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By Mike Diamanti

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Update: Island County is in Phase III of the "Safe Start" reopening plan, so legally, IDIPIC could host impact panels with less than 50 attendees, but we have two concerns. Neither the Oak Harbor Library nor the Freeland Trinity Lutheran Church are allowing use of their public spaces where we hold our impact panels. Second, as of June 26, Washington State is requiring everyone in a public place to wear a mask and practice social distancing. The risk of spreading the virus is still high, especially indoors. (Editor's note: The number of people now allowed at indoor gatherings in Phase III has been reduced to 10.)

Until our board, director, and facilitator feel it is safe to conduct impact panels, we will continue to hold off. We will keep all of our Partners in Prevention, stakeholders, donors, volunteers and supporters notified when we can safely resume our panels and outreach, with all precautions observed.

NAS Whidbey

No current engagement with NAS Whidbey Island due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are staying in touch with our Navy contacts via email.

Safe Ride Home

Our Partner in Prevention, Safe Ride Home, www.saferidehomewhidbeyisland.com, provides a free service to those who live on the south end of Whidbey Island. Its mission is to provide a pre-funded safe ride home for members of South Whidbey, Clinton to Coupeville, when they find themselves in an unsafe situation. This service is for emergency rides only!

Safe Ride Home is looking to establish a chapter serving Oak Harbor and the surrounding area. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Safe Ride Home President, Brian Grimm, at 360-929-3277 or email bjgrimm@gmail.com.

Oak Harbor School District

Brian Mullen is the Prevention-Intervention Counselor for Oak Harbor High School, and he can be reached at 360-279-5766 and bmullen@ohsd.net

South Whidbey School District

Several coalition members have been getting trained in The Science of the Positive and the benefit of positive community norms. Student Assistance Professional, Colleen Chan, continues to roll out monthly parent prevention newsletters that are accessible on the South Whidbey School District website.

Community Outreach

The most important and key element during our impact panels is when our volunteer speakers tell our audience how impaired driving has affected them, their family, relatives and friends. These are Island County residents who not only give their time freely, but they give the gift of an open heart to a room of complete strangers. It's emotional testimony, and the point of it is for the audience members to understand, to some degree, what it is like to be part of the ripple effect created by an impaired driver. These are community members who are standing up with public testimony about the effects of impaired drivers. We owe them our ongoing thanks.

National Highway Traffic Safety Commission (NHTSA) www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving

Labor Day weekend is less than a month away. NHTSA has a section on its website giving "Summer Driving Tips." Reviewing this material could contribute to the safety of you and your family during the busy travel season. One hot weather concern is heat stroke. It can be a serious issue for all ages, but children are susceptible to hot car deaths since their body temperature can rise three to five times faster than an adult's. NHTSA suggests getting in the habit of always looking inside your car before locking the doors. Park, look, lock is a habit that can prevent hot car deaths.

Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) wtsc.wa.gov

Another ongoing concern is the rising frequency of poly-drug drivers involved in fatal crashes. In 2011 the number was 67. In 2012 it climbed to 80, and every year after it has risen. 2013 had 97, 2014 had 106, 2015 had 120 and 2016, the last year of compilation had 137. Alcohol only drivers in fatal crashes went from 115 in 2008 down to 65 in 2016. Marijuana only drivers went from 19 in 2008 to 37 in 2016. Drivers under the influence of alcohol, alone or in combination with other drugs, emerge as the most high-risk drivers, ultimately being involved in fatal crashes.

Responsibility in driving means never driving impaired. This is the goal for all of us, and we can do our part through increasing our awareness about the issues, having discussions with all of our family and friends, and intervening when we know someone is about to drive impaired.

In closing, our IDIPIC funding just covers our expenses and the cost of two part-time contractors. Even though we are not able to activate our community outreach and involvement in person, Nichol and I continue to maintain our community connections via email and phone from home. Our annual fundraising efforts that begin this time of year have been postponed. However, any donation to IDIPIC, and any donations on behalf of our co-sponsor, Safe Ride Home, can be mailed to: IDIPIC, P.O. Box 358, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Every monetary donation will receive a thank you letter as proof of your generosity, and acknowledgment on our website (if requested). Both IDIPIC and Safe Ride Home are 501c3 non-profits, registered in the State of Washington. On behalf of myself and Nichol Rayne, thank you for caring about our community on Whidbey island and your support for safer roads.

Mike Diamanti, IDIPIC Director • Nichol Rayne, Facilitator/Educator

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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Today is Election Day. Or at least it is as I write this. Primary day in Washington.

Today being that day, it got me to thinking about the word elect.

We choose all the time.

We select all the time.

Yet, we only seem to elect on Election Day.

Seems to me we really are electing every day.

Everyday is Election Day, even if only official to us, the official choosers.

Webster's Seventh defines "elect," derived from the Latin *electus* or *choice*, as:

1. carefully selected: chosen
2. chosen for eternal life through divine mercy
3. chosen for office or position but not yet installed

The word *election* is defined further:

1. a. an act or process of electing b. the fact of being elected
2. predestination to eternal life
3. the right power or privilege of making a choice

The #2 definition gives me pause. Talk about a term of office.

So, to be perfectly clear, in case you are reading this on a cloudy day, every day is election day.

We wake and the thought process begins.

What do we choose to think? Or, are our thoughts choosing us?

My first thought election day morning, or any morning, is thinking how great it is to be on this side of the grass again today. Secondly, and a close second, is coffee will soon be smelled prior to tasting.

The cowboy coffee we drank on fishing trips at Trinity or Shasta took forever. Nowadays, old man Keurig has this speed thing down. Okay, so I am messing up the planet with my Rite Aid Big Win French Roast cups, but I choose the speed of anticipated pleasure often over my impact in the local landfills.

Let the analysis of the daily election continue.

The *Seattle Times*, after being retrieved from the mailbox, is the next thing I elect.

Reading the paper is not as time consuming as it once was. There is less to read and less to cut out. I cut out stuff to mail to friends who already know the info I have sent them by the time they get it. I love slow mail and slow news.

Today's paper had a nice picture of last night's sturgeon moon. I caught a sturgeon once with Herb, Chuck Yeager's favorite fishing guide. Herb made me throw the prehistoric looking fish back since it was not sturgeon season. I was licensed for salmon only.

Before electing whether or not to have a second cup of Rite Aid's finest (24 servings for \$8.79 with the discount card), I think about what next to elect.

Shall I sit mask-free on the back porch while sipping the fruits of a future landfill donation?

Shall I turn on the national news for a quick blast of despondency?

Shall I meditate about peace, love and understanding while listening to Elvis Costello?

So many choices.

I did not move to Whidbey to have all these choices.

When I arrived in 1983, we had no stop signs in Freeland.

We may have had one stop light between the ferry in Clinton and the ferry in Coupeville.

The toughest Whidbey choice I had 37 years ago was which one of the three Whidbey bowling alleys to enjoy.

I called it "The Whidbey Worry."

If I have too many choices to make, I begin to worry.

Someone once wrote worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair. The rocking keeps you busy, but it doesn't get you anywhere.

I worry too much.

I have friends who worry more than I do. I try not to ask them what they are worrying about because it just gives me more worry.

Once on *Kung Fu*, David Carradine's character, Kwai Chang Caine, asked his mentor, Master Po, "If I worry, will the future change?"

I even worried about that for awhile.

Today's Election Day is a reminder that our choices create conditions. Our choices create results.

Today I received an offensive to me mp4 video from a friend of 50 years.

He thought it was funny.

I did not.

Did I elect to react? Did I elect to respond? Did I elect to get real?

Yep. All of the above.

Did I choose the right thing in jumping all over my friend in my reply email? Negatory.

Email. Does the E stands for *emotion* or *explaining* or *electronic*?

We have seven second delays in radio and television. How about a seven second delay in the sending of email?

The point?

This world of ours has too much "what-if" going around, and I am one of the violators.

Do I want to choose or elect thoughts that disturb me?

Do I want to believe everything I hear or read?

Have you noticed the slowing down of Internet speed? Makes me wonder how many more folks are cruising down and up the Internet highway at 7 a.m. every weekday morning.

I could ask my internet service provider, but I do not want to wake up tomorrow humming their on-hold music.

While Hamlet felt the need to question the pros and cons of beingness, every day I decide what to choose to think and what to choose not to think. More than anything, I do not want to turn my mind into a landfill.

Here on Election Day I am reminded again that the freedom to choose is our greatest gift.

We can choose what to think.

We can choose what to believe.

We can choose why we believe.

We can choose who we believe.

We can choose to applaud those we choose to agree with.

We can choose to ignore the disturbing choices made by others.

Do I really need to read the comments section below the DVD or CD or book I am about to put in my Amazon shopping cart?

Davy Crockett made it pretty simple on the Walt Disney episodes.

"Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

No wonder I procrastinate. How do ya know when you are 'fer sure, Davy?

Today's official Election Day has 36 candidates running for Governor. I paused to ask, "How much money did the state make on filing fees?"

It must be one heckuva company picnic.

Yes, electing which choice to make, and which road to take, is a moment by moment lifestyle.

Our law school leader, Dean Castetter, knowing he was surrounded by cynical worry warts in pursuit of access to our one copying machine, would remind us, "Every day is a good day, but some days are better than others."

Choices come in two selections—good and bad.

What kind of choices will I elect today?

Isn't that part of the fun of life?

