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Rock on! After being carried on stage, Laruen Santi, who currently has chronic Myeloid Leukemia, sits on stage during a performance by Torin Frost & The Patterns of Saturn at the Departure Fest NW at Lake Leland Amphitheater in Quilcene. *Leader photo by Jeff Eichen*

Beach walker reports sinker off Irondale

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It's one of the most complicated issues Heidi Eisenhour deals with in her job as county commissioner.

"There are many jurisdictions involved and the counties are the least involved in it," she told The Leader when asked about the sinking of an 83-foot retired Coast Guard cutter in Hadlock Bay, near Irondale Beach earlier this month.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office was the first to respond on the scene but ultimately the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be responsible for the ecological mitigation, including salvage of the 1944 ship, which was already on their Inventory of Vessels of Concern and listed its location as Seabeck, below 9950 Mystery Point Road.

Eisenhour serves on the county's Maritime Resources committee and its Derelict Vessels subcommittee but notes that the county's jurisdiction stays fairly close to land.

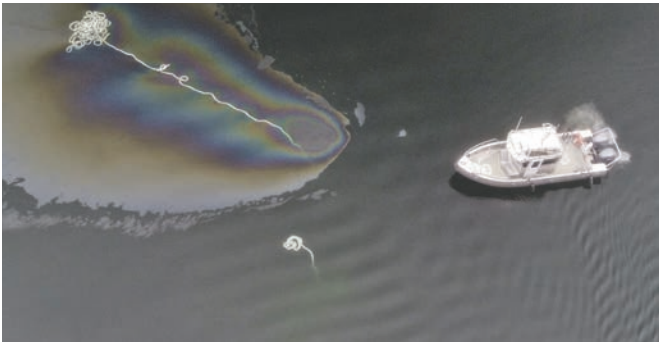
"Well, I did help in the removal of a boat from underneath the bridge on Indian Island. We declared it an emergency and the county, with the help of Roger Slade, took the lead along with Star Marine and they removed it," she explained, adding that boat was sunk on tidelands, which allowed the county to declare the emergency.

In an email to her fellow team members, Eisenhour wrote that the boat is apparently owned by the same person as the MV Cardias.

"On Sept. 8, 2023, JCSO received a report of suspicious circumstances near Lower Hadlock Bay. The caller reported seeing debris floating in the bay consistent with a potential sunken vessel. Deputies responded and located the vessel actively leaking diesel fuel from about 48 feet below the surface," she wrote in her email.

Jerry Farmer, with DNR's Derelict Vessel Removal Program, told The Leader that he had just learned about the sinking and would respond when they had further information.

Eisenhour grew up on a commercial fishing boat, salmon



Jefferson County Sheriff's Office responded to a sinking off Irondale Beach in The Valor. Efforts to minimize ecological damage are under way. *Courtesy photo*



County Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour at her desk in the court house. *Leader photo by Thomas Mullen*

trolling with her father who operated in southeast Alaska. She was instrumental in the capital campaign to build the Maritime Center and was their chief operating officer before being elected to this, her first term, as county commissioner.

Taking the long view on Fort Worden

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"It's as if the PDA (Fort Worden Public Development Authority) got sprayed by a skunk and there wasn't enough tomato juice. Rightly or wrongly, mistakes had been made and they kind of lost control and we've been trying to get back that control."

Such is the perspective of David Timmons, who was integral in the PDA's creation as Port Townsend city manager and most recently as its executive director. His last day in that role is Thursday, Sept. 28. In an interview with The Leader, Timmons said that those mistakes have "hobbled and will continue to hobble the PDA for quite some time."



David Timmons considers his time as PDA Executive Director as his retirement nears. *Leader photo by Thomas Mullen*

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Not just USPS building under wraps

ANNA TALLARICO
SPECIAL TO THE LEADER

On Sept. 20, The Leader received a tip that within the last few months several employees had quit the U.S. Post Office in Port Townsend due to management issues.

The Leader approached a carrier to "ask a quick question." The carrier shook their head and said they were not allowed to speak to the press.

A quick internet search later revealed that according to the National Labor Relations Board, which provides information on the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), any employee has the right to "talk to the media about problems in [their] workplace."

The Leader then went to a supervisor of the USPS in Port Townsend, who said that no employee could speak to a member of the press and that all media inquiries must go through their legal team, based in Seattle and representing the entire state of Washington.

The Leader contacted the legal team.

"While employees are on the clock, they have specific duties and assignments and speaking to the media is not among them," said Kim Frum, Strategic Communications Specialist, in an email response to The Leader's inquiry on the NLRA.

"They do not have the time or the appropriate information available to devote to impromptu interviews."

Frum did not address the NLRA specifically in that email. In a follow-up, however, she wrote, "all questions from reporters for media purposes, no matter if it is to quash a rumor or to get other information about the Postal Service, must come through my office. Media relation folks are here to provide reporters with accurate information and prevent hearsay and false information."

This parallels language found in USPS memos leaked three years ago, titled "Guidelines for Handling Local Media Inquiries."

One memo read, "The Postal Service continuously strives to project a positive image, protect its brand, and present a unified message to the customers and communities it serves."

Furthermore, the memos stated that it is "imperative" only one person speak on behalf of the Postal Service to deliver an "appropriate and consistent" message to the media.

This would seem to contradict the language of the NLRA. However, Frum assured The Leader that "all employees' rights are protected," even though the right of federal employees to criticize their agencies, free from censorship and retaliation, was established in the 1995 court case *Sanjour v. EPA*.

As the Court explained in that decision, "It is perhaps the most fundamental principle of First Amendment jurisprudence that the government may not regulate speech on the ground that it expresses a dissenting viewpoint."

In the 1968 case *Pickering v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court held that public employees had a First Amendment constitutional right to disagree with the policies and priorities of their government-employer in the press. In 2006, the Court reaffirmed that ruling in *Garcetti v. Ceballos*.

It appears that while a USPS employee may not be able to talk to the press while on duty, the USPS may not restrict that employee's speech when the employee is not on the job.

When asked to validate that statement, Frum said, "While your statement is accurate, it's important to have the context behind it," and restated her original reasoning behind why postal workers are instructed to direct all media inquiries to Strategic Communications.

Justice Anthony Kennedy explained during the *Garcetti v. Ceballos* decision, "a citizen who works for the government is nonetheless a citizen."

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Short fiction writer coming to library

No pets allowed at PT Market

Last weekend, one of our shoppers who uses a service dog at the Port Townsend Farmers Market (PTFM) came to the Market Information Booth in a panic, Amanda Milholland wrote to The Leader.

Dog fights, she wrote, is another on-going concern.

From lying on sandy beaches under an endless barrage of northern lights, to the expected anguish and frustration of spinning tires on cars stuck deep in snow, from the age-old struggle of change between adolescence and adulthood to the observation of sheer idiocy, she leaves it to the imagination of her audience to conjure their own images of her storytelling and song. No



Schmidt weaves her way through her concert in much the same manner as a jester. Interwoven anecdotes, revealing her past and present, bring people to expect a relationship between themselves and memories driven deep with the passage of time. The concert is an endless display of self-realization through humor and longing, leaving audience members yearning to become an integral part of her world, Miner wrote.

The draft phasing and access plan presented to City Council can be viewed online at cityofpt.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=4&event_id=3705&meta_id=219521.

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On the hunt for Sunflower Stars

BY CHRISTINA GRAY
FOR THE LEADER

Sunflower sea stars are important predators in our ocean ecosystems. Scientists are discovering just how important these Stars are due to their decline. One of those scientists will be visiting Port Townsend to present his research and educate the public about these groundbreaking and important findings.

Often in the rhetoric surrounding species decline, we hear the term, “indicator species.” This is an animal we can monitor that will tell us about the health of an ecosystem at large. Sunflower Stars are a linchpin species. Rather than telling us about the health of an ecosystem as a whole, they are the small but mighty link that holds a functioning ecosystem together. One year after Sunflower Stars disappeared from kelp forests in California, the entire ecosystem declined due to a surge in sea urchins ravishing an unsustainable portion of the kelp forest. Without the Sunflower Stars to eat the urchins, a chain reaction of events is causing the near collapse of these out-of-sight, out-of-mind ecosystems. Luckily, the Nature Conservancy of California stepped in to discover ways to intervene. One of those ways is partnering with research labs all the way in Washington, where we still have Sunflower Sea stars to learn about them and hopefully reintroduce them back into all of their previous habitats.

Jason Hodin is one of the

scientists on this project.

“I have been doing these studies elsewhere and here at Friday Harbor for the past couple of decades,” he says. “Then, 10 years ago, many of my research organisms just started to die. In 2019, I was contacted to attempt raising Sunflower Sea stars in captivity. That was something that had never really been tried before. I mean, there have been attempts at raising a few different kinds of Sea stars, mostly just ad hoc attempts by various people, but there haven’t been very many concerted efforts into raising Sea stars through their life cycle. In part, most of the things that we know how to raise, we know a lot about them, or we eat them, or we use some aspect of them. This was an opportunity to not only do something that hadn’t been done before, which obviously as a scientist I’m interested in, but also to potentially find out things that could be helpful for, (what turned out to not only be an endangered species), but the most endangered Sea star. This is the first Sea star to officially make the endangered species list.

“So, for the last four years, we’ve basically been raising Sea stars. We collected them in the wild and have been raising them through various generations and learning all kinds of things throughout their life cycles, what they eat, how they survive and grow, and the behavior and ecology of the various life stages. More recently, we’ve been investigating whether or not the stars that we raise in our lab could be returned to the wild. We’re basically undertaking a program



The recent relocation of sea critters from the south jetty at Point Hudson included many sea stars and this Giant Pacific octopus. Photo courtesy of Georgia Arrow

here that is on the one hand designed to try to understand as much as we can about this endangered species and aspects of its life that we knew nothing about on the microscopic stages that people had never studied. The second thing is keeping our eyes on potential restoration. We’re also wondering if it is possible to do this in an operation much bigger than ours. Could you raise the sea stars in the lab in sufficient numbers and in a manner that would be beneficial enough to return the Sea stars to the wild?

And so that’s what we do.”

Hodin said the research doesn’t have to start and stop in the highly precise efforts of a lab. It is something anyone can contribute to with just the use of a smartphone.

“For the people who like to go out and look for Sea stars and identify them, there is a website called seastarwasting.org where they can post their observations on either healthy or wasting Sea stars that they see and photograph. Taking a lot of photographs of stars, especially Sunflower Stars (if they actually found them) is helpful to us. The more photographs we have, the better. The more photographs in different contexts, different backgrounds and just making those observations is helping wasting stars. I mean, we don’t have enough people out in the field in all these different places including Port Townsend. So, if people are going out there, whether it be diving down to the sea floor, along docks, or walking

the beach at night during the winter, they can photograph and help. It’s especially interesting at night because most people don’t get out at night time or during low tide. That’s all really helpful.”

Hodin said he is sure these creatures can be of interest outside of their impact on an ecosystem.

Learn more by attending Jason Hodin’s lecture. He will present his findings from studying the Sunflower Sea star at Friday Harbor Labs, “Bringing up baby stars: Captive breeding of the endangered Sunflower Star for research and restoration.” The event is Sunday, Oct. 8. The lecture starts at 3 p.m. in the Fort Warden Chapel. Donations are encouraged, but the event is free.

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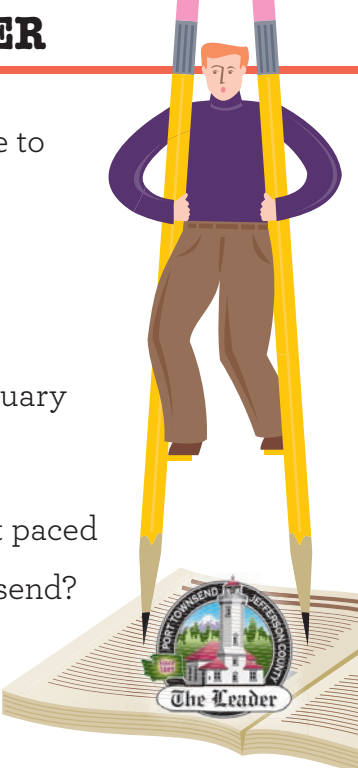
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LAW & JUSTICE

Shotgun possession and quarrel lead to arrest

Jason Bradley Hunt, 33 of Sequim, has been charged in Superior Court with unlawful possession of a firearm, due to having a prior non-serious felony, according to court documents.

Port Townsend Police Officer Trevor Hansen wrote in his probable cause statement that Jefferson County Sheriff's Sergeant Brandon Przygocki was the first to arrive at Thomas and Sixth streets near Bishop Park at 10.53 p.m. on August 25 where Hunt and his girlfriend were having an argument near a sedan.

Przygocki had stopped Hunt in the sedan earlier in the evening while working DUI duty. Przygocki noticed that a shotgun, which he had seen earlier that evening, was in a different place in the car. Because he was answering a domestic disturbance call, Przygocki removed the shotgun to secure it and later discovered it to be loaded with six shells.

When Officer Hansen arrived on the scene, he interviewed the girlfriend and other officers interviewed Hunt.

"They had been arguing due the vehicle maintenance that needed to be done on the sedan, and that tensions were high because (her) dog had needed to be put down earlier in the day," Hansen wrote, adding that the girlfriend stated she and Hunt had been dating for about a year and live out of the sedan most of the time. She said that although the sedan is unregistered, her family has a bill of sale for it.

When handcuffed, Hunt told officers at the scene that "he was not supposed to be around guns and had been to prison ... he claimed the firearm belonged to a friend."

If convicted, Hunt faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine plus restitution and assessments.

Angry texting devolves into gun incident

Caleb Joe Jones, 46, of 21 Riverdale Court, Quilcene, has been charged in Superior Court with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon. If convicted on both counts he faces life imprisonment and/



An Austrian-made .45 caliber handgun.

or \$50,000 in fines plus restitution and assessments on each count.

According to Jefferson County Sheriff's Officer Adam Newman, on August 8 he received information of an assault involving a firearm in the Quilcene area which had occurred the evening of August 5:

"I contacted the reported victim Cody McMahon and he was initially hesitant to provide details of the incident. He eventually opened up about what had happened after he spoke to the other victims and they agreed to provide statements."

Two women and another man, not listed as victims in the charges, were interviewed by Newman, as was Justin Thompson, who is listed along with McMahon as a victim of the alleged assault. Officer Adams states all five witnesses had similar accounts of the incident.

"They all referred to the suspect as Caleb Jones and have been friends/acquaintances for years. Jones and Thompson were involved in a text dispute. Thompson allowed me to look at the messages between them. Numerous threatening messages were sent from Jones attempting to get Thompson to tell him where he could be found to fight," Adam's probable cause report states.

Thompson texted his location and Jones responded that if McMahon gets in the way, that is why "I have a 45," court documents state, adding that Jones had brandished the weapon in the past and made threats to shoot them.

"No guns, come like a man, you are threatening to shoot us," Thompson replied and continued to receive threatening texts from Jones until he arrived at Thompson's residence around 9:20 p.m., "at which time he gets out of his vehicle with a gun in his

hand and walks toward Thompson and McMahon. As he approached them he pointed the pistol at McMahon's chest from a distance of about six feet and said something to the affect that this was between him and Thompson," court documents state, adding that Jones then swung the pistol at Thompson but became distracted by another person at the scene, at which time McMahon was able to grab the gun and strike Jones in the face. Jones dropped the gun and McMahon continued to punch Jones and wrestle him to the ground. The gun was retrieved by the third party who secured it in his vehicle and later gave the gun and its magazine to Officer Adams.

