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BITS & PIECES

Sno-Isle Libraries Board Advances a 2026 Library Levy Lid Lift Ballot Measure Supporting public library services

Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees adopted a resolution authorizing the Library District to place a ballot measure before voters in August to restore the library levy rate to \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed property value within the Library District.

The current levy rate is \$0.30039084203 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

"The 2018 library levy is at the end of its life. Through careful stewardship, the Trustees have used public funds responsibly and extended the levy as long as possible. If we did not advance this ballot measure, our Library District would look very different. After careful consideration, the Board has decided to ask voters to determine the future of their library services," said Board of Trustee President Jennifer DePrey.

A levy is a voter-approved property tax that helps fund civic infrastructure like schools, libraries, or fire departments. Voters deciding whether to restore the library levy is a normal part of long-term public funding. The levy funding makes up 91% of Sno-Isle Libraries' operating budget.

This August 4, voters will decide whether to restore the library levy to its previous rate. It's an important decision that will help shape the future of Sno-Isle Libraries.

Residents served by Sno-Isle Libraries can learn more at sno-isle.org/levy.

In 2018, voters approved a rate of \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed property value to support the Library District's services.

State law limits the Library District's annual property tax revenue growth to 1% a year. In 2018, Library Leadership projected the library levy would support services for seven years. The Library District has exceeded its commitment to voters by maintaining the current levy despite rising costs and a greater demand for its services.

About Sno-Isle Libraries

sno-isle.org

Sno-Isle Libraries serves over 800,000 residents in Snohomish and Island counties through 23 community libraries, online services, and Bookmobile.

Our Vision: Everyone in our community is connected to their library.

Our Mission: We engage and inspire our communities through equitable access to knowledge and resources.

Marina Receives \$621,000 in State Capital Budget

Representative Dave Paul announced that the City of Oak Harbor Marina will receive over \$620,000 for infrastructure improvements and updates. This investment into the Marina not only supports the waterfront infrastructure but is a major economic component in the community.

The City of Oak Harbor will utilize this funding, made available only through the support and championing of Representative Paul, to address several outstanding infrastructure projects at the Marina. The Marina experienced an unexpected mainline electrical failure in the spring of 2024. E Dock power was identified as the next likely emergency failure due to separation from junction boxes and unsupported utility lines. This funding will allow the Marina to bring E Dock electricity up to code, increasing the safety and consistency of the service to boaters using E Dock.

The Marina's upland restrooms and showers are over 30 years old and are in need of repair. This funding will update and repair the sewer infrastructure and modernize the plumbing, flooring, and fixtures in the restrooms and showers.

"The Marina is a staple in Oak Harbor, and these upgrades are an exciting step forward for our community. I want to thank Rep. Paul and my team for making this happen for Oak Harbor," said Mayor Wright.

Additionally, Catalina Park, located adjacent to the Marina, will see improvements and upgrades to enhance the park's appeal to mariners and the general public. The City anticipates work to begin this coming summer.

For more information or media inquiries, contact Communications Officer, Magi Aguilar at maguilar@oakharbor.org

Rob Schouten Gallery Presents Morrow & Skullerud Exhibition

Rob Schouten Gallery will host a new exhibition featuring Bruce Morrow and Mark Skullerud from April 1-27.

An opening reception will be held Saturday, April 4 from 5-7 p.m. during Langley First Saturday Art Walk.

Longtime Whidbey artist Bruce Morrow, known for his oil paintings and etchings, presents a new body of work inspired by his recently written novel *Nine Bean Rows*. The book tells the story of artist Anne Cribbs and her family's move to Ireland in 1966. The exhibition includes twelve drypoint etchings and several watercolor paintings connected to this narrative.



M. Cosgrove & Son - dry point etching by Bruce Morrow - 9" x 7"



A Pint on the Bar - dry point etching by Bruce Morrow - 9" x 7"

Painter Mark Skullerud exhibits Northwest landscapes that capture the region's natural beauty, from mountain vistas to scenes along the Sound. Working in oil stick and oil pastel, his work highlights both sweeping views and quiet, everyday moments found throughout the Pacific Northwest.



