Appendix L 2016 Draft EIS Public Information Meetings

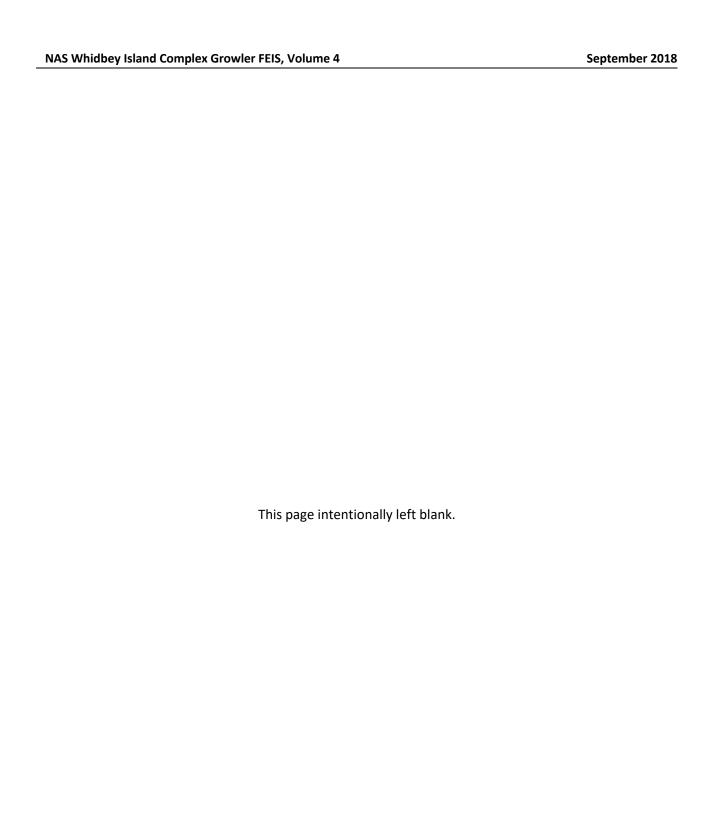




TABLE 2—NOCS RECEIVED FROM AUGUST 1, 2016 TO AUGUST 31, 2016—Continued

Case No.	Received date	Commencement date	Chemical
P-16-0281	8/30/2016	8/12/2016	(G) Fatty alcohols—dimers, trimmers, polymers.

V. Correction

In the **Federal Register** of October 27, 2016 (81 FR 74784) (FRL–9952–62), in the first column, the Docket Identification number is corrected to read EPA–HQ–OPPT–2016–0482.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq. Dated: October 26, 2016.

Pamela Myrick,

Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9030-1]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564–7146 or http://www.epa.gov/nepa. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 10/31/2016 Through 11/04/2016.
Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html.

EIS No. 20160261, Draft, USFS, ID, Coeur d Alene Basin Natural Resource Restoration Plan, Comment Period Ends: 01/13/2017, Contact: Jo Christensen 208–765–7417

EIS No. 20160262, Draft Supplement, Caltrans, CA, State Route 241–91 Tolled Express Lanes Connector Project, Comment Period Ends: 01/09/ 2017, Contact: Bahar Heydari 657– 328–6533

EIS No. 20160263, Draft, USN, WA, EA– 18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at the NAS Whidbey Island Complex, Comment Period Ends: 01/25/2017, Contact: Sarah Stallings 757–322– 4733

EIS No. 20160264, Final, USFWS, PRO, Programmatic—Eagle Rule Revision, Review Period Ends: 12/09/2016, Contact: Eliza Savage 703 358–2329 EIS No. 20160265, Draft Supplement, USFS, MT, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to Comply with the District Court Order (Bighorn Sheep) 2009 Revised Forest Plan, Comment Period Ends: 02/09/2017, Contact: Jan Bowey 406–683–3853

EIS No. 20160266, Draft, NRC, MO, Construction Permit for the Northwest Medical Isotopes Radioisotope Production Facility, Comment Period Ends: 12/29/2016, Contact: David Drucker 301–415–6223

EIS No. 20160267, Final, VA, SD, National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation: Reconfiguration of VA Black Hills Health Care System, Review Period Ends: 12/09/2016, Contact: Billie J. Beal 605–720–7243

Dated: November 7, 2016.

Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities. [FR Doc. 2016–27186 Filed 11–9–16; 8:45 am]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-9954-71]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Battelle Memorial Institute and Its Identified Subcontractor, Avanti Corporation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractors, Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI) of Columbus, OH and Avanti Corporation of Alexandria, VA, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8(a), 11 and 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data occurred on October 20, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical information contact: Scott Sherlock, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 564–8257; email address: sherlock.scott@epa.gov.

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process, or distribute industrial chemicals. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004 is available at http://www.regulations.gov or at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Docket (OPPT Docket), **Environmental Protection Agency** Docket Center (EPA/DC), West William Jefferson Clinton Bldg., Rm. 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Please review the visitor instructions and additional information about the docket available at http://www.epa.gov/dockets.

II. What action is the Agency taking?

Under EPA contract number EP-W-16-017, contractors BMI of 505 King Avenue, Columbus, OH and Avanti Corporation of 5520 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 205, Alexandria, VA are assisting the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) by providing statistical and technical support for the assessment of toxic substances. They are also providing statistical, mathematical, field data collection, and technical



during follow-on meetings. Agenda items for this meeting will include the following: (1) Final discussions and deliberations on 10 U.S.C. 2320 and 2321 tension points; (2) Report framework and collaboration; (3) Comment Adjudication and Planning for follow-on meeting.

Availability of Materials for the Meeting: A copy of the agenda or any updates to the agenda for the November 29, 2016 meeting will be available as requested or at the following site: https://database.faca.gov/committee/ meetings.aspx?cid=2561. It will also be distributed upon request.

Minor changes to the agenda will be announced at the meeting. All materials will be posted to the FACA database

after the meeting.

Public Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165, and subject to the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Registration of members of the public who wish to attend the meeting will begin upon publication of this meeting notice and end three business days (November 23) prior to the start of the meeting. All members of the public must contact LTC Lunoff at the phone number or email listed in the FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to make arrangements for Pentagon escort, if necessary. Public attendees should arrive at the Pentagon's Visitor's Center, located near the Pentagon Metro Station's south exit and adjacent to the Pentagon Transit Center bus terminal with sufficient time to complete security screening no later than 8:30 a.m. on November 29. To complete security screening, please come prepared to present two forms of identification of which one must be a pictured identification card. Government and military DoD CAC holders are not required to have an escort, but are still required to pass through the Visitor's Center to gain access to the Building. Seating is limited and is on a first-toarrive basis. Attendees will be asked to provide their name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION **CONTACT** section. Any interested person may attend the meeting, file written comments or statements with the committee, or make verbal comments from the floor during the public meeting, at the times, and in the manner, permitted by the committee.

Special Accommodations: The meeting venue is fully handicap accessible, with wheelchair access.

Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting or seeking additional information about public access procedures, should contact LTC Lunoff, the committee DFO, at the email address or telephone number listed in the FOR **FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Written Comments or Statements: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Government-Industry Advisory Panel about its mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. Written comments or statements should be submitted to LTC Lunoff, the committee DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the email address listed in the for further information **CONTACT** section in the following formats: Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. The comment or statement must include the author's name, title, affiliation, address, and daytime telephone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the committee DFO at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting so that they may be made available to the Government-Industry Advisory Panel for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the panel until its next meeting. Please note that because the panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all written comments will be treated as public documents and will be made available

for public inspection. Verbal Comments: Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the meeting only at the time and in the manner allowed herein. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three (3) business days in advance to the committee DFO, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the email address listed in the FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The committee DFO will log each request to make a comment, in the order received, and determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the panel's mission and/or the topics to

be addressed in this public meeting. A 30-minute period near the end of the meeting will be available for verbal public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a verbal comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described in this paragraph, will be allotted no more than five (5) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the DFO.

Dated: November 15, 2016. Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Public Meetings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at the Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex, Washington

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and regulations implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500–1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a **Draft Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of adding up to 36 Growler aircraft at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island complex, and continuing and increasing Growler airfield operations. The NAS Whidbey Island complex is located in Island County, Washington, on Whidbey Island, in the northern Puget Sound region. The complex includes the main air station (Ault Field), which is in the north-central part of the island, adjacent to the city of Oak Harbor, and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville. The OLF is approximately 10 miles south of Ault Field and is dedicated primarily to Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP).

With the filing of the Draft EIS, the DoN is initiating an extended public comment period of 75 days, beginning on November 10, 2016 and ending on January 25, 2017. Public meetings are scheduled to inform the public and receive comments on the environmental analysis presented in the Draft EIS. This notice announces the dates, times, and

locations of the public meetings and provides supplementary information about the Draft EIS.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The DoN will hold public meetings to inform the public about the Draft EIS and the proposed action and alternatives under consideration and to provide opportunities for the public to comment on the Draft EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, and interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to provide comments in person at the public meetings or in writing during the 75-day public review period. Public meetings will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

1. Monday, December 5, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, USO Hall, 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, Washington 98368.

2. Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge Grande Hall, 155 NE Ernst Street, Oak Harbor, Washington 98277.

3. Wednesday, December 7, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Lopez Center for Community and the Arts, 204 Village Road, Lopez Island, Washington 98261.

4. Thursday, December 8, 2016, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Seafarers' Memorial Park Building, 601 Seafarers Way, Anacortes, Washington 98221.

5. Friday, December 9, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Coupeville High School Commons, 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, Washington 98239.

The public meetings will be open house sessions with informational poster stations. Members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions of DoN representatives and subject matter experts. Attendees will also be able to provide verbal comments to a stenographer or submit written comments during the public meetings. In addition to participating in the public meetings, members of the public may submit comments via the U.S. Postal Service using the mailing address identified in the contact information later in this notice or electronically using the project Web site (http:// www.whidbeyeis.com). All comments made at the public meetings or postmarked or received online by January 25 will become part of the public record and be considered in the Final EIS.

The DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments during the Draft EIS public review period. However, the names, street addresses, email addresses

and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of those individuals will not be released by the DoN unless required by law. Prior to each commenter making verbal comments to the stenographer at the public meetings the commenter will be asked whether he/she agrees to a release of their personally identifiable information. Those commenters submitting written comments, either using comment forms or via the project Web site, will be asked whether they authorize release of personally identifiable information by checking a "release" box.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EA–18G EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attention: Code EV21/SS; 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 5, 2013, the DoN published a notice of intent (NOI) in the Federal Register (78 FR 54635) to analyze the potential addition of 13 Growler aircraft to the existing Growler community stationed at NAS Whidbey Island. A revised NOI was published in the Federal Register on October 10, 2014 (79 FR 61296), which modified the proposed action by increasing the number of aircraft analyzed to 36 in order to account for the possible procurement of additional aircraft. Comments received during the two scoping periods were used to shape the analysis contained in the Draft EIS.

The DoN's proposed action is to: (1) Continue and expand existing Growler operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; (2) increase capabilities to accommodate up to 36 additional aircraft, including the construction and renovation of facilities at Ault Field; (3) support flight operations of other aircraft, and (4) station additional personnel in the region.

The purpose of the proposed action is to augment the DoN's existing Electronic Attack community at NAS Whidbey Island by operating additional Growler aircraft as appropriated by Congress. The DoN needs to effectively and efficiently increase electronic attack capabilities in order to counter increasingly sophisticated threats and provide more aircraft per squadron in order to give operational commanders more flexibility in addressing future threats and missions. The need for the proposed action is to maintain and expand Growler operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 5062.

In developing the proposed range of alternatives that meet the purpose of and need for the proposed action, the DoN carefully reviewed important considerations unique to the Growler community that is single-sited at NAS Whidbey Island, as well as Growler squadron training in light of Title 10 responsibilities; existing training requirements and regulations; existing DoN infrastructure; and Chief of Naval Operations guidance to support operating Naval Forces. Furthermore, the DoN evaluated past home basing decisions, reconsidered alternatives previously eliminated from analysis, and thoughtfully considered basing and training options suggested by the public during the two scoping periods. The Draft EIS explains the DoN's reasons for eliminating some alternatives and suggested options from further consideration. In addition, the Draft EIS explains why some alternatives presented in the October 10, 2014 revised NOI were not carried forward.

The action alternatives evaluated in the Draft EIS vary in terms of force structure and operations to accommodate the proposed increase in Growler aircraft. In addition, three operational scenarios (sub-alternatives) are evaluated, all of which focus on the distribution of annual FCLP airfield operations between Ault Field and OLF

Coupeville.

In addition to the action alternatives, the DoN evaluated the potential environmental effects of the No Action Alternative. Under this alternative, the proposed action would not occur. Although the No Action Alternative would not meet the purpose of or need for the proposed action, the conditions associated with the No Action Alternative serve as reference points for describing and quantifying the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action alternatives. For this Draft EIS, the DoN is using the year 2021 for the No Action Alternative because it represents conditions when events at Ault Field affecting aircraft loading, facility and infrastructure assets, personnel levels, and number of aircraft are expected to be fully implemented and complete from previous aircraft home basing, aircraft retirement, and other related decisions.

The Draft EIS provides an analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed action on the following resources: Airspace and airfield operations; noise; public health and safety; air quality; land use; cultural resources; American Indian traditional resources; biological resources; water resources; socioeconomics; environmental justice; transportation; infrastructure; geological resources; hazardous materials and wastes; and climate change and greenhouse gases. Consultation with the Washington State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is pending. The Navy will also engage in consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington State Department of Ecology, and Native American Tribes and Nations.

The Draft EIS was distributed to federal, state, and local agencies and elected officials, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, and other interested individuals and organizations. The Draft EIS is available for public electronic viewing or download at the project Web site (http://www.whidbeyeis.com). A paper copy of the Draft EIS may be reviewed at 22 public libraries in the northern Puget Sound region. The full list of and addresses for each of the libraries may be found at the project Web site.

To be included on the DoN's mailing list for future updates on the EIS, submit a request electronically using the project Web site or submit a written request to the address previously identified for further information. The same policy for release of personally identifiable information as identified above will be maintained by the DoN for individuals requesting to be included on the EIS mailing list.

Dated: November 9, 2016.

C.D. Mora,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 2016–27827 Filed 11–17–16; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3810–FF–P

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2082–062; Project No. 2082–063; Project No. 14803–000; Project No. 14803–001]

PacifiCorp, Klamath River Renewal Corporation; Notice of Applications Filed With the Commission

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- a. Types of Applications: Application for Amendment and Partial Transfer of License; Application for Surrender of License.
- b. *Project Nos.*: 2082–062 and 14803–000 (amendment and transfer

application); 2082–063 and 14803–001 (surrender application).

c. Date Filed: September 23, 2016.

d. Applicants: For license amendment and transfer: PacifiCorp (transferor) and Klamath River Renewal Corporation (transferee).

For license surrender: Klamath River

Renewal Corporation.
e. Name of Projects: Klamath Project

Lower Klamath Project (P–14803). f. *Locations:* Klamath Project—on the

Klamath River in Klamath Project—on the Klamath River in Klamath County, Oregon, and on the Klamath River and Fall Creek in Siskiyou County, California. The project includes about 477 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Land Management.

Lower Klamath Project—on the Klamath River in Klamath County, Oregon, and Siskiyou County, California. The project would include about 395 acres of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land

Management.

g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a–825r.

h. Applicants Contact: Sarah Kamman, Vice President and General Counsel, PacifiCorp, 825 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 2000, Portland, OR 97232, (503) 813–5865, sarah kamman@ pacificorp.com.

Michael Carrier, President, Klamath River Renewal Corporation, 423 Washington Street, 3rd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111, (415) 820–4441, michael@klamathrenewal.org.

i. FERC Contacts: Amendment and Transfer: Steve Hocking, (202) 502– 8753, Steve.Hocking@ferc.gov.

Surrender: John Mudre: (202) 502–8902, john.mudre@ferc.gov.

j. Description of Amendment and Transfer Request: The applicants request that the Commission transfer the J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate developments of the existing Klamath Project No. 2082 from PacifiCorp to the Klamath River Renewal Corporation (Renewal Corporation) and create a new project, the Lower Klamath Project, for the transferred developments with the Renewal Corporation as the sole licensee. PacifiCorp requests that the license for Project No. 2082 be amended to delete references to the four transferred developments. The applicants state that they will make a supplemental filing on or before March 1, 2017, demonstrating the legal, technical, and financial capabilities of the Renewal Corporation to perform its responsibilities as transferee. Applicants further request that the Commission act on the amendment and transfer

application by December 31, 2017, and allow the Renewal Corporation six months from the issuance date of the order approving transfer to submit proof of its acceptance of license transfer.

k. Description of Surrender Request: The Renewal Corporation's request to surrender and decommission the Lower Klamath Project, including removal of the project dams is contingent upon a Commission order amending PacifiCorp's existing Klamath Project (P-2082) license to create a new project, the Lower Klamath Project, and transferring the Lower Klamath Project to the Renewal Corporation, as described in item (j), above. The Lower Klamath Project, as envisioned by the Renewal Corporation, would consist of the J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2, and Iron Gate developments of the existing Klamath Project No. 2082, and the Renewal Corporation would be the sole licensee. The Renewal Corporation requests that the Commission not act on this request until it is ready to accept license transfer and states that it will file, by December 31, 2017, its decommissioning plan to serve as the basis for Commission staff's environmental and engineering review of the surrender application. Because only a licensee may file to surrender a license and the Commission does not accept contingent applications, the surrender application is deemed to be filed by both PacifiCorp and the Renewal Corporation. See 18 CFR 6.1 and 4.32(j). Therefore, while action on the amendment and transfer application is pending, the Commission will maintain both applications in the dockets for both project numbers. If the Commission approves the transfer and the Renewal Corporation accepts the license, following which the Renewal Corporation would become the sole licensee, the surrender proceeding would continue solely in Project No. 14803

l. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with: (a) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 402; (b) NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920; and (c) the California and Oregon State Historic Preservation Officers, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR part 800.

m. With this notice, we are designating PacifiCorp and the Renewal



electronically at: https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-factors-and-quantification/new-and-revised-emissions-factors-flares-and-new-emissions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.

Gerri Garwood, Measurement Policy Group (MPG), Sector Policies and Programs Division (D243-05), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number: (919) 541-2406; fax number: (919) 541-1039; and email address: garwood.gerri@epa.gov. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As described above, the EPA finalized these actions to fulfill its obligations under a settlement agreement, which resolves a petition for judicial review on actions the EPA took on April 20, 2015. On April 20, 2015, the EPA issued new and revised emissions factors for flares and other refinery process units and issued its final determination that revisions to existing emissions factors for tanks and wastewater treatment systems were not necessary in order to fulfill its obligations under a consent decree. Plaintiffs alleged that the EPA failed to perform nondiscretionary duties pursuant to Clean Air Act (CAA) section 130 to review, and, if necessary, revise the emissions factors for volatile organic compounds (VOC) for flares, liquid storage tanks ("tanks"), and wastewater collection, treatment and storage systems ("wastewater treatment systems") at least once every 3 years. See Air Alliance Houston, et al. v. EPA, Case No. 15-1210 (D.C. Cir.) and Air Alliance Houston, et al. v. McCarthy, No. 1:13-cv-00621-KBJ (D.D.C.).

The settlement agreement outlined 20 specific Source Classification Codes (SCCs) that Plaintiffs argued should be included in Tables 13.5–1 and 13.5–2 of AP–42, Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors. AP–42 is the primary compilation of EPA's emissions factor information. Additionally, Plaintiffs sought minor clarifications to the text in Section 13.5 of AP–42, as well as an update to the VOC emissions factor due to errors in the original calculation.

Per the requirements of the settlement agreement, this final action was issued by December 16, 2016. To support this action, we developed a memorandum to document our determinations in regards to the 20 SCCs specified in the settlement agreement. We also revised section 13.5 of AP–42, the supporting background documentation, and the previously issued report, Review of Emissions Test Reports for Emissions Factors Development for Flares and Certain Refinery Operations. The SCC

determination memorandum and the revised report, along with a link to the updated section in AP–42 and supporting background documentation, were posted on the Web site listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document on December 14, 2016.

These actions constitute final agency action of national applicability for purposes of section 307(b)(1) of the CAA. Pursuant to CAA section 307(b)(1), judicial review of these final agency actions may be sought only in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit Petitions for review must be filed by March 24, 2017. Judicial review of these final agency actions may not be obtained in subsequent proceedings, pursuant to CAA section 307(b)(2). These actions are not a rulemaking and are not subject to the various statutory and other provisions applicable to a rulemaking.

Dated: January 13, 2017.

Stephen Page,

Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9031-4]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

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EIS No. 20170011, Draft, APHIS, Other, Revisions to USDA-APHIS 7 CFR part 340 Regulations Governing the Importation, Interstate Movement, and Environmental Release of Genetically Engineered Organisms, Comment Period Ends: 05/22/2017, Contact: Cindy Eck 301–851–3892. EIS No. 20170012, Final, TVA, TN, Bull Run Fossil Plant Landfill, Review Period Ends: 02/21/2017, Contact: Anita E. Masters 423–751–8697. EIS No. 20170013, Final, NPS, CA, Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation, Review Period Ends: 02/21/2017, Contact: Brian Aviles 415–561–4942. EIS No. 20170014, Draft, APHIS, Other,

Regulation of the Importation, Interstate Movement, and Intrastate Movement of Plant Pests, Comment Period Ends: 03/20/2017, Contact: Tracy Willard 301–851–3101.

EIS No. 20170015, Final, USFS, AZ, Camp Tatiyee Land Exchange, Review Period Ends: 02/21/2017, Contact: Randall Chavez 928–368–2106.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20160263, Draft, USN, WA, EA– 18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at the NAS Whidbey Island Complex, Comment Period Ends: 02/24/2017, Contact: Sarah Stallings 757–322– 4733.

Revision to FR Notice Published 11/10/2016; Extending Comment Period from 01/25/2017 to 02/24/2017.

EIS No. 20160274, Draft, FHWA, NY, NYS Route 198 (Scajaquada Expressway) Corridor Project, Comment Period Ends: 01/25/2017, Contact: Peter Osborn 518–431–4127.

Revision to FR Notice Published 11/25/2016; Extending Comment Period

EIS No. 20160319, Draft, BLM, CA, Central Coast Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Oil and Gas Leasing and Development, Comment Period Ends: 04/06/2017, Contact: Melinda Moffitt 916–978–4376.

from 01/25/2017 to 02/08/2017.

Revision to FR Notice Published 01/06/2017; Extending Comment Period from 02/21/2017 to 04/06/2017.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities. [FR Doc. 2017–01426 Filed 1–19–17; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2013-0310; FRL-9955-64-OEI]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Sewage Sludge Treatment Plants (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted an information

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contesting contents, and appealing initial agency determinations are published in OSD Administrative Instruction 81; 32 CFR part 311, or may be obtained from the system manager."

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2014-OS-0039]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 23, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Licari, 571–372–0493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title, Associated Form and OMB Number: Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) Career Portal; OMB Control Number 0704–XXXX.

Type of Request: New collection. Number of Respondents: 22,450. Responses per Respondent: 1. Annual Responses: 22,450.

Average Burden per Response: 28.33 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 16,663. Needs and Uses: The Military Spouse Employment Partnership (MSEP) Career Portal is the sole web platform utilized to connect military spouses with companies seeking to hire military spouse employees. Participating companies, called MSEP Partners, are vetted and approved participants in the MSEP Program and have pledged to recruit, hire, promote and retain military spouses in portable careers.

Affected Public: Business or other forprofit; individuals or households; notfor-profit institutions; federal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be emailed to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at *Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov*. Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection.

You may also submit comments and recommendations, identified by Docket ID number and title, by the following method:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, Docket ID number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Frederick Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 2017–01444 Filed 1–23–17; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing.

DATES: Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday, February 24, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Pine Inn, Ocean Avenue, between Lincoln and Monte Verde Street, Carmel, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jane M. Arabian, Assistant Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and

Readiness, Room 3D1066, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000, telephone (703) 697–9271.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.), Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and title 41, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), section 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to review planned changes and progress in developing computerized tests for military enlistment screening.

Agenda: The agenda includes an overview of current enlistment test development timelines, test development strategies, and planned research for the next 3 years.

Public's Accessibility to the Meeting: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public.

Committee's Designated Federal Officer or Point of Contact: Dr. Jane M. Arabian, Assistant Director, Accession Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Room 3D1066, The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–4000, telephone (703) 697–9271.

Persons desiring to make oral presentations or submit written statements for consideration at the committee meeting must contact Dr. Jane M. Arabian at the address or telephone number in FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT no later than January 27, 2017.

