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Lollipops & Roses

February 14, 2022
7:30 p.m.

Conducted by Cynthia Morrow

Including "Le Grand Tango"
by Astor Piazzola

Soloists: Genta Hoxha Mullett, Viola
Karen Heather, Piano



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WIO valentine concert will tug at the heart strings



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Orchestra
Musical director Cynthia Morrow conducts members of the full Whidbey Island Orchestra in the days before the pandemic. The group hopes to be back to full strength when there is an end to the pandemic.

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Anyone searching for a unique, totally Whidbey way to celebrate Valentine's Day can proceed directly to wicaonline.org to purchase tickets to Whidbey Island Orchestra's concert, Lollipops and Roses, on stage Monday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley.

This one-of-a-kind concert is filled with one-of-a-kind love songs perfect for two – or for any number of music lovers, for that matter.

"We've planned a program that pulls at the heart strings and sets the stage for a singularly romantic evening," said Cynthia Morrow, WIO conductor and musical director. "Nostalgic movie themes such as 'Over the Rainbow,' 'Somewhere in Time' and 'Moon River' will undoubtedly bring back fond memories, while 'At Last' and 'Don't Know Why' will add a modern touch to the evening. All the old favorites have been updated with delicious new arrangements and there's something for every music lover in our audience."

While WIO has not yet returned to its full orchestra, the strings, flutes, piano and percussion have been playing together for a while now, and Morrow said the group has developed a unique, lush sound perfect for the selected pieces. Longtime WIO concertmaster (lead violinist) for the evening will be Brian Kenney.

"He certainly brings his own elegant sound and sensitivity to the many solos he performs within the orchestra," Morrow said. "These pieces are especially dreamy for the violin."

But what's a romantic evening without a little something to tantalize listeners? Morrow said the second half of Lollipops and Roses features two new musical additions to the orchestra.

"Genta Hoxha Mullett is an excellent professional violist from Kosovo, internationally trained and celebrated, who is currently teaching violin and viola at her own studio,

performing with Saratoga Orchestra, and lending a hand in our public schools," she said. "Karen Heather is a brilliant pianist who hails from San Francisco and has spent many years organizing and performing in music festivals in the Bay Area. Together they bring Astor Piazzola's stirring 'Le Grand Tango' to life, along with Whidbey Island Orchestra. It's always a joy to bring fresh talent to the stage and to introduce a ravishing piece of music to the audience."

Hoxha Mullett said she is thrilled to have found Morrow and Whidbey Island Orchestra, because she feels she has become part of a community of people who share a love for music and the stage. This will be her first solo appearance in the U.S.

"This concert is full of love," said Hoxha Mullett, who comes from a long line of musicians. "The pieces were so carefully chosen to leave the audience with passion after it's done. I believe the tango we're preparing for this concert will be very well enjoyed by everyone, not just because I am performing it, but because it's such a beautiful and passionate piece of work."

"Piazzola is amazing about writing music that connects us with one another," she continued. "It'll be the first time I am playing solo here and

I hope I can reach the audience and project my love for this community to them, just as well as Whidbey Island Orchestra does."

Pianist Karen Heather, who moved to Whidbey Island in the middle of the pandemic in 2020, said it was a challenge to meet people and find a sense of community – until she met Morrow.

"After living in San Francisco for 45 years, it has been an adjustment to rural life on Whidbey, but now that it is possible to socialize and attend events in person, I'm excited about the connections I'm making," Heather told Whidbey Weekly via email.

"Cynthia Morrow was one of the first people to introduce me to other musicians and when she asked if I would be willing to perform the Pia-

zola 'Grand Tango,' I didn't hesitate," she continued. "Piazzola tangos are challenging, with very complex rhythms, but are great fun to perform. I was introduced to violist Genta Hoxha Mullett and we hit it off. Genta brings a zest and enthusiasm to the piece which is infectious. I'm sure the audience will find this piece and the rest of the romantic program to be every enjoyable and appropriate for Valentine's Day."

As an all-ages orchestra, it is likely some of the younger members may have been unfamiliar with some of the music they'll be playing for this Valentine's Day concert. But as Morrow describes it, when musicians of any age learn to play new music well, it becomes part of them.

"Forever after it will be appreciated as a familiar expansion of that younger person's repertoire," she said. "Our younger players probably haven't seen 'Phantom of the Opera' or heard Steve Lawrence sing 'Lollipops and Roses,' but when they do, it will immediately click for them as something they've performed with an orchestra and can now call their own."

"For the older members of the orchestra and the audience, these pieces will bring back memories of a special date or dance, their favorite romantic movie and perhaps even their own wedding," Morrow continued. "These are timeless pieces meant to inspire and enthrall their audience and hopefully they will do just that this Valentine's Day."

Tickets to Lollipops and Roses are \$45 for premium seats, \$30 for standard seats and are available at wicaonline.org. Information regarding WICA's COVID guidelines can also be found there. For more information about Whidbey Island Orchestra, visit whidbeyislandorchestra.org.

Perhaps the lyrics to that old classic by Hal David and Burt Bacharach holds true nowadays more than ever – "what the world needs now is love, sweet love." Whidbey Island Orchestra has plenty to share this Valentine's Day.

"I think we all need a little bit of Valentine's Day feeling, love and kisses and music to make us connect again," said Hoxha Mullett.



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Vacation is over. I may not have relaxed like folks on a cruise ship, but I did learn how to live in the moment. Try following two granddaughters aged 3 and 5.

They wake up running. They wake up playing. There is no boredom. There is no shortage of toys.

I grew up with cowboys and Indians and plastic soldiers.

Our girls have kitchens with running water. Our girls have advanced kindergarten. They know phonetics, the alphabet, and how to spell and subtract.

I learned that stuff in third grade.

The kids of today are amazing.

Their smart phones are smarter than I am.

Their tablets are not yellow on lined paper.

But you know what?

I am glad I grew up with Hoppy, Roy and The Lone Ranger.

PAW Patrol just doesn't cut it.

Facebook wisdom

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "Yes."

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions – and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life.

"If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you.

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

"Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn.

"Take care of the golf balls first – the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented.

The professor smiled and said, "I'm glad you asked. The beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers with a friend."

Irish Confession

I went into the confessional box after many years of being away from the Catholic Church.

Inside I found a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On one wall, there was a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey and Waterford crystal glasses

On the other wall was a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates.

When the priest came in, I said to him, "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

He replied, "Patrick, you moron, you're on my side."