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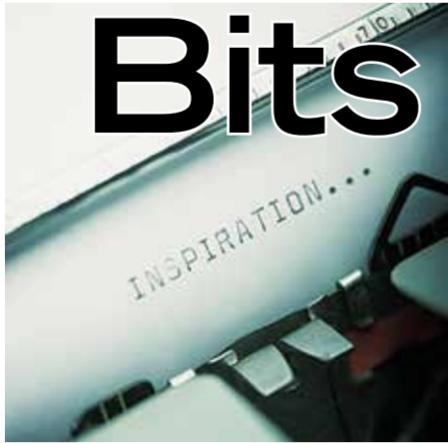
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

We want to thank the South Whidbey community for supporting a recent fire levy lid lift request. As of this writing, the ballot measure is passing with almost 65 percent of the vote. Funding will be used to hire full-time personnel and replace aging apparatus for residents served by South Whidbey Fire/EMS.

There are three reasons we made this request. First, to respond to higher call volumes and reach you faster in an emergency. Second, to provide some relief to our volunteer firefighters and keep them involved in the fire district. And, third, to improve our community insurance rating, which is linked to how much property owner's pay in insurance premiums.

We realize these are unprecedented times for our community, state and nation. We are sincerely grateful our community has prioritized emergency services as worthy of their tax dollars. We will continue to report back to you as we complete these public safety improvements.

Thank you again,

Chief H.L. "Rusty" Palmer
South Whidbey Fire/EMS

Editor,

North Whidbey Fire and Rescue was called to our home 12 years ago this week as a 911 call, my very first one. Within 10 minutes the team was coming through our front door and quickly got me out of the living room (9:30PM) and began to try to revive my husband, who, as the minutes ticked by, had suffered a cardiac arrest. He was watching TV and the next moment was out like a light bulb. Having the proper, up-to-date equipment was so important and 15 minutes plus he was going to be transported to Whidbey General Hospital, then later air transported to Providence Hospital in Everett. Without the NWFR he would not be here today. Please support our NWFR.

Lynette Richardson
Oak Harbor, Wash.

Medicare 101 for New Enrollees

People who are turning 65 within the next three months have already entered what is called the Medicare "Open Enrollment" period. Now is the time to take action. You have deadlines to meet, decisions to make and volunteers are ready to help. Volunteers from the Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) and Island Senior Resources are hosting two online Medicare workshops this month: Thursday at 11:00AM, and Aug. 24 at 1:00PM. These virtual classes will be held via Zoom or you can dial in by telephone. You must register in advance. Call 360-321-1600, option 0 and a receptionist will process your registration.

[Submitted by Jean Mathisen]

Encourage Your Inner Artist to Shine This Summer Announcing Civility First's Third Annual Art and Photography Contest

Civility First and Sno-Isle Libraries invite participants of all ages to submit an original artwork or photograph with the theme of "Choose Civility - Respect Others, Listen, and Be Kind."

Participants will enter the contest in one of the following age categories: children (12 and

under), youth (13-18), adult (over 18). A cash prize will be given to the winner and runner-up in each age category. All entries will be submitted electronically.

The Civility First website will exhibit the entries as part of Civility month, October 2020. For complete information about the contest and to enter, please go to www.civilityfirst.org/art-contest.html.

Civility First is a grass-roots movement in Island County promoting courteous public and private dialogue. It is comprised of a group of citizens from across the political spectrum who are concerned about the normalization of uncivil discourse, both online and in other shared spaces. For more information, see www.civilityfirst.org.

[Submitted by Elizabeth Guss, Civility First]

2020 Whidbey Island Music Festival



In celebration of the 15th anniversary season of the Whidbey Island Music Festival and the occasion of Beethoven's 250th birth year WIMF presents three virtual concert experiences to enjoy from the comfort and safety of your home. These programs will be available on Vimeo for you to watch whenever is most convenient. Your ticket purchase will include an invite to a Zoom pre-concert chat "Opening Night" with festival artists. These programs will be available online until Sept. 30.

The Whidbey Island Music Festival is a beloved annual event that presents great performances of baroque and classical chamber music in relaxed and intimate venues on beautiful Whidbey Island, with repertoire this summer from Renaissance England to 19th century Vienna. WIMF brings music of the past four centuries to life with vivid and moving concert performances on period instruments.

Program I

Beethoven's Sonatas for Cello and Piano
Opening Night: Friday, Aug. 21 at 7:30PM

Fortepianist Eric Zivian has taken up the challenge of learning all 32 Beethoven sonatas for Beethoven's 250th anniversary year, a time-consuming project he can finally take on while sheltered in place. As a feat of endurance, it's a challenge not unlike hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the player and listener to explore the full range of Beethoven's style, and the emotion, humor, and spirituality of these treasures. The Whidbey Island Music Festival is curating a selection of Beethoven's genre-defining works for fortepiano and cello. Former US Poet Laureate Rita Dove will read her poem "Ludwig Van Beethoven's Return to Vienna."

Over the course of the cycle, Zivian will use two different Viennese fortepianos corresponding with the changing sound world during Beethoven's lifetime, from a smaller, more percussive Poletti (copy of Dulcken, 1795) for the earlier sonatas, to an original 1841 Rausch for the later sonatas.

Program II

The Mysterious Zoë de la Rue
Opening Night: Saturday, Aug. 22 at 7:30PM

In the second half of the 18th century, beginning with Marie Antoinette, Europe experi-

enced a strong fashion for women playing the harp. The composer most closely associated with Marie in her native Vienna was Christoph Willibald Gluck, whose Orfeo of 1762 also placed the harp in the mythological context of Orfeo's lyre. Later, as the Queen of France, she opened the door for Gluck's later triumphs on the operatic stage in Paris, while at the same time creating the iconic image of the female harpist. The imposing figure of Zoë de la Rue has remained shrouded in mystery, and is virtually unknown today, even amongst harpists and scholars of the historical harp. She was a celebrated harpist during her lifetime, and wrote many sonatas for solo harp, harp and violin, as well as a set of three French songs. In an era when much fashionable music was light and ephemeral, her music aims at deeper human emotions - closer to Beethoven than to Offenbach. Spohr's glorious arrangement of "Ach, ich fühls" from Mozart's Magic Flute introduces a program of Zoë de la Rue's sonatas for violin and harp as well as a selection of her songs. This program is a co-production with Pacific MusicWorks.

Program III

Beethoven's Scottish Songs
Opening Night: Sunday, Aug. 23 at 7:30PM

The 18th and 19th centuries saw a surge of interest in the music and culture of Scotland and Ireland. Many European composers made settings of Scottish folk tunes both to capitalize on the market for music making at home and to investigate the music of what mainland Europeans perceive to be the "wild west" of the time. In writing his Scottish songs, Beethoven set his pieces to English texts rather than the original Gaelic. This program combines Beethoven's art-song versions with sets of traditional Scottish fiddle tunes, in a joyful celebration of Scotland's rich musical heritage! This program is a co-production with Pacific MusicWorks.

This year's festival poster features "Evening Moon" by Whidbey Island artist Linnane Armstrong.

Complete artist, program and ticket info available at www.whidbeyislandmusicfestival.org.

[Submitted by Tekla Cunningham]

Follow the Clues in the Land Trust's Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt



You never know what you might discover while participating in the Land Trust's Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt.

Put on your detective cap and practice your best selfie smile. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust's Summer Photo Scavenger Hunt is now underway!

Follow online clues to help you identify properties on Whidbey and Camano islands protected by the Land Trust. Then, visit three of those special places, snap a selfie or other photo from designated spots, submit them to the Land Trust, and win a cool Land Trust sticker. You'll also be entered in a drawing for a copy of the recently updated and expanded Island County recreational guidebook, "Getting to the Water's Edge on Whidbey & Camano Islands."

Start your pursuit! The scavenger hunt runs through Sept. 30. Remember to always practice safe social distancing!

Find clues and get started at www.wclt.org/scavengerhunt.

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is a nonprofit nature conservation organization that actively involves the community in protecting, restoring, and appreciating the important natural habitats and resource lands that support the diversity of life on our islands and in the waters of Puget Sound. For more information, visit www.wclt.org, email info@wclt.org, or call 360-222-3310.

[Submitted by Ron Newberry, Communications Manager, WCLT]

Whidbey Island Lions Club 2nd Annual Swap Meet

The Whidbey Island Lions Club is excited to announce its 2nd Annual Swap Meet at the Blue Fox Drive In. The community swap meet offers the opportunity for businesses, vendors, estate, yard, and garage sellers a chance to reach more buyers by selling their wares at the Blue Fox Drive In. In order to be socially responsible, all vendors will be spaced apart, hand sanitizers will be used, and face masks are required. A \$20 fee will be charged per vendor and all proceeds from the swap meet help support the Whidbey Island Lions Club programs and projects in our community. The Whidbey Island Lions Club swap meets run every Saturday in August from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Blue Fox Drive In. For more information, please contact the Whidbey Island Lions Club via email at wilclions@gmail.com, call 360-679-9468, or visit <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/whidbeyisland/>. Come for the treasures and stay for the movies at the Drive In!

[Submitted by Carolyn O'Dell, Whidbey Island Lions Club]

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum Luncheon Canceled

The Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum's (formerly PBY) monthly Luncheon which was to be held at the Elks Lodge in Oak Harbor Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 11:30AM has been canceled. This is due to the COVID-19 restrictions pertaining to social distancing requirements at various venues. Announcements will be made in this publication when our luncheons resume.

[Submitted by Sonny Starks, Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum]

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County Will Soon Celebrate Festival of Trees Annual fundraising event sees a fresh approach

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) 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. This annual event raises over half of the annual budget for BBBSIC and needs community support this year more than ever.

Festival of Trees will host a LIVE virtual event Dec. 4, including the live auction of decorated trees and wreaths, which will be delivered to supporting businesses and families. A week-long silent auction, culminating Dec. 4, will showcase a variety of local treasures. Specific activities for the weekend event are still to be determined. Local businesses are encouraged to donate auction items to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County.

Executive Director, Tiffany Scribner, says, "We're truly excited for this year's Festival. These are strange times, but we are determined to host a successful event to raise both money and awareness for the youth on Whidbey Island."