Dated: January 17, 2017.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex, Washington

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: A notice of availability was published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the Federal Register on November 10, 2016 (81 FR

79019) for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Complex, Washington. At that time, the Department of the Navy (DoN) offered a 75-day extended public comment period which is will end on January 25, 2017. This notice confirms a 30-day extension of the public comment period through February 24, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EA-18G EIS Project Manager, Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attention: Code EV21/SS; 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period for the Draft EIS for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at NAS Whidbey Island Complex, Washington, will be extended until February 24, 2017. Comments may be submitted in writing to the address identified above. In addition, comments may be submitted online at http:// www.whidbeyeis.com. All written comments must be postmarked or received online by February 24, 2017 to ensure they become part of the official record. All comments submitted to the DoN during the public comment period will be addressed in the Final EIS.

Those commenters submitting written comments should indicate whether they authorize release of personally identifiable information. The DoN may release the city, state, and 5-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments during the Draft EIS public review period. However, the names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, or other personally identifiable information of those individuals will not be released by the DoN unless required by law.

The Draft EIS is available for public electronic viewing or download at the project Web site. A paper copy of the Draft EIS may be reviewed at 22 public libraries in the northern Puget Sound region. The full list of and addresses for each of the libraries may be found at the project Web site.

Dated: January 12, 2017.

A.M. Nichols,

Lieutenant Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection **Activities: Proposed Collection;** Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

ACTION: Final Notice of Submission for OMB Review—Extension Without Change: Local Union Report (EEO-3).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Equal **Employment Opportunity Commission** (EEOC or Commission) announces that it is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for a three-year extension without change of the Local Union Report (EEO-3) (Form 274).

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before February 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice must be submitted to Joseph B. Nye, Policy Analyst, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, email oira submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are also encouraged to send comments to the EEOC online at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions on the Web site for submitting comments. In addition, the EEOC's Executive Secretariat will accept comments in hard copy. Hard copy comments should be sent to Bernadette Wilson, Acting Executive Officer, EEOC, 131 M Street NE., Washington, DC 20507. Finally, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments totaling six or fewer pages by facsimile ("fax") machine before the same deadline at (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number.) Receipt of fax transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTY). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) The EEOC will post online at http:// www.regulations.gov all comments submitted via this Web site, in hard copy, or by fax to the Executive Secretariat. These comments will be posted without change, including any personal information you provide. However, the EEOC reserves the right to refrain from posting libelous or otherwise inappropriate comments including those that contain obscene, indecent, or profane language; that contain threats or defamatory statements; that contain hate speech

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald Edwards, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street NE., Room 4SW30F, Washington, DC 20507; (202) 663–4949 (voice) or (202) 663-7063 (TTY).

Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at (202) 663-4191 (voice) or (202) 663-4494 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EEOC has collected information from local unions on the EEO-3 form since 1967. A notice that EEOC would be submitting this request was published in the Federal Register on September 13, 2016 allowing for a 60-day public comment period. There were no comments received from the public.

Overview of Information Collection

Collection Title: Local Union Report (EEO-3).

OMB Number: 3046-0006. Frequency of Report: Biennial. Type of Respondent: Referral local unions with 100 or more members.

Description of Affected Public: Referral local unions and independent or unaffiliated referral unions and similar labor organizations.

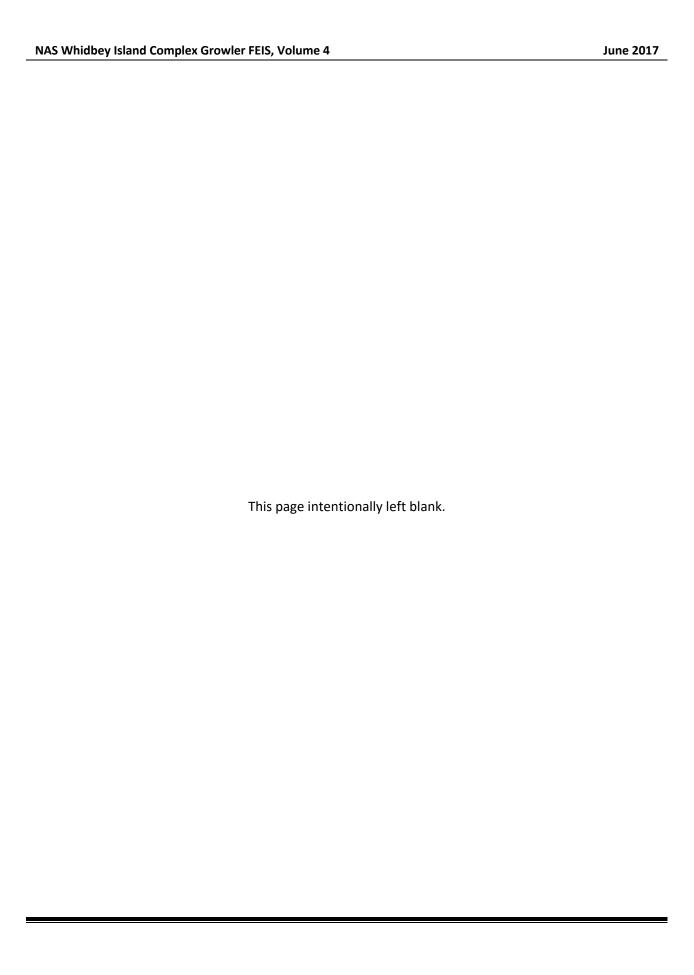
Responses: 1,075.1 Biennial Reporting Hours: 2203.75. Biennial Cost Burden: \$90,885.34. Biennial Federal Cost: \$81,935. Number of Forms: 1.

Form Number: EEOC Form 274.

Abstract: Section 709(c) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000e-8(c), requires labor organizations to make and keep records relevant to a determination of whether unlawful employment practices

¹This figure differs from the estimated number of respondents provided in the September 13, 2016 Federal Register notice. The figure was changed to reflect the most current information on the number of EEO-3 filers.

Press Releases





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release – 08-16 April 5, 2016

NAS Whidbey Island Draft EIS Release Now Scheduled for Fall

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the addition of Growler aircraft to NAS Whidbey Island, originally scheduled to be released to the public this summer, will now be released in the fall. The Draft EIS will address the environmental impacts associated with the potential addition of up to 36 EA-18G Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island.

The public will be notified when the draft document is available for review. A press release will be distributed to interested media, advertisements will be placed in local newspapers, and copies of the draft document will be provided to area libraries. The document will also be available for public review on the project web site. The release of the document will begin a public comment period, during which interested members of the public are encouraged to comment on the document. Public meetings will be scheduled and announced at that time as well.

Additional information about the Draft EIS can be found on the project website at: http://www.whidbeyeis.com. The public website includes up-to-date information on the project and schedule, as well as related documents associated with the Draft EIS.



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Press Release – 01-17 Jan. 13, 2017

Navy Extends Public Comment Period for Growler Draft Environmental Impact Statement

In response to requests from elected officials, the Navy has agreed to extend (by 30 days) the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island. The original extended public comment period of 75 days was due to conclude January 25. The comment period will now conclude on February 24.

The Draft EIS is available for review and comment on the project website (http://www.whidbeyeis.com). Comments may also be submitted in writing to:

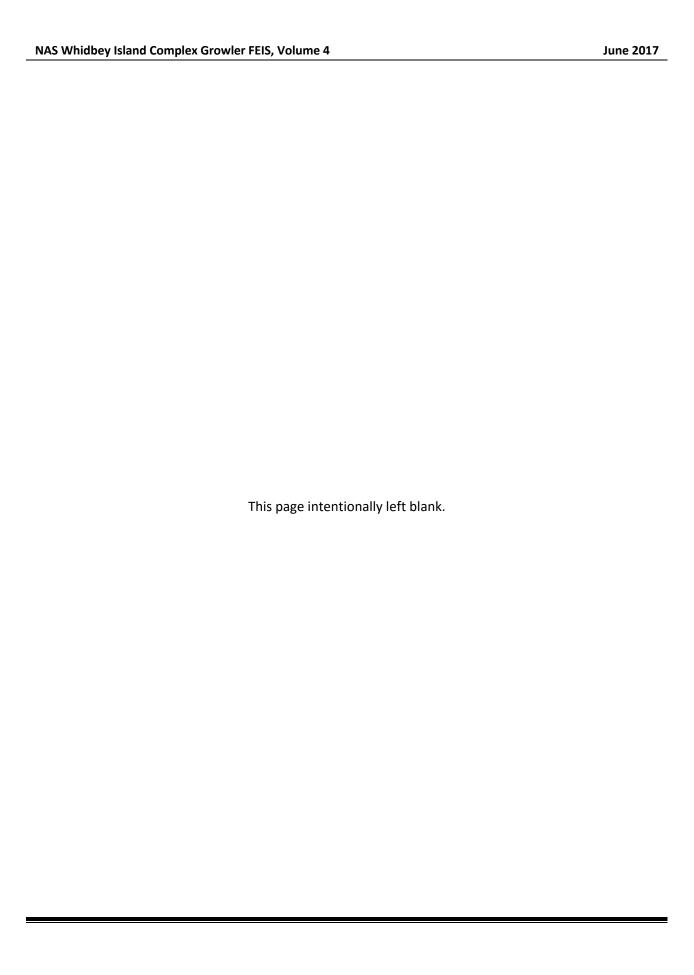
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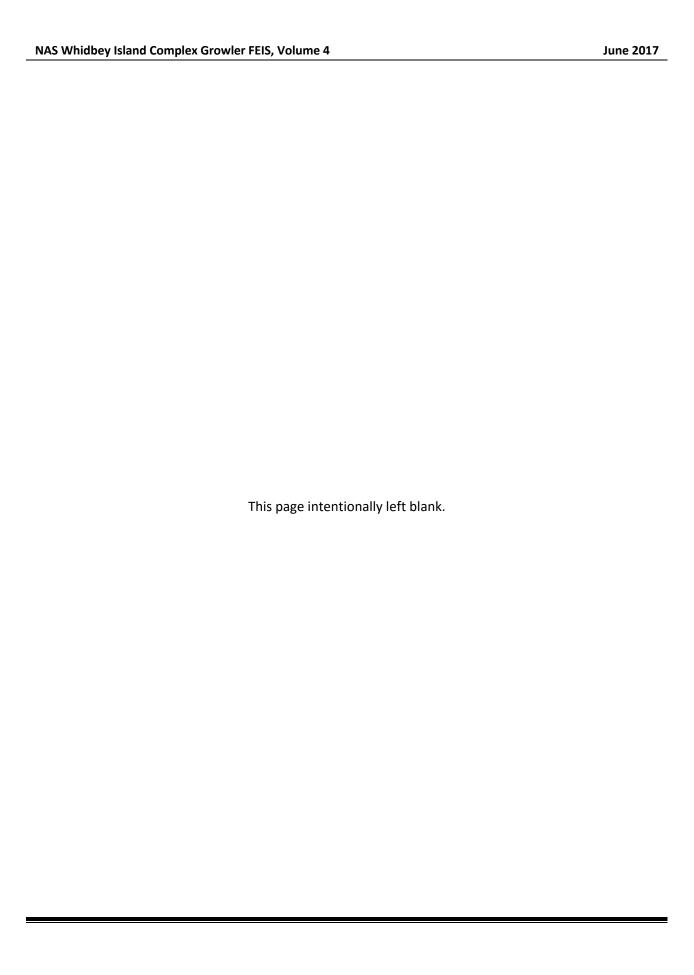
Hard copies of the Draft EIS are also available at the following area public libraries:

Oak Harbor City Library, Anacortes Public Library, La Conner Regional Library, Coupeville Library, San Juan Island Library, Lopez Island Library District, Orcas Island Public Library, Island Library, Camano Island Library, Mount Vernon City Library, Port Townsend Public Library, Guemes Island Library, Seattle Public Library, Burlington Public Library, Freeland Library, Langley Library, Clinton Library, North Olympic Library System Sequim, Bellingham Public Library, North Olympic Library System Port Angeles, Jefferson County Library and Sedro-Woolley Library.

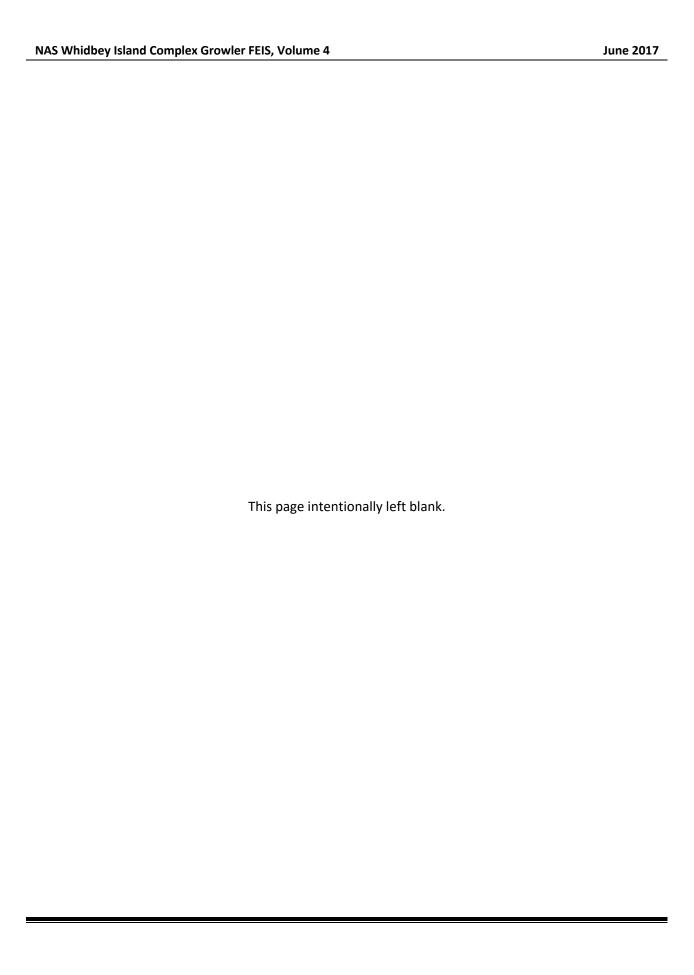
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A 41-year-old Anacortes woman was arrest-ed Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the 1100 block of Fourth

Street on a felony warrant out of Superior Court.

A search of her back-pack yielded a bag con-taining used needles, a knife, cut straws, a syringe full of heroin and some

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Also found were five individual pill containers with various prescription medications, none of which was in her name. The woman was taken to jail and booked on her warrant and five counts of unlawful possession of a drug, one count of posses-sion of drug paraphernalia and one count of violation of the Controlled Sub-

Among the other 173 cases handled by Anacortes police during the previous week:

Saturday, Nov. 5

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• A corporal on patrol was flagged down near the intersection of 15th Street and L Avenue around 12:20 a.m. The individual told police there was a dark-colored seden driving through the sedan driving through the area multiple times and as the two were speak-ing, a vehicle matching the description turned west onto 15th Street. The



another officer called out with the vehicle in the 1300 block of Commercial Avenue and officers ordered both occupants out of the vehicle. The two

male occupants complied.

The 25-year-old Oak
Harbor driver had a suspended license and an interlock requirement. He now faces possible charges of possession of a stolen motor vehicle, first-degree driving cle, Irist-degree driving with license suspended, and driving without an ignition interlock. The 19-year-old male passenger also faces a possible possession of a stolen motor vehicle charge. Both men were released after being advised of possible charges.

• Just before midnight,

a corporal was dispatched to a suspicious complaint in the 500 block of Q Avem the occupino in the west onto 15th Street. The corporal ran the registration on the vehicle and it showed as stolen out of the Marysville Police Department.

A short time later,

to be under 21 years of age and two open bottles of alcohol in the cup holder and floorboard.

Police Blotter

Investigation revealed the 19-year-old was intoxicated. He was cited and released from the scene for minor in possession.

Sunday, Nov. 6

 An officer on patrol on South March's Point Road saw a black sports sedan speed past in the westbound lane. The officer stopped the vehicle at the Christianson Road/

the Christianson Road/ Highway 20 intersection to speak with the driver. The 16-year-old boy had no valid driver's license and allegedly admitted smoking mari-juana earlier in the day. Further, the officer observed behaviors and physical signs of mari-juana use, including eye-lid tremors and a green tongue. The driver was tongue. The driver was taken into custody on a charge of DUI and later taken for a blood draw. He was released to a par-ent after being cited for DUI and no valid license.

 An officer was flagged down by a boat flagged down by a boat owner while on patrol around 1:40 p.m. The owner reported his trailered boat was parked in the 400 block of M Avenue when someone broke into it and stole about \$400 worth of survival supplies. There are

no suspects.
• Just before 2 p.m., a

collision occurred at 12th Street and Commercial Avenue. The motorcy-clist was driving south on Commercial when his bike struck the rear of a pickup that turned in front of him toward 12th Street. The motorcyclist was transported to the hospital for minor injuries. The 72-year-old pickup driver received a traffic

infraction for failure to yield right of way. Monday, Nov. 7

 An officer on patrol at Sharpes Corner around 8 p.m. saw a sedan with expired tabs as of Octo ber. The officer stopped the vehicle as it turned south on Highway 20 and contacted the female driver as well as a male pas-

senger known to police.

A records check on the passenger revealed the 23-year-old had a misdemeanor warrant out of Mount Vernon Municipal Court and he was taken into custody and trans-ported to the station. The ail declined to accept him, so he was released after agreeing to appear for his mandatory court

Tuesday, Nov. 8

• A dark blue, 15-inch
Jamis Trail kids bike was reported stolen from an unsecured storage loca-tion on 10th Street sometime in the previous week. There are no suspects.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

 Officers were dispatched about 9 a.m. to a fight in progress between two women in the area of 33rd Street and Q Avenue. Officers determined the two adult sisters had been drinking and got into a verbal argument

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that turned physical. The victim had scratches to her elbows, neck, and face and her sister, an 18-yearold from Anacortes, reportedly admitted to being the primary aggres

The 18-year-old was taken into custody and booked in the Skagit County Jail on charges of domestic violence assault and minor in possession

Friday, Nov. 11

 An officer took a cold malicious mischief report from a resident on 23rd Street who stated someone entered her vehicle two days earlier by removing the anten-nae from another one of her vehicles and unlock-ing the door. The vehicle that was entered sustained minor damage and noth-ing appeared to be taken. There are no suspects.



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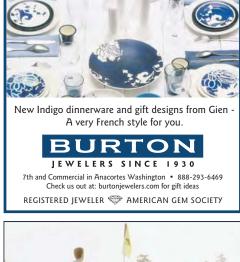
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of Commerce and PSE. However, the recently proposed project would proposed project would have been real estate intensive, Buckenmeyer said. At the treatment plant alone, it would have taken up two roof struc-tures and a lot of ground space. Plus financing of the project was compli-cated.

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changes the city could make that together would save money — invest in Green Direct and withdraw from another PSE program that guarantees uninterruptible power at the water treatment plant.

Due to the importance of the plant operating 24/7, the city has paid a premium for the service. Buckenmeyer. However, the new backup system of generators and stored fuel acquired when the plant was expanded in 2013 has been used several times and found to be reliable.

The switch to interruptible power will save the city nearly \$100,000, he said. The Green Direct program will cost the city



Puget Sound Energy's Lower Snake River Wind Facility, above, was completed in early 2012. If approved by its board and agreements with Renewable Energy Systems Americas can be finalized, the Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project in Thurston and Lewis counties will be its next green energy project with the city of Anacortes as one of its investors.

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about \$66,000 the first year, creating a net savings of the city's overall electrical expenses.

Once the wind farm is up and running, the city's electric bills will remain the same except for an additional green energy charge and a green energy credit.

The credit comes from the other PSE resources,

the other PSE resources, such as hydro, natural gas, coal and other wind ener-gy, that the city would

no longer use as it participates in the wind farm project. The credit could go up and down depending on energy costs, but the green energy charge will remain the same save for an annual 2 percent increase.

"The price guarantee is the amount that you'd be charged for the wind product," Heather Mulligan, PSE green power market manager, told city council at its Nov. 14

meeting.

The amount of the credit is not guaranteed, she said. It will change as PSE's portfolio of energy resources, and rates change.

"There's all likelihood that credit will exceed the amount (of the green

charge) and this will also be a positive number in the future," Buckenmeyer

said.

City staff originally City staff originally proposed only enrolling the city water treatment plant's electric account. However, after discussions with the mayor and council members, Buckenmeyer submitted a non-binding enrollment application to PSE to sign up all the city's electric accounts for a 20-year term.

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An average 2-MW wind turbine is capable of producing 17.5 million kWh a year, according to Climate Central, a nonprofit conducting research and reporting on climate change. However, because the wind isn't always blowing, turbines are estimated to produce about 25 percent of what they are capable of.

The city water treat-

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As PSE collects letters of intent from other entities, it is working on a power purchase agreement with Renewable Energy Systems. Once the program is finalized by its board, PSE will come back to the city with a binding agreement that will go into full effect when the project starts producing power, estimated in January 2019, Mulligan said.

At that point, Anacortes' governmental participation will make it carbon neutral as far as electrical use and consumption, Buckenmeyer said.





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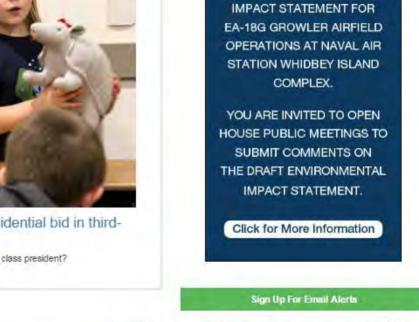


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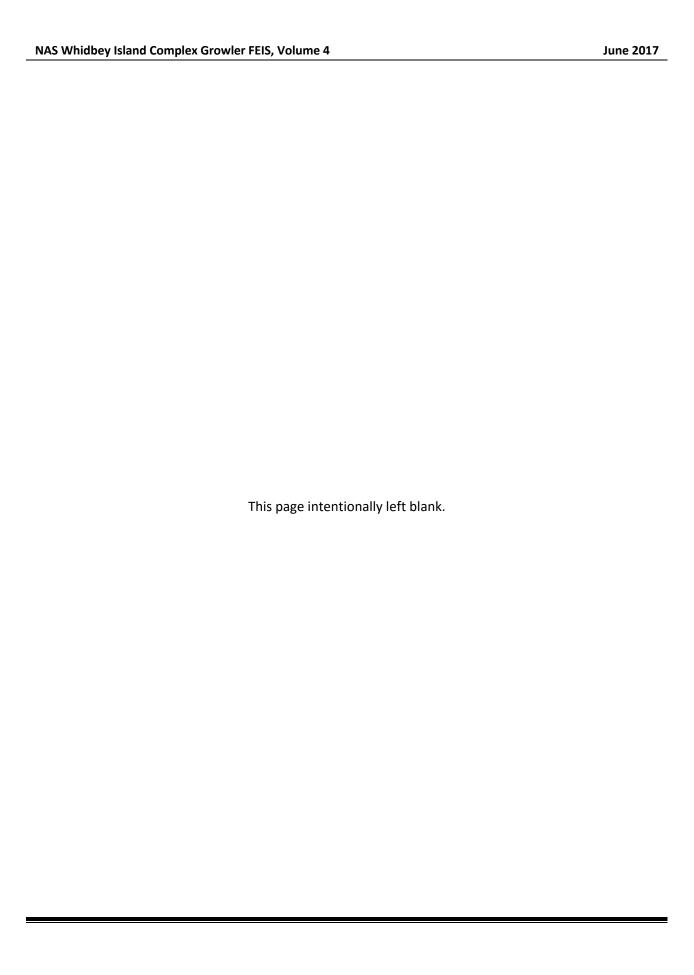








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San Juan County Sheriff's Log | Nov. 2 - Nov. 8

The San Juan County Sheriff's Office responded to the following calls:

Nov. 2

•A Friday Harbor deputy received a report of a theft of apples from a property. There are no suspects.

•An unwanted person was reported in Friday Harbor. The person left when asked and the business is writing a trespassing letter to be served.

•An Orcas Island business reported an attempted wire fraud. The fraud was averted with no loss while the investigation continues.

•A Lopez deputy was dispatched to retain a dog running at large. The dog, with no collars or tags, was unknown to the caller and deputy and held in the kennel pending the owner's identification. Lopez Animal Protection Society was notified.

•San Juan deputies conducted a welfare check, requested by San Juan County juvenile department, on a juvenile female. The female was safe at her mother's.

•A San Juan deputy was dispatched to a vehicle and pedestrian collision with injury. The pedestrian was transported to the medical center, a report was taken and the investigation conNov.

•A driver, repeatedly crossing the center line, was pulled over on Bailer Hill Road in Friday Harbor. The driver was cited for failing to drive in the right-hand lane and was asked to re-test with department of licensing. The Sheriff's Office has had frequent traffic contacts with her.

•A Friday Harbor deputy was dispatched to False Bay Drive in reference to a person, slumped over the steering wheel of her car. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol and uncooperative. The subject was detained for community safekeeping.

•National park rangers reported trespassing and camping on Fourth of July Beach on San Juan Island. The tent was located, but unoccupied and possibly abandoned. Deputies will continue to monitor the campsite.