BLONDE IN A CASINO

An attractive blonde from Cork, Ireland arrived at the casino. She seemed a little intoxicated and bet 20,000 Euros on a single roll of the dice.

She said, "I hope you don't mind, but I feel much luckier when I'm completely naked."

With that, she stripped from the neck down, rolled the dice and with an Irish brogue yelled, "Come on, baby, Mama needs new clothes!"

As the dice came to a stop, she jumped up and down and squealed: "YES! YES! I WON, I WON!"

She hugged each of the dealers and then picked up her winnings (and her clothes) and quickly departed.

The dealers stared at each other dumbfounded. Finally, one of them asked, "What did she roll?"

The other answered, "I don't know. I thought you were watching the dice."

MORAL OF THE STORY:

Not all Irish are drunks. Not all blondes are dumb.

But all men...are men.

Scuba fun

A tourist asks an Irishman: "Why do scuba divers always fall backwards off their boats?"

To which the Irishman replies: "Well if they fell forwards, they'd still be in the bloody boat."

Free funny

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

Vacation views

A month in Arizona made me realize a few things. Wearing a mask is like wearing clothes at a nude beach. Even snowbirds do not wear masks. As George Bush used to quip, "It wouldn't be prudent."

Hamburgers are plentiful here. No need to drive 75 miles round trip to Oak Harbor.

There are plenty of TV stations in Arizona. While there seems to be more commercials, none of them are about when it will get warmer. It is always warmer in Arizona. Just don't stay until summer when the temperature is like a bad bowling score.

Vacations are great, but there is no place like home. Even if it is gray and rainy, we still live in paradise.

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Bits & Pieces

Puffins and Petrels: Conserving Seabirds of the Salish Sea and Outer Coast of Washington

Although Washington is blessed with a rich community of breeding and wintering seabirds, relatively little is known about the ecology and conservation status of many of the species, particularly the burrow-nesters. This relative lack of knowledge extends to iconic species such as the Tufted Puffin, a species listed as Endangered by Washington State. Moving between islands, seascapes and species of the waters of Washington, Peter J. Hodum, Ph.D., shares stories about a collaborative research program focused on improving our understanding of the ecology and conservation status of species such as the Tufted Puffin, Rhinoceros Auklet, Cassin's Auklet and Leach's and Fork-tailed Storm-Petrels.

This presentation is hosted by the Whidbey Audubon Society at 7:00PM Thursday, Feb. 10 during its monthly meeting. The virtual room is open and free to the public, beginning at 7:00PM followed by a brief meeting; the program begins at 7:30PM. Members will be sent a link via email, but nonmembers can register on the website, whidbeyaudubonsociety.org, select Events. Registration closes at noon on the day of the program.

Hodum is a professor in the Biology Department and the Environmental Policy and Decision-Making Program at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. and the Chile Program Director for Oikonos Ecosystem Knowledge, a conservation nonprofit organization. His research focuses primarily on the conservation and ecology of threatened seabirds and island ecosystems in Chile and Washington state. His work also has a strong focus on community-based conservation, including how communities can be more effectively and authentically involved in conservation.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Langley Arts Fund Launches Giving Program to Support Public Art in Langley Are you "Big-Arted"?

The Langley Arts Fund (LAF) recently announced the official launch of "The Big-Arted Bunch," a monthly giving program in support of public art in Langley. The program allows public art supporters to sign up for an automatic monthly donation amount of any size.

"Public art provides Langley with a unique identity and supports our community's growing reputation as a Great American Art Town," said Frank Rose, Langley Arts Fund chair. "By signing up for the Big-Arted Bunch, people of all means can continuously and painlessly support art in our community."

"Many people are in search of lasting, meaningful, community-spirited gifts that won't end up in a landfill," said LAF member Joann Quintana. "We hope Whidbey Islanders will give a subscription to the Big-Arted Bunch to themselves, or as a gift to friends and family."

To sign up for the Big-Arted Bunch, visit LAF's website at www.langleyartsfund.org and click on "Join the Big-Arted Bunch."

Big-Arted Bunch members also will be provided early access to arts happenings and an invitation to an annual thank you gathering that's all about art and fun.

Langley Arts Fund is a small, active, all-volunteer nonprofit with no overhead. All funds go to support public art in Langley.

Funds raised by the Big-Arted Bunch will support LAF projects:

Langley loaned sculpture program: Langley Arts Fund recently took over from the City of Langley the loaned sculpture program. LAF raises the funds and administers the program, which provides local sculptors with stipends for the temporary display of their works in downtown Langley.

Utility box art wraps: LAF has launched an effort to wrap unsightly utility boxes in Langley with images created by local artists. The first wrap is located in front of Mona's Chocolates, with an image created by Whidbey Island artist Kay Parsons. More of these eye-catching wraps are on the way thanks to a Call to Artists managed by LAF.

"We have selected several images by local artists to become wraps, but we need to raise more funds to pay for the wraps," said Diane Divelbess, a LAF member who's helping to manage the utility box wrapping effort.

Wishing Whale: The Langley Arts Fund's first project was the popular "Wishing Whale" sculpture at Whale Bell Park. Named "Hope" by the community, the 12-foot bronze grey whale was created by Whidbey Island artist Georgia Gerber.

Wayne Kangas weathervane: LAF commissioned a second public sculpture, located in Clyde Alley behind Callahan's Firehouse Glass Gallery: A lively metal fish weathervane created by Bellingham artist Wayne Kangas.

Both of these sculptures were commissioned by the Langley Arts Fund and gifted to the City of Langley.

About Langley Arts Fund: The Langley Arts Fund is a non-profit organization created by a team of volunteers who identify projects, artists, partnerships and funding to nurture and support our community's creative endeavors. The Art Fund's web site is www.langleyartsfund.org.

[Submitted by Bruce Hanson]

Whidbey Telecom Receives Grant to Expand Fiber to Homes on Whidbey Island

January 13, The Washington State Broadband Office announced that as part of the Washington Independent Telecommunications Association (WITA) Grant Application, Whidbey Telecom was awarded an Infrastructure Acceleration Grant Award of \$9,502,638.

Whidbey Telecom will use the grant to extend The BiG GiG Fiber Network® to benefit residents and businesses in currently under-served areas of South and South-Central Whidbey Island. Subscribers will have access to fiber broadband service, expanding access to economic, educational, health care and public safety opportunities.