According to the charging documents, eight minutes after the incident began, Jones was allowed up and left in his vehicle, sending one last text at 10:02 stating, "You and Cody are as good as dead."

"Everyone I interviewed seemed concerned for their safety," Adams writes. "They are concerned for their safety now and know that Jones has other firearms."

Adams met with Jones who admitted to responding to the residence with a pistol but claimed he didn't recall pointing it at anyone.

"He said he began to question what he was doing with the gun when he heard the girls yelling, 'He has a gun!' He said that's when McMahon grabbed him and he chose to throw the gun because he didn't want to shoot anyone," Adams writes.

Jones has entered a plea of not guilty and a trial has been set for November 6.

Guns and lounge furniture stolen

A neighbor with a game camera helped the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office recover some stolen property from Michael D. J. McCarroll, 48, a 12-time convicted felon who has been arrested 31 times since 1994, according to court documents.

He has been charged in Superior Court with 10 new felony counts including burglary and firearm thefts. If convicted on all charges McCarroll faces up to 80 years in prison.

According to Officer Brian Anderson's probable cause report, the game camera captured photos of a person retrieving items from a wooded lot on Old Coyle Road, including a toy hauler trailer. The

photos were able to identify the pickup pulling that trailer and on July 25 law enforcement officers served a search warrant at 260 Harrington Drive in Quilcene. McCarroll was located and arrested while attempting to flee out the back with girlfriend Hillarie Wood.

Among the items recovered from the burglary were a washer and dryer, a



On a scale, one gram of methamphetamine.

leather chair and ottoman, bar stools, art and axes, which the victim identified as his upon arriving at the scene of the arrest.

Anderson states that, when he was arrested, McCarroll had on his person a used meth pipe and 26.34 grams of methamphetamine.

The officer further states that McCarroll denied any knowledge of the burglary, and that his girlfriend stated McCarroll had brought the washer and dryer to her residence sometime in April but that she did not know where they had come from.

The stolen firearms, according to Anderson's statement, are a Remington 552 Speedmaster .22. caliber semi-automatic rifle, a Remington 572 .22 caliber pump action rifle, a Cricket Youth .22 caliber rifle and a Ruger 10/22 Sporter .22 caliber rifle.

Officers also found clothing matching that captured on the game camera.

McCarroll entered a not guilty plea at his arraignment. Bail, originally set at \$50,000, was reduced to \$30,000 and McCarroll posted bond. His trial was set for Sept. 25.

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My first Port Townsend Film Festival was in 2016, and my first marathon review of the Film Festival for the Port Townsend Leader was in 2017. This year has brought some especially welcome changes.

The Film Fest now allows attendees to make digital reservations for their chosen shows, so they can spend less time waiting in line, and the festival's handouts include guides to all the places to buy snacks and drinks between screenings. My goal is, as always, to watch as many as a dozen films in four days.

Thursday, Sept. 21: Day 1

"Red, White & Brass" (2023) preceded by "joyful" (2021).

In eight wordless minutes, "joyful" director Simantini Chakraborty takes viewers on a whirlwind tour of multiple countries and continents, contrasting the hectic pace of modern society, and the ways in which we're despoiling our planet and ourselves, with uplifting moments of unadorned grace, as she exhorts us to cherish life while we have it.

"Red, White & Brass" director Damon Fepulea'i sustains this spirit with his underdog comedy, based on real-life events, about how the 2011 Rugby World Cup's Tonga versus France game in Wellington, New Zealand, inspired a local Tongan church group to start their own brass band, so they could get tickets to the game for free by performing at the match.

From "The Bad News Bears" in 1976 to "Brassed Off" in 1996, watching unskilled misfits overcome the odds to develop their talents, and come together as a team, possesses its own innate appeal, but what makes "Red, White & Brass" stand out within that sub-genre is the authenticity of its amusing and endearing insights into New Zealand's Tongan culture.

It's hilarious to see self-styled "gangsters" cowed into sheepish manners by the moral admonishments of an elderly Tongan mom (my Filipino friends might recognize shades of their own families), while another young Tongan man copes with being treated as "too white" by his peers, for not being as familiar with the heritage they share.

And I doubt I'm spoiling the conclusion for anyone by revealing this initially discordant crew achieves a rousing rhythm in time for their big show.

Friday, Sept. 22: Day 2

"Before I Change My Mind" (2022)
Director Trevor Anderson presents a tonally tumultuous profile of a gender-queer adolescent, Robin, who moves to Alberta, Canada, from my childhood hometown of Spokane, Washington, in 1987.

You don't need to be LGBTQ to relate to Robin's hardships and heartaches, but it helps if you can remember how it felt to tense up before you got punched



Red, White & Brass

in the face by your fellow kids.
Robin falls under the spell of the school bully, who deals with his own repressed feelings for other boys by peer-pressuring and preying upon them, which leads the otherwise benign Robin to make the sort of petty moral compromises that the victimized too often go along with to fit in, even when it means perpetuating a cycle of abuse.

Not that Robin has many positive role models.
His single dad is as gifted at fixing computers as Robin is at creating art, but both are incurably socially awkward among their own age groups.
We only catch glimpses of Robin's mom in fragmentary flashbacks, but enough to guess why his dad moved to Canada without her.

Even Robin's outwardly "good girl" acquaintance, Izzy, gradually reveals a casual thoughtlessness.

"Before I Change My Mind" is as authentic as, but even more harrowing than, Bo Burnham's "Eighth Grade" in 2018, and in both cases, I'm glad I saw those films, but I never need to see them again.

Anderson dares to leave his conclusion messy, after his characters stage a hilariously misfiring, but all-too-era-appropriate, subversion of "Jesus Christ Superstar."

"PATROL" (2023), preceded by "The Forest Beyond" (2023)

In 16 minutes, "The Forest Beyond" directors Jeremy Seifert and Fred Bahnson find a fleeting moment of optimism within an otherwise oppressively downbeat environmental trend, as a young woman from the Shipibo people, of the Amazon River in Peru, travels to see virgin forestlands for the first time, at the outskirts of her ancestral lands, even as she recalls how her elders predicted the current decline of those forests and their wildlife.

"PATROL" directors Brad Allgood and Camilo De Castro paint an even bleaker picture of how the self-appointed protectors of the Nicaraguan



Before I Change My Mind

rainforest struggle to beat back technically illegal cattle ranching interests, that are nonetheless tacitly supported by President Ortega's government.

With terrain that remains impassible enough that it can only be crossed by foot or by water, these patrols are always a step behind the impoverished ranchers whom the cattle companies rely upon to convert nature reserves into de facto commercial properties.

An especially bitter karmic blow is dealt to these defenders of the Earth onscreen, as a hurricane forces them to seek shelter in tarps and thatched huts, while winds blow metal roofs off industrial buildings, leaving our patrol shivering in their wet T-shirts and jeans, before one of them surveys the storm's damage to the ecosystem.

Even as he concludes, with rueful dispassion, that the hurricane was likely a symptom of man-made climate change, the camera lingers on his face as it crumples into silent tears, long enough to make me ethically uncomfortable with its invasiveness.

"Year of the Fox" (2022)
Ivy, a contemplative teen adopted by a privileged but dysfunctional couple, splits her final stretch of high school between her mom in Seattle and her dad in Aspen, after they divorce, but

her already complicated relationship with her mercurial father is profoundly impacted by the secrets being kept by the rich and/or beautiful party elites in their famous Colorado resort town.

Ivy's greatest strength, which is her earnestness, becomes her most vulnerable weakness when she hobnobs over cocktails with her fashionably fast friends, as well as with her parents' perpetually on-the-make acquaintances.

Jake Weber has long since proven his broad range, but he's so perfect at reverting to type by playing Ivy's gaslighting, narcissistic adoptive dad who wields his worldliness like a blunt cudgel — he's like Hart Bocher as Harry Ellis in 1988's "Die Hard," with more polish and a higher IQ — while Jane Adams yet again conveys the near-paradox of a simmering meekness as Ivy's adoptive mom.

On the pulp melodrama spectrum, the plot tropes are barely a few steps shy of V.C. Andrews paperbacks, but they're acted out so well, and executed so deftly, that I had to know what would happen next.

Like Robin in "Before I Change My

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Dear Editor:

I wondered what was going on when the vehicles which normally shoot down Cook Avenue toward town then race across 49th Street to the San Juan curve were going slightly slower, yet probably over the famous PT 25 mph. I felt safer and looking to my far right I saw some unusual new white lines.

Later that day I rode my bike that way and was so happy to finally see something done for one of the many shoulderless and often times treacherous arterial roads in our town.

Thank you to the team that put this together and saw that it was executed. Walking or riding around town it's easy to find more of these improvement opportunities.

The Admiralty curve over by Fort Worden is really bad, so are several others: the list is actually long.

Speed bumps and speed tables are great and needed but this budget- and time-friendly painted line solution is much appreciated as a move in the right direction.

Way too much speeding and dangerous driving going on in this town. Pedestrians and bicycle riders are taking their lives in their hands every time they go out on or near a city arterial street.

Thank you,

William Dentzel

Warning signs

Dear Editor:

Greetings. From the most recent edition of the Port Townsend Leader: "The city acknowledges the Cherry Street Building project was "an error."

An "error"? That's not an "error", that's a total boondoggle, a financial and mismanagement debacle, a catastrophe.

The Leader article also says there are still \$62,000 annual payments to pay off the bond stretching out to 2040. That's a million bucks, folks. \$1,000,000 we still have to pay for this fiasco. Plus whatever has already been spent on bond payments for the past years, on abandoned work on the building, staff time, plus possible demolition costs, sales fees, etc. What do you suppose the total amounts to? Couple of million bucks? For absolutely nothing. No affordable housing. None. Zilch.

Then this, from the same article: "This does not mean we will stop working toward affordable housing", (city manager) Mauro assured.

Holy cow. If the Cherry Street debacle isn't enough for all of us to conclude that the city doesn't belong in the housing business, what would it take? Do we really want to trust that any new city initiative involving housing will turn out any better?

The city staff, planning commission, and city council have recently enacted zoning and building code changes to encourage affordable housing built by the private sector. They are to be

commended for their recent work to make housing more available and affordable. Expanding and relaxing zoning and building code options, using city legislative and regulatory authority, should be grounds for a round of applause, a laudable service to the public good. More could be done in this vein, perhaps in the form of incentives to builders, or reduction of fees for affordable housing projects meeting certain criteria. Creative input from all and sundry should be sought and welcomed. But kudos to the city for those efforts to address our housing issues.

However, and it's a huge however, the city should stop there. Zoning and building code relaxation is appropriate and welcome. Any more direct involvement in housing, particularly using City assets of land or money, is a recipe for disaster.

Look no further than the Cherry Street debacle. If nothing else, all those wasted million-plus dollars should serve as a warning and a lesson.

City government shouldn't be in the business of actually providing housing. Directly using City assets, in monetary funds or appropriation of public land, including the golf course, to devote to private housing, is entirely inappropriate. Taking assets, including land designated "municipal use" that belong to each and all of us, and giving them over to a few, for their exclusive use, runs counter to democratic principles, as well as common sense. It might actually be illegal, or at least subject to lawsuits in opposition.

The City has a definite critical role in addressing our housing crisis, but it should be restricted to legislative and regulatory functions only. No further, please. Abandon the scheme to build housing on the golf course land.

Thank you,

Laurie Stewart

Good manners

Dear Editor:

This letter is about the importance of sharing our stories.

When we begin to listen to one another, new ideas and understanding happen. It's a way of sharing our beliefs in a safe way without fear of being attacked.

Whenever I meet a new person on the bus or at a movie or concert I am curious about why they moved to Port Townsend and where they were born. It gives me a wider sense of our ever-changing community.

When I first moved here I walked everywhere since I had no car. In this way I learned about different neighborhoods and the different parks and playgrounds.

When I worked at our summer enrichment camp under the great guidance of Bill Kush I had new experiences exchanging ideas with students and took many field trips which opened my eyes and heart to new kinds of animals, art and music.

The kids showed me how to take risks too. Our trust in one another



grew and I felt so connected to them over the summer.

Now there seems to me to be more rushing and speeding to get somewhere. We have lost the art of just being still and listening to each other.

How can we re-gain lessons in being present for one another and hear their story? I hope some of us stop and take more time to just listen.

Nan Toby Tyrrell

Fix our roads!

Dear Editor:

It's not news to any resident of Port Townsend that the roads of our city are in terrible shape. The deterioration of our roads is the result of changes in street funding; the result of initiatives that reduced tax revenue starting in the 2000s and decades of deferred maintenance.

All those potholes did not appear in just the last few years.

The most reasonable way for us to fix this is to fund a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) A TBD is a taxing district authorized by the state for the sole purpose of funding transportation improvements. The funds can only be spent on transportation Improvements and the definition of transportation improvements is broad. Improvements can include city streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, and matching funds for grants.

The City Council has already proposed a 3 percent sales tax to provide the funds for the TBD, amounting to 0.30 on a \$10.00 purchase. This new tax will go before the voters in November.

By using a sales tax, folks who visit and who live outside of the city will help maintain the streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes that they also use.

This means that the cost of maintaining our infrastructure will not be paid solely by residents of Port Townsend.

Over 114 cities in Washington state now have TBDs, including cities such as Leavenworth and Walla Walla that,

like us, have lots of visitors.

Also, when you shop in cities that have a TBD supported by sales tax, you are paying to maintain their infrastructure.

This November please vote "YES" for a Transportation Benefit District sales tax and let's fix our roads.

Rebecca Kimball

Accidental

Dear Editor:

I am writing to try and stop and reverse the bogus solution to street usage that is coming out of our local department of transportation.

It first started on Kuhn Street leading to North Beach and although I find it quite annoying, I let it go as a way of dealing with a very unique situation. But now it has spread to 9th street and I just learned it is also on 49th Street.

What I am referring to is the dashed lines that were put in the middle of the driving lanes as a substitute for fixing the real problem of our streets that have decayed and do not have shoulders wide enough for pedestrians and bikes. The dashed line solution will cause problems especially for our older citizens. I use 9th Street quite often and occasionally see a bicyclist using it or pass some pedestrians walking their dogs, etc. Mainly it is two cars passing one another and the two dashed line situation makes it harder to pass properly.

The edge line on the side of the road and the road divider no longer exists. These two lines help an elder to stay in their lane and not drive off the road or into an on-coming vehicle. Please repair our streets and paint the proper lines that are necessary to navigate them, not the double dashed line solution that is confusing and possibly dangerous.

Have there been reported accidents and injuries that necessitate this road line design change or just the whim of one of our city officials?

Frank Saladonis

What To Know About Bone Marrow

Individuals may have heard about bone marrow and know that it is an important part of the body, but may not understand its purpose unless they become ill with a serious condition, such as cancer or anemia. The following is some general information about bone marrow and the role it plays in the body.