•A vessel found mooring at the San Juan County boat dock in Orcas was issued a ticket for a day-use violation. The vessel was previously warned in writing about this violation.

•An Orcas driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device at Deer Harbor and Crow Valley Roads in Eastsound.

•An Orcas driver was stopped for speeding at 53 mph in a posted 35 mph zone. Vehicle registration and insurance were expired and the driver was cited.

Nov. 4

•A San Juan deputy observed a subject hiding in the bushes next to a Spring Street building. When the deputy tried to make contact, the subject ran. The deputy chased the subject for two blocks before losing him.

•A Lopez deputy attempted to conduct a welfare check after a caller reported an acquaintance was considering suicide. The exact location of the person was unknown and he was not located. Attempts to locate him continue.

•A deputy was dispatched to an unattended death in the San Juan area. The investigation was completed, the victim was removed and no crime was reported.

•A report of a tenant with mental health issues off Mud Bay Road prompted Lopez deputies to conduct a welfare check. The tenant departed prior to the deputies' arrival and he was not located. A report was completed.

•An Orcas deputy returned a Lopez resident's call about possible fraud.

The victim paid for computer service through the internet, which left her computer infected and inoperable. A report was taken.

Nov. 5

•San Juan deputies responded to a residence for CPR in progress. The victim was transported to the hospital. The investigation continues.

•A man, with a reported mental health crisis on Nov. 4, was located by a Lopez deputy. The man was not currently in crisis. He declined help and was released.

•A San Juan deputy was dispatched to an assault. After an investigation, no law enforcement action was taken.

•A Lopez resident reported a suspicious vehicle, with fogged windows, parked in a neighbor's driveway. The vehicle left before the deputy arrived. No further action was taken.

•A San Juan deputy contacted a resident about an ex-boyfriend stalking her. The incident is under investigation.

Nov. 6

•San Juan deputies responded to a disturbance in Friday Harbor. Deputies checked the area and found the report to be not credible.

Nov. 7

•San Juan deputies provided a civil standby for a house guest who wanted to leave a Friday Harbor residence. Deputies kept the peace and no further action was required.

•An Orcas deputy received a returned call about mail theft and possible fraud. A report was taken and a referral to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service was made.

•A Decatur Island man reported that electronics were stolen from his home. A report was taken and the investigation continues.

•A Friday Harbor resident reported that a purse and wallet were removed from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 415 Carter Avenue apartment complex on Nov. 4. A credit card was stolen and used at multiple locations. There is no suspect.

•An Orcas deputy was dispatched to an Eastsound business on the report of an anti-harassment order violation. The parties were advised and separated. A report was forwarded to the San Juan County

Prosecutor's Office

•A biker reported to a San Juan deputy that he hit a deer on Roche Harbor Road in Friday Harbor. He was transported to the hospital for injuries.

•A Friday Harbor female reported a problem with her ex-boyfriend. After checking the residence and area, deputies were unable to locate him or signs of the problem she reported. An information report was filed.

•An Orcas deputy observed a vehicle and deer collision on Olga Road. The driver was cited and a report was completed.

Nov. 8

•An Orcas deputy was dispatched to an Eastsound business that reported a citizen dispute. A report was completed after an investigation.

•A San Juan deputy received a report of a domestic disturbance in Friday Harbor. The investigation revealed no one was assaulted.

•An Orcas deputy stopped a vehicle speeding on Lover's Lane. The driver was cited for speeding and warned for no insurance card and an expired registration.

Meth and burglary | Crime briefs

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Record of Decision

The U.S. Navy has announced its decision to implement its Preferred Alternative (Alternative 1) to conduct military readiness training and testing activities primarily within existing range complexes, operating areas and testing ranges of the NWTT Study Area. The Navy made its decision after carefully considering the potential impacts training and testing activities may have on the human, natural and cultural environment, as well as comments from government agencies, tribal governments and the public on the proposal and environmental analysis.

Minimizing impacts on the marine environment from training and testing is an important goal for the Navy. In its commitment to environmental protection, the Navy will implement revised mitigation measures in accordance with Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizations.

The Navy's Record of Decision and Final EIS/OEIS are available online at www.NWTTEIS.com and at 21 community libraries. Please call 360-396-0965 for library locations.

Theft and burglary charges on Orcas

By Cali Bagby

General manager

Adam Michael Thomas, 24, of Orcas Island, is charged with trafficking in stolen property in the first degree, burglary in the second degree and theft in the first degree.

Thomas had a bond set for \$20,000 or cash of \$2,000. He was bailed out in October and had an arraignment set for Nov. 4, which he did not appear at. There is currently a warrant out for his arrest.

On Oct. 18 a deputy responded to a report of a burglary at a business in Eastsound. He found broken locks on the building at the south door, which is out of the view from the street.

The owner of the store was off island at the time of the incident, but found out about the crime from surveillance camera footage from Oct. 17. According to the deputy's report, the video shows the suspect's face as he removed items.

The store owner and her friend both identified Thomas as the man in the video.

The friend, who was also a former roommate of Thomas, stated that she could identify him in the video because of the way he trimmed his beard, his habit of pulling up his pants from the rear because he preferred loose fitting jeans and his skater-style footwear.

The deputy, who has had numerous contacts with Thomas, also identified him as the man in the video.

A witness identified Thomas as being two blocks from the store an hour prior to the crime, according to the officer's report. The deputy also used a Facebook photo of Thomas to positively identify him on the surveillance footage.

The store owner also showed the deputy video of Thomas in her business during regular hours on Oct. 9. The deputy wrote, "Thomas is clearly seen walking around the store in the same manner and gait as in the burglary, including pulling up his pants."

The owner estimated that \$8,000 worth of merchandise was taken from the shop. On Oct. 21 deputies found several items were pawned by Thomas in Mt. Vernon. The store owner confirmed they were her wares.

Thomas' criminal record includes trafficking in stolen property, driving with a license suspended in the third degree – criminal driving, theft and criminal trespass.

Friday Harbor man charged with meth possession

By Cali Bagby

General manager

Bradley Jason Faylor, 30, of Friday Harbor, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His arraignment is set for Nov. 18.

On the night of July 13, a deputy arrived at an apartment complex in Friday Harbor after being called to "keep the peace" by a citizen who wanted to get personal items inside a residence.

Inside the apartment, the deputy found Faylor exiting a back bedroom. Faylor was taken into custody after the deputy found him in violation of an outstanding warrant in Skagit County. The deputy found a small black container with white powder inside it in Faylor's shirt pocket.

The deputy recorded that Faylor told him it was not heroin, "but a little bit of meth." The substance was sent to the Washington State Patrol crime lab and was certified as methamphetamine. Faylor's criminal record includes theft, use/delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance.



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Islanders at Standing Rock

By Cali Bagby General manager

Orcas Islander Jan Ehrlichman volunteered two weeks ago at the Standing Rock Reservation, where an estimated 4,000 people were gathering in opposition to the 1,172-mile pipeline from North Dakota to Illinois. Protestors call themselves water protectors.

"It was really incredible," said Ehrlichman, who attended prayer camp meetings each morning.

Leaders explained that everything you do at the camp is prayer.

"To be in a group of spiritually mindful people is really incredible," Ehrlichman added.

On Nov. 25, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued an eviction notice to tribal

members by Dec. 5. According to the New York Times, the corps stated that eviction is due to "violent confrontations" and risks of serious injury due to the "harsh North Dakota winter conditions."

The notice came after a string of reports that Morton County Sheriff's deputies used extreme methods such as using rubber bullets, mace and water on demonstrators who were just outside the camp.

Orcas Islander Victory Lonnquist has been posting videos on Facebook describing the police brutality against those gathered at the reservation.

"I have never experienced anything like that before it," said Lonnquist, describing a tear gassing in a Nov. 21 video post, which has received 193,000 views. "My whole world was closing in. I couldn't breathe and my eyes were burning."

As a firefighter, she was able to help treat people who were "bleeding profusely" from rubber bullets.

Lonnquist, Ehrlichman and her husband Mark Mayer were three of many islanders who have volunteered at Standing Rock.

According to the Journal's research, at least six Lopezians, two San Juan Islanders and 10 Orcas Islanders have been to Standing Rock.

The group Orcas Stands with Standing Rock has raised \$2,500 so far, and the Barnacle is donating funds if you purchase a SR Island Hoppin' beer. The group has weekly meetings at the library. To get involved email standingrock.orcas@gmail. com or find the Orcas Stands with Standing Rock group on Facebook, which has more than 150 members.

Orcas Islanders are organizing a walkout in solidarity with the Standing Rock movement and in part of Global Day of Action on Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. at the Village Green. Ehrlichman said when she visited, the balance of the camp had shifted to a higher population of non-indigenous people. All peaceful protestors are welcome, but leaders made it clear that Standing Rock is not a festival.

The focus has been to winterize the camp, serving food and organizing donations. Volunteers also can go out on "actions," which are peaceful protests occurring at certain times. When Ehrlichman was at Standing Rock she said police threatened to use rubber bullets and mace, but did not.

About 100 people were coming to Standing Rock each day, but on her last day Ehrlichman was told there were 300 new arrivals at the camp.

"It's an honor to be here," said Lonnquist in a video post. "Thanks for the youth that started the movement and the elders for guiding us all."

To get involved, donate directly to www. standingrock.org, or the www.ocetisakow-incamp.org.

The Art of the Earring

WaterWorks Gallery, in conjunction with Seattle Metals Guild, presents The Art of the Earring, Nov. 5 - Jan. 4. Jewelers were selected from members of the Seattle Metals Guild, juried by Micki Lippe of Virginia Causey & Ruth Offen. Those selected jewelers created earrings using traditional materials and some unconventional materials.



THE NAVY HAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR EA-18G GROWLER AIRFIELD OPERATIONS AT NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND COMPLEX. YOU ARE INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THE NAVY PUBLISHED A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex in the Federal Register on Thursday, November 10, 2016. The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with the addition of up to 36 Growler aircraft and the continuation and increase of Growler airfield operations at Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT is to augment the Navy's existing Electronic Attack community at the NAS Whidbey Island complex by operating additional Growler aircraft as appropriated by Congress. The need for the Proposed Action is to maintain and expand Growler operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 5062. The Navy is analyzing three action alternatives, each of which has three operational scenarios that meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action, as well as a No Action Alternative, per Council on Environmental Quality regulations.

THE NAVY IS HOLDING FIVE OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS to provide members of the public with the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft EIS. Each of the public meetings consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. Members of the public may arrive at the open house public meetings anytime during the hours listed in the following schedule:

Monday, December 5, 2016 Fort Worden State Park Conference Center USO Hall 200 Battery Way Port Townsend, WA 98368 3 PM – 6 PM Tuesday, December 6, 2016 Oak Harbor Elks Lodge Grande Hall 155 NE Ernst Street Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Lopez Center for Community and the Arts 204 Village Road Lopez Island, WA 98261 3 PM – 6 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2016 Seafarers' Memorial Park Building 601 Seafarers' Way Anacortes, WA 98221 3 PM – 6 PM

Friday, December 9, 2016 Coupeville High School Commons 501 South Main Street Coupeville, WA 98239 4 PM – 7 PM

The Draft EIS is available for review at www.whidbeyeis.com and at 22 local libraries. Public Meeting materials will be made available at www.whidbeyeis.com and at 22 local libraries prior to the first meeting

THE NAVY IS REQUESTING AND WELCOMES PUBLIC COMMENTS. The release of the Draft EIS begins an extended public comment period which lasts 75-days and ends on January 25, 2017. Written and oral comments may be submitted at the open house public meetings. Written comments may also be submitted online at the project website or mailed to:

EA-18G EIS Project Manager Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21/SS 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508 All comments must be postmarked, received online or provided in a format listed above no later than **January 25, 2017**.

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Island Lights Festival

The San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the upcoming Island Lights Festival on Dec. 2. Once again, we are partnering with Brickworks, The Whale Museum, Island Rec and the San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild.

It will be a fun-filled evening, starting with an open house and ornament making from 3:30-5 p.m. at The Whale Museum. At 5:15 p.m., the elementary school choir and the Keynotes Youth Chorus will lead us caroling from The Whale Museum down

to Memorial Park, where we will join the Island Chordsmen Plus.

Of course Santa Claus will arrive and turn on the lights, followed by more caroling before heading to Brickworks. There, we will have pictures with Santa by Mark Gardner and crafts with Island Rec. The San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild will also have local harvest vegetable soup and bread for sale, along with spiced, local apple cider and hot chocolate. For more details please contact the chamber of commerce at 378-5240 or becki@sanjuanisland.org.

Calendar

Tuesday and Thursday

English Classes at the Library 6–8 p.m., San Juan Island Library, free. Classes are led by an English language learning instructor, in four levels of skill. Volunteers work with small groups. Students may register their children aged 4–12 for a children's enrichment program provided in cooperation with the family resource center.

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Badminton and Ping Pong, 7:30-9:30 p.m., adult dropin with Island Rec, at FHHS Turnbull Gym, \$3 punch tickets available.

DIY-Book Earrings, 7 p.m., San Juan Island Library, free. You'll make a pair of book earrings to donate to Friends of the Library and a second pair to take home. All materials provided.

Thursday, Dec. 1

Basketball, 7:30-9:30 p.m., adult drop-in with Island Rec, at FHHS Turnbull Gym, \$3 punch tickets available.

Roller Hockey, 7:30-9 p.m., adult drop-in with Island Rec, at fairgrounds building, \$3 punch tickets available.

Soccer, 6:30-8:30 p.m., adult drop-in with Island Rec, at fairgrounds building, \$3 punch tickets available.

Friday, Dec. 2

Shopping for a New Digital Device, 2-4 p.m., San Juan Island Library meeting room, free. Learn what to look for when buying a new smartphone or tablet. We'll discuss operating systems, reviews, considerations on how you or the gift recipient will use the device, and cellular availability depending on location.

Friday, Dec. 2 - Sunday, Dec. 4

Classic Film Series with Therese Finn: Joan Crawford, 7 p.m., San Juan Island Library, free. Come enjoy three movies spanning the lengthy career of Joan Crawford.

Sunday Dec. 4

Teen Open Gym 7-9 p.m. with Island Rec, at FHHS Turnbull Gym, free. Gym time just for teens.

Monday, Dec. 5

Know Your Islanders Talk: Boyd Pratt: Simple Gifts, 7 p.m., San Juan Island Library, free. Explore New Hampshire Shaker villages architecture and art with Boyd. Find out how "Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be..."

Wednesday, Dec. 7

Cards, 7 p.m., San Juan Island Library main salon, free. Get ready for the gift season with this DIY workshop. We will use collage, rubber stamps and other materials to make holiday bookmarks and greeting cards. All materials provided.

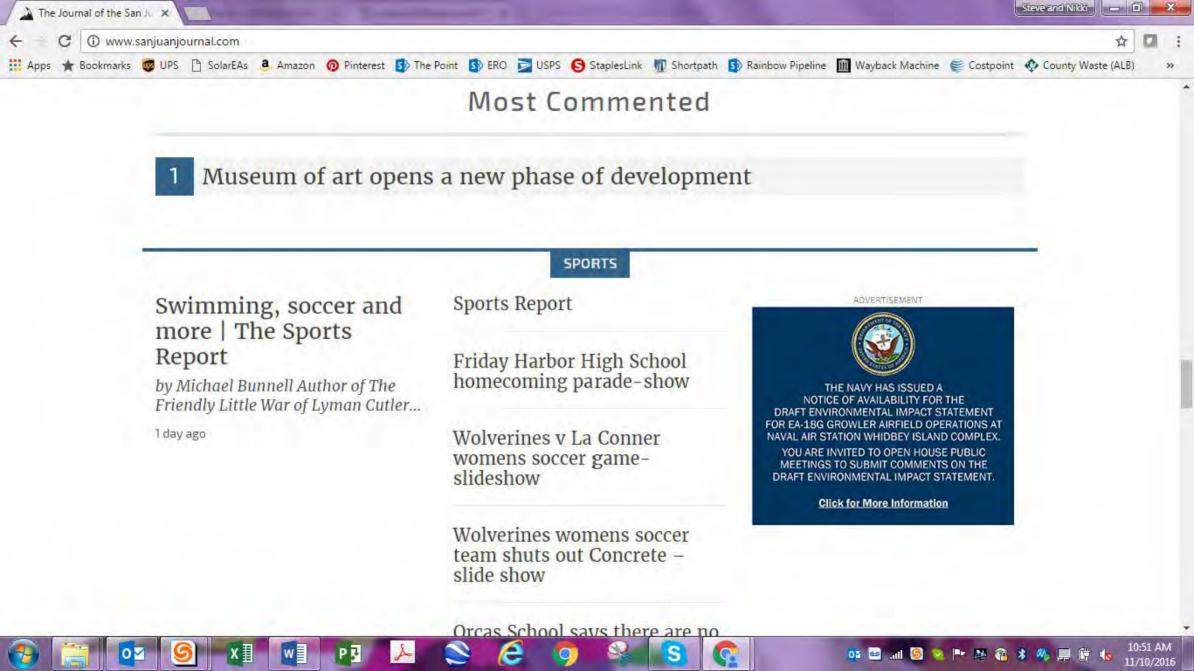
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Saturday Dec. 10

Open Mic for Writers, 7 p.m., San Juan Island Library, free. Held on the second Saturday of the month, Open Mic Night is for anyone interested in writing. Don't be shy, come read what you've got or just listen. You'll be inspired to write more. Info: Pam Herber at pjherber@ interisland.net.

Sunday, Dec. 11

Friends of Lime Kiln Society's Holiday Lighthouse Tours: 1-4 p.m Lime Kiln Point State Park, free (\$10/day parking). Be merry with a holiday lighthouse tour. Info: ErinCorra@ FolksSJI.org or 378-5154.



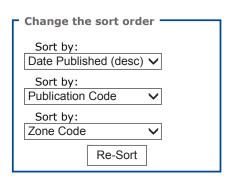


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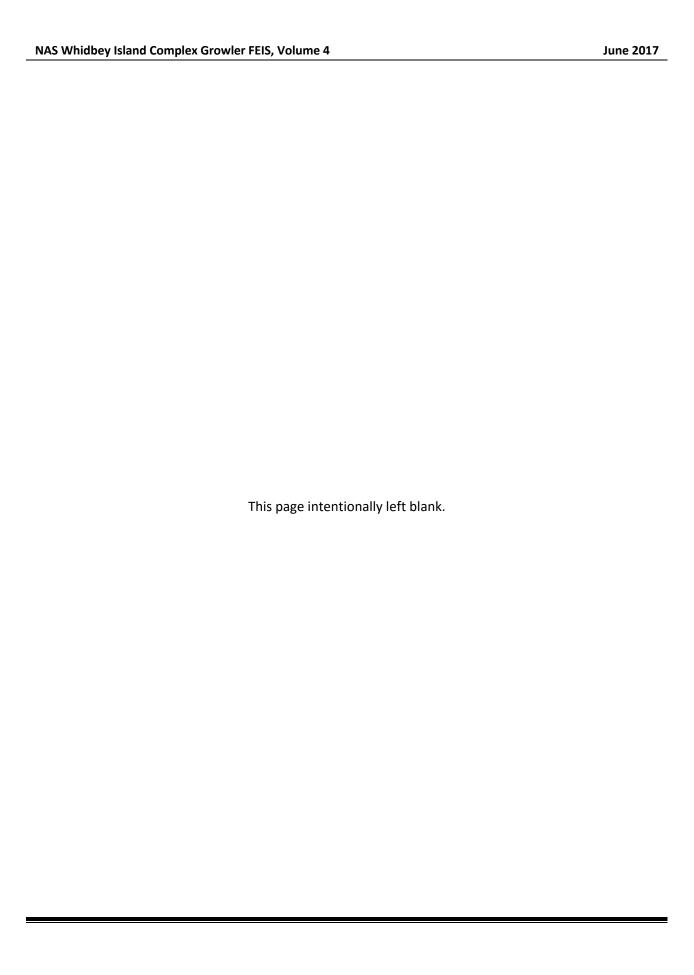
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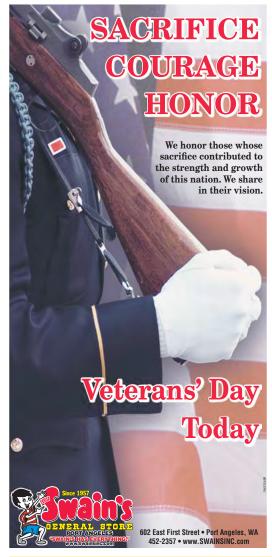
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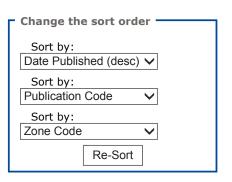


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Briefly...

Squadron meet, social hour slated

 ${\tt SEQUIM--The\ North}$ Olympic Sail and Power Squadron will meet at the Sunland Golf & Country Club, 109 Hilltop Drive, on Monday.

Social hour begins at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting, dinner and a speaker.

This event is free and open to the public.

A dinner can be purchased for \$22 per person.

The speaker is Skip Kratzer, an experienced mariner who at one point in his career served as first mate on John Wayne's Wild Goose.

Kratzer will provide history, stories, pictures and other interesting tidbits about John Wayne, the Wayne family and outings on the Wild Goose.

For more information, visit www.northolympicboaters.com or phone Mike Witkin at 360-457-1082.

Flight practice

 ${\tt COUPEVILLE-There}$ will be field carrier landing practice operations for aircraft stationed at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island at the Ault Field from Monday through Friday.

On Monday, operations will occur in the morning and early evening to early night.

From Tuesday through Thursday, training will be from late morning into the night.

On Friday, practice will occur from morning to noon

The schedule is subject to change to meet mission requirements.

No **'A Growing** Concern'?



gardening columnist Andrew May is off this week.

column, "A Growing Concern," will resume upon his return.

Comments, including noise complaints, can be directed to the station's comment line at 360-257-6665 or via email at comments.NASWI@navy.

All other questions can be directed to the public affairs office at 360-257-

Cruising San Juans

PORT TOWNSEND -Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron members Mitch Poling, Jim Hutton and Natalie Hutton will share photos and tips for boaters as they discuss getting to and cruising in the San Juan Islands at the Port Townsend Yacht Club, 2503 Washington St., from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Learn how to get to and travel between the islands by riding tidal currents.

Special places to see in the San Juan Islands will be identified.

Point Wilson Sail and Power Squadron, the local branch of the nationwide U.S. Power Squadrons, is an informal group of sailors, rowers, paddlers, fishermen and cruisers dedicated to providing public boating education and improving boating

For more information. phone Linda Newland at 360-437-9350 or visit the squadron website at www. pointwilson.org.

Perspectives talk

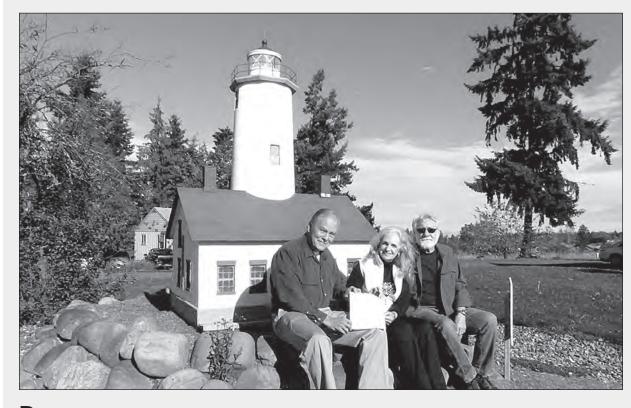
PORT ANGELES -Olympic National Park's centennial photographer Grant Longenbaugh will give a talk, "Making Marks in the National Parks: Photography, Preservation and Selfie-Sticks," at the Olympic National Park Visitor Center, 3002 Mount Angeles Road, at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Longenbaugh will explore how the basic human impulse to "make your mark" translates into the age of the selfie-stick and how visual arts have helped preserve and promote the national parks, according to a news release. He'll also share images from his time in the park.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dean Butterworth at dean_butterworth@nps.

gov or 360-565-3146.



DUNGENESS LIGHTHOUSE WINNER

Sequim residents Linda and Joel Ogden accept a one-week stay for two at the New Dungeness Light Station from Tom Sinton, left, New Dungeness Light Station Association president. The association announced the winners of its raffle at its annual general meeting. For more information, contact Sinton at 360-460-1904 or johntsinton@gmail.com.

PA terminal construction paves way for treatment

CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN digging in the dirt around Terminal 3 in Port Angeles for the past

couple of weeks. I asked around and determined that contractors are installing a system to handle stormwater runoff from the docks into the

waters below. The deck of the terminal will be configured with new paving in such a way as to channel all the water that falls from the sky to the west end of the terminal, where it will be diverted into a treatment plant that will be built on a parcel of land across Tumwater

Creek. Once the water has been treated, it will then be pumped into the harbor.