Festival of Trees helps to create a brighter future for children in our community. All services provided by BBBSIC are provided free of charge. Most of its children come from low-income, single or grandparent-led households. The cost to support one year of relationship-building, impactful mentoring and professional oversight of a "Big and Little" is \$1,500. Although these families may have challenges, they do not lack hope or potential. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County, founded in 1999, creates and profession-



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ally supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Working to help meet the needs of those facing adversity on Whidbey Island, BBBSIC helps defend potential and change lives for thousands of at-risk youth.

For more information, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County at development@bbbsislandcounty.org, visit bbbsislandcounty.org or call 360-279-0644.

[Submitted by Tiffany Scribner, Executive Director, BBBSIC]

Program Year 2021: Island County 2 Percent Hotel-Motel Tourism Lodging Tax

The application packet is available for the 2021 Island County 2 percent Hotel-Motel Tax Tourism Promotions. Funding is generated from overnight lodging in the unincorporated areas of Island County. The purpose of this program is to support and promote the tourism economy of Island County.

Island County estimates \$222,041 in lodging tax revenue will be available for allocation for grants to support tourism in 2021. Historically, the program has funded approximately 20-25 proposals for Whidbey and Camano Island events, visitor centers and tourism activities.

Lodging tax revenues may only be used as provided in RCW 67.28.1816(1). This section provides that lodging tax revenues "may be used, directly by any municipality or indirectly through a convention and visitors bureau or destination marketing organization" for:

- (a) Tourism marketing;
- (b) The marketing and operations of special events and festivals designed to attract tourists;
- (c) Supporting the operations and capital expenditures of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by a municipality or a public facilities district created under Chapters 35.57 and 36.100 RCW; or
- (d) Supporting the operations of tourism-related facilities owned or operated by nonprofit

organizations described under 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(3) and 26 U.S.C. Sec. 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The Island County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will review all timely and complete applications received by September 7, and then make its recommendations for funding to the Board of Island County Commissioners.

The review committee membership, as established by state law, is comprised of representatives from entities which collect the lodging tax, and organizations which are eligible to apply for the grant funds. For this reason, a conflict of interest policy has been added to ensure public confidence in the ethical allocation of these tax dollars.

The proposal form is posted on the County's website, at www.islandcountywa.gov/commissioners/Pages/Home.aspx and may also be requested by contacting Jennifer Roll at j.roll@islandcountywa.gov or 360-679-7353.

[Submitted by Jennifer Roll, Deputy Clerk of the Board of Island County Commissioners]

Sno-Isle Libraries Trustee Vacancy

The Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees is seeking candidates to fill a position on the board starting Jan. 1, 2021.

Only residents of Island County are eligible to apply for this position and preference will be given to residents of Whidbey Island.

The board includes seven members with five positions designated for Snohomish County and two positions allotted for Island County residents. Trustees are appointed by the joint action of the County Commission in Island County and County Council in Snohomish County.

"While the appointments include a geographic requirement, each trustee represents the entire library district," Board President Martin Munguia said. "The library district combines the familiarity of local community libraries with the power of a larger system that brings services to customers at a level no individual library would be able to offer."

Established by state law, Sno-Isle Libraries is an inter-county rural library district that serves Snohomish and Island counties and includes 23 community libraries and a bookmobile. The board is the governing body and adopts policies, sets the annual budget and determines the general direction of the library district.

Trustees also represent the library district to the community and advocate for the library district at local and state levels.

Trustees are appointed to a seven-year term and may serve two terms. Trustee positions are unpaid although related business expenses are reimbursed.

Whidbey Island resident Marti Anamosa is leaving the board after serving two terms.

"Serving as a trustee for Sno-Isle Libraries has been very gratifying," Anamosa said. "Public libraries are foundational to healthy communities. Sno-Isle Libraries is an exceptional organization and I'm honored to have played a role."

With coronavirus restrictions in place, Sno-Isle Libraries is responding with an array of new contact-free services and expanded access to online resources.

In addition to residing in Island County, candidates for this position should support the philosophy of tax-supported, public libraries and the mission and vision of Sno-Isle Libraries.

Preferred candidates will have connections to community affairs through civic involvement. Experience in business, management, education, or law will be considered as will participation with a local, friends-of-the-library group, local library board or the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Board.

Trustees generally spend four to six hours a month in board meetings, optional workshops, conferences, and preparation time. Meetings are currently being conducted remotely, but may occur during regular business hours.

More information and an application form are available at www.sno-isle.org/board/trustees. The deadline for applications is 5:00PM, Tuesday, Sept. 8.

[Submitted by Jim Hills, Asst. Communications Director, Sno-Isle Libraries]

SAR Rescues Mason County Search and Rescue Team Member

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued an injured member of a Mason County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue team in the afternoon of Thursday, Aug. 6.

The 44-year-old male was on a search and rescue mission when he suffered a head injury below High Steel Bridge on the South Fork Skokomish River. When the SAR helicopter arrived on scene at about 3:15PM they lowered two personnel to prepare the patient. By about 3:35PM, with the help of the numerous ground search and rescue personnel on the scene, they had hoisted the patient and an additional paramedic onboard. The SAR crew delivered the patient to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle by approximately 3:55PM.

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 35 total missions throughout Washington State this year, including 22 rescues, three searches and 10 medical evacuations.

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

[Submitted by Mike Welding, Public Affairs Officer, NAS Whidbey Island]



PENN COVE GALLERY



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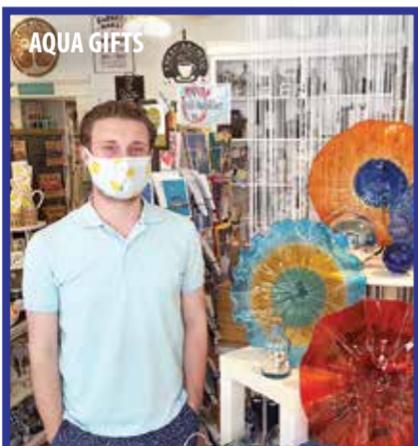
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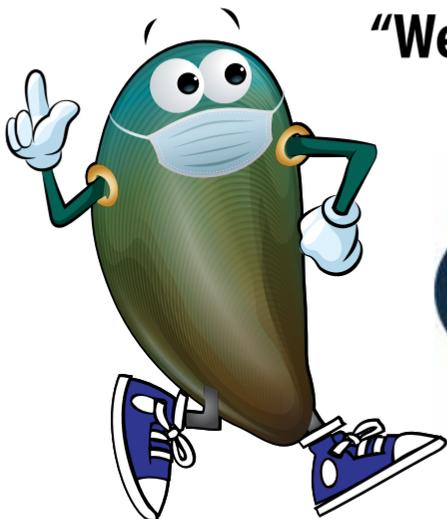
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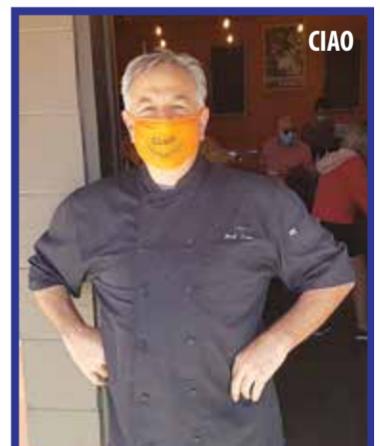
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SUNDAY, JULY 19

1:10 am, Anthes Ave.

Reporting party states person is setting up camp at public restrooms. Can see a subject cooking, building campfire (not spreading). Can see a guitar and person but no description available.

5:49 am, Lakeside Dr

Reporting party stating he was held against his will. Now on the line. States was at a party, there was a fight and he was told they weren't allowed to leave and he was held against his will. Just escaped.

11:25 am, Mobius Loop

Reporting party states last December he was pulled over by ICSSO in his green Mazda and law enforcement took the vehicle. Requesting call, wants to know about getting it back.

3:28 pm, Madrona Way

States male is following reporting party using a drone at the beach on Madrona Way. Unknown why he is doing this, "because he's a jackass, call the cops if you want."

3:45 pm, SR 525

Red bell on side of house is ringing. House is reporting party's house.

5:00 pm, NW Madrona Way

Reporting party advising ongoing issue of neighbors at unit being problematic; advising subjects in location are screaming about orgies and there is a history of drug use; reporting party is concerned for subjects' safety inside location.

6:38 pm, Hastie Lake Rd.

Reporting party states loose pigs running around. Knocked on door, no response. Hastie Lake is where pigs possibly live.

6:55 pm, Taylor Rd.

Reporting party requesting language line. Wants to report father of children told children to lie. No emergency right now. Reporting party available for phone call.

MONDAY, JULY 20

7:55 am, 4th St.

Male ran in front of office naked. Running up Anthes Ave. White male, hair in a bun.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

12:10 am, Newman Rd.

Reporting party states he is about 100 yards away at location and someone is throwing things in the water. Last heard something two minutes ago.

12:32 am, Newman Rd.

Reporting party states he heard voices of male teenager saying "ya dude." Reporting party states officer asked him if he heard voices and now he has.

1:00 am, Mallard Ln.

Reporting party states male was looking in window and wandering around property.

11:09 am, Umatilla Dr.

Reporting party states he found "one of those murder hornets" in his backyard, has it trapped in a jar.

11:10 am, SR 525

Reporting party advising 20 minutes ago heard a big pop in windshield and found 20 gauge bullet had gone through windshield; did not hear or see anyone around.

3:34 pm, Dead Goat Rd.

Reporting party states people are getting into her house. Unknown how. Wants law enforcement help finding them. People aren't there right now.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

1:14 pm, SR 20

Reporting party advising was following wife home after buying a car. Cannot find her wife now.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

8:33 am, Lato Dr.

Requesting call regarding issue reporting party and neighbors are having with water company.

1:25 pm, Swantown Rd.