"Whidbey Island is our home, to be able to support our community as part of the WITA grant application, and now to see all of the hard work of your local team culminate with this grant award is such an honor," says Donna Hilty, COO of Whidbey Telecom. "We are committed to delivering broadband over fiber to our local communities, and this funding will allow us to continue to build out The BiG GiG Fiber Network® to some of the more remote areas of our rural service area."

George Henny, Co-CEO of Whidbey Telecom stated, "Washington State and the Federal government are making a once-in-a-generation investment in our nation's infrastructure and competitiveness. We are encouraged by these collaborative efforts and the bipartisan support that is critical to ensure that we have access to affordable, reliable, scalable, and future-ready, fiber broadband technologies supporting the economic viability of rural areas today and into the future."

Whidbey Telecom has also been recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture for providing superior local service to rural areas of South Whidbey and Point Roberts, Wash. Whidbey Telecom is the only local provider in Point Roberts and on Whidbey Island offering a 100 percent buried, reliable fiber-optic network to residential and business customers with synchronous upload and download speeds up to 1000 Mbps.

Whidbey Telecom has been recognized by NTCA, The Rural Broadband Association, as Gig Certified and a Smart Connected Community. Whidbey Telecom delivers innovative communications solutions to its customers and communities, serving residential and commercial customers on Whidbey Island, Point Roberts, and Hat Island.

[Submitted by Jennifer Wilkins, Whidbey Telecom]

NAS Whidbey Island's SAR Unit Conducts Two MEDEVACs in San Juan Islands

A Search and Rescue (SAR) team from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island conducted two medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) missions from the San Juan Island Jan. 22 and 24.

The first mission Saturday, Jan. 22, involved a 66 year-old man from Friday Harbor who was suffering from a heart attack. SAR transported the man to Peace Health in Bellingham shortly around 5:30AM.

Monday, Jan. 24, NAS Whidbey Island's SAR team received another early morning alert for a 39-year-old woman experiencing continuous postpartum hemorrhaging on Lopez Island. The crew transported her to Island Hospital in Anacortes about 4:15 that morning.

NAS Whidbey Island's SAR unit has conducted five missions this calendar year, with all five being MEDEVACs.

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, NAS Whidbey Island]

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Watch for changes in RMDs

If you're a certain age, you'll need to withdraw money from some of your retirement accounts each year. But in 2022, the amount you must take out may be changing more than in other years – and that could affect your retirement income strategy.

Here's some background: Once you turn 72, you generally must start taking withdrawals, called required minimum distributions, or RMDs, from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. Each year, your RMDs are determined by your age and account balances. This year, the life expectancy tables used by the IRS are being updated to reflect longer lifespans. This may result in lower annual RMDs than you'd have to take if this adjustment hadn't been made.

If you've started taking RMDs, what does this change mean to you? It can be a positive development, for a few reasons:

- **Potentially lower taxes** – Your RMDs are generally taxable at your personal income tax rate, so the lower your RMDs, the lower your tax bill might be.

- **Possibly longer "lifespan" for retirement accounts** – Because your RMDs will be lower, the accounts from which they're issued – including your traditional IRA and 401(k) – may be able to last longer without becoming depleted. The longer these accounts can stay intact and remain an asset, the better for you.

- **More flexibility in planning for retirement income** – The word "required" in the phrase "required minimum distributions" means exactly what it sounds like – you must take at least that amount. If you withdraw less than your RMD, the amount not withdrawn will be taxed at 50%. So, in one sense, your RMDs take away some of your freedom in managing your retirement income. But now, with the lower RMDs in place, you may regain some of this flexibility. (And keep in mind that you're always free to withdraw more than the RMDs.)

Of course, if you don't really need all the money from RMDs, even the lower amount may be an issue for you – as mentioned above, RMDs are generally taxable. However, if you're 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from a traditional IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization, and some, or perhaps all, of this money may come from your RMDs. By making this move, you can exclude the RMDs from your taxable income. Before taking this action, though, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor.

Here are a couple of final points to keep in mind. First, not all your retirement accounts are subject to RMDs – you can generally keep your Roth IRA intact for as long as you want. However, your Roth 401(k) is generally subject to RMDs. If you're still working past 72, though, you may be able to avoid taking RMDs from your current employer's 401(k) or similar plan, though you'll still have to take them from your traditional IRA.

Changes to the RMD rules don't happen too often. By being aware of how these new, lower RMDs can benefit you, and becoming familiar with all aspects of RMDs, you may be able to strengthen your overall retirement income situation.

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of warning before earthquake shaking arrives, giving them time to drop, cover and hold on to protect themselves. The MyShake App, which has already been delivering alerts in California and Oregon, became available in Washington as of Jan. 26.

Designed by the University of California, Berkeley seismologists and engineers, the MyShake App is now available for FREE to download to IOS users through the Apple App Store and through GooglePlay for Android phones.

The MyShake App is funded by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Officials with the Washington Emergency Management Division worked with Cal OES experts to ensure that the app has additional protective action information for tsunamis before being rolled out in Washington state.

"Getting seconds of warning before an earthquake strikes may not sound like much, but it is plenty of time to drop, cover and hold on to protect yourself," said Maximilian Dixon, the geologic hazards supervisor for the Washington Emergency Management Division. "Practicing how to drop, cover and hold on as soon as you get an alert, or feel earthquake shaking, will help you to do it even faster. I'd like to thank Cal OES for their amazing partnership and providing this service for free to our residents and visitors."

Alerts based on information from the USGS ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system are available to all mobile phones through the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system and/or through a built-in-earthquake alerting system on the Android Operating System. MyShake provides a third option that may be a faster way for users to get an earthquake alert on their phones than the WEA system. Users can learn more about the different options available at mil.wa.gov/alerts.

The app as well as Android's built-in system will deliver alerts to people for earthquakes exceeding magnitude 4.5 which will cause light to strong shaking in their area. As a comparison, the WEA system is expected to send alerts for earthquakes larger than a 5.0 which cause moderate to strong shaking.

"Accessing tools such as the MyShake app will help you, your family and community be better prepared and have a more positive outcome in the event of an earthquake," said Christina Curry, Chief Deputy Director of Cal OES. "We are pleased to share this resource with our West Coast neighbors."

The app has been downloaded more than 1.6 million times since it was launched in late 2019. It has successfully delivered alerts to users before shaking for several California earthquakes since its official release. Most recently, the Earthquake Early Warning system provided warning to about half a million phones, for a magnitude 6.2 earthquake near Petrolia, California on Dec. 20.