Deer Lagoon Road - oil on canvas by Mark Skullerud - 30" x 24"



Double Bluff - oil pastel on canvas by Mark Skullerud - 24" x 18"

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OAK HARBOR MAIN STREET PRESENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 2026

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PLEASE NOTE THE 2 DIFFERENT HUNT TIMES:

Sensory friendly hunt for children with autism
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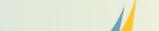
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What's Going On!

ISLAND SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL: SHAKESPEARE IN A BACKPACK

- Remaining Performances
- Sunday, March 29, 1 p.m. — Dancing Fish Vineyards, 1953 Newman Rd., Freeland
 - Thursday, April 2, 4 p.m. — Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor
 - Friday, April 3, 3:30 p.m. — Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave., Clinton
 - Friday, April 3, 7 p.m. — OutCast Productions, 819 Camano Ave., Langley
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Island Shakespeare Festival presents Shakespeare in a Backpack: Happy Hour Hamlet, a playful and fast-paced retelling of Hamlet. Featuring iconic monologues, contemporary humor and a compact 45-minute format, this touring production brings accessible, engaging theater to venues across Whidbey Island. Pay-what-you-will admission; advance booking recommended.

ALABASTER

Fridays-Sundays, Now through – March 29 Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees March 22 and 29 at 4 p.m. OutCast Black Box Theater, 819 Camano Ave., Langley

OutCast Productions presents Alabaster by Audrey Cefaly, a darkly comic Southern drama exploring grief, healing and the power of art. After a devastating tornado, a reclusive artist and her devoted companion confront loss and unexpected connection when a photographer arrives to document their story. Directed by Gail Liston. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$16 students/seniors.

SEA GLASS FLOAT SCAVENGER HUNT (PRE-EVENT)

Monday-Friday, March 23-27, daily clues released
Greater Freeland area

The hunt is already underway. Follow daily clues on social media to track down hidden handcrafted glass "wish stones" placed throughout Freeland. Find one and bring it to the Freeland Chamber office to claim prizes and sea floats. A fun lead-up to the main event—test your skills and get a head start.

SEA GLASS FLOAT SCOOP (MAIN EVENT)

Saturday, March 28, waves at 10 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Freeland Park, 1535 E. Shoreview Ave., Freeland

Join the final day of this free, family-friendly event as hundreds of handcrafted glass floats are hidden along the shoreline for participants to discover. Three timed waves offer new chances to search as the tide shifts. Participants may join multiple waves, but only one float per person. Expect friendly competition, outdoor adventure and a chance to take home a unique local treasure.

HISTORY OF ASTRONOMY: WHAT DO WE KNOW AND WHEN DID WE KNOW IT?

Saturday, March 28, 10-11:30 a.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Explore the evolution of astronomical discovery from ancient times to modern understanding in this presentation by Dr. Dan Tomandl, emeritus professor of physics and astronomy. Learn what limited early knowledge of the heavens, how those barriers were overcome, and how our understanding has changed over time. A Q&A session follows.

MEERKERK GARDEN TOURS

Meerkerk Gardens, 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank
Saturday, March 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

Discover the progression of spring on a docent-led tour featuring emerging color, garden highlights and seasonal plant interest. Tours depart from the Gatehouse Welcome Center and run 1.5-2 hours. Advance registration requested. Cost: \$15; children under 13 free. Dogs welcome on leash.

ON THE MOVE: THE MIRACLE OF ANIMAL MIGRATIONS

Tuesday, March 31, 3:30-5 p.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Discover why animals migrate and how they navigate across vast distances in this engaging presentation by local naturalists Steve and Martha Ellis. Learn about the seasonal journeys of birds, mammals, fish and insects, the challenges they face, and the science behind their navigation.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES – UKRAINE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN SECURITY

Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m.-noon
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave.

Join this community discussion as part of Great Decisions, America's largest world affairs program. This session focuses on Ukraine and its implications for European security. Participants are encouraged to review the Great Decisions Briefing Book and video materials in advance. Presented by the League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island; a reference copy of the briefing book will be available in the library.

WHEELS ON THE BUS STORYTIME WITH ISLAND TRANSIT

Thursday, April 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Climb aboard an Island Transit bus for a special storytime experience designed for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. The bus will be parked in the municipal lot next to the library, where families can enjoy stories and learn about local transit services.