Reporting party states her housekeeper works at location, told reporting party owner is making firearms and explosives illegally.

1:38 pm, NE 8th St.

Requesting call, referencing feral cat in her neighborhood for past six months who is attacking reporting party's cat.

2:36 pm, Napoleon Dr.

Neighbor who lives to the right of reporting party, has animals coming on to reporting party's property – dogs, chickens, roosters. Ongoing problem.

3:01 pm, Meadowood Ln.

Caller advising ongoing problem with harassment from neighbor. States last night someone removed the oil cap from his vehicle and threw it in the dirt. Caller made mention of calling in license plate from a white Honda about a month ago.

4:09 pm, Mobius Loop

Caller wanting to talk to Sheriff. Advised no emergency. Was transferred to ICSSO admin. Male recalled and got dispatch, said "your Sheriff is the emergency."

FRIDAY, JULY 24

8:59 am, Glenclair Rd.

States neighbor has drainage pipes dug into the ground that are going onto reporting party's property.

9:15 am, Brainers Rd.

Advising 10 minutes ago saw male lying down on Brainers, closest to East Harbor. States male was crying, reporting party gave him a sandwich.

1:21 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Reporting party advising two minutes ago dark greyish sedan ran into building and then drove off. Advising they drove off on Ault Field towards the highway.

8:37 pm, Deer Lake Rd.

Reporting party advising neighbor to the north on Deer Lake Rd. Sounded like they just set off a bomb. Knows the subjects shoot guns a lot. States this is very loud.

8:40 pm, Bush Point Rd.

Requesting call, wondering why law enforcement was at her residence. Was told by someone law enforcement was there. Reporting party states not there now, reporting party also inquiring if she has a warrant.

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





HYDROS FOR HEROES:

Pandemic concerns take out last big event of summer

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Save the date!

The 2020 Hydros for Heroes event set for September 11-13 in Oak Harbor, has been canceled. Organizers held out hope as long as possible, but finally had to come to a tough decision.

"The racing business is all about safety, from every single angle," said Hydros for Heroes Race Director Jim Woessner. "This is no different – it's a safety issue. We examined it, came up with a plan and felt we could protect it to a certain extent. But this is a regional event and we had to consider bringing in groups from other areas – there's no way to prevent this – and just felt it was not right to put the community in jeopardy."

So, the bad news is Hydros for Heroes won't be happening next month. But there is a very big silver lining, according to Woessner.

"The beauty is we have a date for next year – July 31/ August 1," he said. "Normally the date for next year is not set until December. We're always fighting for a date. We're tidal-related as well as weather-related and it has to fall on a weekend during the three months of summer when people want to show up and watch the races. Plus, we have to fight for dates because we're up against other events."

"Fortunately this year, we had tides coincide with a weird calendar event, the split weekend at the end of July, beginning of August," Woessner continued. "Tri Cities has its big, unlimited national event always the last weekend of July and Seafair is always the first weekend in August and they're not going to move either of those events. So, well, it all lined up perfectly for us."

Part of the reason Woessner believes they were able to set the date for next year already, besides the tides aligning that weekend, is the reputation Oak Harbor is gaining as a great racing venue and a congenial host city.

"The reality is, these guys feel the genuineness, the community support," he said. "No city or community supports these racers like Oak Harbor does. The racers love the course, the facilities they get to use – that's just huge. People here in the community have to take much of the credit."

"Racers get to be able to camp, hang out in downtown Oak Harbor, walk to stores and shops," Woessner continued.



Photo Courtesy of Hydros for Heroes

Concerns over health and safety amid the Coronavirus pandemic have led to the cancellation of Hydros for Heroes 2020, which was scheduled to take place in Oak Harbor Sept. 11-13. However, event organizers already have a date for 2021 and planning is well underway.

"They get to interact with the community. A lot of traditions have started here, like the Oak Harbor potluck, one of the few where all the racers get together for a big potluck Saturday night. Another idea that's caught on has been having military personnel be part of the volunteer pit group. That's been adopted at most races in Region 10 and is being adopted in neighboring regions. The crews just love it."

Hydros for Heroes, which is underwritten by the Craig McKenzie Team of Keller Williams Western Realty and other sponsors, is a fundraiser for the Oak Harbor Rotary Club, which uses monies raised from the races to fund its community outreach programs such as scholarships for high school students and its Food4Kids Backpack program.

"Hydros for Heroes is a community event, we do it as a charitable fundraiser," said Woessner. "We do this for no other reason than to see the smiles on everybody's faces. But it's just not a fair trade off for putting the community in jeopardy. We had to look at all safety aspects from A to Z and the

volunteers have had such fortitude to continue planning and moving forward in these crazy times. They continued to work on it knowing this [cancellation] might happen."

Typically, planning for the next Hydros for Heroes event begins as soon as the current event ends. Woessner said much of the time and effort that have been put into this year's now-cancelled event puts them in a better position for next year's.

"I think we'll be able to hit the ground running, with that much more time to make 2021 even better, to make up for the cancellation of 2020," he said. "The reality is, we'll be back and we'll be strong. Unfortunately, some events we may not see come back from this and that's sad. With so many traditions lost during this, we wanted to make sure we had some positive news to share. This event will survive. We're ahead of the game and we're ready to rock and roll."

Find more information at hydrosforheroes.com.

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Life Tributes

Jeremy Ryan Gourley



Jeremy Ryan Gourley, 32, of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away July 26, 2020 at his residence. He was born in Benton, Ky.

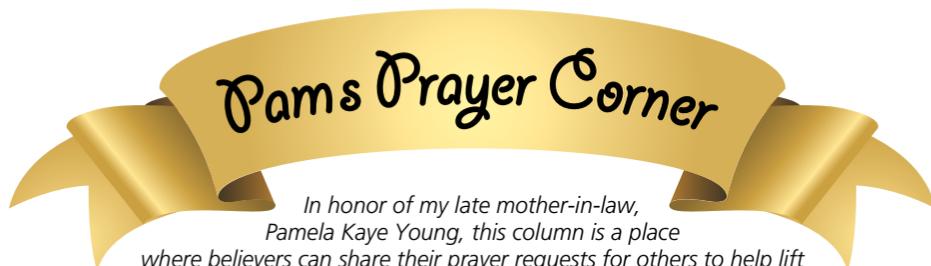
Jeremy spent the past 13 years in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician and held the rank of First Class Petty Officer.

Jeremy, an Eagle Scout, spent his time with his friends and loved ones wood-working, metalworking, riding his beloved motorcycle and barbecuing. He had a passion for helping others and his community and a reputation for bear hugs that lifted your feet off the ground as well as giving advice whether you needed or wanted it. To know him was to love him.

Jeremy was preceded in death by his mother, Lora Denise Gourley, his uncle, Kevin Gourley and his granddad, Samuel Gourley.

Jeremy is survived by his wife, Samantha Gourley, of Oak Harbor, and her family; his Pap, Jeffrey Gourley (Julie) of Hickory, Ky.; grandparents Beverly Gourley of Cunningham, Ky., and Ronnie and Angie Payne of Calvert City, Ky.; brothers Justin Gourley of Calvert City; Jordan (Crystal) Gourley of Hickory; chosen brothers Joe Hamilton and Rawley Lemmel of Oak Harbor; many aunts, uncles, cousins, especially his "sis," Kayla (Brandon) Cutsinger of Calvert City; his "Demons" Abby and Emelyn Payne of Oak Harbor; and nieces and nephews Jace and Jaelynn Gourley of Hickory and Landon and Brooklyn Bone of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and the many people who now have a Bubba sized hole in their hearts.

Jeremy's family shared memories during a visitation held Aug. 4 at Wallin Funeral Home. Please leave messages of condolence for Jeremy's family on his Memory Wall page on Wallin's website. In lieu of flowers, Jeremy's family requests donations be made to Active Heroes (<https://activeheroes.org/donate/>).



Founder of Methodism, John Wesley, held three simple rules when it came to the raucous culture of partisan politics. In his journal entry from October 6, 1774, he wrote: "I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, (1) to vote without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: (2) to speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, (3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.

Lord Jesus, as we approach the voting season in America, complete with road-side signs, high-gloss flyers in our mail, robo-calls from computers, TV ads and lots of spin doctors and caustic commentary from all sides, have mercy on our land. Save me from my own blind spots and prejudiced biases that prevent me from seeing and appreciating larger truths and a more diverse spectrum of paths forward. May I receive this opportunity as a cherished liberty to extend life, liberty and justice for all in our land. Save us from pejorative partisanship that toxically assails others as evil. Draw us into partnered civic participation that reinforces our "We the people" vision of our nation as receiving and blessing all who live under our diverse umbrella. Make us "e pluribus unum," so that out of many, we might find our way into being and living as one! In your holy name we pray, Amen!

Pastor David Parker
First United Methodist Church

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."



1 Timothy 2:1-2

Gregory Walter Johnson



Gregory Walter Johnson passed away July 27, 2020 in Seattle, Wash., at the age of 23. Gregory was born to Kevin and Chris Johnson in Coupeville, Wash., in November of 1996. He grew up in Burlington and Oak Harbor. He graduated from Oak Harbor High School in 2015.

Gregory achieved a black belt in Tae Kwon Do at age 11 and played the saxophone in the school band. He enjoyed camping, playing airsoft with his friends, watching movies, playing video games and most of all, Gregory loved to laugh. His greatest love was music, and he was an accomplished bassist, playing in many bands including Cornerstone, Past Self, and most currently Lilith in Seattle. He worked at Metropolitan Market in West Seattle for the past several

years.

Gregory will be warmly remembered for his infectious smile and laughter, his goofy sense of humor, and his huge love for his family and friends. His sweet, loving personality and his caring soul will be cherished forever. He had the best hair ever!