- Bone marrow is a soft, spongelike, gelatinous tissue that fills the centers of bones called medullary cavities.
- There are two types of bone marrow: red, known as myeloid tissue; and yellow, which is known as fatty tissue.
- Bone marrow manufactures bone marrow stem cells and other substances that produce blood cells. Bone marrow is instrumental in the production of red blood cells, platelets and white blood cells.
- The Mayo Clinic says stem cells are cells from which all other cells with specialized functions are generated. No other cell in the body has the natural ability to generate new cell types. Stem cells can be guided into becoming specific cells that can be used to repair tissues or regenerate tissues, whether damaged or affected by disease.
- In adults, the highest concentration of red bone marrow, which produces all red blood cells and platelets, as well as 60 to 70 percent of lymphocytes in the body, is found in the bones of the vertebrae, hips, breastbone, ribs, and skull, as well as the ends of the long bones of the arm and leg, indicates Medical News Today.
- The absence of bone marrow can be fatal, as can any diseases that affect bone marrow. Leukemia forms when a cell mutation occurs in the bone marrow and mutated cells reduce the production of healthy, normal cells in the bone marrow.
- Bone marrow can be donated to help treat certain conditions like aplastic anemia or non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Many people can donate, but those age 60 and older or individuals who have certain chronic conditions may not be eligible to donate.



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Opinion

Celebrations of cars and football

Quilcene had it all on a recent weather-perfect Saturday. The Quilcene Fair and Parade satisfied all of your needs with a car show, a football game, a “burnout,” craft booths, food trucks, live music and a parade. And yes, there were several thousand folks cheering it all on.

We lucked out finding a parking spot near the parade route making it easy for us to see the Boy Scouts leading the procession and carrying flags. Then came some of everything you might expect: vintage cars with princesses throwing candy, fire trucks, logging trucks, political floats, and so on. The car show held almost 200 trucks and cars with the owners worried that the upcoming football game could put a dent in their pride and joy. I know of at least one entrant who left at the outset of the game since he was parked perilously near the end zone. The nearby “burnout” appeared to be won by the driver who was able to most quickly blow a tire. The event was



NED LUCE
LIFE IN LUDLOW

characterized by the expected distasteful smoke and smell generated by burning up tires on one’s car. I suspect the event was sponsored by Firestone tires. Don’t forget, the East Jefferson Rotary Club is sponsoring a car show this Saturday in Port Ludlow at the Yacht Club. I know you will be there! No “burn-outs” are planned.

Regular readers will recall that BJ and I went to rival NCAA Division 3 schools, DePauw University and Wabash College in Indiana. There are 243 Division 3 football schools. The question is if any of those Division 3 schools have ever won against those big guys like the University of Washington or Notre Dame teams which are three of the 261 schools in Division 1? Wabash actually played perennial powerhouse Notre Dame 10 times and has a record of 1-9. The last game was in 1924 and the lone win came in 1905. Ohio is one of the football hotbed

states where football is enthusiastically celebrated every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the fall. The state is even home to the National Football League Hall of Fame in Canton. OSU has one of the most successful records in Division 1 football with eight national championships, 41 conference championships and 10 undefeated seasons including six perfect fall campaigns. OSU played Notre Dame last weekend and now holds a 6-2 record against the Fighting Irish who last beat the Buckeyes in 1936! Seven Buckeyes have received the Heisman Trophy with Archie Griffin earning it twice. The Ohio State Buckeyes are indeed an elite football team having not even lost to another Ohio college since 1921. My friend Greg Patten has alerted me to the history of that game.

As it turns out, the last Ohio college team to beat the Buckeyes was the Oberlin College Yeomen, now an academically elite Division 3 school in Oberlin, Ohio, about an hour north of Columbus. Back in 1921 Oberlin’s football program was a pretty big deal with its own rich football roots. Oberlin’s 1892 football team was undefeated as was the 1921 team. The 1892 team had a player named John Heisman who is

seen by many to be one of the greatest football players to ever play the game. And, yes, they named the trophy after him, presented annually to the year’s best college football player. On a soggy October Saturday in 1921 in Columbus, the over-confident Buckeyes fell to the motivated Yeomen 7-6. The Yeomen then became a footnote in the dark webs of college football history, the last Ohio college football team to beat Ohio State.

As you might suspect, my friend Greg Patten is an alumnus of Oberlin and like Wabash and DePauw it is an NCAA Division 3 school. Coincidentally, Wabash College played Oberlin last Saturday, thrashing the Yeoman 59-6. As you also might suspect, as do I, there was a much larger number of folks interested in the local and national Division 1 games like Notre Dame versus OSU, the University of Washington versus the University of California and the PAC 2 championship game between Washington State and Oregon State. However, do any of those folks know where John Heisman went to college? Love a curmudgeon, cheer for your team and have a great week!

Leader cartoonist blows the whistle on public-land abusers

Dozens of TVs, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers and abandoned cars had either been gunshot, torched or both.

This place of destruction was what some locals called “Carnage Canyon,” roughly 30 acres off Lefthand Canyon in Boulder County, Colorado.

It was a shocking sight, but was it unique? Think about your own nearby public lands.

This canyon’s history began with mountain biking. Sometime in early 2000, a mountain biker discovered the canyon and developed a trail through it. Then, more bikers came in droves and “motocrossers” also loved it, particularly because nobody was around making rules or telling them what to do.

Nobody complained to the Forest Service, the managing federal agency.

After them came people in Jeeps who liked to plow through mud, crawl over big rocks and climb up the sides of the canyon. They also widened the trail into a one-lane, eroded dirt road.

Still other folks figured the canyon was a great place to



ROB PUDIM

dispose of junk cars and appliances until the place began to resemble an open landfill. Target practice came next. Still, no one complained.

What else happened to this much-abused canyon? A murder and manhunt followed by a homeless people whose encampments were not healthy for what was left of the woods. Yet none of this was the cause for restoring the canyon to its original state.

Hey, there were no complaints!

But here’s how erosion changed things. It brought water carrying large amounts of silt down past the canyon’s

mouth and into Lefthand Creek. After the silt killed all the aquatic insects, the trout left. It was people who liked fishing for trout who demanded that the steam be fixed, and that meant the canyon had to be restored.

The Forest Service invited two nonprofit groups — Wild Lands Restoration Volunteers and Trail Ridge Road Runners — and Walsh Environmental Services to restore the canyon.

Over seven years, bullet-ridden debris was hauled away and the squatters discouraged. But it took hundreds of volunteers to dam the erosion channels — one 20 feet deep — and replant grass, shrubs and trees in the trashed roads and open areas.

Some areas had eroded so steeply that a person could stand upright, reach out and touch the ground. Hay bales used to mulch grass seeds would tumble down the slope like bison stampeding over a cliff.

But one problem remained and it was a big one: target shooting. A number of “near misses” made many shooters uneasy. There were also five documented shootings involving

Forest Service employees and 10 complaints from area residents about flying bullets too close for comfort.

When the Forest Service erected signs closing the area to recreational shooting, their signs became targets riddled with bullet holes. But after the canyon was damaged by flooding in 2013, motorized access became blocked and target shooting was phased out.

These days, the canyon no longer looks lunar, fish are finally back and silt traps at the bottom of the canyon are almost empty. Mountain bikers are welcome on designated trails.

Locals liked to blame tourists, newcomers and outsiders for the illegal dumping, vandalism and unregulated shooting in the mountains. But Carnage Canyon’s problem areas were not tourist destinations, and most of the broken appliances and shot-out signs were problems well before the surge of newcomers.

The truth is that when damage occurs over the decades, it is usually done by people who

live in the area. We have to put the blame where it belongs, and that’s on us. We are the yahoos who do this, not Californians or Texans.

It’s also true that no government agency will act unless we complain. So when there’s an opportunity to participate in planning for what the agency calls “travel management,” we need to get involved.

I was one of the volunteers who worked several summers to help restore the battered landscape once called Carnage Canyon. The work was rewarding, as all improvements were better than what was there, but volunteers shouldn’t have to be called in to clean everything up.

Federal agencies need to be better protectors of the public lands they manage for us. And when we see rampant abuse, we need to blow the whistle to protect the lands we all own.

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ONE HUNDRED AND SINGING

One of the major components of aging in good spirits boils down to the daily practice of being happy no matter the terrain. This is said with a good deal of clarity because I learned the concept from some experts. I became acquainted with the true spirit of aging well through association with several ninety-plus folks who crossed my path (particularly one sweet guy who made it to one hundred).

The common denominator I noticed with all these sweet souls can be defined in one simple word - happy. No matter their personal challenges, they found joy in the small stuff. They were a merry lot. Ever since knowing them I’ve been a student of aging well.

When I was getting my writing career going, I worked part-time as a fitness trainer in a hospital-affiliated wellness program. My favorite exerciser was Jake. He was small and frail,

his pulse was close to impossible to detect and his blood pressure was low. Jake was one hundred years old.

On one particular day in class he wobbled some getting up from the chair, leaning with both hands on his walker for support. He concerned me, so I linked an arm through his and applied a death grip to the underside of his forearm. Jake smiled and patted my other hand that was tightly attached to his upper arm and we shuffled toward a stationary bike. I adjusted the seat, helped him climb on, and secured his feet on the pedals and hands on the bars. He pushed one foot down and the pedals and handlebars began a slow rotation. His leg and arm muscles quivered. I stepped closer. His body stabilized and he pedaled a little harder. I was worried. What if a foot slipped off the pedal and he fell? What if he passed out? What if his hundred-year-old



CAROLE MARSHALL
AGING IN GOOD SPIRITS

heart just quit? “Tell me how you’re feeling, Jake,” I asked in an insistent voice.

He grinned and pedaled faster. “How hard do you feel you’re working?” I quizzed.

He winked, raised both thumbs up, and began to sing. “On the road again. Just can’t wait to get on the road again.”

The others in the class howled with delight, and Jake continued on with his Willie Nelson tune. I sniveled through laughter and

tears, and by the time my playful centenarian stopped singing I knew I wanted to embrace life and age happy despite all the usual ups and downs.

Jake’s classmates were equally inspiring. Coping with heart issues, diabetes, COPD, all accepted their limitations, didn’t complain about stuff they couldn’t change, enjoyed the exercise activities they could participate in to improve mental and physical well-being and were pleasant and fun to be around.

When compared to other older folks who were a bit cranky, the cheerful crowd seemed to have a better quality of life. And they lived longer, each with a joyful heart and something in each day to appreciate.

“Did you see our beautiful sunrise?” “My arthritis is better today.” “Had a nice chat with my son.” “My cat makes me laugh.” “Daffodils ready to pop.” I look back on all of them with gratitude and love. They made aging look like fun, or at least like

something worth doing well.

Just a few days ago there was a woman featured on the news. She was one hundred five years old. She loved baseball, her garden, her family, her neighbors. She laughed readily and her happiness was contagious. When the reporter asked the usual secret to aging question, the old woman’s eyes sparkled when she said, “I do love a good chocolate cake.” I’m not sure about all that sugar, but what a fun-loving gal.

Personally, I’m finding this aging-in-good-spirits concept not quite as easy as my old exercisers made it seem. For someone who frets over stuff and occasionally whines over nothing, it sometimes seems like a bloody full-time job, but I’m making progress, keeping on that positive road with fond memories of my one-hundred-year-old crooner.

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LETTERS

Laughing matter

Dear Editor:
In regards to the “humor” column by Bill Mann in the Sept. 20th Leader, this is ultra-serious cinema, is neither humorous nor correct.

It includes very little direct knowledge, and downright nasty opinion.

Mann, and his anonymous neighbor, seem to have an axe to grind about this Port Townsend institution that had its 24th annual run last weekend.

He presented the whole film line-up as being depressing, sternly preachy, and carrying a “woke” sensibility. He laments the lack of entertaining films with humor, like in the good old days.

Complaints are based only from the printed screening schedule, not from any experience of recent festivals.

After viewing several film programs this weekend, I must say I laughed a lot, often teared up, and learned a great deal about aspects of the world that we all benefit from knowing.

The worst trash talk was leveled at Mom and Dad’s Nipple Factory, a very personal film about a conservative religious family and the unusual business that the shy, reserved father created to help his wife through breast cancer. In the process he developed a solution to one aspect of healing and breast reconstruction that hadn’t been solved by any of the “experts.”

It was a film full of humor, sensitivity, respect for varying opinions, and genuine Love and Humanity. That, and many films like it, are what Mr Mann, and his “neighbor,” missed while they were grumbling on the sidelines.

A 12-year follower of the PT Film Festival,

Larry Stein

Housing first

Dear Editor:
Right now, we don't have enough money for all the infrastructure investment that needs to get done here.

And so far, the "leaders" don't seem to have the ability to understand why it is housing should be adequately funded first. So when it comes to investing in a pool run by an inaccessible nonprofit paid for with public monies; forget it!

Housing first.
And you can go to <http://www.cbpp.org> and see how it is that housing people adequately reduces health care costs and opens a way up to pay for crap like a pool later.

You are a narcissistic yuppie boomer who only thinks of himself and the whole GD country knows it – me, me, me first. And off goes Anna somewhere else so you don't have to face the mess you have made of this place by your poor choices.

See how people go to Silverdale to swim competitively? Go ahead if you have the money to pay for it. All that will happen is you will exclude those

members of the community who can't afford to pay.

That's why we presently have a public pool not mismanaged by a GD nonprofit.

And yes, replacement of the pool and the building will cost \$20-40 million dollars-cost overruns-you haven't done this before, have you?

We can afford to wait, first things first.

Lyle Courtsal

Rational thinking

Dear Editor:
Help the most and hurt the least is hurting all.

Over the last few weeks the Leader reported on many topics which appear to be separate but really are interconnected.

The Cherry Street building "mistake" has made the City responsible for 17 more years of annual \$62,000 payments. The City is asking for the creation of a Transportation Benefit District and an increase of 0.3 percent in our sales taxes to pay for road improvements. At the same time the road from Rainier Street to Salish Coast Elementary using funds from a grant that originated in 2018 will commence. I am unaware of the details of this grant but I am sure that there has been a large increase in the costs which will require more tax revenue. We have the potential of required Local Improvement Districts (based on a law passed over a decade ago) so the adjacent landowners will "borrow" money from the City to build sidewalks in front of their property should the road be improved and will "pay" the city back over some period of time with additional taxes. An article discussed the potential focus of road improvement taxes to areas of high use meaning those poor roads in existing neighborhoods like mine are to be left to crumble.

We have proposed changes to the golf course and the swimming pool. Tied to this are the rising interest rates, increase in food prices, and other inflationary pressures. While the claim that the Golf Course changes may be paid for by a "grant" there will be a time lapse and most likely increased costs to be paid for out of local taxes and of course the increase in maintenance costs. If the new complex is built for the swimming pool concept we have a need for a temporary (or permanent) police station, food bank, and YMCA. Some of these will require to be paid for out of taxes).

This whole process of "physical infrastructure" improvements is actually "Gentrification" which has always hurt the current residents. Gentrification causes increased housing costs, increased taxes, and increased pressure to sell and move away. Mayor Faber said, "is there some rational change we have to embrace?" The implication is that what he is proposing is "rational" but it is based on a faulty assumption. Deputy Mayor Howard said,

"I want safe, open and transparent process [that will] do the most good for the most people while harming the least." If we are to use their "rational change" and "harming the least" we should get rid of the "skate park" and turn it into some sort of low income housing, same for an apartment at the Cherry Street park (keeping a small playground), in the park just up from the Laural Grove Cemetary, and at the Pink House. Are there other areas that would "hurt the least"?