The ShakeAlert® Earthquake Early Warning system, run by the U.S. Geological Survey in partnership with the Universities of Washington, Oregon, California-Berkeley and Caltech, uses ground motion sensors in all three states to detect earthquakes that have occurred and automatically notifies residents and visitors so that they can "drop, cover and hold on" in advance of ground shaking. The Earthquake Early Warning system has been activated in Washington state providing public alerts to mobile phones since its rollout May 4, 2021.

You can learn about the three different alerting options and get detailed instructions on how to enable them at mil.wa.gov/alerts.

[Submitted by Steven Friederich, Public Information Officer for Washington Emergency Management Division]



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Alicia Rhyannon Mitchell



Alicia Rhyannon Mitchell passed away peacefully Jan. 13, 2022, after a long and courageous battle with Pulmonary Fibrosis, a degenerative disease that destroys the lungs.

Alicia was born Sept. 8, 1976 in Seattle, Wash., to Alan Mitchell and ZoeAnn Rogers.

She moved to Oak Harbor in 1985 with her father (Alan) and her brother (Jon) at age 8. She became part of a blended family when Alan married Antonia (Tonica) Marshall, who had two sons, Eric, age 11, and Ted, age 9. Growing up in a home with three brothers made her a tough girl. She had many

friends throughout the years. She was a special, kind soul who gave more than she received and was fiercely loyal to her family and friends.

Alicia attended Job Corps in Moses Lake, where she learned to be a house painter. She painted for a few years until her first son was born. Then she became a certified nursing assistant, where she worked in private care and in a nursing home. During this time, she was also attending Skagit Valley College to become a nurse. In 2006, while on the job, she had a severe injury. Sadly, Alicia was never able to return to work and suffered for many years with pain and other medical complications that deemed her disabled. During the last few years of her life, she did not have it easy. She suffered with one medical issue after another, going in and out of hospitals. She fought like a warrior and even tried to lift the spirits of those around her. She would always tell us "Never give up on me, because I'll be back."

Alicia will be forever missed by her loving family, her fiancé and friends. She will long be remembered for her laughter, sense of humor, love of music and her take no B.S. attitude.

Alicia is survived by her three sons, Elijah 26, Preston 20, and Dillon 18; her great-grandfather, Johannes Westerkamp; her father and stepmother Alan and Tonica Mitchell; her brother, Jon Mitchell; her stepbrother, Eric (Michele) Marshall, all from Oak Harbor; her stepbrother, Ted Marshall from Kirkland; her half-brother, Richie (Tera) Rogers from Wyoming; and her loving fiancé, Robert Strickland, also from Oak Harbor.

Wallin/Stucky Funeral Home performed the cremation services and the family will hold a celebration of life at a later date.

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

Pam's Prayer Corner

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

Father, who art in Heaven, when we sleep, you are there; when we are awake, you are there; when we are at peace, you are there; when we struggle, you are there. In your word you said, "You would never leave us or forsake us." My Lord, help us to realize you are a constant presence and a forever comforter. Your Love is unconditional. Your grace and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. We are forever grateful to know you are truly "Jehovah Jireh," the one and only true provider. Amen

Roosevelt Rumble
USN, Ret. Mins.

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19



MONDAY, DEC. 13

3:51 pm, Cultus Bay Rd.

Reporting party states 20 minutes ago cousin rammed her vehicle. Reporting party was not in vehicle when this occurred. No injuries.

5:26 pm, Northgate Dr.

Advising estranged girlfriend has cat out of the breakup; reporting party is hearing she now leaves the cat out in the cold and rain. Paid \$3,000 for it.

6:51 pm, Haines Rd.

Male on line asking call taker if they can hear the whistle in the house; disconnected. Recalling.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

1:00 pm, Ault Field Rd.

Advising male subject in center of roundabout; stacking rocks in the middle.

8:04 pm, NE Goldie St.

Male subject pulled his pants down; refusing to leave; pants now up.

11:56 pm, Ewing Rd.

Caller states someone she has never met before showed up to her house and kissed her on the lips. States it was a postal worker in a mail carrier truck.

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

2:04 am, Meadowood Ln.

Reporting party advising extra set of keys were stolen from his house a month ago. Today, he discovered his vehicle was unlocked, after he had locked it. States two male neighbors are loitering around his house.

3:34 pm, Donna Dr.

Reporting party advising took in a transient female and now female is stealing things and accusing reporting party of owing her money; reporting party advising there was an altercation yesterday and female was advised to not come back.

6:48 pm, Meadowood Ln.

Reporting party says his car keys were stolen. Locks on car were unlocked yesterday. Car hasn't been stolen yet. They have been hanging around the house all night for three years. Thinks they will drive it onto a big mail truck. It's a compact Geo Metro.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

10:15 am, Shawn Ave.

Requesting call. Has questions about dealing with exes.

4:05 pm, Scriven Ln.

Secondhand report to reporting party that subject is at location cutting down trees; states he was just evicted.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

3:34 pm, SW Erie St.

Reporting party watched someone take his truck. Blue 2004 F-350 crew cab long bed.

3:59 pm, Trisha Ln.

Reporting party states she had arranged for someone to take care of her animals and they didn't and now won't give her dog back.

8:14 pm, Watkins Rd.

Reporting party advising there are

subjects at his house; thinks their cat is in his backyard; reporting party has asked them to leave.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

5:25 pm, Mercer Dr.

Reporting party advising went to location; while there, a pill fell out of a taco; does not know if there was anything else in the taco. Now having difficulty breathing.

11:14 pm, SR 525

Advising of person walking in the road; charged at reporting party. Last seen two minutes ago.

MONDAY, DEC. 20

12:26 am, Bald Eagle Way

Reporting party advising male subject was drilling holes into the back of the mailbox; reporting party advising subject took a swing at reporting party when he confronted him; subject in a Dodge Dakota.

7:39 am, East Harbor Rd.

Caller advising has a picture of truck stealing male (sic) in area; last seen Wednesday. Aware occurring all over south end.

10:25 am, Fairway Ln.

Female burning clothes in driveway; when confronted, stated she was cold.

8:34 pm, Donna Dr.

Reporting party advising ongoing issue of items being taken from location by female that was staying there; reporting party advising thinks female is gone, but noticing things are missing.

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

12:13 pm, Scatchet Head Rd.

Reporting party states her mailbox was found open this morning and last night someone shined a flashlight through her window.

2:05 pm, Tomchuck Ln.

Delivery driver at location has been asked to leave, refusing. Reporting party arguing with subject.

3:05 pm, Crystal St.