Gregory was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jon and Dee Breilein; his uncle, Gregory Dale Breilein; his great-grandma Dodo and great-grandma Johnson. He is survived by his parents, Chris and Kevin; his grandparents, Arlan and Hyesook Johnson and Kathy and Larry Morse. He also leaves behind Auntie Kathy and Uncle Hal, Auntie Kim and Uncle Jeff, Auntie Melissa and Uncle Brad, Uncle Christopher, Uncle Jonny, Auntie Carrie, Aunt Christine and Uncle Bob, as well as cousins who loved him so much – Rachel (Austin), Casey, Michael, Cody, Alicia, Colby (Jacob), Dallas, Ben, Emmy, Mason, Tenley and Quinnlyn, Rivers and Marlowe.

Family services for Gregory were held Aug. 6 at First Reformed Church in Oak Harbor.

The family is asking that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Gregory's name to a charity that is special to your heart.

Douglas Arthur Olson



Douglas Arthur Olson, 78, passed away July 28, 2020 at his home in Coupeville, Wash. He was born April 17, 1942 in Los Angeles, Calif., to Arthur and Jean Olson.

Doug grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. After high school he worked as a plumber and welder in Alaska's construction industry, and later as a supervisor and safety specialist. He worked at what is now the Agrium fertilizer plant in Nikiski, Alaska from 1969 to 1997. Before he retired in 2011, he worked various construction projects in Alaska's oil and gas industry.

Doug married Bonnie Mount in 1965 in Anchorage. They were happily married for 55 years. Doug was one of Jehovah's Witnesses and remained active in the ministry work right up to the end. He enjoyed his dogs, assembling models and was an avid movie buff.

Doug is survived by his spouse, Bonnie, of Coupeville; his sons and their wives Jeff and Michele of Kenai, Alaska, Jerry and Rebecca of Ocala, Fla., Kiven and Amanda of Kenai, Jason and Kalista of Minot, N.D., and Joey and Sonja of Kenai; his mother, Jean Olson, of Kenmore, Wash.; his sister, Vicky Olson of Kenmore; his grandchildren Brittany, Kyle, Harley, Hannah, Nevaeh, Jerikah, Jerod, Astrid, Morgan, Michaela, Mason, Malaya, Brandon, James, Josilyn, Jayden, John, Nadaleen, Hallee, Mia, Kate, Sophia, Skye, Alyssa, Jessica and Jason; his great-grandchildren Austin, Payten, Nova, Raiden, Liam, Luca, Camber, Caster, James, Clark, Aliah and Amaris Rose; and his niece, Tasha, and nephew, Shawn, and other relatives.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

Mary "Sue" Hite

April 30, 1935-July 25, 2020



Born in Greenville, S.C., Sue moved her family to Oak Harbor in 1968. Sue worked in the Brandon Cotton mill in South Carolina. She retired from the Navy Exchange and later served school lunches for several years. She never lost her southern accent.

Sue loved to play bingo and telling jokes. She developed many friendships with fellow bingo players as well as with the residents of her apartment building. Sue was always available to give her neighbors a ride to doctor appointments or grocery shopping. She loved southern fried chicken, okra, black-eyed peas, and collard greens and yielded a mean wooden spoon.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Donald Hite. We know he was there to guide her home.

She leaves behind a family who loves her very much including sons, Terry Parker, Bill and Bobby Smith, Dennis Parker, and daughters, Wanda Hofkamp and Cathy Mason-Cliff. She was a favorite of her 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She will be missed but not forgotten.

Richard Leon Rinker

June 22, 1942 – August 4, 2020



Richard Leon Rinker, age 78, of Coupeville, Wash., graduated to his eternal home Aug. 4, 2020 to be with the Lord, whom he loved with all his heart. He was a devoted believer and follower of the Godhead: Papa Father, Jesus his Lord, and the precious Holy Spirit.

Rich was born June 22, 1942 to Glen and Desire Rinker in Seattle, Wash., and he grew up in Waterville, Wash. He joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from high school and served for six years.

Rich is survived by his loving wife and sweetheart of 18 years, Sheryl Rinker, of Coupeville, five children and their spouses, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Rich is also survived by one sister, and a brother. He was preceded in going to heaven by his parents and a baby sister.

Rich requested no memorial service. In lieu of flowers or cards, if you would, please read one of Rich's favorite sections of the Bible, Psalm 139: 1-18. He recently preferred the Passion translation of this scripture, which you can easily find online.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories, pictures, and condolences at whidbeymemorial.com.

Life Tributes can now be found online at www.whidbeyweekly.com



SPORTS PLAY WORD SEARCH

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- GAME
- HANDICAP
- HUDDLE
- LEAGUE
- LOSING
- OFFENSE
- OFFICIAL
- PITCH
- PLAY
- POSITION
- RECORD
- RULES
- SCORING
- SPECTATOR
- TEAMMATE
- WINNING

Guess Who?

I am an athlete born in California on September 3, 1986. Many may not know I had two open heart surgeries before the age of one. But that didn't stop me from going on to be one of the most successful professional snowboarders of all time. I have earned more X-Game gold medals than any other competitor.

Answer: Shaun White

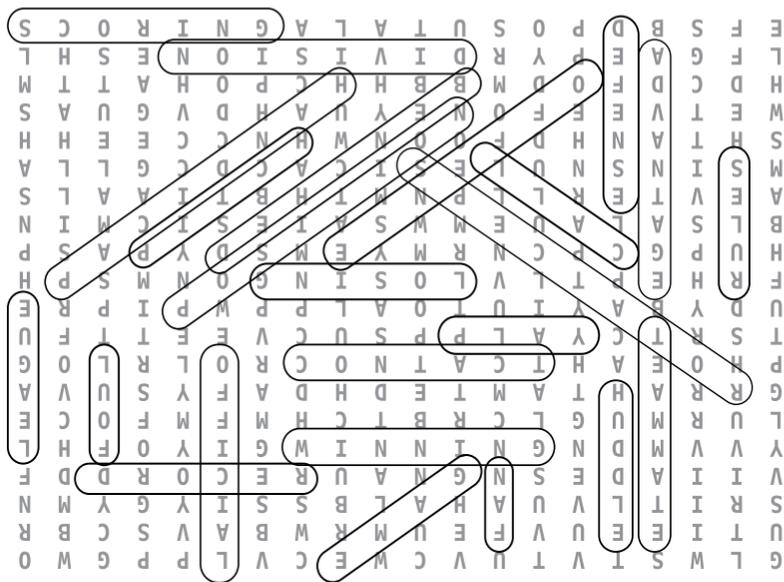
I am an actor born in England on September 10, 1960. I lived in England, Nigeria and the U.S. as a child. I gained prominence as an actor for my roles in many films, such as "Pride and Prejudice." I have earned one Academy Award.

Answer: Colin Firth

I am a singer born in Texas on September 16, 1992. I was discovered by a manager and began performing on Broadway as a child. Together with my brothers, I am part of a successful pop group.

Answer: Nick Jonas

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to writers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = D)

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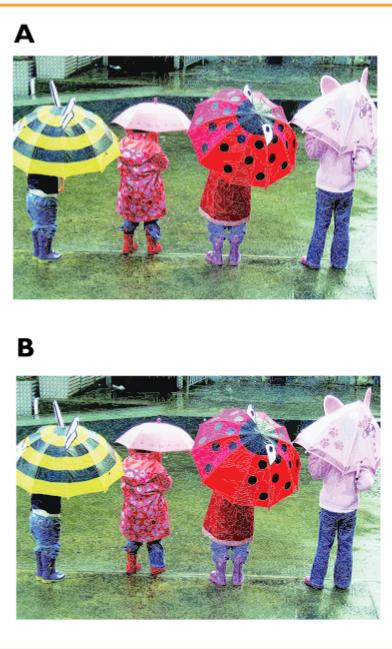
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What's the Difference?

There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Polka dots missing 2. Extra paw print pulled down 3. Left umbrella handle missing 4. Jeans leg missing

THIS DAY IN...

- AUG 25 HISTORY**
- 1609: GALILEO GALILEI DEMONSTRATES HIS FIRST TELESCOPE TO LAWMAKERS IN VENICE.
 - 1875: MATTHEW WEBB BECOMES THE FIRST PERSON TO SWIM ACROSS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
 - 1950: PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN ORDERS THE SEIZURE OF U.S. RAILROADS TO AVERT A STRIKE.

New Word

CURRENT
a flow of electricity

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to libraries.

KBOSO



Answer: Books



THIS MOUNTAIN/VOLCANO IS ACTUALLY THE TALLEST ON EARTH. IT IS MORE THAN 10,000 METERS TALL, THOUGH HALF OF IT IS SUBMERGED IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Answer: MAUNAKEA

Great Outdoors Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle.

CAMPING COAST HIKING LAKE MOUNTAIN NATURAL OCEAN RIVER TRAVEL TREES VISTA WILDLIFE

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Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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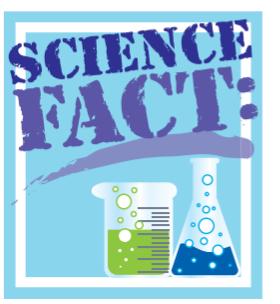
Answer: Fresh Air

THIS DAY IN...

- SEP 5 HISTORY**
- 1774: THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MEETS IN PHILADELPHIA.
 - 1836: THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS ELECTS MILITARY HERO SAM HOUSTON ITS FIRST PRESIDENT.
 - 1997: THE WORLD LOSES MOTHER TERESA, A HUMANITARIAN WHO DID SUBSTANTIAL WORK WITH THE POOR. SHE WAS 87.

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: OWL



Whidbey school districts settle on fall plans

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is one sure thing as it relates to children heading back to school next month – nothing is really sure.

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted school schedules last spring, leaving educators scrambling to figure out how to provide suitable distance learning for all students. A few months later, school districts have learned a lot about how to make distance learning work better, but the question looming large is whether in-person education can pick up where it left off?