SHAKESPEARE IN A BACKPACK: HAPPY HOUR HAMLET

Thursday, April 2, 4-5 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor

Island Shakespeare Festival presents a lively, comedic retelling of Hamlet featuring iconic monologues, modern humor and a fast-paced performance. This 50-minute show follows two castle guards reflecting on the story over a post-shift drink, offering an accessible and entertaining introduction to Shakespeare. Registration encouraged; walk-ins welcome as space allows.

FLYING FINGERS DEAF AND HOH SOCIAL

Langley United Methodist Church, Fireside Room (Third Street and Anthes Avenue), Langley
Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.

A casual gathering for people who are deaf or hard of hearing and for ASL learners. Participants practice sign language, enjoy conversation and share treats. Follow signs to the Fireside Room. For details, contact Susan at 360-221-0383 or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com

CLINTON EASTER EGG EVENT

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.-noon
Thirsty Crab Brewery, SR 525, Clinton

Celebrate spring at this annual Easter egg hunt hosted by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce. The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m., with participants (ages 12 and under) grouped by age. Keep an eye out for the Golden Egg for a chance to win a grand prize. Enjoy a festive morning with coffee, breakfast, donuts, music, candy and family-friendly activities.

BIRD WALKS AT DECEPTION PASS

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.-noon
Rosario Beach, Deception Pass State Park, Rosario Beach Road

Explore shoreline and bluff habitats at Rosario Beach while learning to identify local and migrating birds. This guided outing, hosted in partnership with Whidbey Audubon Society, welcomes beginners and experienced birders alike. Bring binoculars if possible. No registration required. Discover Pass or day-use permit required per vehicle.

SOUNDERS GRAY WHALE YOUTH EVENT

Saturday, April 4, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Langley Whale Center, Anthes Avenue, Langley

Learn about gray whales and their migration through Puget Sound at this interactive youth program. Kids will explore whale behavior, diet and seasonal patterns, then create a whale-themed craft. Participants may also have the chance to spot whales from nearby Seawall Park.

MEERKERK GARDEN TOURS

Meerkerk Gardens, 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank
Saturday, April 4, 1-2:30 p.m.

Experience the gardens as spring gains momentum, with docent guidance on flowering plants, landscape features and seasonal changes. Tours begin at the Welcome Center and last about 1.5-2 hours. Advance registration requested. Cost: \$15; children under 13 free. Leashed dogs welcome.

LANGLEY: FIRST SATURDAY ART WALK

Saturday, April 4, 5-7 p.m.
Downtown Langley, First St. & Anthes Ave., Langley

Stroll through Langley's galleries during this monthly art walk featuring new exhib-

its, open studios and opportunities to meet local artists. Participating locations include Artworks Gallery, Museo Gallery, Rob Schouten Gallery, Whidbey Art Gallery and the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

STEAM SUNDAY: EXTRAORDINARY EGGS

Sunday, April 5, 2-3 p.m.
Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave., Freeland

Kids ages 5-13 are invited to explore the science and creativity of eggs through hands-on experiments and crafts. Part of the monthly STEAM Sunday series, this program encourages curiosity through art, nature and mini-maker activities.

THE FAREWELL – FREE FILM AND CONVERSATION

Monday, April 6, 1-4 p.m.
Oak Harbor Cinema, 1321 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor

Island Senior Resources presents a free screening of the award-winning film The Farewell, a moving comedy-drama about family, truth and navigating life and loss. Following the film, WhidbeyHealth Hospice staff Andrea Denke and Nathalie Gauteron will lead a guided conversation. Free admission; seating is limited.

INSECT SAFARI

Thursday, April 9, 2-3 p.m.
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Join guest entomologist Don Ehlen for an up-close look at the world of insects and arthropods. Hear stories from collecting expeditions and explore a display of more than 2,000 preserved specimens, including butterflies, beetles and spiders from around the world. For ages 5 and up with caregivers.