Male subject on the property calling reporting party names and threatening reporting party to burn in hell and telling reporting party to call law enforcement. States ongoing dispute with landlord. Subject is landlord's father.

3:19 pm, Mutiny Bay Rd.

Reporting two loose pigs along roadway. Last seen entering a chained off access road in the area of location.

4:52 pm, Main St.

Advising male just ran in front of reporting party's vehicle; reporting party driving off. States ran out in front then yelled at reporting party that he was hit; laid down on the ground.

11:03 pm, 6th St.

Reporting party advising can hear yelling and someone running a chainsaw outside; thinks it could be her son-in-law but doesn't feel comfortable going outside to check.

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



PINCH POINTS AND SHALLOW BAYS FOR CHINOOK SALMON

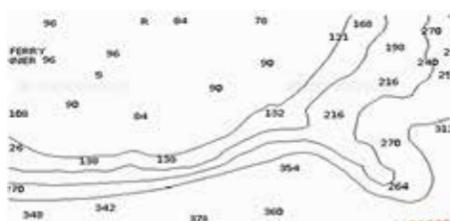
Over the years I have mentioned the phrase "points point to fish." I first heard this statement from an old bass fishing buddy and over the years fishing the Puget Sound waters, it holds true here as well. It might not be a phrase I would always base my salmon derby strategy on, but it definitely deserves a serious look when searching for feeding salmon, especially the seasonal migrating fish.

A point of land that extends out into the water will often continue that point much further underwater; mix in an easy-moving tide, foraging baitfish (like sand lance or herring), a descending (stair-step) bottom contour, and you've got the makings of a great day of fishing. Opposite of a point are the shallow bays or contoured depressions along a shoreline that are not quite chiseled out enough to create a recognizable point. These simple looking and subtle setbacks should not be overlooked; if they are the only visible changes above water, fish will be there. Learn to read the contour to help find the productive water.

The important thing to remember when you're fishing both points and depressions is the fish are often funneled or bottle-necked into these types of areas, sometimes due to bait and sometimes by underwater topography and currents. Here is a close-up nautical clip of "Snatelum Point" near Penn Cove (Marine Area 8-1). You can see the single contour line that mirrors the point of land that indicates 59 feet of water depth. Salmon will swim with their noses into the current/tide and most likely follow this line around the point. They will not swim up-and-over the point in shallow water for fear of predators or potentially bright sunlight and the bait fish they will be feeding on are on or near that same contour line.



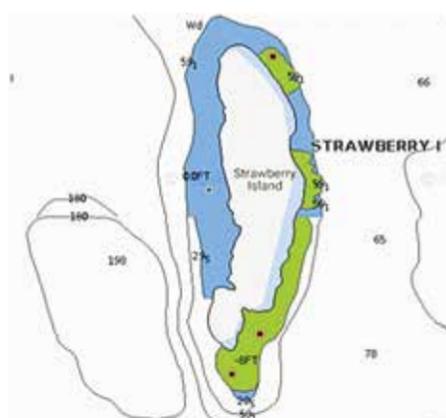
This Snatelum Point clip only shows one contour line, which indicates the water drop-off is gradual and not very steep. However, if you are a baitfish, any opportunity to use the natural shape of the bottom to get out of heavy currents and hide in the shadows from hungry salmon will be used. When the bottom contour slope is this gradual, try trolling in a zig-zag pattern along the line with a tendency to stay on the deeper side.



The nautical clip is located at the south end of "Eastern Bank" off-shore, in the Straits of Juan de Fuca (Marine Area-6). This large underwater land mass is fairly flat on top but eventually gives way to deeper water; you can see there is a lot of flat area where the water averages 90 feet, then you see where the steep edge drops off to over 300 feet. There is also a deep, isolated protruding point (leg) that runs in a southeasterly direction. Visualize this seamount slightly above water and pick out the point, the bay(s) and the steep shelf. During light to medium tidal movements the Chinook salmon

will be searching these types of areas to ambush baitfish who are using the same areas for cover. Eastern Bank can be great fishing during the seasonal salmon runs.

This nautical clip below is of Strawberry Island, located just west of Cypress Island (Marine Area-7). It is a great example of a pinch-point between two chunks of land - Strawberry Island on one side with an underwater hump on the other. I knew a fellow salmon fisherman who would get into a racetrack pattern and troll around and around this island. He paid close attention to the tide direction and current speed. This area has a strong bottleneck and a flat area within close proximity of each other; it doesn't take long to find out where the fish are.



Eagle Point, shown below, is on the west side of San Juan Island. If a 40-pound plus Chinook is going to be caught during the summer months, this is where it is going to come from. Old timers say at times Fraser River kings travel past this point on their way home. This point is known as a big fish area. Take a look at the steep contour lines off the tip of the point - it is the perfect point. It's got steep contour lines that flatten out on the east side, yet the lines hold tight together on the west side. The average depth is around 100 feet. Trust me when I tell you most of the trolling fishermen will be stacked close together and trolling with the tide. Remember the baitfish will get pushed to the leeward side of the point by the moving current.



Most Puget Sound salmon fishermen, including me, will tell you "fish for Chinooks between 90 and 120 feet." This is good advice the majority of the time, however, when you find yourself in an area where points and bays are the dominant underwater structure, do not be afraid to move shallower or deeper to search for fish. Be prepared to watch and adjust your downrigger depth to avoid dragging bottom, but remember to stay in the fish-zone near the bottom. Chinooks love sand lance bait fish that burrow into the sandy bottom. I am a fan of paper bottom charts. They allow you to study and plan your fishing trip before getting on the boat. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and tribal (co-managers) meetings are beginning to take place in Olympia to decide our seasons and quotas for 2022/2023. My hope is the commissioners and recreational fishing representatives recognize and challenge any proposed restrictions that are based on a non-proven model, or out-of-state study. See you on the water soon, think spring!

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School measures on next week's ballot

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island voters will decide in a special election next week on measures concerning all three of the island's school districts.



South Whidbey School District

Starting on the south end, the South Whidbey School District board of directors is asking voters to approve a replacement levy to support a number of educational programs and services.

"The levy is not a new tax," said Dan Poolman, SWSD assistant superintendent. "It renews an expiring tax that provides local funding for critical needs not covered by state and federal funding."

"We see continued shortfalls between 'full State funding' and actual costs for programs and services," he continued. "This levy pays for programs and services important to our community that are not funded or not fully funded by the State. Replacement of the district's expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy will continue our present level of programs and services."