The short answer is probably not.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee last week issued recommendations from the State Department of Health on resuming in-person instruction in public and private schools for the 2020-2021 academic year. These are recommendations only, and allow local health departments and school districts to decide whether they will allow students back in the classroom and what that will look like in any given district or school.

“We know the uncertainty surrounding school reopening is a source of extraordinary anxiety for parents and educators – anxiety not just about whether it’s safe to go back to school in person, but also about the impacts to children if they don’t return to the classroom,” Inslee said.

The plan basically separates counties into three risk categories

– low, medium and high – based on the level of COVID-19 transmission. Most counties fall into the moderate or high risk categories. Island County is currently considered moderate risk, meaning the state recommends distance learning for middle and high school students, possible in-person options for elementary students, and the cancellation or postponement of in-person extracurricular activities.

As it stands now, Whidbey Island school districts are all looking at various distance-learning models but only Oak Harbor Public Schools plans to start the school year with students physically in the classroom. At Monday evening’s school board meeting, the Oak Harbor school board approved the proposal to provide Distance-Plus learning for students at the intermediate, middle and high school levels. Elementary students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade will attend school in person in a hybrid rotation, meaning they will have three days of distance learning and two days of in-person classes.

The six-phase plan does allow for some flexibility, such as slowly adding more students to the hybrid in-person model should cases of the virus drop; likewise, the district will have the ability to move all students to a distance learning model if necessary. Parents may also choose to allow their children to remain on a distance learning program, attend Oak Harbor Virtual Academy or choose to homeschool.

The proposal to begin the school year in phase two of the plan met with unanimous approval from board members, although they said they did not make the decision lightly.

“This is a hard thing to grapple with,” said board member Jessica Aws. “We’ve all been struggling with it for weeks now. Someone mentioned earlier there’s no decision that we could make that makes everyone happy...I know that there are a lot of great minds working really hard to make all of this work, I just ask we continue to be flexible as the situation changes, because it will. It’s so hard to even predict what will happen a month from now.”

“It may be quite simpler to go all virtual and to stay at that for the semester, or even the year. But I feel like in Oak Harbor we don’t take the simplest route,” said John Diamond, board president. “We’ll make every effort for our kids and our community...These decisions are heavy and we understand that. The plan the administration has come up with I feel is a good plan. I think it’s something that we can work with. It further gives us options to advance or to retract as needed, given the circumstances we find ourselves in going forward.”

“As a board member and a retired teacher, this has not been an easy task,” said board member Lynn Goebel. “I feel that

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Photo Courtesy of Island Senior Resources
Meals on Wheels has seen a 107 percent increase in meals delivered on Whidbey Island from March to July 2020. Staff and volunteers collaborate to create and deliver nutritionally balanced meals to vulnerable populations, all while following careful safety guidelines.

Island Senior Resources, Meals on Wheels continue to deliver

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Island Senior Resources (ISR) has been serving seniors, adults with disabilities, their families, and caregivers in Island County since 1972. In the midst of COVID-19, the program has seen increased demands for its services, from Meals on Wheels to Aging and Disability Resources. The organization continues to meet rising needs and has also recently reopened its thrift store, Senior Thrift.

Cheryn Weiser, the executive director of ISR, said the Meals on Wheels program has seen a 107 percent increase in the number of meals delivered from March through July. With increased demand for meals, which consist of homemade goods, the group needs to purchase an additional industrial freezer to store food, Weiser said.

“The need for the freezer is because of the increase in Meals on Wheels,” she said. “(For) Meals on Wheels, we individually package each meal and we try to have some frozen meals in advance.”

Debbie Metz, the nutrition program director for ISR, said an extra freezer would allow

for Meals on Wheels to be better prepared to meet demands moving forward. She said although dining room meals at ISR centers were discontinued for safety reasons, the program continues to offer frozen pick-up/take-out meals and provides meal deliveries.

“We need the extra room for our frozen meals and we have to be prepared as much as possible for an uncertain future,” she said. “We need to make sure we have plenty of food and frozen meals on hand in case we would not be able to deliver the meals in our regular processes.”

Weiser said a number of community groups have contributed to the efforts to purchase a new freezer.

“Goosefoot contributed, the Coupeville Lions Club contributed, (and) we have a couple of other requests out for additional support, but we are, at this moment, about \$10,000 short,” she said.

Metz said community members who are interested in supporting ISR can go online

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Beating the Blahs

Cinematic staycations



I've been in denial for a minute, but early last week I finally had to admit to myself I've got a case of the COVID-19 blues. I'd been able to dodge low-grade depression brought on by prolonged isolation, a vacuum of national leadership and trepidation about what the future holds mostly by reminding myself I still have much to be grateful for—not least of which is my continued good health during a global pandemic.

However, nearly five months of never traveling more than a couple of miles from my house—save for the one time I made it all the way to Mount Vernon for Thai food—have taken their toll. And while I've paid a lot of lip service to the idea of staycations, an overabundance of caution has kept me effectively homebound.

No more, I say!

There are not a lot of activities that feel safe to me—personal safety being a paramount concern, along with not wanting to increase risk for others—but one outing that checks boxes for both safety and entertainment is seeing movies at any of the drive-ins that have cropped up.

Perhaps this is why I've written about them so often.

So far, with a single, one-off exception (the magical weekend when WWU Alumni and Pickford Film Center transformed Bellingham's Lincoln Creek Park and Ride back into the drive-in of yore), all of the drive-ins of which I am aware involve a bit of travel, making them a cure for my cabin fever as well as a source of cinema. And since drive-ins have a tendency to show movies that hearken back to simpler times, they have a quality of feel-good nostalgia to them as well.



The only regular, dedicated drive-in of which I am aware in this area is Oak Harbor's Blue Fox—and it is doing an excellent job in its role of ensuring summer 2020 is both fun and safe—which is showing *Storks* and *Twister* the week of Aug. 10-16 (find out more at www.bluefoxdrivein.com). It only books a week or two at a time and I'm unsure what movies they've got in store for the remainder of the warm months, but who really cares? Half the fun of going to the drive-in is, well, going to the drive-in. The other half of the fun of the Blue Fox comes in the form of the snack bar, go-karts and the feeling that comes from throwing it back to yesteryear—watching the movies is in there somewhere as well.

Should you want to flesh out your Oak Harbor staycation—a person does not live by

movies alone—you can explore the wonders of Deception Pass State Park, suss out Flintstone Park, and take the 20-minute drive to Fort Casey, where you can easily pass several socially distant hours scampering in and around the bunkers and batteries.

I don't know at what point the folks who run Birch Bay Waterslides came to the sickening realization they were going to be yet another in the very long list of 2020 COVID closures, but I am certain it was an incredibly hard day—not just for them, but also for the thousands of people who rely on the summer staple to do a little thrill-seeking in the name of a sun- and water-soaked good time.



Although it is not nearly the same thing, the waterslide facility has been repurposed as a temporary drive-in, thanks to the efforts of the Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce. Their first drive-in event took place at the end of July, and they've got two more on the calendar before the end of August. The first of those happens Friday, and will feature the movie billed as "fun for the whole family," *The Great Outdoors*. Get your ticket and watch Dan Aykroyd and John Candy get up to all kinds of shenanigans in this 1988 John Hughes comedy classic. Of course, the true star of the movie is Bart the Bear, an Alaskan Kodiak so famous he has his own Wikipedia entry.

Two weeks later, Fri., Aug. 28, Harrison Ford will light up the big screen in the sequel to *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*. Having rewatched this movie recently, I'd forgotten how darkly funny the George Lucas/Steven Spielberg story is—but I never forgot my love of Short Round, who pretty much saves the day all the way through and is the true hero of the action-adventure flick. Incidentally, *Temple of Doom* is one of the movies that led to the creation of the PG-13 rating, although *Red Dawn* was the first film to officially receive the designation.

Tickets to the two drive-in events at the Birch Bay Waterslides can be purchased via the Birch Bay Chamber at www.birchbaychamber.com. In the way of drive-ins, they're sold per vehicle (\$25 for cars/trucks/SUVs, see www.birchbaychamber.com for all the pertinent info) rather than per person like regular movies (what even are movie theaters? I barely remember)—and in a nod to Birch Bay's particular population, golf carts get in for just \$15. If anyone wants to lend me their golf cart so I can see my main man Indy bring down the evil Thuggee, I am all about it.

In terms of the other activities that can be found in Birch Bay, under normal circumstances, I'd say the waterslides are the coolest attraction around. Under COVID circumstances, the small northern city has long stretches of lovely beaches to wander and friendly folks who are only too happy to make you feel at home—from six feet or more away. It's also just a short jaunt to Blaine, where you can hit up Drayton Harbor Oyster Company for fresh bivalves and otherwise do your bit to help the economy of a border town when the border is closed.

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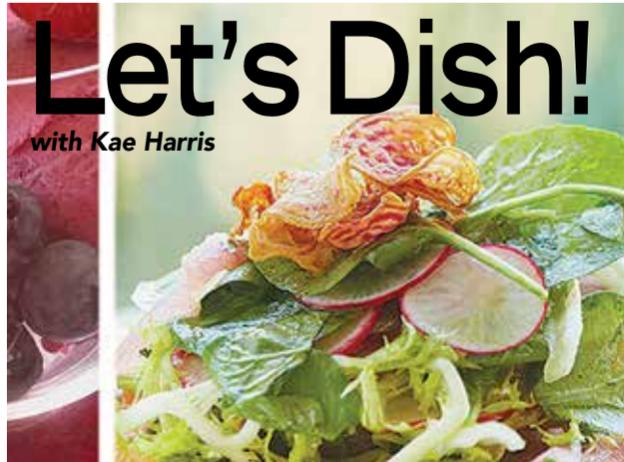


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THE ONLY WAY TO RELISH VEGGIES

It's probably the time of year for those who have a vegetable garden of their own – harvest time! But what to do with your fresh veggie bounty? Of course, we can always turn them into salads and casseroles – definitely all possibilities, but what if we did something a little out of the norm? Why don't we make relish?! Not the kind of sweet pickle relish we are accustomed to here in the U.S. but relish like the kinds I grew up eating. The question that arises is what is relish? In American vernacular, it is a condiment comprised of some sort of vegetable (and/or fruit) which is chopped up into little bits and to which is added vinegar, salt and sugar. Pickle relish, for example. In 1798, the word "relish" made its debut in English and it comes from the old French word "reles," which means "something remaining."