INTRO TO ROBOTICS WITH EDISON ROBOTS

Friday, April 10, 1-2 p.m.
Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Dr., Oak Harbor

Explore the fundamentals of robotics in this hands-on workshop led by instructors from the Whidbey Island Language, Art & STEM Center. Participants will use Edison Robots to learn basic programming and engineering concepts in a fun, interactive setting. Designed for ages 11-17.

FIGHTING FRAUD: IDENTIFY, PREVENT, REPORT

Friday, April 10, 2-3 p.m.
Langley Library, 104 Second Street, Langley

Learn how to recognize and avoid common scams in this informational session with Nathan Spiecker of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. Topics include fraudulent calls, emails and social media schemes, as well as how scammers use gift cards, cryptocurrency and payment apps. Part of the End of Life program series.

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Palm Sunday, March 29:

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist combined service at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1:

Tenebrae with the Sophia Singers at 7:00 p.m.
The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "shadows." The service is filled with chanting of psalms as candles are extinguished until the church is in darkness.

Maundy Thursday, April 2:

Holy Eucharist with Choir at 7:00 p.m.
On this night, Jesus instructed his disciples to "love one another" and remember him through the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Foot-washing will be available.

Good Friday, April 3:

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Communion Liturgy with Choir
The Good Friday Liturgy, with Communion from the Reserve Sacrament, is the second part of the Triduum and is marked with austerity, silence, and reflection.

Holy Saturday, April 4:

The Great Vigil at 7:00 p.m.
This first liturgy of Easter will be a joint celebration with St. Stephen's, Oak Harbor, at St. Stephen's. Bring bells to ring in the resurrection!
St. Stephen's is located at: 555 SE Regatta Dr, Oak Harbor

Easter Sunday, April 5:

Celebrate the Day of the Resurrection at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Bring bells to welcome this happy morning!
Festive music with the Choir at the 10:30 a.m. service.

All are Welcome!
No matter where you are on your journey, you are welcome here.



1 BILLION DOLLARS TO MOVE SKAGIT RIVER SALMON

The mighty Skagit River is primarily a glacial fed river, augmented with natural streams, snow melt, and rain run-off that sees a returning run of all five species of pacific salmon. The Skagit's headwaters are located in the Canadian Cascade Mountains of British Columbia near Allison Pass and is often referred to as the "donut hole." A 6,000-hectare gathering of water just north of the Washington border.

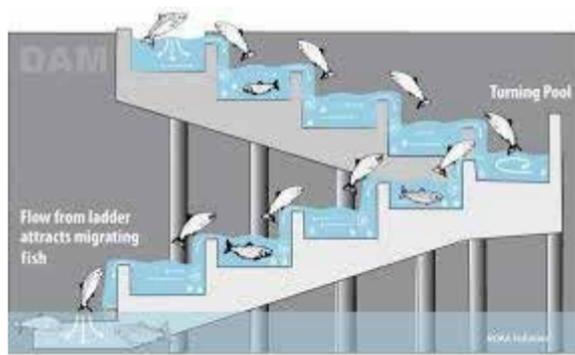
Once in Washington the Skagit rumbles and flows 150 miles to meet the Puget Sound in our back yard near Mount Vernon splitting into the North and South forks of the Skagit. Along these 150 miles the water now encounters three hydroelectric Dams that were built in the early 1900's by Seattle City Light. These dams were completed in stages, the Gorge Dam in 1926, the Diablo Dam in 1930, and the Ross Dam between 1937-1953. These hydroelectric projects currently provide 20% of Seattle City Light's total electric power, and supply clean carbon-free power to close to 1 million customers in Seattle and its surrounding areas.

Like any other project Seattle City Light must file for permits to continue to operate and provide power to the customer which is now coming due for renewal. The permit renewal is a collaborative process that involves negotiations with federal/state agencies, indigenous tribes and stakeholders, however the final legal authority to grant the permit rests with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). For many years there has been a conflict between providing power and the inability for salmon to pass over these dams to spawn. However, this year Seattle City Light has agreed to take steps to make it possible for salmon to move past these Dams to reach potential spawning grounds.