Platypus haul-outs

Platypus Marine, the full-service shipyard, yacht repair facility and steelboat manufacturer on Marine Drive in Port Angeles, has completed refurbishing the 110-foot Navy barge YC1665 and is mak-

ON THE WATERFRONT

David G. **Sellars**



the water this week for her return to Naval Station Everett. Platypus also

back in

Celeste, a 40-foot custom wood sailboat, in

has

the Commander Building. The vessel is having issues with its keel that

personnel will resolve. Platypus also has Pacific Dynasty in the Commander Building. She is a 73-foot commercial

fishing vessel that hails

from Westport. I understand personnel are installing a new shaft and cutlass bearing.

Platypus has completed construction of two stands for Logistical Escape Trunks used by the submarine fleet stationed at Norfolk Naval Base in Norfolk,

The stands will be shipped to the Norfolk Naval base this week. Steal N Time is also in

the Commander Building. She is a 60-foot Knight &

Personnel are installing new refrigeration in the galley, rebuilding the corners of the transom, installing new windows and applying a new coat of paint to the hull.

Expo show

Pacific Marine Expo, the largest commercial marine trade show on the West Coast, begins Thursday and runs through Saturday afternoon at the Century-Link Field Event Center in Seattle.

Platypus Marine will be in attendance, as will Armstrong Marine and Lee Shore Boats.

The Port of Port Angeles and Port of Port Townsend are also among the exhibi-

Harbor happenings

On Monday, Tesoro Petroleum provided bunkers to Atlantic Lily, a 600foot petroleum products carrier that is flagged in Hong Kong.

On Tuesday, Tesoro refu-

eled the 751-foot Grecianflagged bulk cargo ship Inspiration.

On Wednesday, Tesoro bunkered Medi Aero, a 623foot Panamanian-flagged cargo ship that was put in service this year, and British Osprey, an 824-foot crude oil tanker that is flagged in the United Kingdom.

On Thursday, Tesoro bunkered Tai Prize, a 738foot cargo ship that is flagged in Panama.

On Friday, Tesoro refueled Dublin Sea, one of the Crowley-owned pusher tugs that is used to push tank barges up and down the West Coast.

On Saturday, Tesoro bunkered Frisian Spring, a 390-foot cargo ship flagged in the Netherlands.

David G. Sellars is a Port Angeles resident and former Navy boatswain's mate who enjoys boats and strolling the area's waterfronts and boat yards.

Items and questions involving boating, marina and industrial activities and the North Olympic Peninsula waterfronts are always welcome. News announcements about boating groups, including yacht clubs and squadrons, are welcome as well.

Email dgsellars@hotmail.com or phone him at 360-808-3202.



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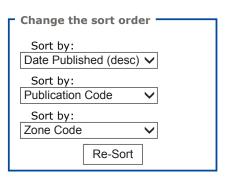
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Author of book on Makah slated to talk Thursday

BY CHRIS McDANIEL Peninsula Daily News

PORT ANGELES Joshua Reid — an associate professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Washington will read from his book, "The Sea is My Country: The Maritime World of the Makahs," as part of Studium Generale on Thursday.

Reid will give the reading from 12:35 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. at Peninsula College's Little Theater, 1502 E. Lauridsen

The presentation is free and open to the public.

"The Sea is My Country" explores the history and identity of the Makahs from the arrival of maritime furtraders in the 18th century through the intervening centuries and to the present day.

The book posits that the Makah were far more involved in shaping the maritime economy of the Pacific Northwest than has previously been understood, according to the Department of History at the University of Washington.

Reid examines Makah attitudes toward borders

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to exercise control over their waters and resources as Europeans and then Americans arrived, and their embrace of modern opportunities and technology to maintain autonomy and resist assimilation.

author also addresses current environmental debates relating to the tribe's customary whaling and fishing rights and illuminates the efforts of the Makahs to regain control over marine space, preserve their marine-oriented identity and articulate a traditional future.

The forward to Reid's book was written by the Makah Tribal Council, and Reid received support from the tribe for this publication.

His study began as a doctoral dissertation, according to a news release.

The book in 2016 has received numerous literary awards, including the Caughey Western History Prize and John C. Ewers Award, and the Sally and Ken Owens Award.

Reid's research interests include Native Americans,

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and boundaries, their efforts identity formation, cultural meanings of space and place, the American and Canadian Wests, the environment and the indigenous Pacific. He teaches courses on American Indian history, the American West, U.S. history and environmental history.

"The Sea Is My Country: The Maritime World of the Makahs," is part of the Henry Roe Cloud Series for American Indians and Modernity.

The book, published in 2015, is available for purchase at various online retailers or at Port Book and News at 104 E. First St. in Port Angeles.

currently Reid researching a project about indigenous explorers in the Pacific Ocean, specifically focusing on those individuals who voluntarily traveled throughout the Pacific from the late eighteenth through late nineteenth centuries.

For more, call 360-417-

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Storyteller to perform **Tuesday in PA**

PORT ANGELES -Seattle and Port Angelesbased storyteller Pat Peterson will share traditional folktales and a World War II love story at the Port Angeles Library, 2210 S. Peabody St., at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the monthly gathering of the Story People of Clallam County.

Based in Seattle, Peterson performs around the Pacific Northwest, including as the emcee of the Forest Storytelling Festival in Port Angeles for 22 years.

This free event will be held in the Raymond Carver Room at the library.

Peterson will perform for about an hour. After a short break with refreshments, the Story People will host an open mic until 9 p.m. for all wishing to tell a brief story without reading or

More details are available at www.ClallamStory People.org.

Tree planting set

SEQUIM — In anticipation of the city's joining the Tree City USA program later this year, the city will plant fruit trees along the north side of the Gebhardt/ Zwicker Trail, located behind QFC, on Wednesday at noon in an Arbor Day celebration.

All are welcome.

Tree City USA is a program that "provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees," according to the Arbor Day Foundation website at www.arborday.org.

Turkey Trot in PT

PORT TOWNSEND -Jumping Mouse Children's Center will hold its fifth annual Turkey Trot and 1-mile Kids' Dash on the Larry Scott Trail on Satur-

The 1-mile Kids' Dash is for children 9 and younger

and begins at 9 a.m. The 5K begins afterward at 9:30 a.m. on a 5K-certified course. Both races start at the Port Townsend boatyard trailhead of the Larry

Scott Trail. Cocoa, coffee and treats, along with prizes, will be available at the finish.

Proceeds go to the Jumping Mouse Children's Center to provide mental health care for children in Jefferson County.

Jumping Mouse provides expressive mental health therapy for as long as necessary to children ages 2-12 in East Jefferson County.

Senior (65 and older) and student (17 and younger) rates are \$15.

Groups of three or more can preregister for a 15 percent family discount. Race-day registration

begins at 8:30 a.m., or preregister at www.jumping mouse.org.

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House, Senate return for winter session today

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WASHINGTON — Congress returns for the winter session today.

Contact legislators (clip and save)

"Eye on Congress" is published in the Peninsula Daily News every Monday when Congress is in session about activities, roll call votes and legislation in the House and Senate.

The North Olympic Peninsula's legislators in Washington, D.C., are Sen. Cantwell Maria (D-Mountlake Terrace), **Sen.** Patty Murray (D-Seattle) and Rep. Derek **Kilmer** (D-Gig Harbor).

Contact information The address for Cantwell and Murray is U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510; Kilmer, U.S. House, Wash-

ington, D.C. 20515. Phone Cantwell at 202-224-3441 (fax, 202-228-0514); Murray, 202-224-2621 (fax, 202-224-0238); Kilmer, 202-225-5916.

Email via their websites: cantwell.senate.gov; murray. senate.gov; kilmer.house.gov. Kilmer's North Olympic Pen- and from noon to 1 p.m.)

Eye on Congress

insula is located at 332 E. Fifth St. in Port Angeles. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

It is staffed by Judith Morris, who can be contacted at judith.morris@ mail.house.gov or 360-797-3623.

State legislators

Jefferson and Clallam counties are represented in the part-time state Legislature by Rep. Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim, the House majority whip; Rep. Tharinger, D-Sequim; and Sen. Jim **Hargrove**, D-Hoquiam.

Write Van De Wege and Tharinger at P.O. Box 40600 (Hargrove at P.O. Box 40424), Olympia, WA 98504; email them at vandewege. kevin@leg.wa.gov; tharinger.steve@leg.wa.gov;

hargrove.jim@leg.wa.gov. Or you can call the Legislative Hotline, 800-562-6000, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays (closed on holidays



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detailed message, which will be emailed to Van De Wege, Tharinger, Hargrove or to Murray all three.

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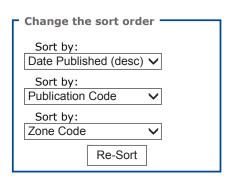


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Recovery: Leg

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Her daughter, who was standing just inside the open door, was dragged under the car and onto the

Sanchez said the left. Front tire ran over the lower part of Bauers' left leg. Sanchez said the inci-dent was deemed an acci-

dent. Sanchez said that when Sanchez said that when she arrived, several area residents and Serenity House employees had wrapped Bauers in a blan-ket and were stabilizing her

leg.
"It was pretty chaotic,"
Sanchez said.

Sanchez said.

Bauers was lying along
the side of the truck, the left
front tire partially pinning
her right arm in the grass.

Sanchez said she and
the bystanders pulled Bauers out

Briefly ...

ort Angeles Fire Department emergency personnel treated Kacey Bauers before she was transported by ambulance to Olympic Medical Center.

it probably would have been a lot worse," she said. Port Angeles Fire Department emergency personnel treated Bauers before she was transported by ambulance to Olympic Medical Center. Sanchez said the truck was not demand but that a

was not damaged but that a tow truck had to pull it out of the embankment.

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"Luckily it was grass or
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General election certified

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PENISULA DALIV News
PORT ANGELES — Clallam
County has certified the Nov. 8
general election results. No election
outcomes changed after the last
ballot count Nov. 16.
The auditor's office counted
41,042 ballots from 50,987 registered voters, with a voter turnout
of 80,12 percent.
Randy Johnson, a Clallam
County commissioner candidate
who filed with no party preference,
defeated Democrat Ron Richards
6,784 votes to 5,250 votes — or
56.37 percent to 43.63 percent. 56.37 percent to 43.63 percent.

Brian Coughenour, a sitting Clallam County Superior Court judge who had been appointed to the post in 2015, kept his seat by

winning 17,805 votes, or 52.51 per-cent, to Dave Neupert's 16,105 votes, or 47.49 percent. Republican Donald Trump

Republican Donald Trump remained the county favorite for president, widening his lead over Democrat Hillary Clinton. President-leed Trump, who trailed former Secretary of State Clinton by 319 votes in Clallam County on election night, moved ahead of Clinton by 1,117 votes, at 18,704, and 17,677.

anead of Cinton by 1,117 votes, at 18,794, or 47.63 percent, to 17,677, or 44.8 percent. A proposition to increase the number of Forks Community Hos-pital commissioners from three to five passed with 70.91 percent sup-

An advisory vote on banning

fireworks in Sequim showed 65.62 percent in favor of prohibiting fireworks.

In Legislative District 24 — which covers Clallam and Jefferson counties and part of Grays Harbor County — Kevin Van De Wege, D-Sequim, won over Danille Turissini, R-Port Ludlow, 56.56 percent to 43.44 percent for the state Senate.

ate.
Mike Chapman, D-Port Angeles,
won over George Vrable, R-Port
Ludlow, 60.9 percent to 39.1 percent for the Position 1 state representative seat.

Reporter Jesse Major can be reached at 360-452-2345, ext. 56250, or at jmajor@peninsuladailynews.com.



About Time staff members Jan Hopfenbeck, left, and Nancy Cherry Eifert hold a certificate that notes the store on 830 Water St. won the Port Townsend Main Street Program's holiday display contest.

Window display winners picked in PT

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Winners have been announced in the Port Townsend Main Street Prot
Townsend Main Street

St., won the gold award for its display of a welcoming hearth showcasing holiday apparel ideas.

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1704 Melody Lane, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Police ask for help after burglary try

PORT ANGELES — Port Angeles police are asking for help identifying suspects after a failed bur-

glary. A resident on the 1500 Å resident on the 1500 block of South Pine Street reported to police she heard glass break and the alarm sound at about 4:50 a.m. Tuesday, according to a news release. A vehicle was seen leaving the area and was described as a red older.

ing the area and was described as a red older box-type hatchback. It is not known if it was connected to the break-in. An immediate call to 9-1-1, quick response from police and an activated residential alarm likely deterred the burglar from going into the house, police said.

said.
Police are asking people with any information about the crime to call the Port Angeles Police Department at 360-452-4545.

DUI investigation

PORT ANGELES - A PORT ANGELES — A Kitsap County woman was arrested for investigation of driving under the influ-ence of intoxicants after she crashed through the entrance gate to the waste

transfer station at 3501 W.
18th St.
Catherine Davi, 58, of
Poulsbo remained in jail
late Wednesday afternoon
on \$1,000 bail after her
worst to 500 p. Wednesday

on \$1,000 ball after her arrest at 5:30 a.m. Wednes-day, Port Angeles Police Sgt. Jason Viada said. Viada said Davi was arrested while seated inside her disabled black Chevrolet Monte Carlo about 30 feet down an embankment inside the

embankment inside the transfer station.

Viada said the front end of the Chevy was damaged and three of the tires destroyed.

He said Davi was able

to get out of the vehicle after running through the

"She had come up the "She had come up the bank and tried to get some help by waving someone down; they got back into her car," Viada said. Davi declined medical

Davi declined medical attention.

"She was not injured, other than being cold," Viada said.
As of 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, the gate was in working order, said James Burke, deputy director of operations for public works and utilities.

operations for public works and utilities.

"It opens and closes now," he said.

Burke said a damage estimate was unavailable.

Peninsula Daily News

gram holiday display con-test.

Dozens of businesses designed windows to cele-

brate the holiday spirit with the Merriest Window con-About Time, 830 Water

Olympic Art and Office, 220 Taylor St., won the silver award for its blizzard of more than 600 snowflakes

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January 25, 2017.

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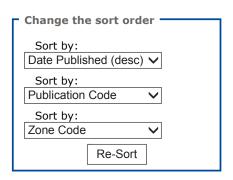


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Events: Open house slated

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Neal, city of Port Ange-les engineering manager, will review the geologic set-ting, bluff retreat rates and sediment contribution from the bluffs to Ediz Hook, the bitters of public works on history of public works con-struction at the site, wave energy and beach morpholenergy and beach morphol-ogy studies that the city conducted, and summarize design alternatives that the city considered before deciding to relocate the whole landfill.

PORT TOWNSEND -The Port Townsend Library and Humanities Washingand Humanties Washing-ton will sponsor a commu-nity conversation with Mike VanQuickenborne, a member of the 2016 Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, from 7 to 8:30 tonight.

The free presentation will be at the Port Townsend Library, 1220 Lawrence St.

VanQuickenborne will VanQuickenborne will share brief clips from "Being John Malkovich," "I Heart Huckabees," "Intoler-able Cruelty" and "Adapta-tion" to start a conversa-tion about philosophy and avaplore the issues resised by explore the issues raised by each of these films.

VanQuickenborne is a tenured philosophy instruc-tor at Everett Community College and has taught philosophy at a variety of

philosophy at a variety of colleges on both sides of the Cascade crest. VanQuickenborne is a graduate of St. Olaf College and earned a Master of Arts in philosophy from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and did gradu-ate coursework at Purdue University. For more information, contact Keith Darrock at

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Discounted

PORT TOWNSEND -Mountain View Pool will offer a discounted open swim from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

today.

Everyone is invited to

Everyone is invited to swim for \$2\$ at the pool, 1919 Blaine St.

The whole pool will be dedicated to play. Noodles, rings and other floating toys will be available.

No lap lanes will be offered. Children younger

than 8 must be accompa

than 8 must be accompa-nied by a guardian. For more information, phone 360-385-7665, email ascalf@cityofpt.us or visit www.cityofpt.us/pool.

PORT HADLOCK

Boatbuilding school

PORT HADLOCK -The First Friday Tour of the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The school is at 42 N.

The tour is free and open to the public.

QUILCENE

Open house

QUILCENE — Center Valley Animal Rescue plans a holiday open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The shelter is at 11900

Center Road in Quilcene Chair massages with Catherine Herrick, LMT: henna tattoos from Sophia of Limitless Henna; and photos with Santa will be offered.

offered.
Sweet and savory treats
— including homebaked
pie— are planned. Themed
baskets and cakes will be
raffle prizes.
For more information,
call 360-765-0598.

FORKS

Beachwatchers wanted

FORKS — The Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST) will deliver a free training session for citizens interested in joining the new COASST Marine Debris

COASST Marine Debris program from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The training session will be held in the Olympic Nat-ural Resource Center's social hall, 1455 S. Forks Ave. There will be a short break in the middle of the session for lunch, so bring a sack lunch or money to purchase food in the area.

a sack funch or money to purchase food in the area. Volunteers need no prior experience with scientific data collection, just a com-mitment to survey a spe-cific beach at least once a month.

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Reserve a training spot
by calling COASST at 206221-6893 or emailing
coasst@uw.edu.

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gourds. Also featured will $\,$ art that — when gently feeders and even musical be hand-carved Christmas $\,$ rolled — produces a sound $\,$ instruments. be hand-carved Christmas ornaments for sale and a silent auction of selected works of art.

During the show, artist Gale Lawrence of Port Angeles will demonstrate

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Angeles will demonstrate how to create a decorated gourd that imitates the sound of breaking surf when shaken. Lawrence will create the "ocean gourd" using a hol-lowed gourd that is decorated on the activide could with a

on the outside, sealed with a on the outside, sealed with a diverse.

Lawrence's work now diried goatskin, then partially Lawrence's work now filled with crushed coral, includes ornamented according to a news release.

The result is a piece of tive objects, birdhouses, expensive and the sealed at 360-452-2345, at 65650, or at cnoclamie@peninsuidaalynews.com.

rolled — produces a sound that mimics that of rolling

that mimics that of rolling ocean surf.
Ten years ago, Lawrence joined the Pacific North-west Wood Artisans and began studying wood carv-ing with master carver Gor-don Day in Carlsborg, according to a news release. Two years ago, she con-nected with local gourd art-ist Debbie Cain and opened

ist Debbie Cain and opened a new chapter in her cre-ative life.

Lawrence Pacific Northwest Wood Artisans has provided her with the opportunity to expand her creativity while enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of fellow artcamaraderie of fellow art-ists who meet and share their work during weekly work and learning sessions at Day's shop. For more, visit www.

woodartisans.net.

Pacific Northwest Wood Artisans, will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pioneer Park, 387 E. Washington St. Admission is free. The show will feature wood carving demonstra-tions, exhibitions of carv-ings, lathe-turned objects, intarsia, driftwood art, pyrography and decorated Joyce: Benefits local preschool

These wood carvings of English golfers by Pat Donlin will be on display Saturday during the 11th annual Wooden Art Show in Secution.

Wood artisans display

their wares in Sequim

By Chris McDaniel

Sequim.

NINSULA DAILY NEWS

SEQUIM — Expert wood carvers on Saturday will demonstrate their craft during the 11th annual Wooden Art Show in

The show, organized by Pacific Northwest Wood

CONTINUED FROM B1 this year. "He got another job," Singhose said. be on stage. Homemade baked goods will be for sale,

Proceeds will go to the local preschool, Singhose said.

Joyce Bible Church will baked goods will be for sale, said.

Santa will not attend from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat-

over the world can be pur-

Several gift baskets will

Ten decorated Christ-be auctioned as well, he

Ten decorated Christmas trees will be auctioned as well, he
mas trees will be auctioned said.

Six undecorated trees
also will be for sale.
Christmas gifts that
have been made from all
through the Samaritan Purse organizations, which

hristmas gifts that have been made from all over the world can be purchased.

the world, he said.





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Meditation" on Sunday 1/22/2017

at 10am. Both workshops to be held at the Red Dragonfly Art Gallery in Uptown, Port Townsend. Sign up NOW,

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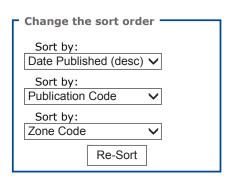
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Should woman respond to guest request?

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I HAVE TWO siblings, both married, with three kids apiece.
We live across the country from one another.
I am lucky enough to have a home that can accommodate everyone, if we pack in like sardines.
We only get together once a year, around Christmas, because of the expense and distance.
But getting our children together is so fun and important to us.
I also invite my parents, who are divorced, along with my father's new wife.
But my father's new wife.
But my father and my stepmother now insist that

stepmother now insist that we include her two adult



children and their fami-lies, or they will not

come. I am hosting 13 people, and we've only met her

How should I proceed?

Tell your father and stepmother that you are sorry if they won't be able

then you need to know

then you need to know more — a lot more.

First he sprung the foot fetish on you; fetish. Is there something more? Does he want you to stomp on goldfish? Baby mice? If he's going to ask you to put on stiletos and stomp on Mickey Mouse one day, I want you to be prepared.

Mickey Mouse one day, I want you to be prepared.
And where does your friend get these insects?
Is he content to wait till one shows up? Or does he have a ready supply of them? I've heard from many women whose part. many women whose part-

many women whose part-ners have a foot fetish. They say having some-one worship their feet is heaven. But this is differ-ent. I went on the inter-net, too, and honestly, it made me nauseated. There was even a case in front of the Supreme Court about the legality of crush films involving small

crush films involving small animals, such as kittens.)

Cheryl Lavin compiles Tales from the Front at her home office in Arizona, where she writes a blog at http://www.creators.com/advice/tales-from-the-front.html. Email questions or comments to cheryllavinrapp@gmail.com.

to join you next year.

(And try to sound as if you mean it.)

I am all in favor of blended families, but it seems as if you are already at the bursting point at

your place.
What's more, incorporating (new, adult) stepsib-lings into the fold is not the

lings into the fold is not the purpose of these gatherings; bonding among the young cousins is.

Presumably, there will be other occasions to mingle with your stepmother's children.

Any manners mayen

Any manners maven can tell you that guests do not have inviting privi-

our three kids.

She gives them a ton of hand-me-down clothes, shoes and toys.

shoes and toys.

If we buy our children anything new, she will actually get quite upset because she wants to provide them with something similar from her kids.

We appreciate her kindness, but we also would like to buy new items.

How can we explain this without her becoming upset?

Seattle advice

We were fortunate

enough to have a similar

enough to have a similar situation.

But, just like your kids, once our kids got older, they really wanted to have certain products and so on bought new, and we were finally able to do so.

Instead of causing an unroar in the family and

uproar in the family and

Even if your stepmother sprang for a hotel for her children, it's not the right

time for you.

And her children probably want to join your party as much as you want to have them.

Still, she might not want to be separated from her brood during the holidays.

Perhaps she and your

father can alternate between families.

Of course, all bets are off if they want to spring for an all-expenses-paid vacation to someplace sunny and swell for the

Dining while snubbed

My wife and I frequent a nice restaurant in our neighborhood.

It's small, and we often

It's small, and we often wait to be seated, even with reservations.

The last time we went, a D-list celebrity waltzed in and said, "I'm sorry we didn't cell in a time?"

call in advance." He was led to a table immediately, while my wife and I waited 15 minutes lon-

When I complained, we were given free drinks. Still, it left a bad taste in my mouth. What think you?

Stanley in New York

Take solace in the words of Emily Dickinson: "How dreary — to be — Some-body/How public — like a Frog —/To tell one's name—the livelong June—/To an admiring Bog!"

She pierced (in 1861, no less) the shurd hollowness less) the absurd hollowness of celebrity culture. If you of celebrity culture. If you can't forgive the restaurant for letting the semifamous cut the line, even after bribing you with cocktails, find another place to spend your dining-out dollars.

Philip Galanes is an advice columnist who specializes in con-temporary etiquette and social dilemmas. Email questions to him via socialq@nytimes.com.

.avin:

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I've always felt that things big and small have the right to live, but I also feel that bugs can be filthy creatures and that some deserve to be crushed, especially if they fly into your hair.