But is it rational to vastly increase the population of Port Townsend? Let us consider a major infrastructure issue - the water and sewer systems and sources. We have a need to replace systems downtown due to failures (oh, more tax revenue down the drain). However our Olympic Mountain glaciers are predicted to be gone in the next 50 years. They are a source of our water supply. Where will we get the water to maintain a larger population, let alone our current population? Will our sewage treatment plant be able to handle an increase in population? With the sea level increases how will we pay for any protections for our "downtown"? What will happen if and when the tourism business disappears?

But we must have "rational" change. Well, to do this they made a "stakeholder" committee for the golf course which only focused on that piece of property. In this very paper I asked for the City Manager to define what made someone a "stakeholder" and why there was only one person who was a golfer on that committee. It seems that the "transparency" Ms. Howard wants is not something the City Manager is willing to do in our local newspaper so that the citizenry would have a clear understanding rather than listening to the propaganda label of "stakeholder committe" and going forward with the "rational" change.

David Johnson

A plea for common sense

Dear Editor:
I urge the city to modify the newest residential lane configurations before anyone is injured or killed.

What we've seen on the short stretch of Blaine where this started is inept drivers and texters continuing to drive in the middle lane when another vehicle approaches.

But drive on 49th to Cooke, and you'll see blind hills and blind curves where this scheme creates a stunningly obvious hazard. Can you imagine two vehicles approaching each other at the 25 mph limit and not reacting in time? If only one driver fails to revert to their default lane, they will collide.

This is why traffic engineers place solid lines instead on blind hills and curves; it reduces injuries and deaths.

Moreover, swerving to avoid a collision puts cyclists and pedestrians at

risk because so many drivers aren't paying attention as they drive by.

And why is there no bike lane on the hilly stretch of Cooke by those two new developments? Anyone who fails to see the need for this should peddle up that hill on a bicycle until they understand why. There's also a "trail" along part of that roadway, but disabled folks are just supposed to stay home, it seems.

Meanwhile, some keep insisting we borrow up to \$50 million (plus \$58 million in interest at 6 percent) to build a pool for the few who like to swim every day. Others can't imagine shutting the all but deserted golf course unless we spend millions on a central park that has never been on any community wish list.

And I don't believe we're saving a dime by making homeowners maintain right of ways, especially in the era of climate-caused fires. Surely it costs residents more, not to mention the cost of staff getting them to do what is most efficiently done by the city.

All of which leads me to believe we'll soon see the roll-out of a "Pave Your Own Pothole" program, where residents of all skill levels are encouraged to check out the requisite equipment and pave any pothole they like so that we can devote more public resources to our local one percenters – golfers and swimmers!

Barney Burke

Lip service

Dear Editor:
An open letter to Governors DeSantis and Abbott.

We live in a beautiful welcoming Victorian city of Port Townsend, Washington.

Basically, a clone of Seattle and King County, Washington. We are dismayed at the migrant crisis and feel compelled to help.

Many of our citizens have yard signs saying basically “Refugees and Muslims welcome here.”

We would love to help ease the burden of the sanctuary cities having received so many migrants, by doing our part.

Why should New York City, LA, Wash D.C. all have to brunt the burden of open borders, assisting the influx of criminals, fentanyl, terrorists.

Feel free to send us some drop them off at these wonderful homes locally. We have beautiful parks and open spaces that would be a great place to locate these people to.

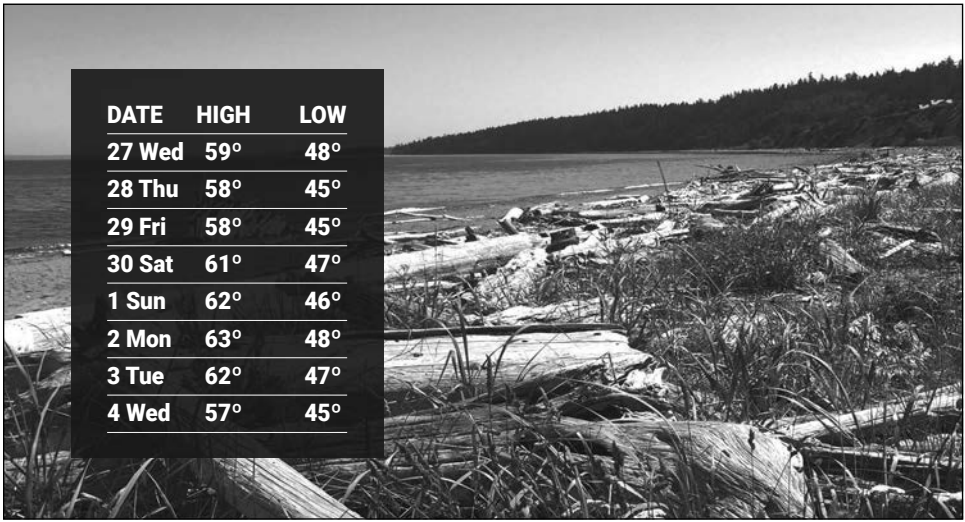
Wouldn't it be great if you could start by sending us about 500 of these migrants?

What a further gesture of welcoming if you threw in several MS-13 gang members, rapists, murderers and terrorists, looking to expand their business and entrepreneurship. After all, they need help expanding their fentanyl distribution network and attacks on our citizens.

Respectfully,

Craig Lohner

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28 Thu	2:36	7.1	3:56	8.1	9:14	0.1	9:54	2.3	7:04	6:58	☾
29 Fri	3:45	7.3	4:20	8.1	9:59	1.0	10:36	1.1	7:06	6:56	☾
30 Sat	4:50	7.4	4:45	8.1	10:44	2.1	11:18	0.1	7:07	6:54	☾
1 Sun	5:55	7.6	5:11	8.1	11:29	3.3			7:08	6:52	☾
2 Mon	7:01	7.6	5:38	7.9	12:02	-0.6	12:17	4.5	7:10	6:50	☾
3 Tue	8:11	7.7	6:06	7.6	12:47	-0.9	1:11	5.4	7:11	6:48	☾
4 Wed	9:29	7.7	6:36	7.1	1:33	-0.8	2:21	6.2	7:13	6:46	☾

PORT TOWNSEND TIDES

DATE	HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
	A.M.	ft.	P.M.	ft.	A.M.	ft.	P.M.	ft.			
27 Wed	2:09	7.2	4:18	8.5	8:44	-0.5	9:30	3.8	7:03	7:00	☾
28 Thu	3:23	7.5	4:43	8.6	9:31	0.1	10:11	2.5	7:04	6:58	☾
29 Fri	4:32	7.7	5:07	8.6	10:16	1.0	10:53	1.2	7:06	6:56	☾
30 Sat	5:37	7.9	5:32	8.7	11:01	2.2	11:35	0.1	7:07	6:54	☾
1 Sun	6:42	8.0	5:58	8.6	11:46	3.5			7:08	6:52	☾
2 Mon	7:48	8.1	6:25	8.4	12:19	-0.6	12:34	4.7	7:10	6:50	☾
3 Tue	8:58	8.2	6:53	8.1	1:04	-0.9	1:28	5.8	7:11	6:48	☾
4 Wed	10:16	8.2	7:23	7.6	1:50	-0.9	2:38	6.5	7:13	6:46	☾

PORT LUDLOW TIDES

DATE	HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOON
	A.M.	ft.	P.M.	ft.	A.M.	ft.	P.M.	ft.			
27 Wed	2:52	8.6	4:26	10.1	9:29	-0.7	10:23	3.6	7:01	6:59	☾
28 Thu	3:55	9.1	4:54	10.3	10:18	-0.2	11:02	2.2	7:02	6:57	☾
29 Fri	4:54	9.4	5:23	10.4	11:04	0.7	11:42	0.9	7:04	6:54	☾
30 Sat	5:51	9.6	5:52	10.4	11:50	1.9			7:05	6:52	☾
1 Sun	6:49	9.7	6:24	10.2	12:22	-0.2	12:36	3.2	7:07	6:50	☾
2 Mon	7:48	9.7	6:57	9.8	1:03	-0.9	1:24	4.6	7:08	6:48	☾
3 Tue	8:50	9.5	7:33	9.3	1:46	-1.2	2:18	5.8	7:09	6:46	☾
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200228 9/13-9/27

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205695 9/6-9/27

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205060 7/5

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205625 8/30-10/11

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203670 2/22-5/17



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205890 09/27

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205608 8/23/30

~ASTROLOGY~

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

There is nothing wrong with a bit of self-indulgence, Aries. But you do not want to go overboard with your treats and other must-haves. Moderation is key in everything.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You have a no-nonsense bearing that immediately has people drawing close to you and trusting you, Taurus. Put that out in full force as you try to win favor on the job this week.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, don't let your quest for excitement pull you in too many different directions right now. You need to stick to one plan for a certain amount of time and see things through.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Everyone wants a piece of you right now, Cancer. It is equally flattering and exhausting. You'll have to be choosy regarding where and with whom to dedicate your time.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Listen to the messages swirling around in your head right now, Leo. Your intuition has been on target so there is no reason to doubt yourself now. Keep moving forward.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, is a particular relationship getting too intense for you? It might be the time to ease up a bit and take a step back. Distance could provide the clarity you need.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 24 Ben Platt, Actor (30)

SEPTEMBER 25 Mark Hamill, Actor (72)

SEPTEMBER 26 Serena Williams, Athlete (42)

SEPTEMBER 30 Ezra Miller, Actor (31)

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you do not need to struggle if you simply call in a few favors. Reach out to your network of people and figure out how you can make things work.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, do not chase people down, simply wait for them to come to you with your natural magnetism. You don't want to exert energy this week unnecessarily.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, rather than showing people all of your cards, hold some information close to the vest and maintain a bit of mystery. Others likely will be intrigued.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you may find that things are very profitable for you this week. If you are an entrepreneur, business will be solid. If you perhaps sell on the side, money will flow.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, for quite some time you have been focusing on everyone but yourself. You have to change your ways if you can get the rest and healing that you need right now.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

There is no doubt that you've earned a few commendations, Pisces. But this week you need to accept congratulations without being boastful. Exhibit both humility and pride.

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To apply, see full job description and complete the online application at the Employment link on the Jefferson County Website at: <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/jobs.aspx> Include a resume, cover letter and copies of relevant certification/ training records.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Port Townsend City Council will conduct two public hearings on Monday, October 2, 2023, at or about 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA. The first hearing will consider annual amendments to the Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan and Port Townsend Municipal Code Chapter 17. The second hearing will consider amendments to the Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2 – Port Townsend Gateway Development Plan and Port Townsend Municipal Code Chapter 12.04, Transportation and Rights-of-Way Improvement Standards

Persons wishing to testify may do so either by submitting verbal testimony during the public hearing by joining in person via computer or tablet at <http://joinwebinar.com> (enter the 9 digit Webinar ID 242-937-955) or submitting written comments to the City Clerk, City of Port Townsend, 250 Madison Street, Suite 2, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written comments on the merits of the amendments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on October 2, 2023. Submit public comment emails to be included in the written record to: publiccomment@cityofpt.us.

Public Accommodations for this meeting:

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Proposal: Annual Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan—Applicant Initiated and City of Port Townsend Initiated amendments as follows

- LUP23-010: Amendments to Port Townsend Municipal Code (PTMC) 17.22.020 Marine-Related and Manufacturing Districts, clarifying short term rental uses
- LUP23-011: Amendments to Port Townsend Municipal Code (PTMC) 17.31.070 Permitted, conditional and prohibited uses – M/C zoning district, clarifying recreational health club uses
- LUP23-013: Amendment to the Port Townsend Official Zoning Map, site specific from Neighborhood Commercial C-1 to Neighborhood Serving Mixed Use Center C-1/MU
- LUP23-045: Amendments to Port Townsend Comprehensive Plan Chapter 4, Comprehensive Plan Amendment 6, Municipal Zoning Code Sections 17.12, 17.16, 17.18, 17.22, 17.31, 17.44, 17.72, and the Official Zoning Map – City initiated code amendments to increase permissible housing density in support of affordable housing.

File Reference: LUP23-010, LUP23-011, LUP23-013, LUP23-045 The complete application and related materials are on file with the City of Port Townsend which can be obtained from 250 Madison Street, Port Townsend, WA, 98368. The information is also available online at <https://cityofpt.us/planning/page/comprehensive-plan-development-regulations-annual-update>

Location: LUP23-010's proposed code amendments would apply within the Point Hudson Marina. LUP23-011's proposed code amendments would apply to M/C zoned property in the Rainier Street & Upper Sims Way Subarea. M/C zoned property in the subarea is located within the Southeast side of Discovery Road up to 10th Street, and along Southern City limits between Mill Road and Thomas Street. LUP23-013's proposed code amendments would apply to 909 and 939 Kearney Street. LUP23-045's proposed code amendments would apply throughout the city of Port Townsend.

Proposal: Comprehensive Plan Amendment Arising from Clarification and Refinement of the Sims Gateway Development Plan—City of Port Townsend initiated amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Port Townsend Municipal Code section 12.04. Transportation and Rights-of-Way Improvement Standards. Proposed amendments would:

- Amend the Gateway Development Plan and associated references in the Comprehensive Plan to clarify development goals and policies for the Flats District as identified in the Gateway Development Plan.
- Amend Figure 4-2: Port Townsend Subareas to reference the Gateway Development Plan as amended in 2023 instead of as adopted in 1993.

File Reference: LUP23-034

The complete application and related materials are on file with the City of Port Townsend which can be obtained from 250 Madison Street, Port Townsend, WA, 98368. The information is also available online at <https://cityofpt.us/planning-community-development/page/sims-gateway-comprehensive-plan-amendment-lup23-034>

Location: The proposed code amendments will apply to the section of Sims Way / State Route 20 and the associated right-of-way running between the southern city

limits and the state ferry terminal on Water Street.

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County Notices



Jefferson County Public Works is holding a project open house for contractors interested in learning more about the new Membrane Bioreactor Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) within Port Hadlock, WA. The open house is optional and is not a mandatory pre-bid conference or associated with a current bid advertisement.

The new Port Hadlock WRF includes: 1) construction of three buildings (MBR Canopy, Chemical Building and Administration Building; 2) installation of an equalization tank with a blower system and coarse screen, influent pump station, plant drain pump station, odor control, dewatering bins, propane emergency generator; non potable wash water standpipe and site piping; HVAC, plumbing and associated electrical; and 3) coordination with MBR supplier, Ovivo.

The open-house will be held Monday, October 11, 2023, at 12:30 p.m. at the Jefferson County Library located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA 98339 in the Humphrey Room. Advance registration is not required but desired. Please RSVP to sharper@co.jefferson.wa.us. Questions about the open-house may be directed to Wastewater Project Manager, Samantha Harper, P.E., at sharper@co.jefferson.wa.us.

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NOTICE OF CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD VACANCY

Notice is hereby given of a mid-term vacancy on the Jefferson County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. The position is open until filled. The Board of Supervisors sets policy and direction for the district and oversees general operations. Applicants must be Washington State registered voters. Applications for the vacancy must be made online through the Washington State Conservation Commission at <https://www.formstack.com/forms/21918463-JfwJs6JKCL>. Information about conservation districts and board of supervisor elections and appointments is available at <https://www.scc.wa.gov/cd/elections-administrators>. Information about Jefferson County Conservation District, including future notices about the current board vacancy and upcoming elections and appointment opportunities, is available at <https://www.jeffersoncd.org/>.