The main reason the dams are located where they are is engineers and biologists in the beginning agreed that salmon could not naturally travel up the Skagit to these locations due to natural barriers like waterfalls and extreme white water-terrain. 107 years later we are being told that was/is not true, so one billion dollars from Seattle City Light has been dedicated to create the means to move salmon above the dams. This is wonderful news for salmon, and those that will benefit from the potential increase in salmon numbers returning to the Skagit River. I personally believe that the true salmon recovery results of the billion-dollar Dam effort will never be realized as long as non-selective salmon netting is still allowed at the mouth and lower Skagit River Regions.

With all of the money at stake at minimum, large-scale salmon harvesting with the use of expansion nets in the Skagit River should be eliminated. Heavy-toll harvest methods should be shifted to selective harvesting by using fish wheels, dip nets, and trotlines to minimize choke-point harvesting. I believe this is the true economically smart, and realistic answer to salmon sustainability in the Skagit. Removing said nets from the river is highly unlikely in the next 107 years; and changing the mind-set of those that are deep rooted in cultural tradition for the betterment of salmon is extremely difficult at best.

Let's speculate how Seattle City Light will successfully accomplish its mission. "Fish ladders" that are structurally part of Dams are the most common, and successfully proven ways for salmon to transit around hydroelectric Dams. Salmon are Super Athletes and are capable of beating incredible odds, however, how high vertically can a salmon navigate using a fish ladder and still have the energy to search for and prepare the correct habitat to spawn? The other highly successful and proven method to navigate up-and-over a Dams is "man-power" yep, we collect and move the salmon. Not possible you might think, this technique is already working at the Baker River facility in the city of Concrete Washington. Here is how successful this program is. In 1985 only 99 adult sockeye salmon returned to the river, after this record low return and potential loss of the entire sockeye run, the Baker River Transfer Facility was created and its development initiated. Puget Sound Energy engineered and



built two capture devices. One device to capture thousands of returning adults from the Baker River, and the second device floats on the reservoir above the Dam to capture the tens of thousands of Sockeye smolt (juvenile sockeye) making their way back to the river. Once the fish are captured, they are carefully gathered and transported over the Dam in both directions to complete their life-cycle.

^Fish ladders work well



<Baker River capture device. Example of success!

Last year in 2025, 92,000 sockeye returned to the Baker River! There is proof that Salmon and Dams can coexist. The capture devices are genius and are extremely successful, time will tell which method will prevail after the dust settles, as technology continues to advance other passage methods could arise such as "vacuum," "magnetic," and "robotics" could be put to the test to find the best long-term solution. Seattle City Light does not need to

completely reinvent the wheel here, there are already in place proven engineered devices that can help pave the way to achieving its goal.

Spring is here and fishing opportunities will be ramping up. Halibut season opens in April followed by lingcod in May, then the salmon will start to arrive in the Puget Sound throughout the summer so get your gear ready now! Remember our current fishing licenses will expire at the end of the month.

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An Island Donor's Manifesto

by Charles LaFond ISLAND FUNDRAISER, POTTER, AUTHOR, AND ESSAYIST

Like so many others, I moved to this island for peace and quiet - a home with a moat, as much for its beauty as for its silence. I came here to live differently from other places, because living on an island is a different way of life.

This is my third island, after one in Maine and one in the Inner Scottish Hebrides. Island shorelines gather a community of communities. Life on an island reminds me of the medieval cities within castle walls and moats. Sometimes in war, they were places of refuge. Other times, when surrounded, they were places of starvation and plague. But regardless, they were where people helped each other within the walls and behind the drawbridge. An island makes helping others, its waters, and its lands preposterously local.

Freeland and other places have experimented with notions of Utopian Society. Islands are given to such things. I just find that Utopian Societies only work when there are no people in them, or when, like the Pacific Northwest's indigenous original native inhabitants, people had a different relationship with land and seas.

We have all come here to live a good life in a beautiful place, and to make sure that our neighbors and that these islands are cared for and about - cherished even - passed on better than we found them. Donors plant trees under which they will never sit.

As a donor myself, I don't want to help a non-profit; I want to partner with a non-profit. My gift is only available if it answers a question about which we both care- I, the donor, and you, the nonprofit, must, together, say "There's a problem we want to solve, we can solve it together." It may be homelessness, land preservation, human hunger, land access, youth mentoring, education, childhood development, historical preservation, organic farming or ecology. There is always a ready menu for love's expressions.