I've crushed insects before and have felt sorry before and nave left sorry for them — all that crunch-ing. I don't want to lose this man. I feel if a small thing like crushing a bug makes him happy, then sorry, bug. But I'd like your opin-ion

ion.
Dating Cap'n Crunch

Dear Dating Cap'n Crunch: If you're just enjoying his company on a short-term basis and all he wants you to do is crush the occasional bug that crosses your path, and if it doesn't gross you out knowing he gets pleaout knowing he gets plea-

sure from it, then go for it. But if you're planning on having a long-term relationship with him,

MY HUSBAND'S SISTER has three chil-dren just a little older than PARENT TO PARENT

Iodie



me-downs for a few years, but we also donated to the Salvation

to do what's

right for your family, but if I were you, I'd keep my mouth closed unless you think she will be understanding.
T.C. in Seattle

From Jodie: Hand-me-downs can certainly be an exciting endeavor and a huge sav-ings to the old pocketbook, but it's also understand-able that you would like to buy your children new

items.
Depending on who is

the closest to her, you or your husband, or even maybe together, sit down and talk with her in a kind

Mom wants fewer hand-me-downs

and loving way about the situation. For whatever reason, she has come to the conclu-sion that this is her sole

sion that this is her sole duty and she is quite ada-mant about saving your family money. Perhaps in earlier years, she got the idea that it would genuinely help your family out, which I am sure it did and still does. But if you can talk to her and not hurt her feel-ings by sharing with her that while you and your

ings by sharing with her that while you and your husband really appreciate the thoughtfulness, you are now in a position where you can currently purchase new items for your chil-dren, then do so with love and patience. However, remember, she might completely withdraw, at least for a while, or she

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might actually be thrilled, maybe even a tad relieved, that things are truly work-ing out well for your family.

Can you help?

My brother and his family are moving back to the United States after living in Hong Kong for the past seven years.
They won't make it for the holidays so we've decided to wait and have Christmas in January.
They have four children younger than 10.
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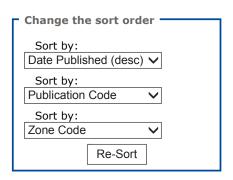
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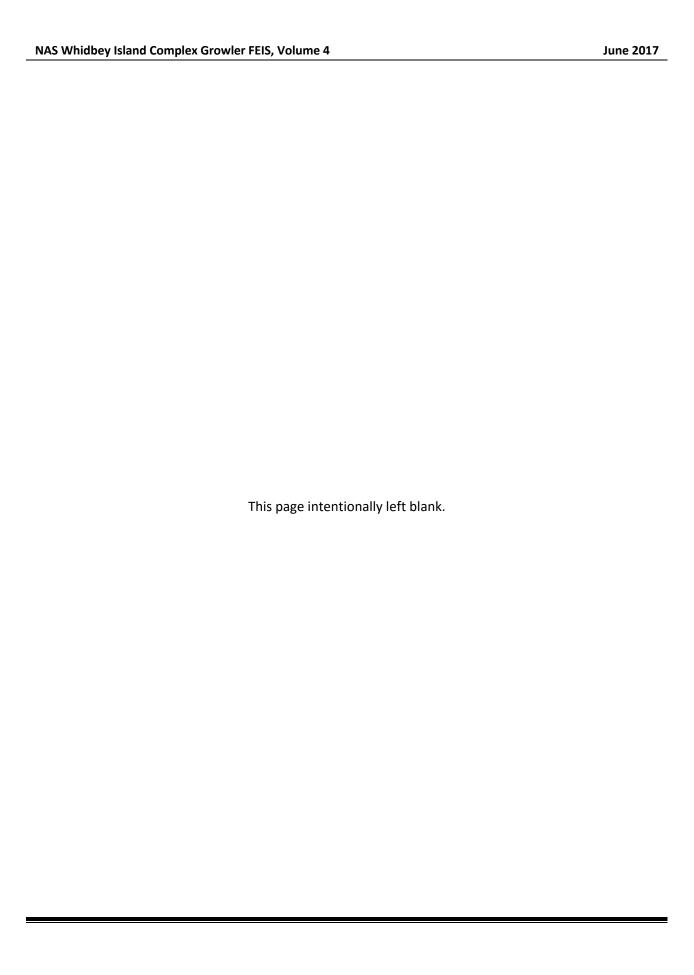
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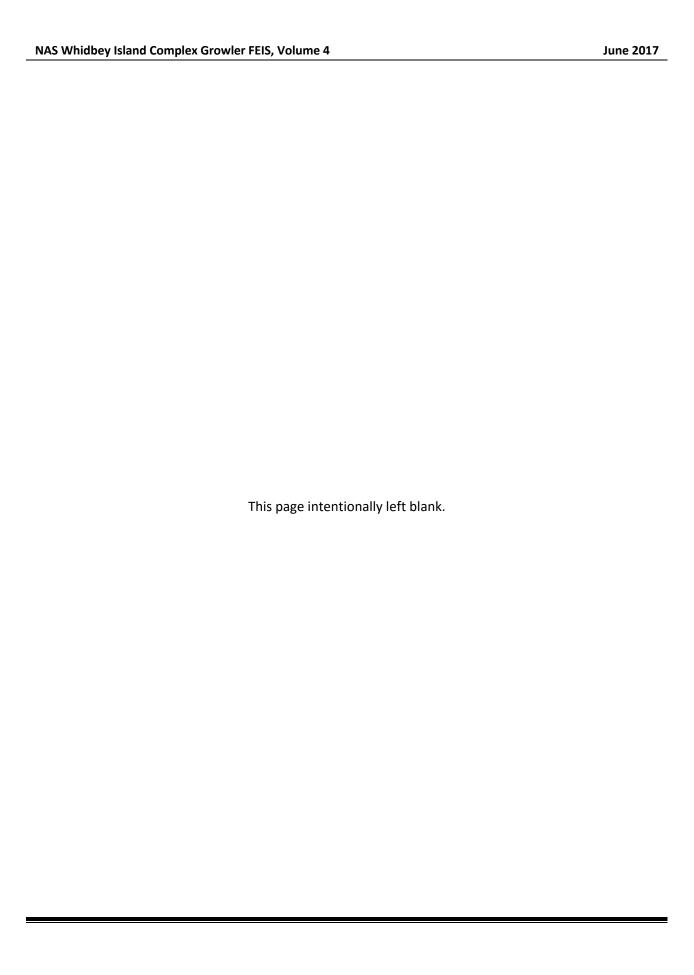
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Anacortes council suggests minor changes to proposed budget

By AARON WEINBERG

ANACORTES - The ANACORTES — The City Council suggested minor changes to the proposed 2017-2018 city budget Monday during a public hearing.

public hearing.
Multiple council members expressed concern about a \$20 fee increase for vehicle licensing in 2018 that would fund the city's \$1.1 million annual pavement management program. The pro-gram funds street repairs and paving projects.

"I'm concerned with constantly hitting up citizens for fees for important infra-structure projects," council-man Matt Miller said.

The council directed Finance Director Steve Hoglund to provide a list of alternatives to the fee increase for the next council

meeting on Monday.

Another suggested change to the budget includes transferring \$108,000 from the city's cash reserves in 2017 to excite the suggested of the budget includes transferring the city's cash reserves in 2017 to excite the suggested of the budget of the bu pedite the implementation of a new electronic content management system. The

system would allow the city to better store and organize

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This is the first time the city is budgeting biennially instead of annually. The change allows the city to plan further ahead.

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The city has proposed budgets of \$60.9 million for 2017 and \$60.6 million for 2018. It is a balanced budget, meaning the city spends as much money as it takes in

takes in. The city received no comments during the public hearing. Comments can be directed to Hoglund or

Mayor Laurie Gere. The council is scheduled to vote on the proposed budget Nov. 21. On Monday, it will vote on a 1 percent property tax

increase. Property tax is the city's

Property tax is the city's largest revenue stream, Hoglund said. It helps pay for several programs, with the two biggest benefactors being the library and parks and recreation.

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Voters reject voucher system for political contributions

OLYMPIA (AP) — Washington vot-ers have rejected a measure that creates a publicly funded voucher system for political contribu-tions.

Initiative 1464's voucher system would have given voters three \$50 "democracy credits" that they could use in state races every two

years.
To pay for the statewide system, the measure would have repealed the non-resident sales tax exemption for residents of salestax-free states like Oregon and Mon-tana who shop in

Washington. To be eligible to To be eligible to redeem the vouch-ers, participating political candidates would have to have pledged to limit self-financing as well as financing, as well as the size of donations

the size of donations they accept. About 53 percent of voters rejected the measure. Seattle voters passed a similar citywide measure last year. Voters there agreed to raise taxes by \$3 million a year in order to get four \$25 vouchers they can sign over to candidates, starting with the 2017 council and city attorney and city attorney

Little change after new ballot count

By BRANDON STONE @Brandon_SVH

MOUNT VERNON — An updated count from Tuesday's

updated count from Tuesday's election shows little has changed for local races. The Skagit County Auditor's Office has counted another 3,636 votes since Tuesday. It released the new totals Thursday after-

The county estimates 19,500 ballots from Skagit County voters still need to be counted, 4,500 more than it estimated Tuesday.

The next count is expected to be released Monday.

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The biggest change in any of
the races on the Skagit County
ballot is a 1 percentage point
increase in incumbent state Sen.
Barbara Bailey's lead against Angie Homola in Legislative District
10. Bailey now leads 56 percent to 44 percent.

In the race between Eron Berg

and Kevin Loy for Skagit Public Utility District commissioner, results have not changed. Berg still leads with 58 percent of the vote. Similarly, David Svaren still

leads Laura Riquelme 51 percent to 49 percent in the race for Skagit County Superior Court Judge. – Reporter Brandon Stone:

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Skagit County launches new data website

By BRANDON STONE

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county data website should help local governments craft policy and give businesses valuable information when considering whether to move into the county, said an organizer of the site.

"Our hope is that this will stimulate conversations about the state of our community, and spur people to action," David Jefferson, health analyst with Skagit County, said at a kickoff for the website Wednesday afternoon.

The website Wednesday afternoon, health and public safety.

Organized by the county's Population, health and public safety.

Organized by the county's Population Health Trust, which Jefferson leads, and built by data specialists at Eastern Washington University, the website collects data and makes it easily accessible to the public.

Patrick Jones, executive director of Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy and Beconomic Analysis, led a team of staff and student interns in assembling the website.

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Users of Skagit County Trends can find statistics on everything from lodging taxes to labor force participation to access to health

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"We want to be ambitious, Jones said. "We do not want to be modest."

The website generally pulls data from the U.S. Census Bureau, and presents data from as many years as each data set allows. Most sets compare Skagit County's numbers to state and national numbers.

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The Population Health Trust hosted eight focus groups in May and June to determine what data the public wanted to see. That information was forwarded to Jones' team. During Wednesday's kickoff, members of the health trust took the stage to dedicate the project to the late Terry Belcoe, former president of North Coast Credit Union and a longtime advocate for public health. He died of cancer in September.

Belcoe served on Population Health Trust, as well as numerous other boards and task forces that focus on community health. He was described as a visionary, a savy businessman and a constant agitator for progress.

progress.

"He wouldn't want us to rest on our laurels,"

"He wouldn't want us to rest on our laurels, said Debra Lancaster, executive director of United Way of Skagit County. "He would want want us to take action." Jones' team operates several community data websites. Its first was set up 10 years ago

in Spokane.

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Based on his experience, he sad Skägit County can expect in the future to be far bet-ter informed about listelf. Jones cited a data point from the Spokane project, where it was found 57 percent of students graduated high school on time. "It was a real galvanizing moment for us," longer said.

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With that data accessible, he sad, it was easier to get the public to raise money and to fix the problem. Donations helped the school district raise graduation rates to 86 percent within eight years.

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Options discussed for Cook Road rail crossing

Consultants for the Cook Road railroad crossing study met for the first time Tuesday with employees from Skagit County and the Skagit Council of Governments. Parametric Portfolio Associ-

ates discussed potential ideas for improving traffic flow near the train crossing at the intersection of Cook Road and Old Highway 99, ranging from adding a traffic signal to building an overpass or underpass.

Going forward, consultants and ScOG will gather data on the crossing, and use it to shape potential solutions, said Gabe

Phillips, transportation planner with SCOG. Traffic at the intersection

Traffic at the intersection frequently backs up onto Inter-state 5, which Phillips said is a significant safety risk. SCOG posted the request for proposals in July, and awarded the \$60,000 contract to Parametric

metric. "It's an extension of the rail

crossing study," Phillips said, referring to an earlier study on traffic at rail crossings county-wide. In that study, the Cook Road crossing was given the highest priority for improve-

Getting data from BNSF Railway on when trains travel through the area is difficult, he said, so SCOG will likely have to

record data itself.
Phillips said SCOG expects to host an open house in January to get input on which solution residents want to see

residents want to see.

He expects the study to be completed by spring of 2017.

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Multicolored multicultural night



Lincoln Elementary School students Gabriela Galindo, a third-grader (center), and fifth-grader Danny Ouiroz (right) prepare to perform Thursday evening with their schoolmates at LaVenture Middle School's Multicultural Night. The evening included food, dancing, prizes and information booths.

County continues to see strong motor vehicle sales

By AARON WEINBERG

Motor vehicle sales re-Motor vehicle sales re-mained strong in Skagit County for the second consecutive quarter, ac-cording to state Depart-ment of Revenue taxable retail sales data.

retail sales data.
Compared to the same
period last year, motor
vehicle taxable retail
sales jumped \$15 million
to \$142 million. Motor
vehicles include new
and used automobiles,
recreational vehicles and recreational vehicles and boats.

Taxable retail sales Taxable retail sales are sales that are taxed by the government. The sales were measured from April 1 through June 30.

The county's overall

taxable retail sales is also up from the same quarter of 2015, increas-

quarter of 2015, increas-ing 5.9 percent to \$694 million, according to the Department of Revenue. That is up from \$656 million for the second quarter of 2015. Another industry

that saw big gains was construction, which had a \$12 million increase to

\$87 million.

Most other industries saw slight changes.

One industry that saw

a big drop was real estate rental leasing, going down \$5 million from

the same period of 2015 to \$11 million. — Reporter Aaron Weinberg: 360-416-2145, aweinberg@skagitpublish-ing.com, Facebook.com/ aaronweinberg

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rate won't increase

— The City Council decided this week not to increase property taxes in 2017.

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SEDRO-WOOLLEY

It is the 10th consecutive year property taxes will be not be increased within the city of Sedro-

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reviewed Wednesday a
series of other potential tax and utility rate
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S-W property tax

The council will hold a The council will hold public hearing at 7 pm. Nov. 22 on the city's \$26.2 million draft budget. At that meeting, the council may also decide

on the potential tax and utility rate increases. The proposed budget is available for public review at City Hall, as well as online at ci.sedrowoolley.wa.us.

Draft of Northwest Forest Plan released

By KIMBERLY CAUVEL @Kimberly_SVH

The U.S. Forest Sera draft update to the Northwest Forest Plan and is accepting public comments on the up-date through Jan. 6.

The plan covers the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest regions, which includes land in Washington, Or-egon and California. The plan guides how resources are managed in 17 national forests for up to the next 20 years. Parts of eastern Skagit

County lie within the Mount Baker Sno-qualmie National For-est, which is managed under the Northwest Forest Plan.

The plan was created in 1994 to protect the critical habitat of the northern spotted owl while maintaining a viable forest products industry in the Pacific Northwest, according to

the Forest Service.
It covers 24 million
acres of Forest Service,
Bureau of Land Management, and National Park Service-managed lands.

The draft plan updates what is known about how protected species have fared in federal forest lands since the original plan was created, and ad-dresses new concerns that have emerged in-

cluding climate change.
The document states
progress has been made toward meeting several of the long-term goals of the original plan, including mainte-nance of habitat for the

northern spotted owl and marbled murrelet, and protecting dense old-growth forests and habitat for aquatic organisms and other

But new concerns have arisen, including threats to the spotted owl from the more ag-gressive barred owl, the effect of fire suppres-sion on fire-dependent ecosystems including old growth, the effects of climate change, and changes to the budgets and workforce of the forest lands, according to the document's key

findings.

The updated Northwest Forest Plan was drafted with input from 45 scientists from federal agencies, tribes and universities, according to a Forest Service news

release. While the draft is open for public com-ment, it is also being peer reviewed by an in-dependent organization, according to the release. The Forest Service expects to complete the Northwest Forest Plan in late 2017, according to the release.

The plan is available online at fs.fed.us/pnw/research/science-synthesis. It will be discussed during a webinar from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 6. Details about the webinar will be

available on the website. Submit written comments online at skagit. ws/ForestPlanComment or verbal comments

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Blast at Afghan air base kills 4 Americans

By WILLIAM J. HENNIGAN AND SULTAN FAIZY Los Angeles Times (TNS)

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber appar-ently posing as a laborer killed four Americans and wounded 16 others Saturday morning at Bagram air base in northern Afghani-stan, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

A Polish soldier pa ticipating in the NATO mission was also among the wounded. The Taliban claimed

responsibility.
Afghan officials said the bomber was wearing the kind of clothing normally worn by local laborers, who line up at dawn to enter the base.

members and two contrac tors working on the base were killed in the explo-sion, U.S. Defense Secretary

Ashton Carter said.

"I want to express my sincere condolences to the families of the fallen, and I want to reassure the loved ones of those injured that they are get-ting the best possible care," Carter said in a statement. "Force protection is always a top priority for us in Afghanistan, and we will investigate this tragedy to

determine any steps we can take to improve it." "For those who carried out this attack, my message is simple," he continued. "We will not be deterred in our mission to protect our homeland and

help Afghanistan secure its own future." Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, is a military in-stallation where U.S. fighter jets, drones and thousands of military personnel and contractors are based in the ongoing fight against a resurgent Taliban.

The U.S. has 9,800 troops in the country ad-vising Afghan forces, but President Barack Obama announced that the num ber will drop to 8,400 by year's end.

The Afghan military has

struggled to defend the country against increased Taliban attacks, despite support by U.S. special forces advisers and daily airstrikes by U.S. war-planes. On Friday, for example, Taliban fighters

killed six people when a suicide car bomber attacked the German consulate in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif.

The militants have launched suicide bombings and other attacks elsewhere around the country, more than 15 years after the U.S.-led military invasion.

Although the U.S. has maintained an advisory and backup role, conducting airstrikes and providing train-ing and financial support to proxy ground forces, 11 U.S. service members have been killed this year. Afghan forces are on

track to surpass the 20,000 total in casualties sus-tained last year, including nearly 5,000 dead.

Although the Afghan government continues to



Afghanistan's National Army soldiers guard, blocking the mair road to the Bagram Airfield's main gate in Bagram, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, Saturday. An explosion at a U.S. airfield in Afghanistan early Saturday killed four people, the head of inter-national forces in the country said.

control city centers, the Taliban holds rural areas and has more territory now than Taliban's continued attacks at any time since the war began in 2001, according to United Nations estimates. Gen. John W. Nichol-

son Jr., the commander for U.S. and NATO forces

the U.S. and coalition "will continue to pursue our train, advise, and assist mission to help our partners create a better Afghanistan.

On last foreign trip, Obama seeks way to explain Trump

By JOSH LEDERMAN

WASHINGTON - It was supposed to be his grand valedictory tour.
Now President Barack
Obama must use his last Obama must use his last major trip abroad to try to calm shocked world leaders about the outcome of the U.S. election, and what comes next when Donald Trump is president.

Trump's unforeseen victory has triggered pangs of uncertainty at home and grave concerns around the world. Though Obama has urged unity and said the U.S. must rect for Trump's rus root for Trump's success, his trip to Greece, Germany and Peru forces him to confront global concerns about the future of America's leadership. "In some ways, there's nothing to cave "early"

In some ways, theres nothing to say," said Heather Conley, a Europe scholar at the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Conley said Obama's trip, planned when it trip, planned when it seemed certain Hillary Clinton would win, had been designed to reassure the world that the U.S. had regained its footing after a toxic campaign th after a toxic campaign that unnerved foreign capitals. "Now the president has the unenviable task of tell-ing his counterparts and explaining what Europe-ans are now coining the Trump effect," Conley

For months, Obama lent credence to those concerns as he urged Americans as he urged Americans to reject Trump. Standing alongside Singapore's prime minister in August, Obama said Trump was "woefully unprepared" because he lacked "basic knowledge" about critical issues in Europe, Asia and the Mideast. And during a visit to Japan, Obama said he wasn't the only world he wasn't the only world leader worried about

Trump.
"They're rattled by him, "They're rattled by him and for good reason," Obama said in May. "Because a lot of the proposals that he's made display either ignorance of world affairs, or a cavalier attitude, or an cavalier attitude, or an interest in getting tweets and headlines instead of actually thinking through what it is that is required to keep America safe and to keep America safe and secure and prosperous, and what's required to keep the world on an even keel."

Now, Obama must pivot and reassure the U.S. and

other countries that somehow, it will all be OK

Ben Rhodes, Obama's deputy national security adviser, said the president fully expects Trump's election to be a domielection to be a domi-nant theme of the trip, but would emphasize his plans to keep carrying out his approach until Trump takes over. He said Obama would argue that basic U.S. principles like honor-ing testly compilerate. ing treaty commitments have historically survived



In this Nov. 9, photo, President Barack Obama pause while peaking in the Rose Garden of the White House in

even the most dramatic changes of administra-

tions.
"He'll want to use these conversations with leaders conversations with leaders to express that view that given all the important issues that we face, no matter what our preferred choice may have been in the election, right now we as Americans have a stake in seeing this next administration succeed," Rhodes said.

Obama departs Monday on the six-day trip, stopping first in Athens, where he'll tour the Parthenon, meet with the prime minister, and give a speech about democracy and globalization that will take on new relevance in light of Trump's election.

He'll use his visit to Berlin He is use his visit to Berlin to show gratitude to German Chancellor Angela Merkel, his closest foreign partner, and to meet with key European leaders.

In Peru, he'll attend a major Asian economic

major Asian econor major Asian economic summit in Lima, and also meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Australian Prime Minster Malcolm Turnbull. For the most part, for-eign leaders have politely

if cautiously congratulated Trump on his victory, in public statements and phone calls.

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MV forms committee for adult entertainment regulations

MOUNT VERNON — The city's newly formed committee on adult entertainment business regulations met for the first time Tuesday.

The six-person committee will meet

several times during the coming months to research and discuss potential regulations. It will eventually present a recommendation to the City Council.

The City Council passed interim regulations on adult entertainment businesses in October, which added a licensing require-

ment for those businesses and relegated them to south Mount Vernon. The interim

DUSHIESON ...
"This is the first step at a look at permanent regulations for adult entertainment businesses," said Kevin Rogerson, city attorney.

He said the city hasn't looked at adult

business regulations since 1995, adding that it's likely the regulations that get put in place will stand for 10 to 20 years.

will stand for 10 to 20 years.
The goal of regulating adult entertainment businesses, he said, is to minimize secondary negative impacts that have been observed in other communities, such as an increase in crime, a decrease in property values, or the potential of exposure to

"It's protected speech. You can't ban it," Rogerson said. "(But) you can regulate it if you do it correctly."

According to interim regulations, the region south of Blackburn Road and east of

region south of backbulln Anda and east of the train tracks can house adult businesses.
"My kids' school is right in there," said
Lisa Zacherl, who was elected chairperson of the committee Tuesday.

Zacherl, a mother of five, said her children attend the Skagit Family Learning Center, which is close to the area where the city currently allows adult entertainment businesses.

Zacherl said she grew up in a small

town in Wisconsin and spent time in Nashville, Tennessee, and in both cases was put off by the number and placement

of adult businesses.
"In my experience of living around them,
(adult entertainment businesses) bring the
atmosphere of a town down, or have the
potential to," she said.
She said she's been a part of the conversations about the rejuvenation of Mount
Vernor's downtown, and that if adult business regulations aren't carefully considered,
she is worried the businesses could affect she is worried the businesses could affect outsiders' views of the city

outsiders views of the city.

The group is planning to meet twice in
December and twice in January.

The council will meet Dec. 7 for a public
hearing on the interim regulations.

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Skagit PUD adopts budget

By BRANDON STONE

MOUNT VERNON — The MOUNT VERNON — The Skagit Public Utility District adopted its 2017 budget, which in-cludes increases primarily to cover deferred maintenance. The budget passed last week 2-0, with Commissioner Jim Cook

The largest increases are seen

The largest increases are seen in the capital budget, which at \$20,377,638 is about 33 percent more than 2016's estimated costs. According to documents from the PUD, about \$1.3 million of the increase will go toward routine projects, such as purchasing more vehicles and performing maintenance on the water treatment plant at ludy Reservoir.

nance on the water treatment plant at Judy Reservoir. The major capital portion of the budget, which provides funding for work on a transmission line from Judy Reservoir to Mount Vernon and a 6-million-gallon water tank on Division Street, increased by

on Division Street, increased by about \$3 million. George Sidhu, interim general manager of the PUD, justified these increases as remedying years of deferred maintenance, adding that these costs were in line with the

these costs were in line with the districts financial guidelines.

The PUD continues a trend of rate increases for customers, with an 8.5 percent increase for 2017.

This equates to \$3.59 per month for he average customer, Sidhu said.

The district uses part of its rate

revenue to fund capital projects, Sidhu said.

Sidhu said.

The operating budget, at \$12,994,461, is 3 percent higher than the 2016 budget, and allows for several maintenance projects and the hiring of a safety consultant.