Levy dollars make up about 16 percent of SWSD's general fund and represents the district's second largest revenue source, according to Poolman. Should the measure fail, the district would have to cut its budget by 16 percent.

The district is requesting a lower levy amount for the next three years than the expiring levy. The maximum amount which could be collected in 2023 is \$3.4 million, compared to just over \$4 million in the first year of the expiring levy. That translates to approximately \$.55 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. In 2024, the rate would be \$.51 per \$1,000 and in 2025 it would be \$.48 per \$1,000.

"This is only an informational estimate," Poolman said. "If property values go up, the levy rate per \$1,000 is adjusted downward. The school district cannot collect more than the amount approved by voters. Increases in property values do not generate more revenue for the school district."

Another factor that impacts the amount the school district can collect is enrollment.

"As enrollment goes down, the amount we can collect is reduced accordingly," explained Poolman. "At this point, we are projecting enrollment to continue to decline by about -4.5 percent for each of the next 2 years. While we hope to see a different picture, we have



Photo Courtesy of South Whidbey School District

Levy money is used to support services like pupil transportation and much more at South Whidbey School District. The district has a levy proposal on the ballot to renew an old tax that is expiring. Coupeville and Oak Harbor school districts also have measures on the ballot. Election day is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

to acknowledge the changing demographics we see in South Whidbey that has caused enrollment in our district to decline each year since 2001."

Poolman pointed out the levy funds many activities for which the state provides no funding at all, such as student co-curricular activities and food service. In other cases, the funding from the levy fills in the gaps when state funding comes up short.

"Levy dollars provide for the difference between actual operating costs and the state funding model," he said. "The state funding model underfunds some activities such as counseling, health services, classroom support, classified staffing, substitute costs, etc. [For example], the state authorizes by statute 12 sick leave days per year for each employee, but only funds the cost of four of those days each year in its funding model."



Coupeville School District

Members of the Coupeville School District board of directors are also asking voters to approve three different ballot measures.

The first is a four-year replacement levy for educational programs and operations. If passed, \$.876 per \$1,000 of assessed value would be

collected in 2023, \$.928 in 2024, \$.91 in 2025 and \$.892 in 2026.

Voters are also asked to approve a levy for technology capital projects. Should it be approved by voters, this measure would fund the acquisition, installation and management of computer systems, projects and facilities. This would include purchasing hardware and software, plus training. Cost per \$1,000 of assessed property value ranges from \$.158 to \$.172 and would bring in \$450,000 in 2023 and \$500,000 the following three years.

A final ballot measure for the Coupeville School District proposes a two-year levy to fund repairs and improvements at district facilities. The rates of \$1.05 and \$1.03 per \$1,000 in 2023 and 2024 respectively, would bring in \$3 million each year.



Oak Harbor Public Schools

The Oak Harbor School District is also hoping voters will approve a capital improvement and construction bond, to replace an expiring bond.

"The estimated bond rate is \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed property value," said OHP's Superintendent Karst Brandsma. "The current rate for the Oak Harbor High School and Wildcat Memorial Stadium bond was \$1.72. As a reminder, this bond will be paid off at the end of 2022 with collection for the new bond beginning in the spring of 2023, making this a replacement bond."

"We anticipate paying this bond off over 20-22 years," Brandsma continued. "However, like our previous bond, the district will look for opportunities to pay it off early, saving our taxpayers in the process. The Oak Harbor High School and Wildcat Memorial bonds were refinanced three times, resulting in the district paying it off earlier than expected and saving Oak Harbor taxpayers millions of dollars."

The district is looking to replace four schools – Crescent Harbor, Oak Harbor and Olympic View Elementary Schools and the Clover Valley Home

Connection/Early childhood learning center as well as the transportation center.

"Our schools are aging. Each school is over 60 years old and has been remodeled at least once," Brandsma said. "Oak Harbor Elementary was originally built in 1934. Any additional remodels would require a main overhaul to stay up to date on current codes, which in the end is a more significant monetary investment. The buildings were originally designed for schools during a time that is not suited to the many different ways learning takes place currently."

Brandsma said the original buildings will be used during the construction of new schools, which will save the district millions of dollars.

"The other rationale is to eliminate portables," said Brandsma. "These projects will eliminate nearly 30 portable classrooms in the district. Building a larger elementary school at Fort Nugent Park will cater to the area of town seeing significant growth and create better boundary lines for our schools, creating more neighborhood schools, which will save on transportation costs."

Brandsma said if the bond passes, the district anticipates the new schools and transportation center could be completed within seven years. Attention will also be paid to making sure any new construction will meet sustainable energy efficient standards.

"When you add seismic upgrades and air quality upgrades, the real winners are our children, who spend 180 days a year in these facilities," he said.

The Department of Defense is contributing more than \$140 million toward the construction of two of the schools, which Brandsma said he believes goes a long way toward easing the tax burden on district residents.

"Keeping a level tax rate for our families is important," he said. "We truly feel the \$143 million being contributed by the Department of Defense for these projects is unprecedented. This is separate from the Military Impact Aid we receive to offset the lack of levy funds collected because federal lands are tax exempt. The DoD and the State funds are only made available if we pass the bond at a supermajority or 60 percent."

Completed ballots must be postmarked on or before Feb. 8 and ballots may also be returned to any of Island County's election drop boxes, which will close promptly at 8 p.m. on election day. Visit islandcountywa.gov/Auditor/Elections/Pages/Home.aspx for more information.