NOTICE OF PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING

The Commissioners of the Port Ludlow Drainage District hereby gives notice of the following date for a public hearing for the purpose of fixing and adopting the final 2024 budget, the assessment amounts and rate adjustments for the Port Ludlow Drainage District. Meeting #0311 will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Port Ludlow Beach Club Gallery Room, 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. The agenda and link for virtual attendance will be posted on the Port Ludlow Drainage District website www.pldd.org at least 24 hours before the public hearing. The proposed agenda can be viewed on the Port Ludlow Drainage District web site www.pldd.org

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Super Crossword

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Weekly SUDOKU

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EXPENSE: ONE-TIME
\$2,948
EXPENSE: ONGOING
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REVENUE: ONE-TIME
\$930,819
REVENUE: ONGOING
\$0
EXPENSE: ONE-TIME
\$884,969
EXPENSE: ONGOING
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TOTAL 3RD QUARTER APPROPRIATIONS
REVENUE: ONE-TIME
\$1,004,699
REVENUE: ONGOING
\$0
EXPENSE: ONE-TIME
\$1,070,021
EXPENSE: ONGOING
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that supplemental budget appropriations/ extensions be considered for the above noted funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on the extensions and that said hearing be held in the County Commissioners' Chambers, located at the Jefferson Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend Washington, on the **2nd day of October, at 10:15 a.m.**, and that notice of said hearing be published in the official newspaper of Jefferson County, and that at said hearing any interested person may appear virtually or in-person and be heard for or against the extensions. You will need to join the meeting by 10:15 a.m. using the following methods: **VIRTUALLY:** Via the following Zoom, link: <https://zoom.us/j/93777841705>, **PHONE:** Dial 1-253-215-8782 and enter access code: 937-7784-1705# and press "9 to "raise your hand" to be called upon. Access for the hearing impaired can be accommodated using Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384, or **IN-PERSON.**

These documents will be available for viewing on the County website by clicking on: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – Board of Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packet – 2023 Weekly Agenda Items – 10 October 2023 – 100223 – **HEARING** re: Proposed 2023 3rd Quarter Budget Appropriations/ Extensions for Various County Departments

To view documents or watch this meeting live with no participation, go to www.co.jefferson.wa.us Follow the links under "Quick Links: Videos of Meetings: Today." If you experience difficulties joining the meeting or viewing documents please call 360-385-9100 to report any issues.

In addition, written testimony is also invited beginning on September 20, 2023 and ending on October 2, 2023 at the end of the Public Hearing, unless extended by the Board of County Commissioners. Written

public testimony may be submitted by **Email to:** jeffbocc@co.jefferson.wa.us You may view testimony received by clicking here: www.co.jefferson.wa.us – Services – Laserfiche Web Portal – Board of County Commissioners – BOCC Agenda Packets – 2023 Weekly Agenda Items – 10 October 2023 – 100223

You can also **Mail** your testimony to: Jefferson County Commissioners' Office; P.O. Box 1220, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Written testimony must be received by the Board of County Commissioners by the end of the hearing testimony period.

APPROVED this 18th day of September 2023.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
/S/Greg Brotherton, Chair
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P.U.D. Notices

The **PUD of Jefferson County** draft budget for 2024 is on file at the PUD website for review and comment. The PUD will hold a Public Budget Hearing at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 2, 2023, open to the Public at 310 Four Corners Road. This meeting will also be available per ZOOM. The PUD's regular meeting will be held prior to this one at 3:00 PM, same date and same location.
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O3A Notices

The Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) will host public hearings to request feedback on the required update to the four year area plan for services in 2024-2027. O3A provides state and federally funded services to seniors and adults with disabilities in a four county area (Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson and Pacific). **The hearing for Jefferson County will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Jefferson County Courthouse, First Floor Conference Room.** For more information, including a Zoom link where available, please visit O3A's website at www.O3A.org/ Events, and click on the meeting. It is O3A policy that public meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. If you need assistance to participate in a meeting due to a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act or Washington Law Against Discrimination, or if you would like to request a copy of the draft Area Plan when available, please contact michelle.fogus@dshs.wa.gov or call 360.538.8876. Accommodations must be requested at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.
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State Notices

2023 MRSC ROSTERS SMALL PUBLIC WORKS, CONSULTANT, and VENDOR ROSTERS FOR PARTICIPATING WASHINGTON STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES LOCATED ON THE WASHINGTON PENINSULA

The Municipal Research and Services Center of Washington (MRSC) hereby advertises on behalf of the below listed local government agencies in Washington State (local governments) on the Washington Peninsula (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties), including - but not limited to - cities (Title 35 RCW and Title 35A RCW), counties (Title 36 RCW), port districts (Title 53 RCW), water-sewer districts (Title 57 RCW), irrigation districts (Title 83 RCW), school districts and educational service districts (Title 28A RCW), fire districts (Title 52 RCW), transit agencies (e.g., Ch. 35.58 RCW, Ch. 36.57A RCW, Ch. 36.73 RCW, Title 81 RCW), and public utility districts (Title 54 RCW), for their projected needs for small public works, and for consulting services throughout 2023. Additionally, MRSC advertises on behalf of some local government for their projected needs for vendor services throughout 2023. Interested businesses may apply at any time by visiting the MRSC Rosters website at www.mrscrosters.org. For questions about MRSC Rosters, email mrscrosters@mrsc.org.

Some or all of the listed local governments may choose to use the MRSC Rosters service to select businesses. Master contracts for certain types of work may be required.

SMALL PUBLIC WORKS ROSTERS: Service categories include construction, building, renovation, remodeling, alteration, repair, or improvement of real property as referenced in RCW 39.04.155. Sub-categories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

CONSULTANT ROSTERS: Service categories include architectural, engineering, and surveying services as referenced in Chapter 39.80 RCW, as well as other personal and professional consulting services. Sub-categories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

VENDOR ROSTERS: Service categories include supplies, materials, and equipment not being

purchased in connection with public works contracts and limited service contracts as referenced in RCW 39.04.190. Subcategories can be viewed on the MRSC Rosters website.

A list of currently subscribing local governments that have their Small Works Roster, Consultant Roster, and Vendor Roster hosted by MRSC Rosters can be found at <https://www.mrscrosters.org/participating-agencies> or by contacting the MRSC Rosters Program Coordinator at 206-625-1300 ext. 14.

New local government agencies may join at any time. The list reflects current active agencies.
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received for the following project:
Fort Flagler State Park – Primary Power Upgrades

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project includes replacing the primary power, providing communication conduit and a 2" future sewer line for Fort Flagler State Park.
PROJECT LOCATION: 10541 Flagler Road, Nordland, WA 98358
ESTIMATED BID RANGE: \$880,000.00 - \$995,000.00
BID OPENING TIME: 1:00 PM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2023
PREBID WALKTHROUGH: 11:00 AM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ADDENDA, AND PLAN HOLDERS LIST: Are available on-line through Builders Exchange of Washington, Inc. at <http://www.bxwa.com>. Click on: "bxwa.com"; "Posted Projects"; "Public Works"; "Washington State Parks & Recreation"; and "10/03/2023". (Note: Bidders are encouraged to "Register as a Bidder", in order to receive automatic email notification of future addenda and to be placed on the "Bidders List". This service is provided free of charge to Prime Bidders, Subcontractors, and Vendors bidding this project.)

PLANS MAY ALSO BE VIEWED THROUGH: Builders Exchange, Everett WA; Daily Journal of Commerce, Seattle WA; Weekly Construction Reporter, Bellingham WA; Daily Journal Of Commerce Plan Center, Portland OR; Southwest Washington Contractors Association, Vancouver WA; Lower Columbia Contractor Plan Center, Longview WA; Contractor Plan Center, Milwaukie, OR.

Technical questions regarding this project shall be directed to Dan Budsberg, Project Representative at (360) 725-9758, e-mail address: dan.budsberg@parks.wa.gov.

Bidder Responsibility will be evaluated for this project. In determining bidder responsibility, the Owner shall consider an overall accounting of the criteria set forth in Division 00 – Instructions To Bidders. Please direct questions regarding this subject to the office of the Engineer.

Voluntary numerical MWBE goals of 10% MBE and 6% WBE have been established for this project. Achievement of the goals is encouraged. Bidders may contact the Office of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise to obtain information on certified firms.

Washington State Parks reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive informalities.

Sincerely,

Brett Taylor, Contracts Specialist 1
Contracts, Grants & Procurement Services
205791 9/20,9/27

Notice to Creditors

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In the Estate of:
GARY INGERSOLL,
Deceased.

NO. 23-4-00091-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.020(2)

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as Personal Representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, serve their claims on the Personal Representative's attorney of record at the address stated below AND file an executed copy of the claim with the Clerk of this Court within four months after the date of first publication of this notice or within four months after the date of the filing of the copy of the this Notice with the Clerk of the Court, whichever is later or, except under those provisions included in RCW 11.40.011 and 11.40.013, the claim will be forever barred. This bar is effective as to the claims against both the probate assets and non-probate assets of the decedent.

Date of first publication: September

27th, 2023
Attorney for Personal Representative: Brittany S. Arnold, WSBA #42586
Personal Representative: William Ingersoll
Address for Mailing or Service: Cross Sound Law Group, PLLC 19307 8th Avenue NE, Suite C Poulsbo, WA 98370
205873 9/27,10/4,10/11

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLALLAM

In re the Estate of
JAMES P. ARSULICH,
Deceased.

No. 23-4-00368-05
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: a) Thirty(30) days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or b) four (4) months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: September 13, 2023

Personal Representative: Gay M. Arsulich

Attorney for the Personal Representative: H. Clifford Tassie, WSBA # 20119

Address for Mailing or Service: JOHNSON RUTZ & TASSIE 804 South Oak Street Port Angeles, WA 98362

Court of probate proceedings and cause number:
Clallam County Superior Court Cause No. 23-4-00368-05
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR ISLAND COUNTY IN PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate of
LARRY GENE RUSSELL,
Deceased.

NO. 23-4-00265-15
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The personal representative named below has been appointed and has qualified as personal representative of this estate. Persons having claims against the decedent must, prior to the time such claims would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the attorneys of record at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the personal representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

DELORES MCGRUDER, Personal Representative

DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: September 13, 2023

MOLLY M. MCPHERSON, WSBA #23027, Attorney for Personal Representative

ADDRESS FOR MAILING OR SERVICE:
1 NW Front Street, P.O. Box 1617 Coupeville, Washington 98239
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

In the matter of the Estate
Todd Raymond Richardson
Deceased

NO. 23-4-00077-16
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The person named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitation, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.42.070 by serving on or mailing

to Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditors as provided under RCW 11.42.020(1)(c); or (2) four months after the date of the first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.42.051 and 11.42.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and nonprobate assets.

Personal Representative:
Barbara Richardson

Attorney for Personal Representative Robert G. Bowen WSBA # 41382

Address for Mailing Service
Olympic Law Firm PLLC
PO Box 1080
Port Hadlock, WA 98339
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON STATE SUPERIOR COURT

ESTATE OF GEORGE D. RANDELS,
Deceased

No. 23-4-00090-16

PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030.

The person named below has been appointed as personal representative of the above-named estate. Any person having a claim against the decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the personal representative at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. The claim must be presented within four months after the date of first publication of this notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent's probate and non-probate assets.

Date of First Publication: 13 September 2023

Personal Representative of Estate: Matthew Kitchen

Attorney & Service Address: David J. Faber, Faber Feinson PLLC, 800 Polk St Ste B, Port Townsend, WA 98368
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Sheriff's Sales

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

Olympic Canal Maintenance Co.
Plaintiff,
v.
Bree D. Davidson-Caswell
Defendant(s).

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC NOTICE
OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
No. 23-2-00058-16

TO: The Above-Listed Defendant(s).

The Superior Court of Jefferson County has directed the undersigned Sheriff of Jefferson County to sell the property described below, to satisfy a judgment in the above-entitled action. If developed, the property address is: **NKA Whale Rd., Brinnon, WA 98320. Parcel Number 980700805**

The sale of the above-described property is to take place:
Date/Time: 10:00 AM on 10/13/2023
Place: Jefferson County Court House, Main Entrance
1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA, 98368

The judgment debtor can avoid the sale by paying the judgment amount of **\$6,990.60**, together with interest, costs and fees before the sale date. For the exact amount, contact the sheriff at the address stated below.

Joe Nole, Sheriff Jefferson County, Washington

By: Deputy Jennifer Moore, JCSO 79 Elkins Road, Port Hadlock, WA, 98339 360-385-9390 (phone)
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JEFFERSON COUNTY this week

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Following what it takes to survive

BY THOMAS MULLEN
PAPERBOY@VCN.COM

A rabbit got into the well and died, putrefying what the family needed to stay alive.

“They put my grandmother, at age six, down in the well.”

That’s how Teresa Janssen begins her first book, based largely on her grandmother’s story of survival in the Southwest at the turn of the last century.

The historical novel has been percolating in the Jefferson County teacher’s mind for more than a decade. After an unsuccessful search for an agent decades ago, she had put it on the shelf and turned her focus on her career, teaching French and English at Port Townsend High School and history at Chimacum.

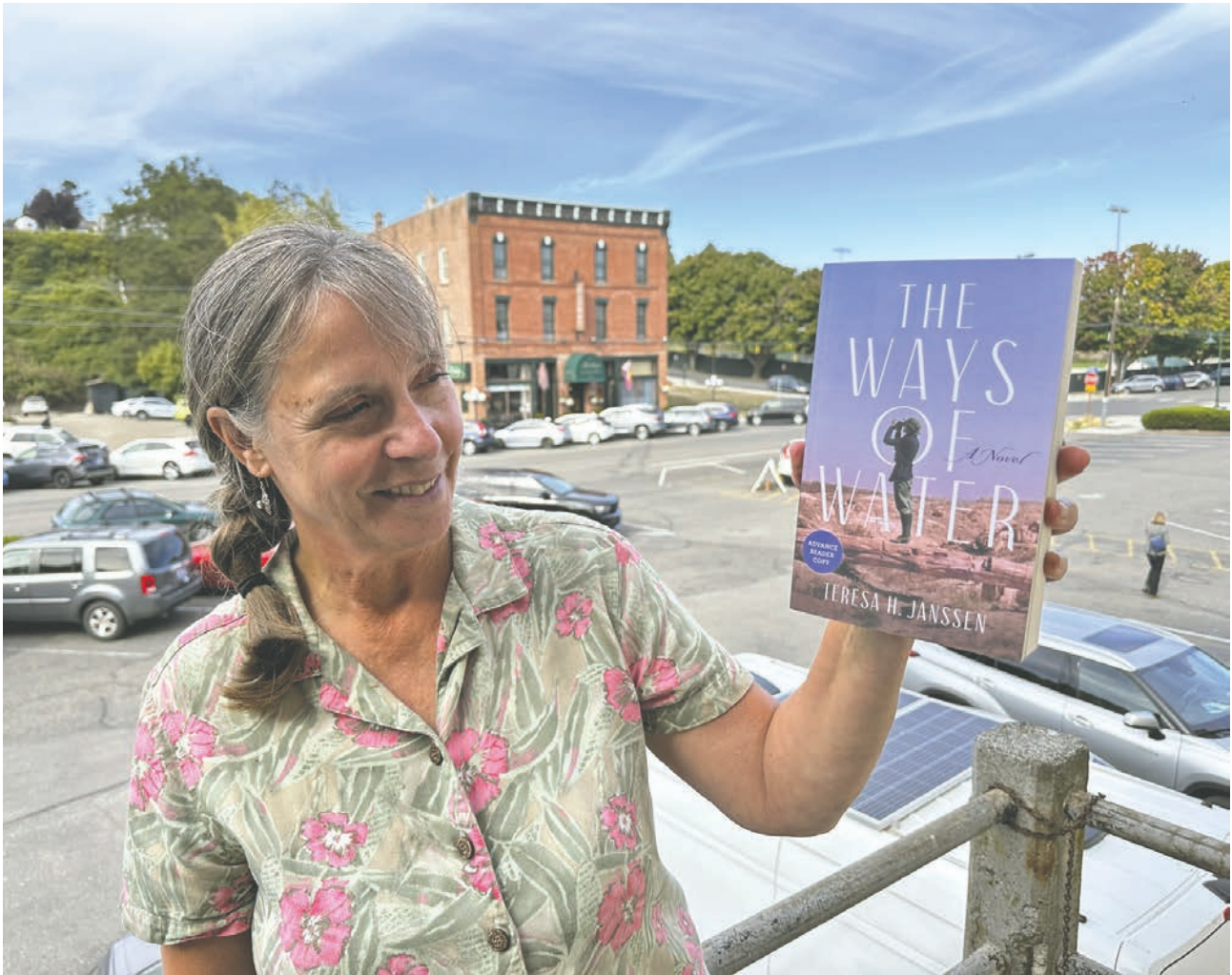
“I always wanted to write - I had literally put it away, had four children, they’re all grown, and started writing short pieces which really did improve my writing,” she said.