Sidhu said the budget process has been more collaborative and understandable than it has been in

understandable than it has been in the past.
"Our goal from the outset was to make it more informative," he said. Instead of a two-page brief, staff prepared a 19-page document with graphs, charts and annotations available to the commissioners and the public. Commissioners Robbie Robertson and Al Littlefield both said this was the best budget process in which they've been involved. involved.

Debate among the board of com Debate among the board of com-missioners kept a 2016 budget from being passed until February 2016. — Reporter Brandon Stone: bstone@skagitpublishing.com, 360-416-2112, Twitter: @Brandon_SVH

Crab pot Christmas tree goes up in Anacortes

By AARON WEINBERG

ANACORTES - Dan Maul stood at ANACONES — Dail water soon at the base of a two-story-tall Christmas tree made of crab pots Thursday outside the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, help-ing guide a string of decorative buoys up to two volunteers on a crane. "Yep, that looks good," Maul said. By late afternoon, several volunteers, selectivib. Essential Communications.

along with Event and Communications Coordinator Nancy Rytand, were well on their way to putting the finishing touches on the Christmas tree made up of about

130 crab pots.

Their work will be on display at a tree

lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. today.

The tree lighting is an annual tradition for the chamber. For the past two years the chamber has ditched a live tree in favor of something more creative — prawn pots and now crab pots.

The state Department of Fish & Wildlife

The state Department of Fish & Wildin donated about 130 confiscated crab pots for the chamber to use.

Rytand said the round crab pots are easier to stack than the larger, diamond-shaped prawn pots that were used last

"It's a little easier, but it still didn't quite go exactly to plan, but it's almost there, she said. "It's kind of hard when all the crab pots aren't the exact same size."



Jerry Parker lashes a string of buoys to the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce's crab pot Christmas tree Thursday afternoon. The state Department of Fish & Wildlife donated the confiscated pots used for the tree. The

The tree will be decorated with small colorful buoys crafted by local children at the Anacortes Arts Festival, garland donated by Costco, lights and an angel

topper.
Today's tree lighting will feature performances by local school bands, the An-

Santa Claus will be on hand for photos.

"This whole plaza will be full tomorrow," said Maul, who has helped set up the

tree for two years. "It's a lot of fun.

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Volunteers decorate the Anacortes Chamber of ce's crab pot Christmas tree Thursday afte

ON THE BEAT

By SKAGIT VALLEY HERALD STAFF

Here's a sampling of recent calls to local police and fire agencies:

HIT AND RUN

Charges are pending against a 19-year-old Anacortes man accused of crashing into two parked cars in Anacortes early Thursday morning

parked cars in conserva-morning.

Toopers suspect the man and his 18-year-old passenger were traveling at a high rate of speed in a 2008 Stzuki XL-7 about 5 a.m. Thursday when they hit two unoccupied vehicles on 18th Street, according to a news

The driver allegedly fled the scene but was later located at his residence. The passenger was injured and was taken to Island Hospital.

Mount Vernon police are looking for the driver of a dark green Chevrolet truck who allegedly drove away from an officer as the officer attempted to pull over the vehicle. A caller who suspected the driver was operating the truck under the influence in the 2400 block of East Division Street called

police about 6:30 a.m. Thursday. The caller reported the truck had driven onto the side-walk, pulled into the Haggen parking, then proceeded to do several u-turns as it traveled westbound.

The officer located the vehicle driving The officer located the venice driving slowly near Division Street and LaVenture Road, but when the officer attempted to pull over the vehicle, the driver pulled into a nearby parking lot, then sped off. As the vehicle turned onto North 18th Street with

speeds reaching 45 mph, the officer discontinued pursuit.

The vehicle was last seen running a red light at the intersection of 18th and Fir

Skagit County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a man suspected of robbing a Mount Vernon restaurant.

An employee at the drive-in restaurant, located in the 18000 block of Highway 536, reported Monday evening that a man with a bandana over his face walked up to the counter and demanded money. The man alluded to having a weapon, but employees did not believe him.

The employees told him to take the tip jar, which he did. He then left the area.

A search of the area did not locate the



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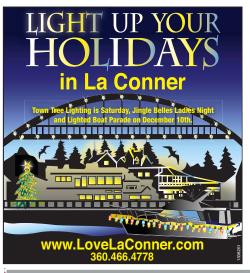
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Grant paves way for road repair in Lyman

By KIMBERLY CAUVEL

LYMAN - The town learned this week that it learned this week that it will receive grant money to repair a problem section of Lyman Avenue that leads to Lyman Elementary School.

The state Transportation between the state Transportation Lyman Elementary School.

tation Improvement Board will award the town \$119,600 to repair problem areas and pave a 2-inch overlay on Lyman Avenue between Main Street and the school

street and the school, according to the board's project description.
Lyman Mayor Eddie Hills said the section of road has cracks and potholes.
School staff know the

problem area all too well.

problem area all too well.

"This morning we had
a bus driver... giving me a
jab about the hole that he
has to go through every
day," Lyman Elementary
School Principal Scott



Potholes mar Lyman Avenue outside Lyman Elementary School. The town of Lyman has received a grant to repair the road.

McPhee said Thursday. The Town Council discussed the issue at its

discussed the issue at its Nov. 15 meeting, prior to deciding to collect a new tax in 2017 to generate revenue for road projects. During that meeting,

Hills said the town has had trouble securing grant money in the past.

money in the past.

The town previously applied for Transportation Improvement Board grants to repair Lyman Avenue, but did not make

the cut, he said. He said with funding now approved, the project now approved, the project will likely occur during the summer when school is not in session. McPhee said the school may coordinate with the

town to do additional repair work to its parking lot and surrounding areas at the same time, while construction equipment and engineers are already

and engineers are arready on site.

"My job is to make sure school is safe, and obvi-ously getting to school safely and leaving safely is a big part of that. We're is a big part of that. Were all very excited to have improvements to Lyman Avenue and our surrounding paved areas," he said. Hills said he is glad to have grant money for the Lyman Avenue service.

an Avenue répairs. and is making plans for additional road work in

additional road work in town.

Using revenue from the recently passed cable tax, Hills said the town will repave roads, including Main Street.

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Northwest **Pipeline** calls off expansion plans

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By KIMBERLY CAUVEL @Kimberly SVH

A natural gas pipe-line expansion project that would have includ-ed work on sections of pipeline in Skagit

County was called off earlier this year. Williams, the parent company of Northwest Pipeline LCC, with-drew pending applica-tions in April, company spokesyonan Cara spokeswoman Sara Delgado said. The 3,900-mile

The 3,900-mile Northwest Pipeline moves natural gas across six states, from Utah to Washington, according to Williams' website. Williams had proposed replacing sections of the pipeline to increase the volume of natural ags that of natural gas that

could be transported. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued a draft environmental impact statement, or EIS, for the project in August 2015 and planned to release a final EIS in June 2016. But when Oregon LNG announced in April that it was scrapping its proposed pipeline expansion and termi-nal project in Warren-ton, Oregon, Williams called off its project.

The Associated Press reported that Oregon LNG's proposal would have included an 87-mile pipeline to con-nect to the Northwest Pineline

Pipeline. Williams had williams had planned to replace 10 segments of pipeline between Sumas and Woodland with 36-inch diameter pipe. The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County. The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County. The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County The project included about 13 miles in Slexit County The project included about 14 miles in Slexit County The project included about 15 miles in Slexit County The project in Slexit County The project in Slexit County The project Included about 13 miles in Skagit County. Two of the pipeline's biggest customers are Puget Sound Energy and Cascade Natural Gas.

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COURT REPORT

By MARILYN NAPIER

The following are crimi-nal cases heard Thursday in Skagit County Superior Court

DRUGS

A 36-year-old Ferndale man was sentenced to five and a half years in prison a nail years in prison
after pleading guilty to
one count of possession
of heroin with intent to
manufacture or deliver
and one count of possession of methamphetamine
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Paul Mark Villalon was arrested June 1 after he re-portedly ran from a Skagit County sheriff's deputy after being pulled over by the deputy, according to court documents.

Villalon alleged by threw

court documents.
Villalon allegedly threw
a plastic bag into some
bushes when running
away from the deputy.
The bag reportedly contained about 210 grams of
meth and about 49 grams

meth and about 49 grams of heroin, court documents state.

The court documents noted that the meth and heroin found is a significant amount, adding a typical user would use less than one gram per day.

ASSAULT

Francisco Castaneda Galvan, 29, pleaded not guilty to charges of assault and malicious mischief by causing physical damage

man was arrested in man was arrested in November after a woman reported to police that Castaneda Galvan hit her and broke her phone so she

couldn't call 911, according to court documents Castaneda

Galvan also reportedly covered the victim's mouth so that she could not breathe. Documents state the victim felt her life was threatened. Trial is set for Jan. 23.

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF Thomas Willner of

Thomas Willner of Concrete pleaded guilty to felony charges including intimidating a public servant and malicious mischief in the first degree. The 53-year-old was sentenced to nine poorthe in juil for the

months in iail for the months in jail for the felony charges along with misdemeanor charges that included violating no-contact orders. Willner was arrested in July after Skagit County

sheriff's deputies were called to a home on called to a home on North Superior Avenue where Willner reportedly grabbed his girlfriend and would not let her go while threatening others in the residence, according to court documents.

When deputies ar-When deputies arrived, he reportedly told a deputy he had a gun and was going to shoot the deputy, documents state. Willner was then

tackled by deputies and placed into a police vehicle, where he kicked and shattered the back



Trumpeter swans graze in a field off Summers Road in Mount Vernon.

SKAGIT VALLEY

State seeks reports of dead or unhealthy swans

With the return of migratory birds that winter in the Skagit Valley, the state is asking the public to report unhealthy trumpeter swans.

For several years, the state Department of Fish & Wildlife has collected information should be about the first several very swans.

information about sick, injured and

information about sick, injured and dead swans from Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish counties.

The agency uses the information to determine the impact of lead poisoning on the birds, according to a news

Using lead pellets for hunting wa-terfowl has been banned for about 25 years, but some pellets are still in fields where swans find food, according to the Each year some swans die from lead

coisoning in Skagit and surrounding ounties.

counties.

Reporting those cases helps the state locate and clean up remaining sources of lead, according to the release.

Fish & Wildlife asks those who see

sick, injured and dead swans not to handle the birds, but to report their condition and location to the an-

nual swan hotline at 360-466-4345 ext. 266. The hotline will be active through

set for downtown Sunday

Mount Vernon's annual tree lighting ceremony is set for Sunday. A holiday parade will be held at 5 p.m. on First Street in downtown. Santa Claus will be available afterward at the tree lighting in Pine Square.

MOUNT VERNON

Salish Sea Stewards program taking applications

The Skagit Marine Resources Committee and Coastal Volunteer Partnership are accepting applications for the next Salish Sea Stewards training sessions

Conservation issues.

Trained Salish Sea Stewards then volunteer at least 50 hours of their time toward local projects including citizen science, community education and

LOCAL DIGEST

MV tree lighting ceremony

The Salish Sea Stewards program pro-vides 40 hours of classroom and field training in local natural resources and conservation issues.

science, community education and restoration work. The 2017 trainings will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays from March 7 to May 9. Applications are being accepted until Feb. 28.

Feb. 28.

The application is available online at skagitmrc.org, and can be submitted by email to srussel@padillabay.gov or by mail to Samantha Russell, Padilla Bay Foundation, 10441 Bayview-Edison Road Mount Vernon, WA 98273-9668.

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A horrific existence in 'The Girl Who Escaped ISIS'

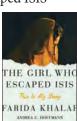
By JOE CARLSON (Minneapolis) Star Tribune

Amid the endless war news streaming out of Syria, the need for moral clarity in the conflict is

clarity in the conflict is running high. Farida Khalaf's story offers it explicitly. Khalaf was a math whiz and a soldier's daughter who was 19 years old when was 19 years old when she was captured and sold into sexual slavery by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in 2014. Her first-person account, narrated in "The Girl Who Escaped ISIS" and written with German journalist

with German journalist Andrea C. Hoffmann, is a searing portrayal of the brutality facing people targeted by ISIS fighters in Syria and Iraq. Khalaf is a member of the Yazidi religious minority in northern Iraq, whose practices are viewed by ISIS as "devil worship." Because of worship." Because of this belief, ISIS doctrine allows Yazidi children and teens like Khalaf to be kidnapped and sold at

Khalaf recounts shock-Knalar recounts snock-ing wartime violence against a group of Yazidi girls who are routinely beaten and forced to con-vert to Islam by soldiers who sometimes pray before raping them. The abuse against



Khalaf is especially savage because of her repeated escape attempts; at one point she is sold for \$50 after injuries from a pre-vious owner leave her too damaged to "function" sexually for the next one. The book's plot is conveyed in its title but its

onveyed in its title, but there are cruel sur-prises in store, like the financial motives of the underground railroad for ISIS escapees, and the

for ISIS escapees, and the alienation imposed on survivors by their peers in refugee camps.

Though she attempts suicide, Khalaf eventually decides to escape and "bear witness," making her account read as an explicit call to action. She repeatedly imagines American troops coming to her rescue.

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Her leadership earns
her the nickname "Barack
Obama" from her fellow

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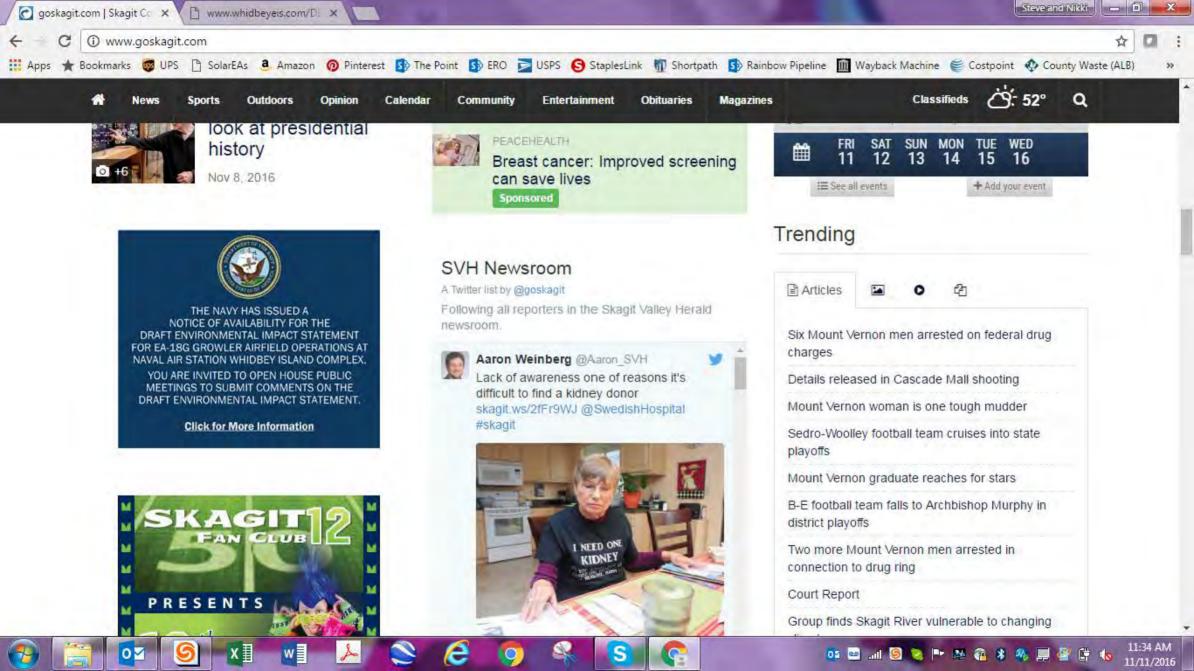
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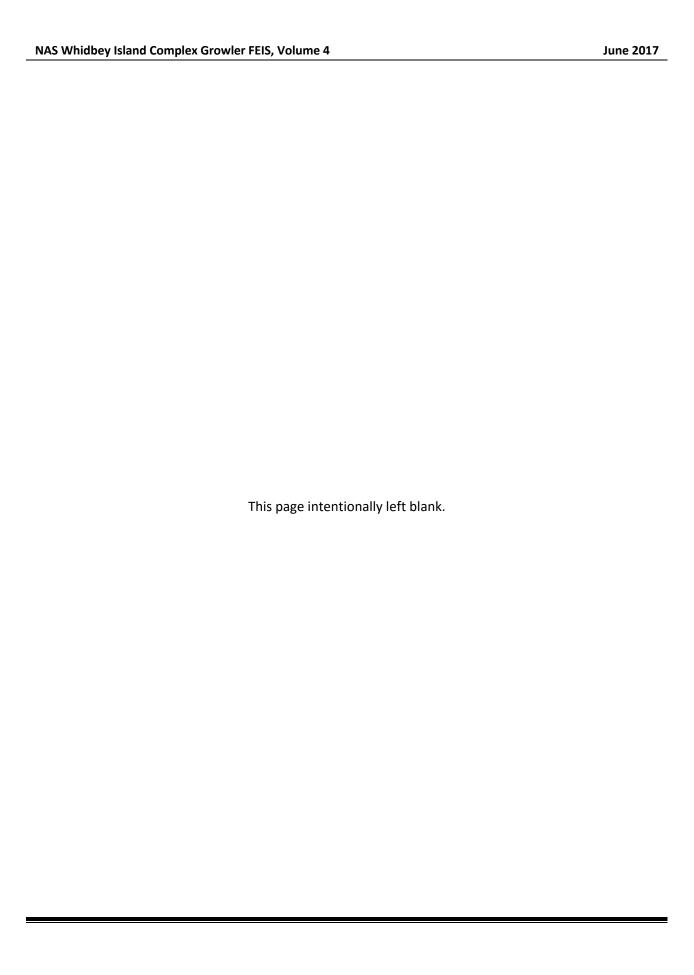
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Wednesday fire daims septic business' garage

By KYLE JENSEN

South Whidbey Fire/EMS had to use all of its firefighting resources Wednesday afternoon to fight a large structure fire on Lone Lake Road.

Nobody was injured in the blaze, but it was a hard hit to South Island Pumping, destroying a septic truck, garage and equipment.

South Whidbey firefighters and a few from Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue had to use extreme caution while attempting to put out the flames due to the presence of explosive materials near the garage. The property owner stored large amounts of ammunition and gunpowder in a reloading room within close proximity to the garage, according to fire officials.

"Everyone was out of the structure when it started," Deputy Chief Wendy Moffatt "There were large amounts of saline tanks, oxygen tanks, propane tanks, ammunition and gun powder."

A Record reporter, law enforcement officers and bystanders were told to stay roughly 100 feet away from the blaze as a precautionary

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South Whidbey firefighters William Piepenbrink (left) and Sean McDougald (right) return from the fire to hydrate.

measure: the tanks in the garage "started going off," according to Moffatt. The room full of ammunition never caught fire, however.

district initially The responded to a call about a vehicle on fire at 3:15 p.m., but when first responders arrived they found the garage fully engulfed in flames. Smoke could be seen from Highway 525 about two miles south of the fire, which was near Wild Rose Way.

The septic truck was being refilled when it caught fire, and half of the truck was in the garage. The flames quickly spread to the structure.

They were reloading the poop tank when they realized there was a fire coming from underneath the hood," Chief Rusty Palmer said. "They ran to grab a fire extinguisher, but by the time they came back. the garage was fully involved."

Firefighters worked for roughly six hours, until 9:30 p.m., to put out the flames. The property owner's residence was nearby on the same lot, but the district

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helped prevent further damage. He declined to speak to

"The owner's residence is near the garage and the loading room, but there was no damage to their home,"



Firefighters lug a firehose around to fight the fire from a different angle.

Palmer said. "Our team did a great job."

A nearby contracting company, J&D Wallace General Contractors, lent district officials a helping hand by offering an excavator to remove the garage's caved roof, which was getting in the way of firefighters' ability to stop

Moffatt said manpower was a slight issue since South Whidbey Fire/EMS is a volunteer force, which is why Central Whidbey Island Fire and Rescue was called in for assistance. Despite the obstacles, responders were able to douse the fire and prevent further damage or a potential



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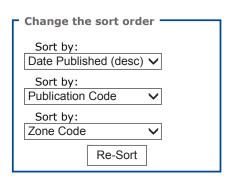


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Elizabeth...please get ready fast

RON KASPRISIN Langley

Quit whining, accept the results

Editor,

I can't believe how many

cry babies we have on this island. They need to learn how to lose gracefully.

In every race/contest there are winners and losers. This time it's liberals turn to lose. Now they can find out what it has been like for the past eight years for conservatives.

Accept it and quit whin-

DON GOODFELLOW

Political bias on is disheartening

Editor,

On November 4, 2008, Americans went to the polls and voted for Barack Obama as our 44th president of the United States of America. Four days later there was a big front page spread in your newspaper all about it.

We save all newspapers that have history making events. My question to you is why there is not one mention of president elect Donald Trump winning the election let alone a picture on the front page of your newspaper. You are supposed to report the news. This is very disrespectful for all Americans, especially those who voted for Donald Trump.

We have subscribed to your paper for many years. This is very disheartening to see the bias that goes on here on the South End.

Shame on you.

SHARON PORTER

Like the Borg, assimilate Trump

Editor,

In the science fiction video series Star Trek: The Next Generation, a mob of aliens called the Borg try to conquer humans with the threat, "We will assimilate you." The Borg, I am fairly sure, are stereotypes of certain human tendencies to impose answers on other groups "for their own good" whether the recipients appreciate the gift or not. Religious believers, whether in Abrahamic traditions or Karmic traditions, have assimilated populations for thousands of years, sometimes peacefully, sometimes more forcefully. In our more secular time beginning with the late 1700s (French Revolution) and accelerating with Karl Marx and catching fire with Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, and Castro, ideological movements such as socialism and communism have also assimilated people into their answers, sometimes gently, sometimes violently.

Oddly, assimilation can be a two way street. Sometimes the assimilated populations engulf and digest their conquerors. Hey, I'm a Jew. We are everywhere. How do we do that?

The term "Groupthink" was coined in a 1952 article in Fortune Magazine. If everybody around you thinks the same thing, say

that skin color or eye shape tells us something useful about, ethics and intelligence, or an upward tending stock market will never crash and burn, or that the New England Patriots after winning 18 straight victories in 1972-1973 would inevitably win the Super Bowl, groupthink can really lead

any of us astray. Whidbey Island, groupthink told us that Hillary Clinton would deservedly become the first female president and that Donald Trump was a horrible person and would inevitably lose the presidential election. As a native born United States citizen, I think we should acknowledge the error of our predictions and work toward assimilating Donald Trump into our democratic and representative values.

STEPHEN KAHN Langley

Obituary

Elaine Elizabeth Rost

Elaine Elizabeth Rost passed away on October 23. 2016 in Lacey, WA after a valiant and ever-positive battle with liver cancer.

Born in Boise, ID on July 13, 1945 to John and Florence Rost, she graduated from Boise High in 1963 and attended Whitman College for three years, graduating from the University of Washington in 1967. She worked her entire career as a technologist and study coordinator for the UW on research teams led by C. Alvin Paulson, MD, and William Bremner, MD.

Following her retirement in 2000 she relocated from her home in Bellevue to Whidbey Island and shared a home in Clinton with her friend Gail Madden. In 2008 Elaine and Gail moved to Panorama in Lacey where



Elaine Rost

they shared a home until Elaine's death. She was a world traveler, a talented photographer, a lover of Siamese cats, and a generous and loyal friend. Her radiant smile and her sense of humor were treasured and will be remembered by many.

In addition to her friend Gail, Elaine leaves her brother Jack (Susan) of McCall, ID and Salome, AZ, her Nephew John (Cristina) of Denver, her niece Julie Dennis (Edward) and her great nephew and niece Nicolas and Dacia all of Boise. A celebration of her life will be held next spring on Whidbey.



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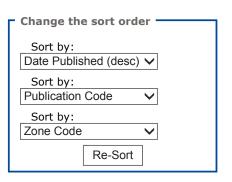
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WEATHER REPORT | Showers expected for the week. High of 49 and low of 41 expected from today to Friday.

CORRECTION

In the story "Saying goodbye the South Whidbey way," the woman holding Bill Hunizker's ashes was incorrectly identified. The woman is Susan Hunziker, the daughter of Bill Hunziker.

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UTILITIES

High winds lead to outages

Many South Enders were left without power over Thanksgiving weekend, as high winds knocked down trees and power lines.

Puget Sound Energy officials say there were "small scattered power outages" that occurred in both North and South Whidbey. Most weathercaused outages occurred on Thanksgiving day and

Friday, Nov. 25. Impacted areas include parts of Freeland and southern Langley.

The amount of South **Enders without power** at the various locations "ranged from one customer to about 85 customers." Officials said most service was restored within two and four hours.

The largest outage, which impacted 85 people, was in Langley on Thanksgiving day due to a fallen tree. Officials say power crews not only needed to restring the downed power line, but

also had to repair the equipment that holds the power line in place.