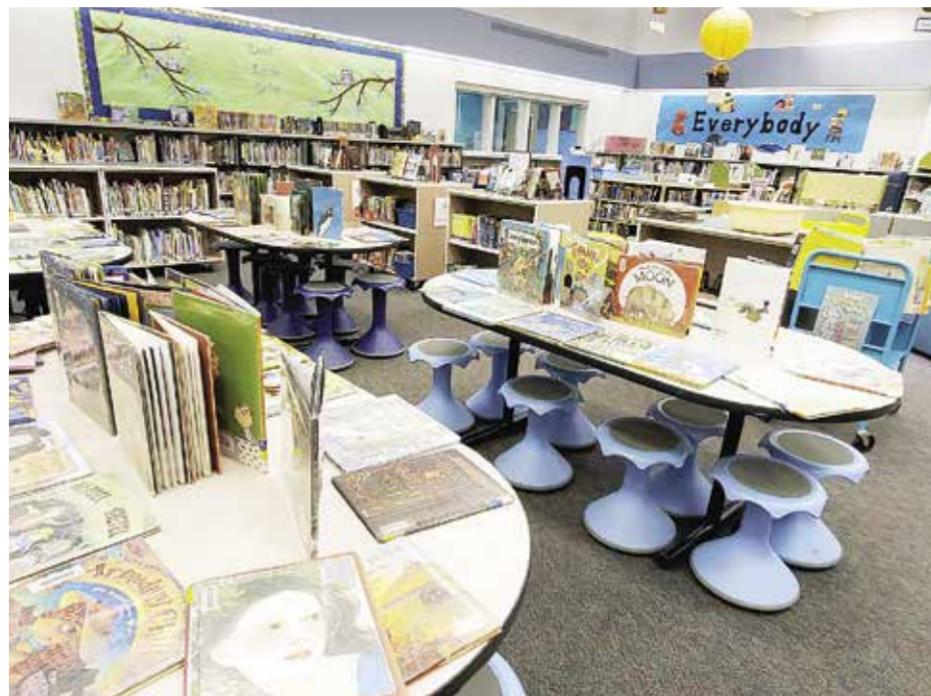


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All Whidbey Island school districts have measures on Tuesday's special election ballot. A levy proposal for South Whidbey School district will help fill in the gaps and continue to keep things like library services going at current levels.



Each year, football fans gather to watch their favorite teams battle it out on the gridiron. Those battles can get pretty fierce, and football fans know they're best watched with some delicious food on hand.

This recipe for "Philly Cheesesteak Dumplings" from "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion Publishing) makes for a great addition to any game watch party table. These crispy appetizers meld Korean and American flavors together for a truly unique offering.

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK DUMPLINGS (Makes about 45)

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| 50 thin square eggless wonton wrappers (around 4 inches in size) | 3 1/2 ounces spring onions, finely chopped |
| Vegetable oil, for frying | 3 ounces pickled jalapeños, finely chopped |
| Filling: | 1 pound, 2 ounces mature cheddar cheese, grated |
| 5 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and finely chopped | Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste |
| 1 tablespoon roasted sesame oil | To serve: |
| 1 pound, 2 ounces cooked, shredded beef short ribs | Silgochu (dried chilli threads) |
| 11 ounces cabbage kimchi, drained and finely chopped | 1 spring onion, julienned and soaked in ice water until curled, then drained |
| | Sriracha |

For the filling, first sauté the mushrooms in the sesame oil in a large nonstick frying pan over medium-low heat until just softened. Remove from the heat and set aside. In a large bowl, combine the rest of the filling ingredients with the mushrooms. Mix together using your hands, really breaking up the short rib meat to make a uniform texture.

For the dumplings, line a couple of baking sheets with parchment and set aside. Fill a small bowl with water. Unwrap the wonton wrappers and cover lightly with a piece of clingfilm to keep them moist. Lay a wrapper on a clean work surface and put 1 ounce of the meat filling in the center. Dip a forefinger into the water and run it along the edges of the wrapper to moisten the surface. Now bring the open edges to the center, and pinch where the edges meet each other, creating four seams in a cross shape. Set aside and cover with clingfilm or a damp tea towel while you shape the rest. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and filling, making sure the dumplings are not touching on the baking sheets.

To a medium saucepan, add the vegetable oil and heat to 340 F (170 C). Working in batches, place the dumplings on their sides in the pan in a single layer without crowding. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes until golden brown. Transfer the fried dumplings to a wire rack or kitchen paper-lined plate to drain. Repeat with the remaining dumplings. If you don't plan on cooking them straight away, you can freeze them on the baking sheets, then bag them up and store in the freezer.

Top with some of the silgochu and curly spring onion and serve immediately with the sriracha.

WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

It is time to slow down a little, Aries. Even you cannot keep up a hectic pace for very long. Invest time in relaxing pursuits like yoga or reading to unwind your brain.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may feel it necessary to prove your point at all costs. Stubbornness will get you nowhere right now. Listen to what others have to say.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

There are two sides to every story, Gemini. It is best not to attach yourself to one version of the tale just yet. Hear everyone out and then come to an informed conclusion.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

There is no time like the present to turn over a new leaf, Cancer. Think about the areas of your life that can use some improvement and focus on the steps to get there this week.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Someone from the past comes back into your life and you will not know how to react, Leo. First assess what this person wants and how you left off years ago.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, it might be time to accept the help or advice that someone is offering to you. You don't always have to forge new paths to prove your worth.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you are thinking about making a major lifestyle change in the near future, start fleshing out the plans this week. Gather feedback from the ones you love.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, past mistakes provide opportunities to learn. Continue to forge a new path. Recognize that others have made mistakes and can provide support.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

A big idea is blooming, but you need to get a handle on how you can finance this endeavor, Sagittarius. It may be worth seeking investors.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

It is time to mend fences that were broken a few years ago, Capricorn. Holding on to past issues will not prove fruitful. Sit down and work through your issues.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You certainly catch more flies with honey than vinegar, Aquarius. Focus on being warm and welcoming in conversation and your points will be well-received.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Something regarding your health may be on your mind, Pisces. Schedule an annual physical and discuss your concerns.