And then ironically, a pandemic came, not entirely unlike the one her grandmother had survived a century prior.

“She was alone when the pandemic hit. She had no family and she managed to survive. Like so many people, I didn’t know if I was going to survive and so I took the book out and looked for a publisher,” Janssen told The Leader, adding, “this one was a perfect fit.”

“The Ways of Water” tells the story of Josie Belle Gore, the daughter of a Louisiana train engineer and Texas seamstress.

Josie moved with her itinerant family from one tank town to the next, isolated places where a water tank, alongside the railroad tracks, marked a filling post for the steam hogs that transported people and goods through the deserts of the boom-and-bust American West and revolutionary Mexico.



Teresa Janssen with a reader’s copy of her soon-to-be-released book. *Leader photo by Thomas Mullen*

“She lived during the first two decades of the 20th century. So much happened during that era, so much change and she lived through it all. It was the traumatic events in her life that inspired me to write this and I was inspired by her courage, her tenacity and really taken with her survival story.”

Josie’s father ran the big hogs until his drinking got him blackballed and he was forced to work the small-gauge tracks serving the mines of Mexico.

“He was running a train in Chihuahua, Mexico until Pancho Villa started attacking the trains.”

Janssen interviewed her grandmother many times for the story but when Josie passed away she realized there were holes to fill.

“There were many times when I didn’t ask all the right questions and in order to develop a cohesive narrative and to get into her voice, I needed to write fiction. You have to imagine the conversations she had,” Janssen explained.

And so Janssen traveled extensively to research the geography of the story.

“It really started when I took a trip on the Jornada del Muerto which is part of El Camino Real, the place where it was too difficult to bring horse carts along the Rio Grande, but it was a very dangerous passage. They

lived in a town called Cutter. It’s a ghost town now, almost nothing.

“After they built the Elephant Butte Dam the towns in that area died so I’m writing about a place that no longer exists but that’s only the beginning of story,” Janssen said.

When Josés mother died José was 14.

“She then gets separated from her family. She was left alone with her younger sibling and there came a point when, in order to save herself, she had to abandon her family. That was one of the most excruciating decisions of her life. This is a coming-of-age story about trying to survive as a young woman on her own in the Southwest.

“She experienced World War One and the pandemic and I had done all that research before our pandemic and wasn’t as surprised as some.”

The book is set to be released next month and Janssen is getting ready for a number of events coinciding with its launch.

“I will be reading and signing here in Washington and later in March, I’ll be in the Southwest going through New Mexico and Arizona.”

“The Ways of Water,” a novel by Teresa H. Janssen published by She Writes Press may be pre-ordered now.

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Port Townsend Film Fest’ reviews from a local cinephile

Mind," Ivy is still figuring herself out in "Year of the Fox," in no small part because she doesn't yet fully understand the folks who ostensibly raised her (not counting her caring live-in maid in Aspen).

And ultimately, Ivy is a good soul to root for. "The Grab" (2022)

At first, it might sound like a national security scenario too absurd or dull for a Tom Clancy novel, except it's actually happening, and it is existentially terrifying.

In 2014, China bought out Smithfield Foods, the United States' largest pork-producing company, which made reporter Nathan Halverson curious about whether other foreign interests had made significant purchases of American agricultural resources.

"The Grab" director Gabriela Cowperthwaite followed Halverson and the Center for Investigative Journalism for the next nine years, as they connected the dots between China, Saudi Arabia and Russia's acquisitions of crops, livestock and aquifers, not only on U.S. soil, but also in Africa.

These findings lead to the ominous forecast that it's food and water, rather than oil or other fuels, whose increasing scarcity will spark global wars in years to come.

Indeed, "The Grab" contends that the "Arab Spring" of 2010, as well as Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and its ongoing attempts

continued from page A5 to annex Ukraine since 2022, all stem from scrambles to secure such resources.

Halverson and his colleagues have uncovered so many such covert take-overs of resources that they can recall discovering their names on literal hit-lists, and nearly becoming "disappeared" people while in Zambian government custody.

It's fascinating to hear how casually Halverson assumes that all his wireless devices have been hacked, which is one reason why the Center for Investigative Journalism's "treasure trove" of intel is so aggressively air-gapped, on a computer with no Wi-Fi capacity, whose USB ports have been superglued shut.

Saturday, Sept. 23: Day 3

"Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project" (2022)

By luck of the draw, I attended this screening with my mom, a retired English teacher who was in college when Nikki Giovanni started hitting the scene in a big way as a poet.

Mom loved how "Going to Mars" captured so much of Giovanni's inspiring language, which can be challenging for a medium as visual as film, while I was impressed by the visual flourishes that directors Joe Brewster and Michèle Stephenson employed to sell Giovanni's writing, which was read aloud by



PATROL

a combination of modern-day Giovanni, Giovanni as a younger woman in archival footage, and the actress Taraji P. Henson.

Giovanni's works celebrate her Black-American culture, but my mom was moved by how Giovanni seemed to speak to her own experiences as a woman, even though my mom is white.

"Going to Mars" conveys how unapologetic and genuine Giovanni has always been about her identity, which was evident in her moxie when she promoted her early poetry by renting a New York jazz club when it was closed on Sunday.

Giovanni has lived through civil rights history, but a stroke has robbed her of many of those memories, so while she still knows those events, she regards it as a blessing in disguise that she can't recall how traumatized she was by hate crimes such as the lynching of Emmett Till.

Per the film's title, I was fascinated by how Giovanni shared jazz musician Sun Ra's Afrofuturist view of outer space exploration as a metaphor for Black transcendence.

"Scrap" (2022)

Director Vivian Kerr's family dramedy benefits tremendously from casting herself and veteran straight man Anthony Rapp as adult siblings Beth and Ben, whose already strained relationship is tested further when Beth is reduced to living out of her car after she's laid off, and she refuses to tell Ben, even though he and his wife are looking after Beth's daughter in the meantime.

Speaking as someone who's observed the dynamic of older brothers acting as surrogate fathers to younger sisters in my own family, Rapp and Kerr have a lived-in brother-sister vibe, as it's established that Ben essentially raised Beth after their parents died in an accident.

Kerr's portrayal of Beth as having trapped herself in a recursive loop of false promises and overcompensating aspirations, to compensate for her ever-compounding litany of past failures, likewise feels real enough to induce a full-body cringe, whether you've tried to rescue someone from themselves, or whether you've been that person yourself.

In a twist on the typical cinematic trope of a writer who wishes he could branch out into fantasy storytelling, what's hilarious is that Ben has actually built up a profitable fan following as a sort of next-generation George R.R. Martin figure, but his heart isn't in it, because what he truly yearns to publish is his completed biography of jazz singer Billie Holiday.

Lana Parrilla also deserves credit for making Ben's wife



Scrap



Year of the Fox



Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project

nuanced and sympathetic, as she realizes her conflicted emotions over her and Ben's plans for their own family.

Sunday, Sept. 24: Day 4

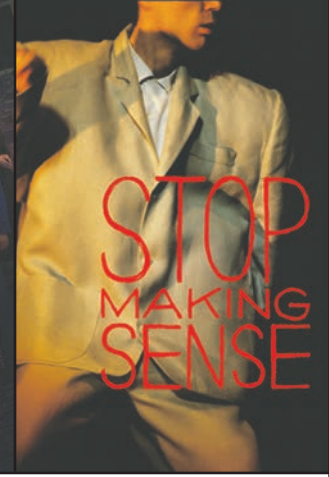
This morning, self-testing revealed I'd contracted COVID, so my movie marathon has come to a premature close.

I was 41 years old when I first attended the Port Townsend Film Festival, and I'm 48 now.

I will always participate in the Film Festival when I can, but I'm too old to maintain the pace of my younger years, when I marathoned as many as 15 films within a single Film Fest.

My thanks to the fine folks at the festival for providing an excellent experience, and a shout-out to PTFF Executive Director Danielle McClelland for rocking those noir detective outfits.

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WEDNESDAY

SEPT. 27

Dr. Saul Shaye returns to Unity PT 11 a.m. guest speaker at Unity, followed by a wellness lecture and workshop "A Healer's Odyssey" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Private healing sessions are available Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Unity. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, there will be an animal healing.

\$25 is the suggested donation.

For more information, contact Beverly Michaelsen at info@unitypt.org, or 360-385-6519.

FRIDAY

SEPT. 29

WILDERSON AT DISCOVERY BAY BREWING

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wilderson is Ben Wilson and Steve Anderson — both residents of Port Townsend. They grew up together in northern California playing the Beatles, Neil Young, Cat Stevens, and Bob Dylan.

Although they've been friends for decades, they have reunited musically in recent years and now more than ever love to perform music together. Wilderson uses acoustic guitars to accompany tasty vocal harmonies and deliver the folk rock hits you know as well as their own original music.

This event is free. Visit discoverybaybrewing.com/events or call 360-344-2999 for more information.



THE DEVILLIES AT SIREN'S PUB!!

8:00 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Bellingham's Homegrown Celtic-American folk band THE DEVILLIES perform an eclectic mix of original and traditional songs and tunes from dear auld Ireland and beyond! Come join us at Siren's Pub for a night of music and raise a pint!

SATURDAY

SEPT. 30

PORT TOWNSEND REPAIR EVENT

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us for this free community gathering in which people with repair skills share their time and talents to fix their neighbors' belongings.

For this event, we will have volunteers donating their time to help repair small appliances and electronics, textiles and clothes, tool sharpening, and other household items. Limit of two items per person. If you know the specific part needed to repair your item, we ask that you bring it along.

Bring your toaster that no longer

toasts, sweater with a hole in the elbow, and excitement to get these belongings repaired while also learning how they did it and ways you could do it yourself next time!

Learn more about what you can bring and what to expect at JeffCoRepair.com. Questions? Contact Mandi at mjohnson@ptmsc.org.

CREATIVE WORKSPACE COURSE PREVIEW

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

This preview is designed for people who are interested in the 12-week Creative Workspace class, but want to check it out before committing to the full experience. You'll get a taste of the types of exercises you'll do and have an opportunity to ask questions and talk with teaching artist Jenna Bean Veatch.

RICHARD RUSSELL GROUP PERFORMS ONE WORLD MUSIC IN PT

3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Richard Russell Group will be playing an afternoon concert with an east Indian flair in Port Townsend at Unity Spiritual Enrichment Center. Featuring Richard Russell on sarod, Grammy-winner Nancy Rumbell on woodwinds and ocarina, the amazing Anil Prasad on tabla, and introducing the newest member, the versatile cellist Peter Lawson. Unity is located at 3918 San Juan Ave in Port Townsend. Tickets available at the door or at RichardRussellGroupUPT.eventbrite.com.

GMG AT DISCOVERY BAY BREWING

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Glen Hellman, Gerry Sherman and Mike Marriott...singing and playing the blues! (Formerly called Lost in the Shuffle.)

This event is free. Visit discoverybaybrewing.com/events or call 360-344-2999 for more information.

& BEYOND

THROUGH OCT. 27

CYBERSECURITY 101: INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSECURITY

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us at the Library in Port Hadlock for an eight-week series about cybersecurity. These in-person workshops will cover critical information about online security concerns such as phishing, malware, ransomware, and losing data. Learn how to keep yourself and your family members safe online. Visit jclibrary.info for complete details.



THROUGH OCT. 29 "COMPANIONS," A NORTHWIND ART EXHIBITION

Noon to 5 p.m.

The 24 showcase artists were invited to interpret the theme of companions. They've brought in more than 70 new works, all of which are on view at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery, which is open noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. Diptychs, triptychs, series and other companion-themed art awaits in the gallery's second room. Featured work includes "Time for Friends" by PT artist Corinne Humphrey.

OCT. 4

HONEYMOON AT SEA: SAILING IN BAJA ON A 26-FOOT BOAT

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This talk and slideshow will be held in the Carnegie Reading room of the Port Townsend Library. Jennifer Redmond was a newlywed when she and her new husband decided to spend their honeymoon at sea, sailing in Mexico — they had no idea it was the beginning of 35 years together aboard sailboats. That first voyage tested their new relationship, not just through rocky waters and unexpected weather, but in all the ways that living on a 26-foot sailboat make one reconsider what's truly important. The couple sailed Watchfire to Baja California's Sea of Cortez, where they spent twelve months before sailing south along Mexico and Central America and through the Panama Canal. In her talk, Jennifer will recount that fateful first year, moving back and forth from her past to taking her first step onto Watchfire — from her bohemian 1960s childhood in Southern California to the years she spent as a struggling actor in New York.

For more information, contact Freda Watson at fredaw56@hotmail.com or 360-531-0030.



AUTHOR JACQUELINE WINSPEAR

OCT. 5

AUTHOR JACQUELINE WINSPEAR: HUNTINGFORD HUMANITIES LECTURE

7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening with award-winning author Jacqueline Winspear, whose work encompasses fiction, non-fiction, essays, and journalism covering a wide range of subjects, from women working in wildfire management to articles on international education.

Jacqueline is the author of seventeen novels in the award-winning New York Times and National and International bestselling series

featuring psychologist-investigator Maisie Dobbs. In addition, Jacqueline's 2023 non-series novel, The White Lady, was a New York Times and National best-seller, and her 2014 WW1 novel, The Care and Management of Lies, was again a New York Times and National bestseller, as well as a Dayton Literary Peace Prize finalist.

Jacqueline has also published two non-fiction books, What Would Maisie Do? and an Edgar-nominated memoir, This Time Next Year We'll Be Laughing. Originally from the United Kingdom, Jacqueline now divides her time between California and the Pacific Northwest.