Now, some people will call relish a condiment while others think of it as more than just that. You see, the line between condiment and relish is fine, because while it can be an exceptionally flavorful condiment, so too is ketchup or perhaps a chili or barbecue sauce. Furthermore, as with ketchup, chili or barbecue sauce, we tend to use those in small amounts (unless you are my youngest son, in which case you use ketchup by the barrel) as a means of enhancing the flavor of something being dipped into it. Relish, on the other hand, due to its consistency, can be used to accompany meats – think pork loin with apple chutney – and eaten by the mouthful just by themselves. They aren't just an enhancing agent, they stand their flavorful ground quite tastily. I'm just venturing a guess here, but it's doubtful someone would decide to eat a spoonful of ketchup. It's more probable they would take a spoonful of say, chutney, with (or without) a bite

of whatever meat they're eating. Therein folks, lies our answer. Relish is not a condiment to fade into the shadow of another food. It is a dish all its own.

There are numerous types of relish as well and these vary in flavor and origin, but their foundation seems to all be the same; a pickled or brined chopped vegetable dish that can be served cold. The reasons for this are likely out of necessity – a way to use up summer and fall vegetables and preserve them for the winter months when there weren't vegetables to come by. Which brings me to the different types of pickled veggie delights themselves. The first on my list is piccalilli.

Known previously as the Indian pickle, it is a dish made from – ta dah! – chopped vegetables, hot spices and mustard. It was also called peccalillo, pacolilla, piccalillo pickyilly and a couple other versions of the word piccalilli. The mixture uses chilis (hot peppers), garlic, mustard seed, turmeric, cabbage, apple, green beans, onion, salt and of course, vinegar. However, the ingredients can and do vary widely depending on factors such as what strikes your fancy, recipes that have been handed down to you and maybe even a regional flare. In any event, this veggie concoction is left to brine for several weeks (up to three months) in a cool dark spot, before being opened and served with different cheeses and cold meats.

If I'm going to be honest, piccalilli isn't my favorite relish. It's very...well, it strikes at the tongue; sort of beats the taste buds into submission. Maybe I'm not eating it correctly (and yes, there is such a thing as eating foods correctly, but that's a tale for another time). Anyway, moving on from my not-so-favorite of the pickled things to a similar kind of 'not-condiment' – chow chow.

There is some ambiguity about the origins of chow chow, with some saying it's an Acadian dish which made its way to Louisiana when Acadian people were pushed out from Nova Scotia. The speculation centers on the name chow chow, leading people to believe it is a derivative of the French word 'chou,' short for choufleur (or cauliflower, in English). This could be the story of its beginnings, though there are those who say its culinary connection is to the Chinese rail workers in the 1800s. Whatever the origin, the premise is the same – a mixture of vegetables and spices all packed into jars and pickled.

What vegetables are used? Oh, well, it varies from place to place and it could be anything from diced green tomatoes, onions and cabbage to beans, carrots, cauliflower and peas – it doesn't really seem to matter, as long as it's served cold. This is what I find so intriguing. Relish doesn't seem to have any set ingredient list, as long as it's pickled and has some spices, you could pickle anything, I guess. Perhaps not anything. Don't just pickle anything.

In any event, that isn't the last of the relish – or is it relishes? Either way, the next relish on my list is my all time favorite. It's chutney. The word is derived from Hindi - chatni - and is an amalgam of fruit and spices which also, funny enough, can make use of such myriad different ingredients it's a wonder they haven't been assigned their own title in the world of cooking. In fact, chutney is so versatile – it can be made thick and chunky or thin and almost sauce-like. It can use apples, mangoes, peaches, pears, tamarind, onions, raisins, vinegar, lemon, coconut, tomato, ginger, mint, turmeric, cinnamon, hot chilis and more. The list of things that can be used to make chutney is virtually endless. Chutneys are served alongside curries and certain ones pair so mouth-wateringly well with meats, it's easy to see why it's traveled as far as it has from its home. Brought back to England from India, colonialists took with them the concept of chutney (and curry) and wherever they went, the dish seemingly followed. From India to England, on to South Africa and the Caribbean Islands, chutney can be found as part and parcel of the local food experience somewhere in these areas of the world.

So, my dear readers and in summary, a relish is a pickled vegetable dish served cold and often with a meat of some kind. Perfect, and you guessed it – I am including a recipe for peach chutney I use from www.foodandwine.com/recipes/peach-chutney, because for one, I love this relish and two, it's National Peach month, so why not make use of this delicious fruit in a less conventional way? I hope you like the relish as much as I do and if you try it, let me know what you think! Please send any and all comments, questions and most certainly, recipes you'd like to share to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do exactly that and Dish on something delicious!

Peach Chutney

4 lbs ripe peaches (firm ones)
1 cup apple cider vinegar
1 and 2/3 cup brown sugar
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and minced
1 medium red onion, finely sliced
10 to 12 cardamom pods, cracked, or 1 teaspoon powdered cardamom
2 dried cayenne chili peppers, seeded and sliced
Salt to taste

Peel, pit and dice the peaches (The peeling can be done by scoring the bottoms with an X, blanching them in a pot of boiling water for 30 seconds and then using a slotted spoon, transferring them to a bowl of ice water). In a medium/large pot, combine the sugar, vinegar, ginger, onion and cardamom and stir over medium/low heat until the onions have softened and sugar is dissolved, approximately 10 minutes. Add peaches, chilis and a pinch of salt. Simmer until the peaches are very soft (about an hour). Spoon into canning jars and tap gently on a flat surface to release trapped air. Seal properly and store in the refrigerator for up to six months. Serve with your favorite meat dishes or even sharp cheeses and enjoy!

www.gourmetsleuth.com/articles/detail/relish
www.allrecipes.com/article/what-is-chow-chow/

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to make a donation. Metz said the program has adapted to continue service throughout the pandemic and has adopted a number of safety measures to keep clients, volunteers and employees safe.

"We are so fortunate to continue to provide meal deliveries through the Meals on Wheels Program," she said. "We are an essential service, providing food and connection to those who are so very isolated, especially during these unprecedented times."

Weiser said ISR recently reopened Senior Thrift in Freeland, which will be open Thursday through Sunday from 12-4 p.m. Proceeds from the thrift store support ISR, and she said the store closure led to the loss of an estimated \$159,000 between March and June.

"We are glad to have it back, but it is not going to be at the regular amount of time that we would assume in a summer," she said. "Summers are usually a busy time, so it is a restricted amount of time, but anything helps. We are delighted to be back as much as we are."

Weiser said the store will accept donations Sunday from 9-11 a.m. She said all donations go through a quarantine process and there is also a hand-sanitizing and mask station available.

"We have been actually overwhelmed with donations," she said. "The whole community has helped."

Metz said the community has rallied behind ISR in the past months, with over 100 new volunteers coming to the organization since the beginning of COVID-19, and many residents making calls to the organization to express thanks or well wishes.

"Community is defined as the connection of people and we are bound together," she said. "We need each other and need to support and care for each other. By support-

ing our vulnerable, isolated seniors through our services, like delivering meals and friendly smiles, we are strengthening our ties with one another and it feels good! I am amazed by the community support I have seen since COVID-19's inception."

Weiser said the organization has continued to adapt and has transitioned many services to online or over the phone. Weiser said virtual support groups have been established, and Aging and Disability Resources have seen a rise in phone calls.

"Our Aging and Disability Resources are trained professionals who know a lot about people and their needs and resources," she said. "We used to have an average length of calls from 10-15 minutes. It is 20-30 minutes now, which just tells you how many people are looking just to talk with somebody, to tell them that they are anxious, what their fears are, get some information and make contact with another human being. And so that is what we are trying to be, is that resource. I think our staff and volunteers are doing an extraordinary job to try to keep up with the demand."

Metz said volunteers and staff have remained dedicated to adaptation and meeting escalated needs on the island.

"Our fantastic cooking staff and volunteers stepped into the changed situation wholeheartedly," she said. "We are committed to serving our most vulnerable population and our Meals on Wheels participants, making sure they continue to receive nutritious meals, meaningful connection, and a safety net. Our participants count on us, especially as they face increased isolation and distancing."

For more information on ISR, visit senior-resources.org. Those seeking resources can contact the organization by calling 360-321-1600 or 360-678-3373 (North Whidbey phone number).

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we have to be flexible. We have to approach this with grace and we have to be very innovative, because this is about the students in our buildings, in our community. Schools are the heart and soul of a community and it's going to take all of us to follow those safety guidelines and to participate in keeping our kids safe."

OHPS Superintendent Lance Gibbon told the board the administration has worked closely with Island County Public Health to formulate the plan and it meets all state DOH safety criteria, including requiring masks, social distancing and environmental cleaning.

Other districts on the island will not be offering in-person instruction at this time, except under special circumstances.

"It has become clear that we are just not able to fully reopen our schools to in-person instruction this fall," reads an online statement from Coupeville School Superintendent Steve King. "It is the consensus of our school board and administrative team that our schools open the 20-21 school year in Stage 2, which we are referring to as Coupeville's Remote and Connection Model."

This model includes "improved remote learning...and additional in-person connections for 'at-school' opportunities for specifically identified students."

