AM  
to 10:30 AM, Langley Meth-  
odist Church, 301 Anthes  
Ave, Langley. Fireside room  
Information: (206) 898-2771.

#### Gamblers Anonymous Meeting

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the  
Mount Vernon Senior Center.  
Mount Vernon Senior Center,  
1401 Cleveland Ave, Mount  
Vernon Any questions, call Wash-  
ington State Gamblers Anonymous  
hotline at 855-222-5542, or visit  
<https://gawashington.org/>

#### OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesdays 7 PM to 8 PM  
Langley United Method-  
ist Church 301 Anthes Ave.  
Room 224  
Langley, Washington 98260  
For local meeting information and  
support call: Kevin 206-395-9622  
Adult Children of Alcoholic and  
Dysfunctional Families meeting,  
Tuesdays 2-3 pm, Langley Meth-  
odist Church - 301 Anthes Ave,  
Langley - Fireside room. Contact:  
[acawhidbey@gmail.com](mailto:acawhidbey@gmail.com)

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