Learn more about Jacqueline Winspear.



SURREAL

OCT. 7

SURREAL SHOW

5:00 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Aurora Loop Gallery presents Surreal, curated by local artist, Julie Read. The 14 artists are a combination of professional artists, and students from Read's painting classes. Read taught different aspects of surrealism to her students one the summer, and, for some, it will be the first time they have shown in a gallery. The opening will have a Surreal Soundscape created by Lola Lazer. Dressing up is recommended.

OCT. 9 THROUGH OCT. 23

NATURAL LANDSCAPING COURSE

4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Registration is open for the Jefferson County Conservation District fall Natural Landscaping course. Course participants will learn how to design a low-maintenance sustainable landscape that benefits wildlife. The course includes three classroom sessions and two field trips. Classroom sessions will be at the WSU Extension classroom facility in Port Hadlock. Registration is online at the conservation district website: www.jeffersonccd.org/news-events/. The course is taught by conservation district manager Joe Holtrop who has been teaching about sustainable landscaping on the Olympic peninsula for over 30 years.

OCT. 14 THROUGH OCT. 15 CIDER SALOON — APPLE AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Celebrate the season with tastes of the region at the Seventh Annual Olympic Peninsula Apple and Cider Festival! Appreciate the traditions and culture of growing apples and brewing cider with a truly authentic Pacific Northwest, tree-to-glass weekend experience. Start at

Saturday's Cider Saloon tasting event at the beautiful Eaglemount Cidery, and end your night at the Fall Fire Party at Propolis Brewing. Sunday will kick off with an Orchard Brunch at Alpenfire Cidery, and end the weekend with a family friendly Apple Day celebration at Finnriver! Visit our website for more detailed information and locations of the events.

OCT. 15

APPLE DAY MAKERS MARKET

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Join the Salish Sea Makers Market in the Hay Barn as well as the front Patio to celebrate Apple Day as a part of the 6th annual Apple & Cider Festival on the Olympic Peninsula.

We will be hosting a community of makers showcasing local art, botanical skincare, jewelry, leather goods, vintage and repurposed clothing plus more! Come support artists and makers of the Olympic Peninsula while shopping small for one-of-a-kind gifts for you or a loved one.

OCT. 21

11a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attend our fall native plant sale! A fundraiser for upkeep of the Kul Kah Han Native Plant Garden at HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum. Accepting cash or checks only for plant purchases. Go to nativeplantgarden.org for additional information.



NOV. 4

CAMP N CAR OPEN HOUSE

12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Camp N Car is opening its doors once again for another fun filled open house at our world-class facility in Port Townsend! Come experience amazing camper conversion in vehicles of all shapes and sizes and mingle with some of the most fun people in the #vanlife world.

Free beer, mulled wine, coffee, snacks, and other refreshments will be available to all in attendance! Do you have a camper of your own that you would like to show off? Bring it! We love seeing them.

If you've been thinking about hiring our team for a project this is the perfect opportunity to meet us in person and show us your vehicle. Last year was a blast and we look forward to hosting visitors to our growing space once again!



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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

FIRST WE'LL EXPLORE THE MEADOW AND THEN CATCH SOME FROGS.

THEN WE'LL PACK A BIG LUNCH AND CATCH US SOME HUGE FISH!

THEN SWIM IN THE POND ALL DAY LONG. SUMMER IS JUST LIKE A DREAM.

...THAT COMES TO AN END AND SO STARTS THE NIGHTMARE.

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

SURE, THE ENTIRE PLACE IS RIFE WITH TORMENT, TERROR AND GODAWFUL HEAT, BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THE BUGS AREN'T AS BAD AS I THOUGHT THEY'D BE.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW RUNNING SHOES?

THOSE AREN'T RUNNING SHOES.

THEY SURE ARE... THEY RAN ME OVER A HUNDRED BUCKS!

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

GRIN and BEAR IT

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“Does anyone remember where we hid the vice president?”

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

OK, I NEED TO COME UP WITH A NUMERIC PASSWORD. NOT OUR ANNIVERSARY OR YOUR BIRTHDAY. SOMETHING I CAN REMEMBER.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **O** equals **M**

IFJM KDW BEDTJ KDWT ODMJK
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YVBJ, C TJXUDM KDW'R FVYJ

WTMJR CMXDOJ.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Path SOURCE

Charm BLEANG

Crave RESIDE

Herd RIVED

TODAY'S WORD

"Do you have something a little _____? I'd like my family think I actually baked it."

STAN SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

HIT LOBS

Since hitting a backhand overhead is extremely difficult, it's a good idea to hit offensive lobbs over the net man's backhand side.

TO THE BACKHAND

Even if he can run around the lob, he will often be unsure where the ball is and will be off-balance. This will make him less likely to hit a strong overhead.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Filly's brother
5 Group of seals
8 Old U.S. gas brand
12 Sandwich cookie
13 Sailor's "yes"
14 "Pygmalion" writer
15 Nevada city
16 Tropical fruit
18 Nebraska river
20 Demons
21 Towel word
23 Bol. neighbor
24 Engages in make-believe
28 Tibia's place
31 PC key
32 Hotel offering
34 Bond rating
35 Brusque
37 Tormenting
39 Spanish gold
41 IRS agent
42 Rustic homes
45 TV type
49 Table protector
51 Inky stain
52 Italian wine region
53 Notable time
54 Booty
55 Slugger Sammy
56 Letter sealer

DOWN

1 Business abbr.
2 Hurler
3 Sultry Horne
4 Like some grins
5 Drink-to-go holder
6 Popeye's Olive
7 Hearing-impaired
8 Aromatic

57 Like custard compounds
9 Chinese city
10 Uttered
11 Has
17 Actress Long
19 Afternoon affairs
22 Long-legged shorebird
24 Chest muscle
25 Baton Rouge sch.
26 Circus gymnasts
27 Short-lived levy of 1765
29 Author

30 Pester
33 Alike (Fr.)
36 One of the Nixons
38 Powerless
40 Low digit
42 Bookkeepers (Abbr.)
43 To boot
44 Diving duck
46 Trudge
47 Synthesizer pioneer
48 ABA member
50 Notre Dame's Parseghian

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from HEART to PERKY in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

HEART

PERKY

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King Crossword

Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
- ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
- MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
- ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
- AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
- TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

Answers

1. Pennywise.
2. On average, every 76 years.
3. California (54).
4. A canister that looks like a Barbosa Shaving Cream can.
5. Surrealism.
6. Ford Motor Company.
7. "All in the Family."
8. Chickpeas.
9. Roe River, Montana.
10. Chelae.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Course 2. Bangle; solution 3. Desire; 4. Drive

PEAKS, PERKS, PERKY
HEART, HEARS, PEARLS
Answer

WORD LADDER

notiflous

SNOWFLAKE

When you store your money from work inside a footed vase, I reckon you'd have turned income.

CryptoQuip answer

TOP-TO-BOTTOM

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When there’s trouble on the sea, you call him

BY THOMAS MULLEN
PAPERBOY@VCN.COM

It was supposed to be a birth-day outing but the weather and the sea had other plans.

Captain Roger Slade was having dinner with his youngest daughter, Nika, when he got the call.

“The assistant fire chief happened to be out at Fort Worden with his family, having a picnic, and he saw this evolve,” Slade told The Leader.

A young family had just launched a lovingly restored 13-foot runabout and had launched it. The husband left his wife, her friend, and their two children in the small, open boat while he parked the trailer.

“They went to take the boat over to the dock and the engine quit and they just got swept out right into the maelstrom,” Slade recalled. “It was blowing 40 out on the straight and Point Wilson was churned up something terrible.”

The fire chief at the time had called Slade, who owns TowboatUS Port Hadlock, to let him know Jefferson County Fire and Rescue had deployed their rescue boat and was looking for Slade’s assistance.

The rescue boat, Slade said, was a 20-some foot aluminum boat and the the rescue team had only one sailor on board who had been in the boat prior to the call.

“And I said to my daughter, ‘I guess we need to go, these people are in real trouble.’ So we headed out in The Negotiator. She’d do 30 knots, and when we got out, just past Point Wilson we were in eight to 10-foot breaking seas, on the ebb, with that big wind and it just churned up.”

Fire and Rescue showed up about that same time.

“But everyone had lost site of this little tiny boat in these big waves,” Slade said, so the boats went in separate, looping directions in an urgent search as night fell.

Slade had told the fire and rescue crew that he was there to assist as directed, which is how tow boats work in such situations, but when he saw the castaways, and the rescue boat approaching from upwind, he intervened.



Captain Roger Slade stands before one of his rescue towboats, The Negotiator.

“The breaking seas had this little boat in a trough with already a lot of water in it, and the rescue boat was coming from up-wind with following breaking seas so I could see that these boats were going to crash into each other. I asked them to stand down,” Slade recalled.

The Negotiator approached the tiny craft from downwind and Nika was able to pull the passengers to safety.

“They were not in good shape. The boy was diabetic and about to go into shock. There was a young girl and it was her birthday and she was almost hypothermic - and nobody had a life jacket on. It’s night time and we are out in the shipping lane, the traffic separation scheme, we’ve got deep draft vessels coming toward us and we had the Coast Guard advising them to stay away,” Slade said.

Nika had cut her hand but just as the shoreside EMT’s

were taking care of it, she and her father received another call.

“We had another boat drifting so we headed down to rescue another boat.”

Since that day in the summer of 2010, Jefferson County Fire and Rescue moved forward with a fairly aggressive training program.

“Along with the Coast Guard, we helped sponsor training programs used by different agencies around the country so now everybody is in a lot better shape out there on the water,” Slade said. “It was a real eye-opener for them, that we’re not just tow boats, we do a lot more - we’re force multipliers for them and for the Coast Guard.

GETTING HIS START

Slade is a former member of the Coast Guard and recalled the day he met Captain Jack Nessett, who eventually lured him into the business.

It started with an advertisement in The Leader which read:

“Be the most popular man on the waterfront.’ I was sitting behind what had been the Bird’s Nest Gallery, and there was an old painted billboard for the perfect all-purpose flour. But somebody had cut a hole in the billboard to insert an air conditioner so it just read, ‘the perfect purpose.’”

Kismet.

Slade found Nessett and told him that he wanted to be the most popular man on the waterfront.

“He’s been my mentor. I went to work for the wooden boat foundation. We were running cruises on a 38-foot Herreshoff ketch but when 9-1-1 happened everything just shut down.

“Of anybody I ever worked for, he was the most enjoyable.”

When Nessett put the tow company up for sale, Slade jumped on it. The income was modest in the beginning but it grew exponentially, thanks in

part to Berkshire Hathaway’s purchase of Boat US.

“We’re independent but we have a license service agreement, just like a tow truck guy would do with AAA - and we also share in the profits,” Slade explained.

As his business grew, Slade became involved in a few industry associations like C-Port, where he worked on legislative issues with the federal government. He still sits on the advisory board for Boat US.

But did he ever get to be the most popular guy on the waterfront? He laughed at the question.

“I was down at the boatyard the other day and everybody was saying hi and I so told John, yeah I think I might be the most popular guy on the water.”

Slade said he’s still learning.

“The day that I tell you I know what I’m doing, that’s the day I need to get off the water.”

Seen off shore

Monday Sept 18 around 8:30 am. Seen between Cape George and Protection Island. Googled it and found it may be an Offshore Supply Ship. However the ship launched a small orange power boat that went to Cape George Marina, but shortly returned to the vessel and was hoisted back up the side of the ship onto the deck. I don’t know why this is happening. Photo taken from my deck in Cape George Village. The ship seems to be heading back to Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Leader submission by Margot Desannoy



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ARTS BRIEFS

Art as a form of dating

Northwind Art School will offer an unusual class Saturday, Oct. 7: “Collaborative Abstract Painting with Your pARTner,” with Seattle teacher Neha Panicker.

“The class, a kind of art date, will run from noon to 2:30 p.m. and is ideal for sweethearts, siblings, spouses, friends and any pair who want to explore art and spontaneity,” Panicker said.

It’s open to ages 15 to adult, and participants are urged to sign up by Thursday, Oct. 5, at NorthwindArt.org.

Panicker offers prompts, and then the painters take turns.

“People start out timid, and then start building confidence,” Panicker said. “You end up surprising yourself.

You end up with something very unexpected, that you couldn’t have envisioned.”

The artist warns that participants may start out thinking they don’t get abstract expressionist painting.

“This class gives you a taste of what it could be,” said Panicker.

The teacher is an India-born architect-turned-artist who lives in Seattle; more about her is found at Nehapanicker.com.

“Collaborative Abstract Painting” is among the classes for adults and youngsters at the non-profit Northwind Art School, headquartered in Building 306 at Fort Worden State Park.



Neha Panicker will teach collaborative abstract painting with your “pARTner.” *Photo courtesy Neha Panicker*

Education is central to the OMF’s mission. For more information on the 2024 concerts and educational programs visit the Olympic Music Festival website, www.olympicmusicfestival.org.

Arts, culture seek public input

BY MARI MULLEN

The Port Townsend Creative District Subcommittee is inviting public input on the development of the Creative District’s Arts and Culture plan. This strategic framework will provide a three- to five-year blueprint for the District’s activities to help support Port Townsend’s creative economy. There are two meeting options to accommodate different schedules.

The first convening will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cotton Building, 607 Water Street. The second convening will take place on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Fort Worden Commons, 210 Battery Way. Each meeting will be followed by time to network with fellow artists and community members. Light refreshments will be provided.

AdvisArts Consulting of Seattle and Port Townsend is assisting with the development of the Arts and Culture Plan which is funded by the City of Port Townsend Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC).

“At these convenings, we want to hear from our creative community, our artists, makers, and creative entrepreneurs. What painters, actors, musicians, poets, craftspeople, chefs and others tell us will help shape our plan for providing that community-wide level of coordination and support,” said Owen Rowe, a member of Port Townsend City Council who serves on the Creative District Subcommittee.

The subcommittee is comprised of local artists, business owners and community members and is working with representatives of Port Townsend’s creative sectors to develop the plan.

The District focuses its efforts on five arts disciplines: visual, literary, performing, culinary and makers arts. The district includes downtown, uptown and the historic campus of Fort Worden. It seeks to include connecting audiences with artists and supporting our local creative economy year-round.

Since its inception, the Creative District subcommittee has completed two infrastructure projects--the Tyler Street Plaza Lighting Enhancement Project and the Creative District Art Marker and Wayfinding Project, designating the areas of the Creative District. It has also been instrumental in the reinvention of Soundcheck, a successful multi-disciplinary arts festival that showcases local artists and supports Creative District efforts. Work also includes the development of the Artists’ Directory, a resource to be launched this fall.

For more information about the Port Townsend Creative District and additional details about the Convenings, please visit Ptcreativedistrict.org.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required, email ptcrcativedistrict@gmail.com prior to Oct. 6.



Ray Chen on violin with OMF Artistic Director Julio Elizalde at the piano. *Photo courtesy David Conklin*

Local musicians meet famous violinist

The Olympic Music Festival welcomed local music students to the Wheeler Theater to join world-famous violinist Ray Chen during his September residency at the Olympic Music Festival (OMF). With OMF Artistic Director Julio Elizalde at the piano, the duo opened their last rehearsal to all music students on the Olympic Peninsula.