STATE

Camano rep named House whip

State Sen. Barbara Bailey (R-Oak Harbor) and Rep. Dave Hayes (R-Camano) have both been elected to be whips in their respective caucuses. Bailey and Hayes were also both reelected this month.

The new positions mean they will be part of the leadership teams for their respective caucuses. It's an achievement for Bailey, who's still in her first term. She'll be the majority whip, the fourth-highest position in the Senate Republican caucus.

Whips work to gather votes in the party and ensure that caucus members are there for floor votes. They are considered to be the party's enforcers. Frank

Underwood in House of Cards, for example, starts out as the majority whip in the U.S. House; Bailey and Hayes, however, are expected to use very different tactics.

"It is so important that legislators are present and ready to vote," Bailey said. "The coming legislative session will present many challenges that will shape the future of our state. That work can't be fully realized unless we are all engaged."

Bailey said she will also continue to work on critical policy issues, such as higher education, health care and the budget.

Hayes was elected Monday as the whip in the House Republican House. Hayes, who begins his third term in January, previously served as assistant whip and is also the current assistant ranking Republican on the House Public Safety Committee.

"This will also put me in a position to provide a stronger voice at the leadership table for the citizens I represent in the

10th Legislative District, as we tackle major issues such as education funding, the state budget, public safety, transportation and more," he said.

LANGLEY

Sharps containers coming to Langley

Two sharps containers will be placed in Langley's visitor center restrooms at the behest of Langley Police Chief David Marks.

Sharps containers are used for the safe disposal of needles.

Public Works Director Stan Berryman said at a Nov. 21 city council meeting that the containers are inexpensive and that more could be ordered and placed in other public restrooms such as at City Hall.

Police Chief David Marks said on Nov. 21 that police had found only one more heroin needle since a Nov. 7 meeting.



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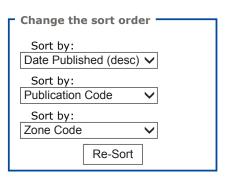
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The case is an active investigation and police declined to go into details or publicly name suspects. Department spokesman Detective Ed Wallace did confirm the sheriff's office has been working the case since July and that it may be looking at more than one person.

"There is potentially more than one suspect," said Wallace, in an interview with The Record this week.

He also confirmed that several search warrants were recently issued; attempts to secure the public documents by press time were unsuccessful.

According to school leaders knowledgeable about the case, suspicions about booster club finances began late last year. The club, which functions primarily as a private fundraising arm for school sports teams, is an autonomous non-profit

parent organization but partners with the district, and a school official typically attends monthly meetings.

Last year, monthly financial statements stopped

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b e i n g passed out. High s c h o o l Principal John Patton he said inquired about them several times but

South Whidbey High School principal received what he described as "evasive" responses. Once he

was told that the organization wasn't required to supply such information as it's not a public entity, and another time that the club would only do so if the school district supplied its own athletic club budget. Patton said he immediate-

ly agreed to do so, as school budgets are public records, but that his requests for financial statements were continually denied. His sus-

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picions peaked when club officials later reported that money was stolen from a

"Some things really didn't line up," he said.

The lack of documenta-

tion and a communicated wish from the old board to step down resulted in a transition in club leadership this spring.

 $P\ a\ t\ t\ o\ n$ received a few additional records and turned them over to the sheriff's office.

John Patton

Just how much money is unaccounted for is unclear due to a lack of "checks and balances" such as receipts or financial statements, but Patton said from what he'd seen that it could be a significant amount.

"It could very easily be in the tens of thousands of dollars, but I'm no audit expert," Patton said.

Wallace said he could

not confirm the monetary amount, that the detective leading the investigation is working to establish that now. Also unclear is just how long any theft of organization funds may have been going on.

Patton said records suggest it was at least one year, but that it could have been two or three. That something was amiss was especially evident last year, he said: it was the first time in recent memory that the organization did not give out student athletic scholar-

ships.
"They (club leaders) said they didn't make enough money that year for scholarships," he said.

Wallace couldn't say the department would wrap up its case, but that once the investigation is complete and if foul play was discovered it would forward a recommendation to the Island County Prosecutor's Office to file charges.

Messages left at the home of the club's current president requesting comment were not returned.

RESULTS

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County — 23.151 votes in all — while her challenger. Oak Harbor Democrat Angie Homola, took home 45.58 percent - 19,391 votes. Bailey did even better district wide, earning 56.7 percent to Homola's 43.3 percent; the district includes parts of Skagit and Snohomish counties.

Price Johnson, a Clinton Democrat, was elected to another four years as the District 1 county commissioner with a strong win over Coupeville Republican Gary Wray. Price Johnson received 55.26 percent of the vote to Wray's 44.74 percent. Similarly, Johnson, the incumbent Oak Harbor Republican vying for the District 2 seat, won a decisive victory over Oak Harbor Democrat John Fowkes with Johnson taking 60.98 percent of the vote. Fowkes received 39.02 percent.

In other races, 10th Legislative District House of Representative incumbents Norma Smith and Dave Hayes, both Republicans, secured additional terms as well. Smith claimed a whopping 72.51 percent of the vote in Island County — 71.95 district wide — over Libertarian challenger Michael Scott. Hayes also handily defeated his challenger, Democrat Doris Brevoort, with 57.05 percent of the vote in the county and 59.08 district wide.

In federal politics, Rick Larsen won another term in Congress. The Second Congressional District Democrat earned 58.14 percent of the vote in Island County and 64.02 percent district wide over Republican Marc Hennemann.

Finally, in the race for U.S. president, Republican Donald Trump secured the White House with the electoral college. Island County voters, however, cast more votes for his challenger, Democrat Hillary Clinton. She claimed 48.89 percent of the vote — 20,960 votes in all — to Trump's 43.07 percent — 18,465 votes.

Broken down by areas, Trump won all but one precinct in Oak Harbor and North Whidbey while Clinton won every precinct on South Whidbey. Central Whidbey largely supported Clinton with just one of the six districts going to Trump. He did better on Camano, winning seven of the 11 voter precincts.

Statewide Clinton earned 54.3 percent of the vote to Trump's 38.07.



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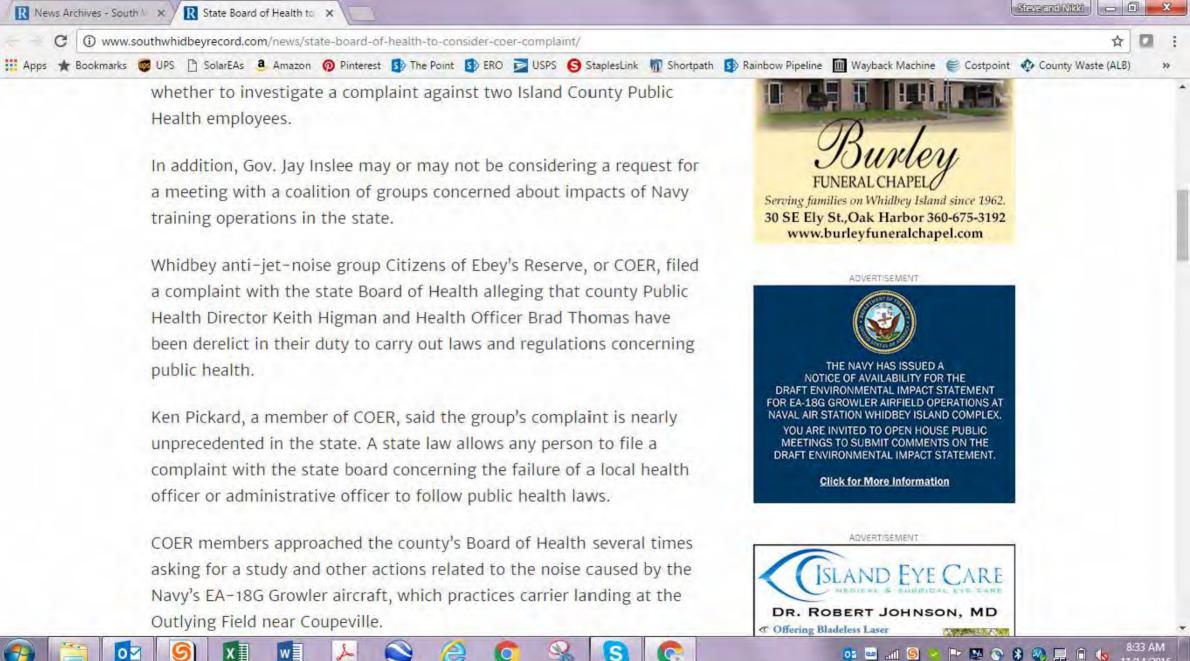
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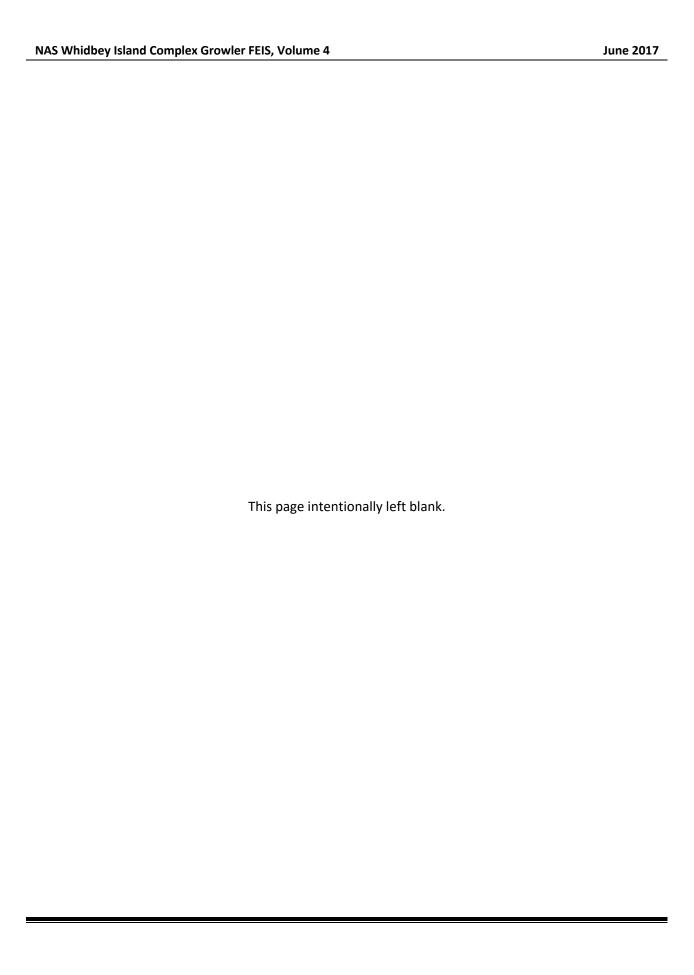
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reported.

The Navy welcomes the additional testing.

"The Navy is aware of and supports the town of Coupeville initiative to conduct its own testing," said Capt. Geoffrey Moore, commanding officer of Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, "and we will be ready to help evaluate and address any findings that the town finds as we collaborate on this project."

Merchant recovering after scaffold fall

By RON NEWBERRY

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A Coupeville merchant is recovering after passing out and falling from scaffolding along Front Street in Coupeville last week

Larry Vail, who owns the Vail Wine Shop along with his wife Patsy, passed out while standing on scaffolding in front of his shop and landed on his head Nov. 3.

He was unresponsive and not

breathing when units were dispatched to a CPR in progress, according to Capt. Jerry Helm of Central Whidbey Fire & Rescue.

Deputy Bo Miller with the Coupeville Marshal's office arrived first, hooked up his automated external defibrillator device, or AED, and delivered a shock before paramedics from WhidbeyHealth Medical Center arrived, according to Coupeville Marshal Chris Garden. WhidbeyHealth paramedics arrived and started IV's and an airway tube, Helm said.

Vail was transported with a pulse to WhidbeyHealth then airlifted to an offisland hospital.

"It looks like he had a heart problem, collapsed and fell from the scaffold," Garden said.

Garden had heard that Vail was doing well in his recovery, which was confirmed by Vail's wife Tuesday.

BARN: New status boosts eligibility for grants

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their preservation in mind.

The Sheep Barn represents an era in the early 1900s when raising sheep was expanding in the region and the Pratt sheep were a common sight on the prairie as well as along the bluff itself.

Lena Pratt, Frank's wife, was particularly fond of them.

"It is really the Pratt estate that is being honored

here and the legacy of the Pratts," Goodall said.

The barn restoration was done by volunteers from different parts of the country as well as help from Ron Hanson, who lives in the historic Pratt home that overlooks the prairie.

The workers repaired siding, cleared vegetation, reconstructed the feed troughs, cleaned out a sistern and replaced the flooring. The rotted bottoms of shed posts had to be cut away and re-

placed by concrete footers.

The barn is the only structure that exists on the Nature Conservancy's Robert Y. Pratt Preserve named after Frank Pratt's son.

Coupeville residents and hikers who visit know it as part of the bluff landscape, nestled against the woods in the corner of the prairie a stone's throw from hiking trails.

"In all the photos from the bluff and down there, you see the sheep barn," said Paul Bishop. "If it were missing, it would be a different landscape." Since it is located next to farmland that is leased, the public is asked to appreciate the barn from a distance.

"The tough question about all of these buildings is, 'What is their future?" Goodall said. "Are we going to be selfish and not leave something for someone in the future? That's the question that haunts me all the time. We are pioneers for preservation for this place. What we do now sets the pattern for the future from here on out."



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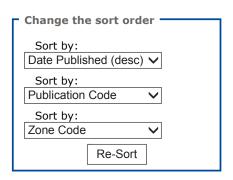
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HONORED: Helping students build life skills

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program that started sounding familiar.

"It was kind of an awakening moment," he said.

Luvera was humbled by the award, but also deflected credit to Bishop, the support he gets from the Coupeville School District, and staff at the Island County Juvenile Detention Center, a nationally recognized program of excellence by the National Partnership for Juvenile Services, the foremost authority in the field of juvenile justice.

On any given day, Luvera

spends his day working with up to 10 middle school and high school aged students from all over Island County who spend anywhere from one day to more than a month at the detention center.

Luvera and Bishop work to keep students current with assignments, provide life skills and help them transition back to their communities.

In the afternoon, work includes building resumes and cover letters and doing mock interviews, among other life skills.

"I was there one time when they were refurbishing furniture," said school board president Kathleen Anderson. "

"All of these students get food handlers' permits. He helps them study so they can get food handlers so that if they choose not to go back to school and are old enough, maybe they have some skills where they can get a job."

Anderson called Luvera's work "heart-driven.

"It's not a job," she said. "I think it's his mission. It's his life drive to help young people to succeed and these students need this kind of help.

"John and Aimee care

very deeply about these students that they're working with. They are students. And they are our students.'

The award recognizes an educator "for exemplary service to the field of Juvenile Education and a career of dedication to students.

Merwine said she was glad Luvera didn't go far.

"He's such a compassionate person," Merwine said. "It was very sad to lose him. But I also had to think about the greater good as far as the district. We had such a need in this county working with

BUDGET: Town approves 2017 draft From page 1 including \$75,000 set aside for for street work, improve-

ment.

Insurance premium costs went up 5 percent, an expense the town covers, and the town also added a secondary insurance provider option for employees.

The 2017 budget reflects anticipated capital projects, work on Front Street storm water to help mitigate ongoing erosion problems.

"When our engineer is hired he will be asked to prepare a design and construction budget so we can have a better idea of the total cost of this project," Hughes said.

Funds are also delegated

ments to the municipal parking lot and construction of a new restroom at the Community Green.

We have applied for grants to complete this work," Hughes said. "If we are not successful in our application, these projects will not be completed.



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OBITUARY



Emily J. Ramsey

April 8, 1935-Nov. 15, 2016

After a lengthy period of ill health, Emily J. Ramsey (Rizzo), a longtime resident of Coupeville, Wash., passed away surrounded by her loved ones.

Emily was born in Fitchburg, Mass., to Fred Ernest and Lena Elizabeth Ramsey.

She is survived by her husband and beloved dancing partner of 29 years, Sal Rizzo; daughters Ivy, Tracie and DeeDee; grandchildren, Mara, Brianne, Laura, Daniel, James and Amanda; and siblings Nancy, Fred, Ellen and Barry.

She was predeceased by a son, James Cobban, and sister, Betty Lou.

She was a positive grassroots activist with a finger on the pulse of many organizations, lending her considerable intellect, energy, vitality and passion to the sustainability and preservation of the planet, access to quality education, literacy, the arts and availability of health care and awareness of mental health issues. She was devoted to the empowerment of all people, and especially for women.

Emily was a long-time member of the League of Women Voters of Whidbey Island, acting as co-president for several years, and

was a founding member of Small Miracles, Coupeville's Medical Support Fund which helps cover medical costs for those in need.

Emily was an invaluable part of Coupeville's culture, serving as president for a period of time of Coupeville Arts Center (now known as Pacific Northwest Art School). starting the annual Auction for the Arts. She taught ceramic arts to youth through the Arts Center, and also taught art to third-graders at Coupeville Elementary School. She taught adult art journaling workshops. She worked for Sno-Isle Library, Coupeville branch, serving as president of Friends of the Library, and was the program's chair for many events, including the committee to build the new

Emily was instrumental in Island County Historical Society's fundraising for the new building and oversight of the new construction. She and her husband were active members of the Coupeville Festival Association and Emily was a founder of the Artist in Action program. She also led the program "Together We Can" and served as board member and shareholder of the newly formed Coupeville Exam-

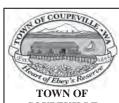
As an elected Town Council member for Coupeville, she was actively involved with various design and historic preservation committees, and she successfully implemented an Interagency Council of Governments.

An open house acknowledging Emily's beautiful and generous spirit was held Sunday, Nov. 20 at Wallin Funeral Home in Oak Harbor

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to any of the activities and organizations she loved so much.



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AUDIENCE INPUT -See NOTE

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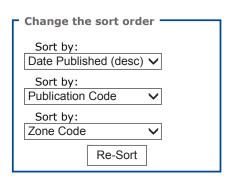


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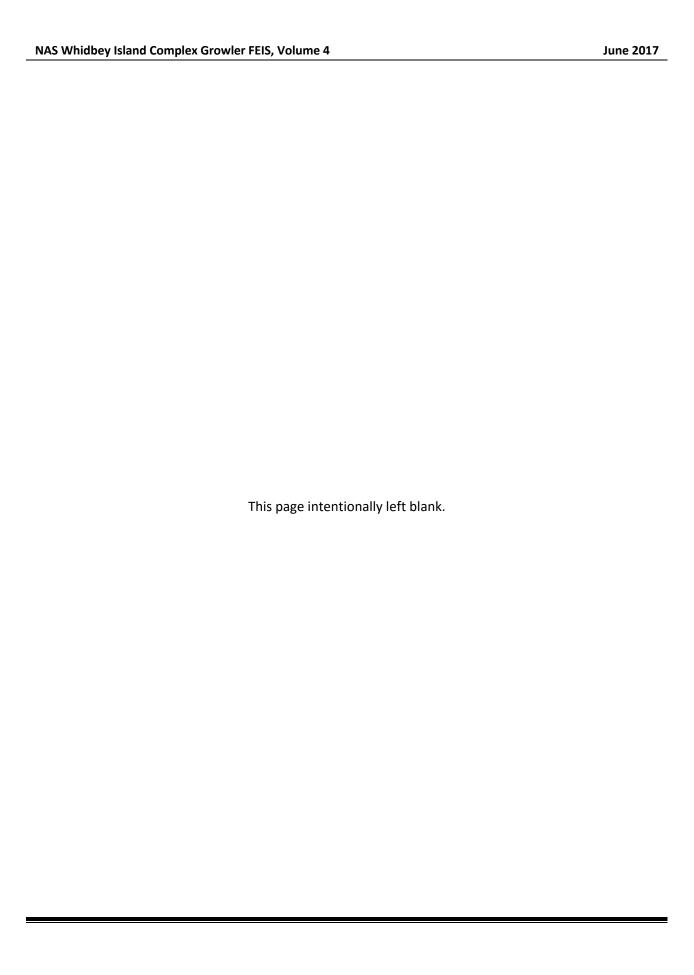








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Town also plans to test wells

By JESSIE STENSLAND

Both the Town of Coupeville and Navy will test the town's wells for a chemical that may be hazardous to people's health.

The Navy announced last month that it will be testing water in wells around the Ault Field base and Outlying Field Coupeville for the presence of a compound found in firefighting foam.

Earlier this year the Environmental Protection Agency set a lifetime health advisory level for the first time on the compounds, perfluorooctanoic acid and perfluorooctane sulfonate.

Officials said town wells will likely be tested because of their proximity to OLF Coupeville.

Mayor Molly Hughes announced this week that the town will also do its own, independent testing of four town water supply wells located at the Keystone and Fort Casey well fields.

Navy officials said they had no record of firefighting foam being used at OLF Coupeville. A test of well water at the field did, however, detect the chemical, but in an amount below the advisory level, according to Navy officials.

Hughes said in a press release that

independent testing seemed prudent.

"At this time we have no reason to be concerned for the safety of the town's water," she wrote in the release, "but we must be deliberate and vigilant in obtaining all the information we can to confirm that the Town's water supply meets or exceeds all applicable public drinking water supply standards.'

The state Department of Health will assist with the testing and samples will be sent to a lab in Spokane. Results are expected in early December.

Exposure to the chemicals over time has been linked to adverse health effects, including cancer and developmental problems, the EPA reports.

The Navy will provide alternate drinking water for residents if the chemicals in the water are found to exceed the EPA lifetime health advisory levels, Navy officials reported.

"The Navy is aware of and supports the town of Coupeville initiative to conduct its own testing," said Capt. Geoffrey Moore, commanding officer for Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, "and we will be ready to help evaluate and address any findings that the town finds as we collaborate on this

CHURCH NOTES

■ ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH will host a workshop entitled "Discovering and Developing Your Personal Mission in Life," presented by Thomas F. Johnson. Johnson is a former president of the University of Sioux Falls (South Dakota) and retired Presbyterian minister who has given talks on leadership and living "on purpose" to many organizations nationwide. The workshop is 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the church located at 555 SE Regatta Drive, Oak Harbor. For more information, call

- The community is invited to a fundraising breakfast and annual holiday bazaar for OAK HARBOR CHRISTIAN **SCHOOL**. The breakfast is 8-10:30 a.m. Nov. 19 at The First Reformed Church. Tickets to the breakfast will be available from Oak Harbor Christian School staff or in the school office beginning Nov. 2. The Annual Christmas Vendors' Bazaar is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 3 at the school. Vendor applications are now being accepted.
- The public is invited to a free **CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION** at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18 at the Coupeville United Methodist Church. The church choir will perform selections from Handel's Messiah, including soloists,

harpsichord and musicians from the Saratoga Orchestra on strings, trumpet and tympani. The presentation will be the focus of the church's traditional worship service that Sunday. The Messiah is George Frideric Handel's best-known oratorio, written by the English composer in 1741 and completed in just 24 days. The presentation will include what is commonly referred to as "the Christmas portion" of the large work. This selection includes songs about Isaiah's prophecy of salvation, the coming judgment, the prophecy of Christ's birth, the annunciation to the Shepherds, and Christ's healing and redemption. The Coupeville Methodist Church choir is composed of more than 30 voices of all ages. Soloists for the Messiah presentation include choir members Jennifer Palmer (Soprano), Dinah Majure (Alto), Robert Majure (Baritone), as well as Tenor Jerry Cook from Phoenix, Ariz. The Messiah will be conducted by Teresa Ellis, Music Director for the church. More information can be found on the church website at www.coupevilleumc.com

■ Family Bible Church will host a women's BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, an interdenominational study of the Gospel of John. The group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Call Bonnie Wilson at 360-720-2066 for more information.

Coupeville man sentenced to 8 months for burglary, assault

By JESSIE STENSLAND

ensland@whidbeynewsgroup.com

A man who broke a Greenbank man's back during a burglary last year was recently sent to prison, according to court documents.

Paul Schmakeit, 21, pleaded guilty in Island County Superior Court Sept. 26 to residential burglary and assault in the second degree.

Under the terms of a plea bargain, both the prosecution and defense recommended an exceptional sentence of a year and eight months in prison. The judge agreed and imposed the sentence Oct. 28.

Schmakeit was burglarizing the home — allegedly

to steal marijuana — when the homeowner caught him and went after him with a shovel July 27, 2015.

Schmakeit tackled the man to the ground, landing on top of him, the deputy's report states. The fall broke the man's back, but he continued fighting with the younger man until Schmakeit fled into a woods.

The man was unable to move or feel his legs and was on his back for about five hours until a friend rescued him and called the police. He suffered from a prior back injury and was left paralyzed by the assault, according to the report.

Schmakeit was later arrested by Canadian authorities at the Sumas border after trying to avoid a customs inspection by speeding away while armed with a handgun, according to the report by Detective Iames Scott.