South Whidbey School District has also released its preliminary plan – expected to be approved by the school board this week – which consists of a Hybrid Learning Limited program.

"All students will participate in distance learning, staff will be able to be onsite for the purpose of planning and delivering instruction," said a statement by Jo Moccia, SWSD superintendent. "In this limited hybrid model there will be limited face to face time with our most vulnerable students, including Kindergarten and some students receiving special education services, on a very limited basis. Most of this will occur outdoors."

Whidbey Island school districts have been able to provide connectivity to most students, since distance learning requires technology. Gov. Inslee said the state recognizes the importance of internet access, especially to students in rural or underserved areas, and will be providing \$8.8 million from the federal CARES Act to help low income families obtain internet plans and help with other technology needs. The funds will be administered by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"This pandemic created unprecedented challenges in our efforts to meet our obligations to equity in education, but we are no less committed to seeing all of our students receive it," Inslee said. "It is the right thing to do and crucial for the success of all our students."

Find more information at coronavirus.wa.gov; ohsd.net; coupeville.k12.wa.us; sw.wednet.edu; or islandcountywa.gov.



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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



This week's conversational no-no? How the cow ate the cabbage. That's a Texas idiom for the truth no one wants to hear. When a cow eats cabbage, it starts expanding. It's alarming to watch, and it's uncomfortable for the cow. Unpopular truths impact people the way cabbage impacts a cow. They puff up, get all out of sorts, and are likely to explode all over you. Got a truth that must come out? Consult your veterinarian.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Seems many are in a giving mood these days. People are converging in large numbers, and when they meet, what do they hand each other? A piece of their minds! Forget traded pleasantries. These are not moonlight sonatas, nor tranquil gatherings of the neighborly. No. Expect insults of the kind hurled through chain link by junkyard dogs. Until demeanors improve, you may want to skip the group scene.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Where is the birthplace of love, hope and dreams? What is the place that feels good to leave, and even better to come back to? Many will answer, "Your favorite watering hole at Happy Hour." Fair enough. But where do all go from there? Home. Home is where the heart is. Home is the place dreams are born. The porch light at every trail's end is home. Cherish it and defend it. It's your security.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



We owe many of our national parks and forests to Teddy Roosevelt. His role in American conservation got Roosevelt's face enshrined on Mt. Rushmore. Your concern may be preservation of a different kind. Self-preservation. Are you feeling called to justify your existence? That's a warning your way of life is on the brink. The faces on Rushmore are there to remind us to value and preserve what's dear, while we still have it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



What every pilot knows will save you a lot of headaches, if you know it, also. And that is? Allow for the wind. Without allowances for the wind, a plane headed for Des Moines might end up in Dubuque. It's that simple. As pilot in command of your life, be aware that the crosswind component is currently strong. A course set for Leisure Lane might land you in Upset Ally. So use common sense. It's your best allowance for the wind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



There are old pilots, and bold pilots, but no old bold pilots. Not an aviator? Think you thereby can't profit from that hoary saying? Think again. You're flying. Whether you're winging it, flying high, on the fly, flying by the seat of your pants, on a flight of fancy, or (shame on you) a fly-by-night, you're flying.

And doing so with caution, we hope. The bold and the brash are everywhere. What the world badly needs is more old pilots.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



We've heard it before. As third graders on the eve of summer vacation, it was, "No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks!" And today? Same chant, different verse. "No more laws, no more courts, no more anthem in our sports!" If we've learned anything since third grade, it's that this, too, shall pass. We're not regressing to the cave. Just letting off third-grader steam. Enjoy your summer vacation!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Digging, digging. Digging for dirt. Digging for skeletons in the closet. Digging is fast becoming a national pastime. The goal? Anything to humiliate and disgrace one's enemy. The only rule? If you can't find something, make something up. Your role? Sift the dirt, throw away the lies, and look at what's left. There are some real treasures. Things you didn't know. Things you knew but couldn't prove. Don't be afraid to look.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Going to the party? A lot of people are already there. The pity party, that is. It's a knock-out extravaganza. You're sure to meet some A-list names there, all sobbing on one another's shoulders about the unfairness they see in the world. Maybe you see the world as a training ground? A boot camp of higher learning, and purposely tough? Great! Permission granted to skip the party. It's such a dreary affair.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Is action more important than words? What was the flaw in the plan to bell the cat? The fearful mice had a good idea in neutralizing the stealthy cat by hanging a bell from its neck. The plan's weak point? No volunteers to bell the cat! All talk, no action. Is action more important than words? Ever and always. Inaction has many names. Laziness. Lethargy. Procrastination. Is your name on the list?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



What are actions without consequences? When do pigs fly? Pigs never fly. Tying an action to the day "when pigs fly" is a clever way of saying something will never happen. Actions without consequences? Those occur only on days when pigs fly. We've taken the scenic route to saying that everything you do has some impact, somewhere, sometime, for someone. Feeling suddenly empowered?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



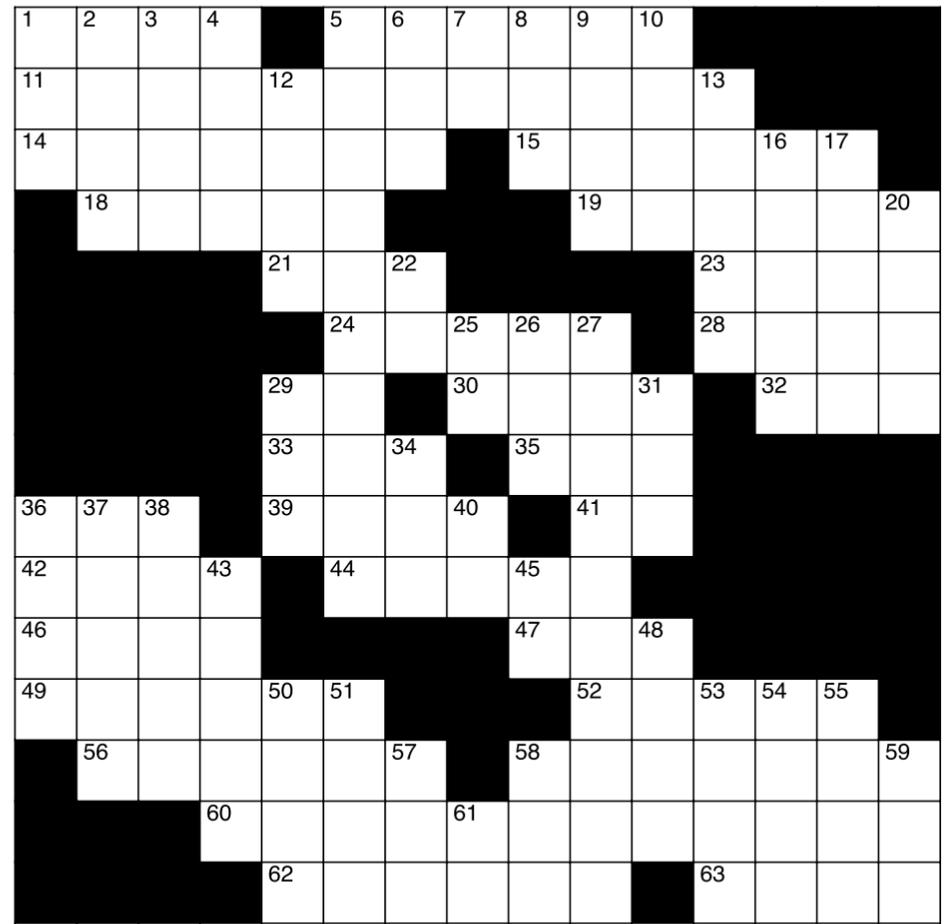
Emerson's best navigational advice was, "hitch your wagon to a star." Even in our time, when the only thing we're likely to hitch is a ride with Uber, the great poet is understood to be saying, "aim high in life." Pop philosophers say, "Aim for the Moon. Even if you miss, you'll hit the stars." The inescapable conclusion? Somewhere between the Moon and the stars is a target with your name on it. Fire at will.

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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Popular musical awards show
- 5. Speech in one's honor
- 11. A state of poor nutrition
- 14. Not ingested
- 15. More lacking in taste
- 18. "Popeye" cartoonist
- 19. Helps to reduce speed
- 21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
- 23. Georgian currency
- 24. Proverb expressing a truth
- 28. Jewish calendar month
- 29. Volume measurement
- 30. Fair-skinned
- 32. Patti Hearst's captors
- 33. Have already done
- 35. Touch lightly
- 36. Autonomic nervous system
- 39. Plant part
- 41. College degree
- 42. Military alliance

- 44. Tokyo's former name
- 46. Carpenter's tool
- 47. Before
- 49. Consent to receive
- 52. Passages
- 56. The Duke of Edinburgh
- 58. Utter repeatedly
- 60. Linked together in a chain
- 62. Quality that evokes pity
- 63. Maintained possession of

- 22. 36 inches
- 25. Reporters' group
- 26. The voice of Olaf
- 27. Explains in detail
- 29. Tooth caregiver
- 31. One point south of due east
- 34. Scottish river
- 36. Elsa's sister
- 37. Civil Rights group
- 38. Line of poetry
- 40. Doctor
- 43. Fatty acid
- 45. Avatar (abbr.)
- 48. Awe-inspiring garden
- 50. Fall down
- 51. Rock icon Turner
- 53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
- 54. UK museum network
- 55. Stairs have at least one
- 57. Part of (abbr.)
- 58. Simpson trial judge
- 59. Sun up in New York
- 61. Exclamation of surprise

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

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South Isle H-72°/L-53° Mostly Sunny	South Isle H-73°/L-55° Clouds and Sun	South Isle H-75°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-75°/L-55° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-74°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-76°/L-56° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-77°/L-54° Mostly Sunny



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