OMF board member Tracy Wirta, a clarinetist who works with the peninsula’s music education community, invited students and music educators from Jefferson and Clallam counties. The open rehearsal saw 90 attendees, followed by a sold-out season finale performance.

“Violinist Ray Chen redefines what it means to be a classical musician in the twenty-first century,” Emilie Baker wrote in a email to The Leader.

The managing director added that Chen’s global reach expands and inspires a new classical audience and his musicianship connects with millions through engagements online and with orchestras around the world.

The two-week Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship for young musicians has received international attention, with applications coming in from all over the world.

“New in 2023, the Junior Fellows program paired the OMF Fellows with talented local high school students for a week,” Baker wrote. “The students got to watch professional rehearsals and concerts and some took part in an evening masterclass, where each Fellow tutored a student, and each festival artist tutored a Fellow, an experience both educational and magical.”

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49 Cottage cheese piece

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11 "I hate it!"
12 Precipitates cold pellets
13 Italian motor scooter brand
14 Hamm of soccer
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16 Slow-paced martial art
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121 ENTs, e.g.
122 Hack down
123 & so forth
124 Once called

Capturing life in pen and ink

This week I had the pleasure of meeting Kenzie Hartwell at her small studio in Uptown Port Townsend. Kenzie's work on Instagram had caught my eye and I was curious to find out more about this somewhat recent transplant. The way Kenzie uses animation on Instagram to share her sketching is fascinating. I decided to visit her studio to find out more. Her cute corgi Fiona greeted me enthusiastically at the door and led me upstairs to her studio space. I noticed right away that she works in many different styles so we chatted a bit about that as well as her background in art.

What medium do you enjoy working with the most?

I enjoy working with pen and ink the most these days. I have always enjoyed other mediums such as embroidery and painting, making folk-art shadow-boxes but I have found my pen and ink series to be my official style.

What do you hope viewers take away from experiencing your work?

The emotion of the photograph, the emotion and energy of the subject portrayed and the cityscapes to be seen in the eye of an artist.

Are you professionally trained? Self taught? Where does your interest in art stem from?

I went to some schooling with Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fl. I also have my masters in interior design (so that helps with rendering a home). But truthfully, I believe my art skill came from my family. Both sides of my family are artists.

Do you work on your art every day?

I try to work on my art every day. Sometimes I take breaks, but only to decide what my next piece would be and for inspiration's sake.

I noticed several different styles and mediums in your work. Are you currently focusing on any one style?

My current style is focused on my pen and ink series. As much as I love



Kenzie Hartwell in Uptown. Leader photo by Carolyn Lewis

to explore color theory in my paintings, I have found the most response to my sketches of the city, the pet portraits and portraits of subjects.

Your animated videos are

great. Do you usually work from photographs?

I do! I take photographs from around Port Townsend and other areas of Washington state. I am currently working on an "Around Washington"

series. I also accept photos from my subjects to sketch their portraits or their pet portraits. Animation is a way of sharing my process.

Your website talks about you using found materials in your art. Tell me a bit more about that?

My found art is from my paint series. I made my own paints from different fruits and saps. Along with my fiber work where I used driftwood as the hanger for my weaving projects. And lastly, found materials for my folk-art shadow-boxes made from cigar boxes, old photographs, zipper pulls and copper, with natural found elements.

You also mention doing commissioned work. Tell us a bit more about that.

Commissions are wonderful! I ask that people have photos ready to send over so I can price and we can go over size and anything else they wish to share about the photo they would like me to work from. There are examples of my drawings on my Instagram @_colorwhirl. My website is in the process of being updated www.kenzie-hartwell.com.

Last but not least, what three artists, living or dead, would you love to share a meal with?

Frida Kahlo, John Rogers Cox and Alec Nathanson (my grandfather).

Visiting with Kenzie made me want to commission a drawing. She clearly has a talent for capturing both the mood and the expressions of the people, places and animals that she draws. Visiting artists' studios gives one a glimpse into their private work space and is always an excellent way to better understand what goes into each individual's artistic process.

Carolyn Lewis is a serial entrepreneur, artist and community builder happily living and working in Port Townsend. Visit her social media groups at Port Townsend Life or @carolynannelewis

Champagne opens first concert this Sunday

BY DAVE CUNNINGHAM
FOR THE LEADER

Those who have never attended a Port Ludlow Performing Arts concert likely don't know that the first show of every new season is called a "champagne opener," which means free champagne is offered to all attendees of legal drinking age. And the champagne opener for the 2023-24 season is coming on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m.

Taking the stage at the Bay Club will be The Sweet Remains, a trio of singer-songwriters (Rich Price, Brian Chartrand and Greg Naughton), each of whom contributes to the writing and three-part harmonies that define the band's sound.

Driven by strong lyrical and melodic writing, their songs appeal to fans of modern folk-rockers like Jason Mraz, Ray Lamontagne and John Mayer. However, it is their harmonies that distinguish TSR from the throngs of guitar-toting troubadours and



The Sweet Remains features Rich Price, Brian Chartrand and Greg Naughton. Courtesy photo

harken back to super-groups of the 60s and 70s like Crosby, Nash and Young, the Eagles and Simon & Garfunkel.

In February of 2020, the band released its fifth major release and fourth studio album, "Music Fills the Spaces," another collaboration with Grammy-winning producer and long-time associate Andy Zulla. A planned tour in support of the album was postponed due to the pandemic, allowing the band to focus on writing for an upcoming album.

A limited number of tickets are still available online at www.portludlowperformingarts.com for \$35 each, and season tickets can also be purchased at that website. The PLPA season consists of five concerts from Oct. 1, 2023, to April 27, 2024.

A new art show will be displayed on the Bay Club walls, which attendees can enjoy before, during and after the show. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

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OBITUARIES

James Harlowe Christenson

FEBRUARY 24, 1937–SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

James Harlowe Christenson, 86, died on September 8th in Port Townsend WA.

He was born and raised in Seattle Washington, the son of prominent Seattle architect Waldo Christenson and Eance Glennon Christenson. He attended Garfield High School and subsequently was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy. He later transferred to the University of Washington to pursue a career in physics. There he completed a dual major in Mathematics and Physics. He was proud of his contribution to the UW championship rowing team.

He went on to Princeton to earn his doctorate in High Energy Physics in 1964. There he participated as one of two graduate students in the Jim Cronin/Val Fitch experiment that ultimately discovered CP violation and won a Nobel Prize for Cronin and Fitch.

Upon graduating from Princeton, and completing his post doctorate work at Columbia, he joined the faculty at New York University. He enjoyed teaching immensely and headed a small group of experimentalists. Ultimately, he joined the worldwide collaboration DZero experiment at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL) in Illinois. He headed up work on the calorimeter later became Project Manager. DZero went on to be co-discoverer of the Top Quark. .

He retired from FNAL in 2000 and returned to the Pacific Northwest where he built his home with his brother, Charles Christenson, a local builder.

He is survived by his brother Charles Christenson, wife Victoria Davis, and his children Eric, Jeffrey, Laura, Evan and Daniel.

Marilyn Jean (Allen) Bennett

MAY 29TH, 1932.– JUNE 21, 2023

Marilyn Jean (Allen) Bennett, 91, passed peacefully June 21, 2023 at her home in Port Townsend, Wa. Born in Cle Elum, Wa, to Charles and Anne (Peckilus) Allen on May 29th, 1932. She married Arlie Bennett on Dec 7th, 1961 and was happily married until his passing in 2000. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends and an occasional trip to the casino. Marilyn belonged to St. Mary of the Sea, Cape George Colony and Legion of Mary. Survived by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

We invite you to join us to celebrate Wesley and Edith Smith’s life.

Please join us Saturday September 30th at 11:30 am, to share your favorite memories.

The celebration will be held at The Tri County Community Center, 10 West Valley Rd, Chimacum, WA 98325



George Randels

AUGUST 5, 2023

George Randels died on August 5, 2023. He grew up in the small village of Painter Post, NY, studied history at the University of Rochester, and received his law degree, with honors, from SUNY Buffalo in 1967.

George was a National Urban Fellow, studying at Yale, and then helped the NY State Urban Development Corporation to redevelop communities and provide 40,000 units of affordable housing in four years. In 1974 George moved to Washington DC to serve as a senior aide to a newly elected Member of the House of Representatives. His career encompassed over 20 years in service to Congress and as a staffer on the House Small Business Committee.

In 2000, he relocated to what was then—for him—the “other” Washington, arriving in Port Townsend and learning the lay of the land with its glorious geography and long nights. And in time he learned the physical beauty was exceeded by the generous, gracious, smart and fun-loving people who live there.

George started volunteering, found himself on the City Planning Commission, and became its Chair. And in 2007 he was chosen to join the City Council. George served for four years as Deputy Mayor to then-Mayor Sandoval. He called her “boss”. Serving on the City Council, he said, was a big job in a small place, and gave him the most satisfaction of anything he’d ever done.

Post-Council, George remained involved in local affairs. Through membership on the Fort Warden Advisory Committee, the City’s Historic Preservation Committee, and the Board of Commissioners for East Jefferson Fire and Rescue. He sought always to make things better if he could, and hopefully to do serious things without taking them, or himself, too seriously.

George was curious and passionate and celebrated life with friends around the nation and closely on the Olympic Peninsula. He loved his community and marveled that he’d found such a special place. “How many cities of 10,000 people have Shakespeare in the Park?”

George is survived by his dear friend and ex-wife Diana Marino of Arlington, VA; her son Dr. Anthony Marino, an internist at the University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, VA; his daughter Lisa Foose and her family in Arlington, VA; nephews William and Matthew Kitchen and their families in Seattle and environs; Stan Rubin of Port Townsend (his brother-in-law and husband of his late sister, Judith Kitchen); and friends far and wide. In lieu of any other remembrance, he hoped that people would remember one another and support their local non-profits just a bit more during these challenging times.

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Mainstreet director celebrates 25 years on the job

BY THAIS OLIVEIRA
FOR THE LEADER

Keeping a thriving historic town, where locals and tourists can shop, play, participate in diverse events and marvel at the preserved architecture and history is not an easy feat. It takes dedication and passion and that is exactly how Mari Mullen, Executive Director of the Port Townsend Main Street Program, has been facing every challenge for the past 25 years. A transplant from Chicago, Mari moved to Port Townsend looking for a smaller town with great atmosphere to raise her small child in. After working at the Field Museum of National History in Chicago and the Seattle Art Museum, Mari landed at Centrum as marketing director for nearly six years. Port Townsend Main Street program was already established, one of the first five pilots in Washington State in 1985, when she came along and has been diligently

building it up ever since. With the motto “Make it great for the locals and the visitors will appreciate it too”, the national organization helps preserve and promote the Downtown and Uptown historic districts in partnership with other organizations like the Jefferson County Historical Society and the City of Port Townsend, among other sponsors and partners. Divided into four committees, Mainstreet supports different aspects of life in the historic districts. Promotions, the most visible of the four, organizes events like the Uptown Street Fair, Soundcheck, Concerts on the Dock, the upcoming Girls Night Out, downtown Trick or Treat, Haunted Histories & Mysteries, the tree and historic district lighting and other holiday celebrations. The economics committee manages two loans and the newly created Creative District program. The HUD Low Interest Loan is

available to rehab commercial buildings in Port Townsend’s Commercial Historic Districts for up to \$40,000. It helps owners repaint their facades or fix their windows, for example. The LENT Low Interest Loan Program helps offset some of the financial impact businesses endure from emergency situations like the pandemic and is up to \$4,000. The design committee beautifies Downtown and Uptown with flower baskets, garden management, the creation of the parklet next to Adam Street Park and the lighting of Tyler Plaza. The Hidden History signage is another recent project under design. The self-guided tour tells about Port Townsend’s hidden history through QR codes. Look for one of them in front of The Leader building downtown. And finally, the organization committee has the Board of Directors managing it all together with staff. A joint effort that creates resilience

around this community’s unique heritage and attributes using local resources. It is a way to promote economic growth and make sure Port Townsend historic districts don’t fall into disarray like so many others in the State and country. “I love working to create fun events and experiences that draw people here so they can understand how special Port Townsend is. We are in the life of the town, for both locals and visitors. We work together to bring up the best in Port Townsend,” explained Mari Mullen. On the executive director’s radar is the upcoming 19th Girls Night Out, a fundraiser for the October Breast Awareness Month in partnership with the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation. Through the sales of gift bags during the all-day event, Mainstreet raises funds for cancer screenings for low-income women. Find out more at ptmainstreet.org.



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Fort Worden Public Development Authority ‘still in transition’

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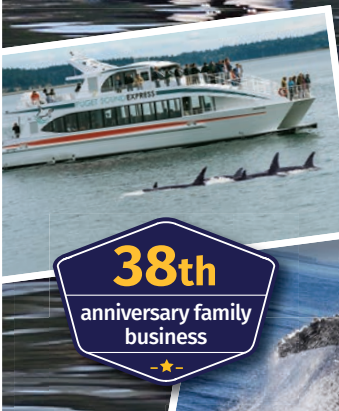
“It was never the intent of the city to provide the oversight. It was always viewed, that was the responsibility of the (Washington State) Parks. We created the PDA to administer for Parks. The city oversight and involvement was pretty hands-off by design. At the time of the creation and prior to the PDA, folks over-promised. Their economic model - it was unrealistic, what they sold to Parks,” he said. Hence the need to reach out to one of PDA’s creators (Timmons) to steady the ship in a gathering storm. Timmons took the long view, to the PDA’s beginnings. “A lot of it is just going back to reconstruct things – to segregate roles and responsibilities. One of the things, PDA assumed all responsibility from Parks, even the wharf, and it was just way too much responsibility and obligation for the PDA to assume. “The other thing, they were too co-mingled with hospitality. You had a private enterprise being run by a public

entity and that just doesn’t mix,” Timmons explained. Both of those problems are in the process of changing. “They’re still in transition – it isn’t something that can happen overnight. The biggest crippling development of the whole thing was the diversion of capital funds – over a million dollars-by the former director of finance. I had to pay it back but the only way I could do it was negotiate with the bank.” In his letter of resignation, Timmons credited local lenders, among many others, for helping the PDA survive this time of transition. “First Federal’s commitment to the completion of the \$2.3 million Historic Tax Credits and a bridge loan to advance fund the credits saved the Makers Square project from failure. Kitsap Bank stepped in to help not once but three times to assist in financing to bring stability to a very unstable \$6.1 million debt situation. And Craft3 for lending \$800,000 to support the startup of a local not-for-profit to run hospitality services at the Fort,” he wrote in his June letter.

Timmons also credited his board, the people who work at Fort Worden. “We have had and continue to benefit from committed and dedicated staff, as well as contractors, putting Humpy Dumpty back together,” he wrote, and told The Leader he does have hope. Although a glamping project has been suspended, a geo-thermal project, which would remove Fort Worden from fossil fuel dependence and go a long way toward fiscal solvency, is still on target, thanks to a \$40 million tax credit, and the support of the governor and State Legislature for a \$1.2 billion cap and trade project. “That will pay off the debt and secure a fund, in terms of money going back into the fort. We’ve laid the groundwork and they have their agreements, they have their marching orders – we’ll get back. It’s like climbing a sand dune: every time you start moving forward something breaks because everything out there is so old and in such a state, it’s nearly impossible to get things done. I kind of hope things will just take, moving forward.”

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