I place a very high emphasis on impact because I am from the Impact Generations (Generations X, Y, and Z.) These days, we in the Impact Generations need to see proof of effectiveness - proofs and plans that the Great Generation and Silent Generation did not require.

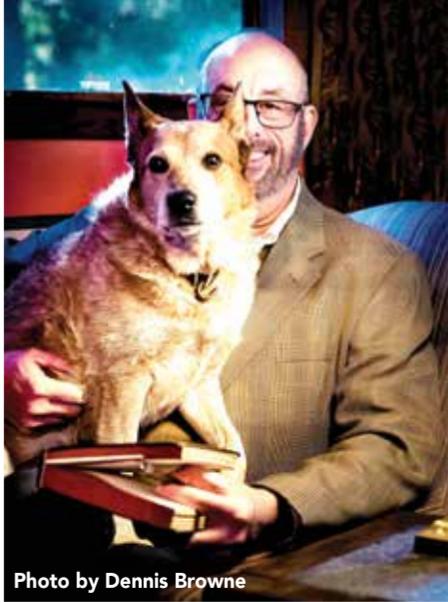


Photo by Dennis Browne

I also want to make sure that when I invest in a nonprofit agency, they understand it's an investment, not just my virtue-signaling.

We, donors, want non-profit plans to be community-informed, of use, thoughtful, urgent, adaptable, and grounded in reality. We want to see that our dollars are not just keeping something going, but are actually advancing clear, new, set goals longed for by an island community on gorgeous land and beside blue seas.

Donating has a bigger impact on the donor than on the island - that's why I love the work of donor-meaning-making. It's a kind of midwifery - helping people to birth their meaning-making.

Philanthropy - yours and mine - makes it possible for Whidbey Island to be a good place, not just a beautiful one.

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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, you may face a choice that requires quick thinking. Trust your instincts, but don't ignore practical details. A smart decision early in the week sets a positive tone.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, balance comes through making a clear choice. Avoid sitting on the fence too long—decisiveness brings relief and forward movement.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, steady progress continues, but a small change in routine could improve your results. Don't be afraid to adjust your approach—flexibility works in your favor now.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, a shift in perspective changes everything. Let go of needing full control and trust the process. Something unexpected works out in your favor.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, timing is everything this week. Saying the right thing at the right moment opens doors. Pay attention to subtle cues in conversations.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, spontaneity brings opportunity. A last-minute plan or idea could lead to something exciting. Stay open and ready to pivot.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, something you've been waiting on begins to take shape. Stay patient and avoid overthinking. Progress may be slow, but it's meaningful.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, your discipline pays off, but this week asks you to adapt slightly. A small shift in strategy leads to better long-term results.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, your confidence helps you take the lead in a situation others may hesitate on. Just be mindful not to rush—measured action brings better results.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, your originality stands out in a key moment. Don't second-guess your ideas—what feels different may be exactly what's needed.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, a detail you once overlooked may resurface. Handling it now clears the path forward. Your careful nature turns this into a win.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, intuition guides you toward the right decision. Trust your gut, especially midweek. A quiet realization helps you move forward with confidence.

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EASTER IN THE 50'S

By Terry Fengler Case

Easter in the 50's,
 I remember it so well.
 The big white Congregational
 Church,
 And the steeple with the bell.
 We were all dressed in our finery
 To celebrate death and life,
 Because now He is risen,
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And then back home to peel the
 eggs
 That we had found; what fun!
 And play the game of "crack the
 egg"—

Our Mom always won!

We always got a chocolate bunny,
 They grew bigger every year.
 Was hard to decide where to start—
 The feet or the ears.

Then the family dinner
 With relatives and friends,
 I always loved Easter in the 50's,
 Never wanted it to end.

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Astrology for March 27 - April 2 2026 Full Moon in Libra 12°, Venus Enters Taurus

On **March 27**, the effects from yesterday's Venus/Chiron conjunction in Aries at 25° is still in effect and brings relationship vulnerabilities to the surface. This transit seeks to help each of us look deeper at our wounds with empathy and care. We will be prompted to confront themes from our own personal healing journeys around self-worth, confidence and courage. With the Moon moving through a confrontational square aspect in the sensitive sign of Cancer, we can be easily triggered. Get into it. Have the courage to look one layer deeper beyond the hurt feeling. It will likely be an emotionally uncomfortable day, but gems of wisdom and even true progress around healing old heartaches are on offer.