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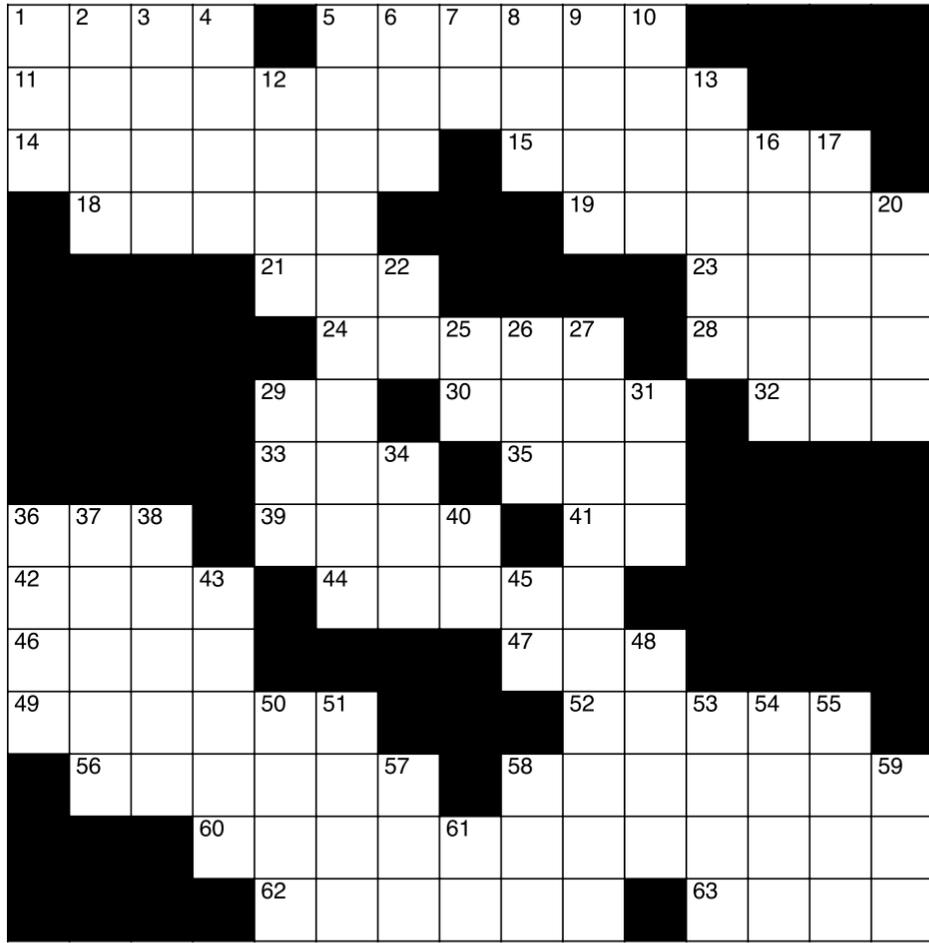
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Constrictors
- 5. Abounding in rocks
- 11. Speed
- 14. German city
- 15. Lacking sympathy
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Wastes away
- 21. One precursor to the EU
- 23. Nursemaid
- 24. Unconsciousnesses
- 28. Baby's word for father
- 29. Equal to 64 US pints (abbr.)
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Midway between south and southwest
- 33. When you hope to get there
- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Passports and drivers' licences are two
- 39. Fishes
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Personal computers
- 44. Ecological community
- 46. Wings

- 47. Halfway
- 49. Cool, calm and collected
- 52. Jewelled headdress
- 56. Musical composition
- 58. ___ Falls
- 60. Repeating remarks
- 62. Periods in one's life
- 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. ___ Humbug!
- 2. Devices that alert pilots (abbr.)
- 3. Grocer
- 4. One point east of southeast
- 5. Subjects to hostility
- 6. Work unit
- 7. Atomic #56
- 8. British thermal unit
- 9. "Elusive Butterfly" singer
- 10. Fastened over animal's neck
- 12. Device
- 13. Rechargeable power source
- 16. Ancient sage
- 17. Consist of two elements
- 20. "Pygmalion" writer

- 22. "The Centennial State" (abbr.)
- 25. Of I
- 26. Get older
- 27. Brotherhoods
- 29. Buzzing insect
- 31. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Brew
- 36. Leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's dad
- 43. Horse mackerels genus
- 45. Morning
- 48. Unit of linear measurement (abbr.)
- 50. Double curve
- 51. Small, twisted bunch
- 53. Developed
- 54. Mars crater
- 55. Humanistic discipline
- 57. Word element meaning ear
- 58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- 59. Wood residue
- 61. It cools your home

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YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

<p>Thurs, Feb. 3 North Isle H-43°/L-38° Cloudy</p>	<p>Fri, Feb. 4 North Isle H-46°/L-39° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, Feb. 5 North Isle H-47°/L-38° Chance of Rain</p>	<p>Sun, Feb. 6 North Isle H-49°/L-42° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Mon, Feb. 7 North Isle H-51°/L-41° Cloudy</p>	<p>Tues, Feb. 8 North Isle H-50°/L-43° Cloudy</p>	<p>Wed, Feb. 9 North Isle H-51°/L-43° Showers Possible</p>
<p>South Isle H-43°/L-36° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-44°/L-37° Partly Sunny</p>	<p>South Isle H-47°/L-36° Chance of Rain</p>	<p>South Isle H-49°/L-41° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-50°/L-41° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-50°/L-44° Cloudy</p>	<p>South Isle H-49°/L-40° Showers Possible</p>



Esther Akinbolu, Coupeville



I would like to meet with Shirley Chisholm. She was the first African American woman elected to Congress in 1968. She was instrumental in equal rights for all women and consulted for New York City's day-care division, as well being the first Black candidate to run for a major party nomination in 1972.

What was Shirley Chisholm's motivation for running and how did she get her colleagues to respect her and get her ideas through the Democratic party, such as pushing equal rights for all women, that is what I would want to talk to her about!

Charles LaFond, Clinton



Seneca (c. 4 BC – 65 AD) was a Roman Stoic Philosopher who is said to have owned 300 dining tables. He threw Great-Gatsby-like parties. So, I would suggest lunch at his place.

We so often think of "Stoicism" as hemorrhoidal-grumpy-old-man thinking. Seneca's letters have told me a different story, as would lunch. Stoicism is simply letting the "big meal" of life unfold without freaking out when things go wrong, because they will. Often, Seneca's friends were all murdered and he was sent into exile on a big rock three times. And yet his joy, and his belief in the power of friendship, remained resolute.

His letters have taught me that we humans often suffer more in our imagination than we do in reality. We humans believe our fearful thoughts, which is a terrible waste of time and energy.

Friendship with others, and with himself, brought Seneca joy. He said "Before I became old, I took care to live well, and in old age, I take care to die well." To die well is to live, this one day, decades before the end of your life, with deep care and among deep friendships. Then do it again tomorrow.

OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

If you could have lunch with any historical person, who would it be, and why?

Dave Fikse, Gerald's Jewelry, Oak Harbor



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Dave Cohick, Oak Harbor



The famous person I would like to have lunch with is Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci (Leonardo da Vinci). He lived primarily in the Florence and Milan area of Italy during the 15th century (1452-1519). After minimal early

education, his life was a process of self-education, lifetime accumulation of knowledge and exceptional skill in a variety of disciplines: painting, sculpture, mechanical engineering, hydrology, anatomy and physiology, geology, flight, etc. He could write with both hands at the same time.

At lunch I would ask him "What is your favorite creation, painting and invention," and then just relax and listen.

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The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact njlish@gmail.com. More info at our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl

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TUTORING

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community, BBBSIC encourages BIPOC

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and LGBTQIA community members to inquire. Please contact admin@bbbsislandcounty.org for more information.

The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

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

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

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to www.pnwnam.org and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

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