On **March 28**, Saturn in Aries sextiles Pluto in Aquarius at 5°. We have an opportunity to make reliable and practical changes today in the direction of our big picture goals, long-game directives, and commitments. This is a pivotal day for engaging in forward momentum and innovating old patterns. Progress is visible, especially in the realm of self-improvement or within group dynamics. There is a productive laser beam focus that can lock in today connected to long term pay-off. Direct your beam accordingly.

On **March 30**, Venus enters Taurus until April 24. Deep exhale. Venus is exalted, happy, and in her prime in her home sign of Taurus. Here, the five physical senses come alive. Olives, silk sheets, the smell of dried roses, feet in a patch of soft grass etc. . During this time, we are more drawn to sensual and visceral experiences, connection to nature, food, and all things involving joy and pleasure. Venus in this sign is especially tied to our values - both what we value and our own self-value - and this period of time may invite an update in these areas. As Venus rules relationships, in Taurus we are more inclined to choose secure partners, or partners that help us to create a sense of security of some kind. The Moon will spend the day in the sign of Virgo, another earth sign, amplifying the 3D physical-realm signature. Body awareness through memory and emotion can be amplified, as the Moon early in the morning meets the South Node, a point that ropes in past storylines and old karmic ties. There may be a whiff of what feels familiar and why that feels good - or why it no longer applies.

April 1, brings the full Moon in Libra at 12°. Completions in the area of relationships and one-on-one relating come to the fore. Something that we have been working on within our partnerships comes to fruition. A compromise can be reached after a lot of back and forth. The Moon is its brightest at this phase, illuminating any relationship dynamics that have gone on unaddressed. The full Moon opposes the Sun in Aries and creates a square with Jupiter in Cancer at 15°. Relationship issues concerning me vs. we are very loud now. Independence vs. co-dependence. Are our physical or energetic give and take's truly balanced? They may not be equal, but are they fair? From another perspective, Jupiter's presence suggests that confronting these issues head-on can naturally lead to higher learning and expansion. However, it can also pose more extreme emotional challenges, as any aspect with Jupiter amplifies themes and circumstances. This is a moment to check in with yourself. Aries season is sprouting potent seeds. What are you trying to grow? Where do you need others' support? Where do you already know they can't meet you and you are actually waiting on yourself?



March 27th - April 2nd : The World Reversed

Your world, on review, feels turned upside down. Much of how your life used to appear is now unrecognizable. There is purpose to this because looking backward to how things have always been done is no longer an option, no longer of tangible aid to you. Circumstances now require looking to the future, letting it look different, and composing something new; knowing a sense of calm, knowing you are looked after and guided in this uncertain time of creation. It is your interpretive dance but the stage has been set.

With so much upheaval in the world, it's understandable you may want to cocoon yourself and look away from the strife, yet there's a feeling of guilt and privilege if you're not keeping informed. Instead of pinballing between these extremes, aim for a sense of balance by first and always

prioritizing care for yourself, then only once you have capacity, update yourself strategically and help how, where, you can, in a way compatible with regulating your nervous system. It's also important, as difficult as it may seem, to focus on exuding love at this time, rather than marinating in fear or grief or rage. Not that these or any emotions should be shunned or shamed, but rather counterbalanced after listening to the messages these emotions wish to impart.

Within this fresh chapter being written, it's especially poignant this week to be attentive to the stories and labels you have been wrapped in, both by choice and by inheritance. Your sovereignty in choosing your story or the story you desire to step into and be read for is not only richly empowering but also defines the unfolding of the coming days, weeks, months, and potentially years. Think of this process as spring cleaning. Observe and address each article, title, encounter, attachment that comes to mind and breathe into what feels authentic to you or who you're aspiring to be; not to who you've been told you are or should be. Keep what fits, and release old versions, particularly those written by someone else entirely.

You get to be the author and main character of your life. ~Xo, Tiffany

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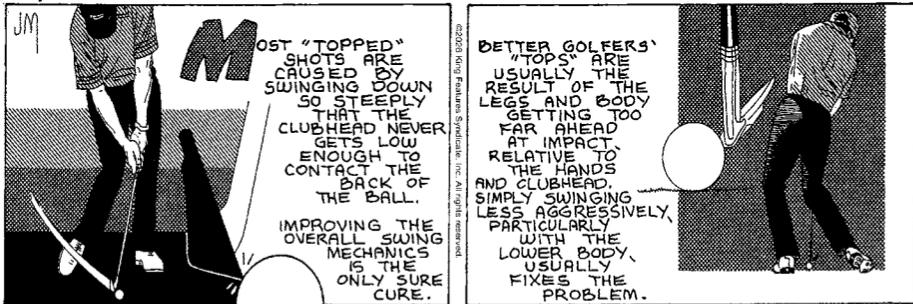
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OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

With what historical person would you like to meet?



Ben D.,
Oak Harbor

I would like to meet Cristiano Ronaldo because he is famous for being really good at soccer. Just like I want to be really good at soccer. I want him to coach me so I can get better at tricks, dribbling, and shooting. The tricks he does are phenomenal! He does something called the rainbow flick which is when the ball is behind you, you flick it over your head. He has tried to win the World Cup so hard but has not... yet. Overall, the person I would

want to meet is Cristiano Ronaldo.



Bianca R.,
Oak Harbor

The historical person I would like to meet is the first African American president, Barack Obama. He was the 1st black president of the United States. He was a trailblazer and icon for many African American citizens & many more. I would want to meet him because he is a very important figure of history to me, and he worked really hard to achieve his dreams. I think it would be amazing to hear him talk about his life and how he never gave up, even when things were hard. I would also ask him what it felt

like to make history and help so many people. Meeting him would be a world full of joy for me.



Cameron F.,
Oak Harbor

I would like to meet Carlos and Helio Gracie. I love doing Brazilian jujitsu and they are responsible for turning jujitsu into a sport and bringing it to the United States. I want to know how they came up with the idea of turning it into a sport. I would ask what their favorite moves are. I would also ask what they would do different if they made it now. How would they decide who got what skill level belt. Mostly I'd want to talk to them

because their sport lets me defend myself and other people. I would also ask them to teach me a move I can get really really good at.



Brooklyn F.,
Oak Harbor

A historical person I would like to meet would be Rosie the Riveter because she and a group of women represented strength and determination during a very difficult time in history. I would want to learn what it was like for those women to step into the roles in the factories, making parts for tanks and bullets and other things during World War II and how that changed society back then. In her words, she escorted other

women to join the World War II effort with the declaration that "we can do it". She showed great respect for women and that woman could do very hard jobs and that woman can do anything they put their mind to, that is why I chose Rosie The Riveter.

Joyful Saying of the Week

When you are joyful, when you say yes to life and have fun and project positivity all around you, you become a sun in the center of every constellation, and people want to be near you.
-Shannon L. Alder

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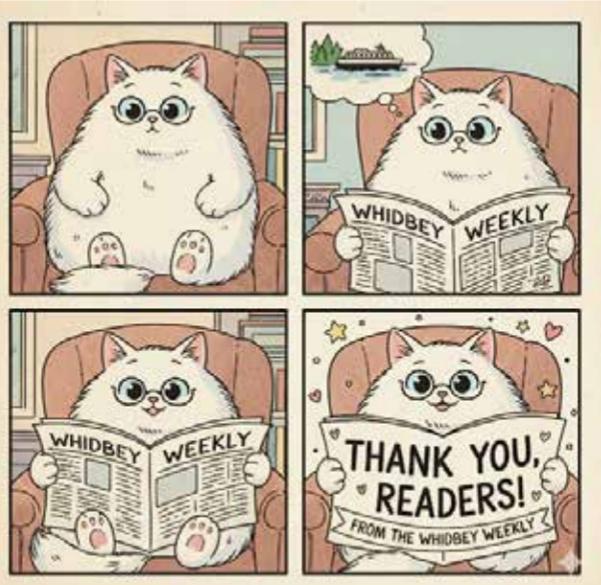
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