CITY OF OAK HARBOR Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

The Oak Harbor City Council Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the

Council Chambers located at 865 SE Barrington Drive, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

To view the Regular City Council Agenda and Council Packet, please visit our website at: www.oakharbor.org. On the Home page, select to the desired meeting date on the City Calendar. These records will be available by 5:00 p.m. the Friday preceding every Regular City Council Meeting.

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LONELY ELK

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"I hear it all the time," Downes said.

"The common thought process is, 'You need to get him some company, or if you're not going to give him some company, you need to get him to where he belongs. It's not fair to leave him alone."

"I think, legitimately, the department considered that for about 35 seconds and realized we certainly aren't going to bring him company," said Downes.

Such a move would certainly bring greater responsibility for the actions of Bruiser — the name given to the lonely elk by protective Strawberry Point residents — as well as any possible mate or offspring.

"Bruiser made it all the way over here all by himself," said Downes, who's long theorized he swam across Skagit Bay, breaking off from a sizable herd in the Skagit Valley.

"Yes, he is wild, and by the nature of the (hunting) seasons, he's protected (on Whidbey)," Downes said.

"If the department were to import elk to keep him company, then we would be directly responsible for anything those elk might do."

One of the concerns is potential crop damage, Downes said.

Elk haven't roamed Whidbey since the early 1900s, according to Downes. Bruiser's arrival is curious as is his interest in remaining on the island.

"I think it's real clear to him that he knows it's a helluva swim," Downes said.

"For whatever reason, he doesn't want to do it."

Elk are powerful swimmers, Downes said, noting it could be the mud in the shallows that's stopping him.

"If it was merely a case of swimming across the Columbia River to get to the other side, I think he would've swam a long time ago."

For now, Bruiser appears to be content to graze on what's available and in getting ready to hunker down for the winter.

He lost about 100 pounds in recent months, which isn't unusual during the rut season. He remains a healthy speciman, weighing in at about 600 pounds, Downes said.

Hunting elk is illegal on

Whidbey, but there's been no protection from people using questionable tactics to lure the elk for a closer look.

Residents around Strawberry Point reported hearing artificial cow calls and observed the elk's associated behavior, Downes said.

Downes said he understands why people might want to catch a glimpse of the elk, but not their methods that put unnecessary stress on the animal.

"It just adds insult to injury," he said.

For four years, the elk has lived on Whidbey's north end without any significant disruption to people, aside from tangling with the occasional five-gallon bucket or yard ornament.

It's this time of year, after the rut period, that it tends to take out a few final frustrations on inanimate objects, Downes said.

"It's during the next couple of months that it sheds it antlers that I expect him potentially to chase down a couple of yard gnomes," Downes said.

OBITUARY

William A. Clark

William A. Clark, Col. USAF Ret., passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 in Seattle, Wash.

A vigil service/rosary will be held at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Coupeville.

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- No additional charge to call 9-1-1
- Directory assistance available by dialing 4-1-1, \$1.79 per call
- No additional charge to dial "0" for operator assistance to complete a call

Lifeline is a government assistance program, the service is nontransferable, only eligible consumers may enroll in the program, and the program is limited to one discount per household consisting of either wireline or wireless service. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program. Forms of documentation necessary for enrollment: All subscribers will be required to demonstrate eligibility based at least on (1) household income at or below 135% of Federal Poverty Level guidelines for a household of that size; OR (2) the household's participation in one of the federal assistance programs. 1: Current or prior year's statement of benefits from a qualifying state, federal, or Tribal program. 2: A notice letter of participation in a qualifying state, federal, or Tribal program. 3: Program participation documents (e.g., consumer SNAP card, Medicaid card, or copy thereof). 4: Other official document evidencing the consumer's participation in a qualifying state, federal, or Tribal program. Income eligibility: Prior year's state, federal, or Tribal tax return, current income statement from an employer or paycheck. Social Security statement of benefits. Veterans Administration statement of benefits. Retirement/pension statement of benefits. Unemployment/Workers' Compensation statement of benefits. Federal or Tribal notice letter of participation in General Assistance. Divorce decree, child support award, or other official document containing income information for at least three (3) months' time. AT&T Mobility will retain a copy of this documentation. Pricing is for a basic or message on AT&T Mobile Share Value* 300 MB plan. Additional monthly charges for extra devices and data. Other charges and restrictions apply. Visit a store or att.com/mobileshare for details. Gen. Wireless Svc. Terms: Subject to Wireless Customer Agmt or Applicable Business Agmt. Activation fee S40/line & add'l deposits may apply. Credit approval

NEW WHIPS

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It's an especially remarke achievement for Bailey, who's still in her first term.

Bailey will be the majority whip, the fourth-highest position in the Senate Republican caucus.

Whips work to gather votes in the party and ensure that caucus members are there for floor

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They are considered to be the party's enforcers. Frank Underwood in the TV series "House of Cards," for example, starts out as the majority whip in the U.S. House; Bailey and Hayes, however, are expected to use very different tactics.

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ng C'mas is Dr. Phil "It is so important that legislators are present and ready to vote," Bailey said.

"The coming legislative session will present many challenges that will shape the future of our state."

"That work can't be fully realized unless we are all engaged."

Bailey said she will also continue to work on critical policy issues, such as higher education, health care and the budget.

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Hayes was elected Monday as the whip in the Republican House caucus-

Hayes, who begins his third term in January, previously served as assistant whip and is also the current assistant ranking Republican on the House Public Safety Committee.

"This will also put me in a position to provide a stronger voice at the leadership table for the citizens I represent in the 10th Legislative District as we tackle major issues such as education funding, the state budget, public safety, transportation and more," he said.

SHOOTING

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Witnesses said Willey became aggressive and struck the neighbor with his car, knocking him down and injuring him, Detective Ed Wallace said.

The man feared that Willey was going to try to run him over and fired a shot with a handgun at the driver's door. The bullet went through the door and struck Willey, Wallace said.

The neighbor may have also fired warning shots, but the investigation into the details is ongoing, according to Wallace.

Willey was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. He was expected to be released today.

Wallace said it was too early in the investigation to determine if anyone might be arrested in connection with the shooting.

Willey is the son of Betty Tews, an elderly woman who went missing in June

of 2011 and was never found. He lives in her home on Sonic Road.

Tews' other son, Raymond Willey, was named as a suspect in her disappearance. He left town after the police learned that she was missing; he has since died in California.

Marvin Willey reported to police in June of 2015 that he heard mysterious noises in the attic and crawl space of his mother's house. He was so scared he armed himself and called police, according to court papers.

Deputies didn't find anything mysterious in the house, but they later arrested Willey for unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree. The officers discovered that Willey is a convicted felon out of South Carolina, which disqualified him from owning a firearm. Court documents show that he was convicted in federal court of bank embezzlement in 1979 and was sentenced to six months in prison.

Willey's criminal history also includes arrests for criminal trespass and drug possession.



THE NAVY HAS ISSUED A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR EA-18G GROWLER AIRFIELD OPERATIONS AT NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND COMPLEX. YOU ARE INVITED TO OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

THE NAVY PUBLISHED A NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex in the Federal Register on Thursday, November 10, 2016. The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental effects associated with the addition of up to 36 Growler aircraft and the continuation and increase of Growler airfield operations at Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT is to augment the Navy's existing Electronic Attack community at the NAS Whidbey Island complex by operating additional Growler aircraft as appropriated by Congress. The need for the Proposed Action is to maintain and expand Growler operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 5062. The Navy is analyzing three action alternatives, each of which has three operational scenarios that meet the purpose of and need for the Proposed Action, as well as a No Action Alternative, per Council on Environmental Quality regulations.

THE NAVY IS HOLDING FIVE OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETINGS to provide members of the public with the opportunity to submit comments on the Draft EIS. Each of the public meetings consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. Members of the public may arrive at the open house public meetings anytime during the hours listed in the following schedule:

Monday, December 5, 2016 Fort Worden State Park Conference Center USO Hall 200 Battery Way Port Townsend, WA 98368 3 PM – 6 PM Tuesday, December 6, 2016
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge
Grande Hall
155 NE Ernst Street
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
4 PM – 7 PM

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 Lopez Center for Community and the Arts 204 Village Road Lopez Island, WA 98261 3 PM – 6 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2016 Seafarers' Memorial Park Building 601 Seafarers' Way Anacortes, WA 98221 3 PM – 6 PM

Coupeville High School Commons 501 South Main Street Coupeville, WA 98239 4 PM – 7 PM

Friday, December 9, 2016

The Draft EIS is available for review at www.whidbeyeis.com and at 22 local libraries. Public Meeting materials will be made available at www.whidbeyeis.com and at 22 local libraries prior to the first meeting.

THE NAVY IS REQUESTING AND WELCOMES PUBLIC COMMENTS. The release of the Draft EIS begins an extended public comment period which lasts 75-days and ends on January 25, 2017. Written and oral comments may be submitted at the open house public meetings. Written comments may also be submitted online at the project website or mailed to:

EA-18G EIS Project Manager Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21/SS 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508 All comments must be postmarked, received online or provided in a format listed above no later than January 25, 2017.

*The names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, and other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments will be kept confidential and will not be released, unless otherwise specifically indicated by the commenter or as required by law. The city, state, and five-digit zip code of individuals who provide comments may be released.

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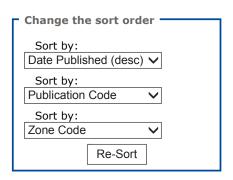


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Rape suspect's bail raised after alleged request to contact victim

By JESSIE STENSLAND

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A suspected child rapist's bail was increased to \$250,000 last week after he allegedly violated a court order by asking his wife to contact the young victim, court documents state.

A deputy prosecutor is still hoping to get the man's bail revoked altogether.

Prosecutors charged Oak Harbor resident George S. Agustin, 62, in Island County Superior Court Nov. 23 with rape of a child in the first degree, indecent liberties and two counts of communicating with a minor for immoral purposes. All were charged as domestic-violence crimes

In an interview with police, the child reported that Agustin raped her at an Oak Harbor home when she was 8 years old, according to the police report. She also claimed he touched her in a sexual manner more than once, repeatedly offered her money for sex and told her not to tell anyone about the assaults, the report states

Agustin spoke to investigators and

denied all of the accusations.

A judge originally set Agustin's bail at \$50,000 and issued a domestic-violence no-contact order that barred Agustin from contacting the victim, to include third-party contact.

In a call from the Island County jail Nov. 22, Agustin repeatedly asks his wife to talk to someone else — the name is unintelligible — and tell that person or persons to "drop the case."

He goes on to repeatedly ask her to tell them to "drop it" and his wife agrees, according to a police report.

Calls that inmates make from the jail are recorded

The prosecutor's office asked a judge on Nov. 23 to revoke Agustin's bail altogether. Judge Alan Hancock increased Agustin's bail to \$250,000 and set a hearing to consider the revocation of bail for Monday.

On Monday, however, the defense attorney said in court that he hadn't received the recording or paperwork associated with the case.

As a result, the hearing was set over to next Monday, to coincide with arraignment



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Man who videotaped rape sent to prison

By JESSIE STENSLAND

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A 25-year-old Langley man who videotaped himself raping an unconscious woman at a party last year was recently sentenced to a lengthy prison term.

Timothy Greene pleaded guilty in Island County Superior Court Sept. 30 to second-degree rape and voyeurism. As part of a plea bargain, both the prosecutor and defense attorney recommended an indeterminate sentence of 10 years to life.

Judge Alan Hancock agreed and imposed the sentence last month.

A long list of family, friends and community members wrote letters vouching for Greene's character and many spoke in court on his behalf. His supporters said he is a good person and that his actions in the case were a one-time mistake made under the influence of alcohol and marijuana and

completely out of character.

One of the letters stated that the victim was partly responsible for being raped.

Greene apologized for his actions and wrote to the judge that he wants to get help. His supporters asked Hancock for leniency.

The prosecutor, however, said the crime was not a one-time occurrence.

Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecutor Eric Ohme explained in an interview that the investigation uncovered video Greene made of himself having sex with a former girlfriend, without her knowledge and consent. He was charged with the voyeurism count because of the video.

Some of the videos may be considered child pornography since Greene started dating the girl when she was 14 and he was 20 years old, Ohme said. Third degree rape of a child occurs when there is sexual intercourse between a minor who is 14 or 15 and a defendant who is at least four years older than the minor.

In addition, the detective found other images of suspected child porn, "upskirt" video Greene

allegedly took of women in public and video of him trying to hide his camera in a bathroom, according to the prosecutor.

Ohme said he agreed not to file additional rape, child porn or voyeurism charges as part of the plea bargain

The pre-sentence investigation by the Department of Corrections indicates a "lingering discrepancy" about whether Greene may have surreptitiously given the victim a narcotic to render her unconscious. The victim told detectives that she suspected she had been drugged since she passed out after drinking a relatively small amount. In addition, a polygraph exam indicated deception when Green answered "no" to the question, "Have you ever intentionally gotten someone drunk or medicated in order to take advantage of them sexually?"

Greene will have to register as a sex offender for life.

The victim had no recollection of the rape and only found out about it after Greene lost a flash drive in a friend's yard, which a friend found and gave to her. The flash drive contained a video of Greene raping the unconscious woman with his finger.







CITY OF OAK HARBOR Regular City Council Meeting Agenda

The Oak Harbor City Council Regular Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** at City Hall in the

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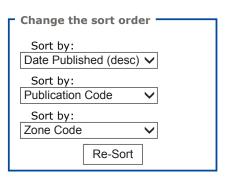
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It's an especially remarke achievement for Bailey, who's still in her first term.

Bailey will be the majority whip, the fourth-highest position in the Senate Republican caucus.

Whips work to gather votes in the party and ensure that caucus members are there for floor

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They are considered to be the party's enforcers. Frank Underwood in the TV series "House of Cards," for example, starts out as the majority whip in the U.S. House; Bailey and Hayes, however, are expected to use very different tactics.

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"It is so important that legislators are present and ready to vote," Bailey said.

"The coming legislative session will present many challenges that will shape the future of our state."

"That work can't be fully realized unless we are all engaged.'

Bailey said she will also continue to work on critical policy issues, such as higher education, health care and the budget.

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Hayes was elected Monday as the whip in the Republican House caucus-

Hayes, who begins his third term in January, previously served as assistant whip and is also the current assistant ranking Republican on the House Public Safety Committee.

"This will also put me in a position to provide a stronger voice at the leadership table for the citizens I represent in the 10th Legislative District as we tackle major issues such as education funding, the state budget, public safety, transportation and more," he said.

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Witnesses said Willey became aggressive and struck the neighbor with his car, knocking him down and injuring him, Detective Ed Wallace said.

The man feared that Willey was going to try to run him over and fired a shot with a handgun at the driver's door. The bullet went through the door and struck Willey, Wallace said.

The neighbor may have also fired warning shots, but the investigation into the details is ongoing, according to Wallace.

Willey was airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. He was expected to be released today.

Wallace said it was too early in the investigation to determine if anyone might be arrested in connection with the shooting.

Willey is the son of Betty Tews, an elderly woman who went missing in June

of 2011 and was never found. He lives in her home on Sonic Road.

Tews' other son, Raymond Willey, was named as a suspect in her disappearance. He left town after the police learned that she was missing; he has since died in California.

Marvin Willey reported to police in June of 2015 that he heard mysterious noises in the attic and crawl space of his mother's house. He was so scared he armed himself and called police, according to court papers.

Deputies didn't find anything mysterious in the house, but they later arrested Willey for unlawful possession of a firearm in the second degree. The officers discovered that Willey is a convicted felon out of South Carolina, which disqualified him from owning a firearm. Court documents show that he was convicted in federal court of bank embezzlement in 1979 and was sentenced to six months in prison.

Willey's criminal history also includes arrests for criminal trespass and drug



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NAS Whidbey is more important than ever to national security, Brown said. The electronic warfare performed by Growlers is vital to other aircraft and troops.

"They lead the way and allow other aircraft to do their mission," he said.

THE DEPARTMENT of Defense is studying a couple of possible technological solutions to Growler noise, Brown said, but the EIS isn't able to take those into account. One is software to help pilots make the difficult aircraft carrier landings. The other is a "chevron" to quiet the engine.

The draft EIS breaks up the potential impacts into different scenarios and sub-scenarios, including a no-action alternative.

It presents three alternatives for the number of Growlers dedicated to fleet squadrons as opposed to expeditionary squadrons. A greater number of the aircraft in fleet squadrons — which are aircraft-carrier based — means more carrier landing practice, while expeditionary squadrons don't need to practice the operation, Brown explained.



































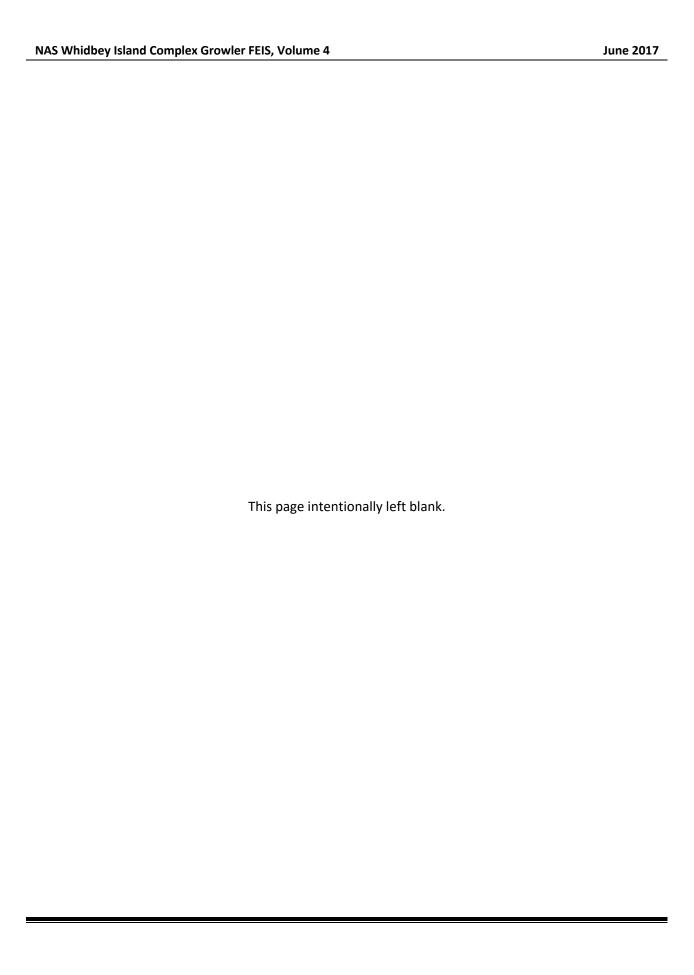




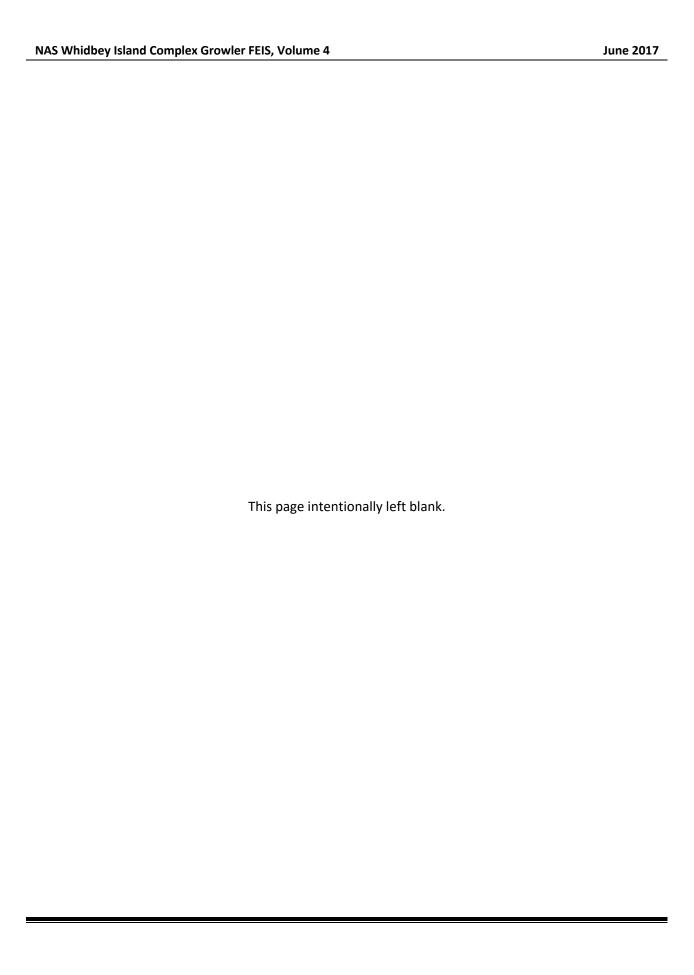


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Arts Festival Giving Back program awards \$33,000 in grants

BY BRIANA ALZOLA American staff writer

Fostering an early love of writing, using art to get through hard times and choosing new public art for the community to enjoy were focuses of this year's Anacortes Arts Festival Giving Back pro-

Each year, the Arts Festival uses its net profit to award grant money to several area groups. This year, it will hand out about \$33,000. It is also anticipating donating \$9,000 to the Cultural Education Program, \$12,000 to public art purchases and \$6,000 to the Local Artists in the Schools program, bringing giving for the year up to about \$55,000.

The festival received 28 grant applications totaling \$108,665 requested, festival Director Meredith McIlmoyle said.

Most of the money handed out goes to programs on Fidalgo Island or that directly benefit people here. A Giving Back committee reviews all grant applications, she said. The festival is interested in helping new programs get going, and there are other groups that rely on the funding each year. The committee focuses on creating a mix of the two, she said.

A majority of the



FILE PHOTO

The Buskerfest event in August is one of the programs being provided with an Anacortes Arts Festival grant this year.

money goes to programs that helps students and children, said Rita James, with the festival. The grant program started as a scholarship program but the festival realized it could make a bigger impact for more kids by supporting programs in the community, she said.

In 2016, the festival handed out \$42,350 in grants. That number was \$39,974 in 2015 and \$49,000 in 2014 (which includes cultural education support).

The amount is less this year because the board decided to invest some of the money it made last year into the festival itself, McIlmoyle said. In April, there will be a spring arts festival featuring about 40 booth artisans, two weekends of fundraising events and cultural outreach.

Some money is need-

ed to get the new events going, but after they are up and running, they should bring in even more money to be given to the Anacortes School District and other programs, McIlmoyle said. The money for the public art purchases come from the two runs the Arts Festival holds — the annual Color Run (coming up April 22) and the Arts Dash the weekend of the festival. That piece should be chosen and purchased next month, McIlmoyle said.

The biggest grant this year was given to the Anacortes Family Center for its art therapy program. The program started in 2015 with a \$2,000 grant from the Arts Festival. It continued to grow and in 2016, the festival gave the program \$5,000. The program has continued to grow and has had great success with the kids living at the center, McIlmoyle said.

"This program is valuable and important," she said. "It's great we can give them so much money."

The festival also gave \$2,015 to the Young Authors program in the Anacortes School District. The program is run by volunteers. There is a coordinator at each elementary school who teaches writing, recruits writing coaches and facilitates workshop. The program has been going for six years but up until now, only two students from each class have been able to participate, according to the grant application. The expanded program would open that up to any student who wants to participate. Students learn writing skills and handson instruction in bookbinding and illustration. Participants are able to attend the Young Authors Conference at Skagit Val-

ley College in the spring. Every student leaves the program with a bound, illustrated piece of writing. The grant money from the festival will go to help pay for artist workshops, student materials, scholarships, teachers and transportation to and from the conference.

The festival also is giving \$1,000 to the new Madrona Grove Sculpture Park. The sculpture park is a new project being put together by the Anacortes Arts Commission. The park should be installed later this year.

The money will go to commission an artist to create a site-specific installation featuring silk

The festival also gave \$1,000 to the Friends of Anacortes Public Library for the library's next genre night. Its Harry Potter night in 2016

brought in more than 700 people. The library hasn't set its next genre but McIlmovle said the giving committee recognized what a great service the activities are for the com-

Other grants include:

• \$3,500 for art programs at the Anacortes Boys & Girls Club.

 \$1,000 for music at the Anacortes Farmers

• \$1,000 for the Buskerfest through Anacortes Parks & Recreation.

• \$1,500 for lights for the Anacortes High School film program.

• \$1,425 for a kiln at Island View Elementary School. The other half of the money for the kiln will come from the Anacortes Noon Rotary Club.

• \$2,000 will go to the Fidalgo DanceWorks for an upcoming production. • \$3,350 will go to the

Fidalgo Island Quilters for its elementary school quilting programs. • \$5,000 to the Muse-

um of Northwest Art for its MoNA Link program.

• \$2,000 for instrument collection and a headliner concert through the Seahawk Music Boosters.

 \$1,000 for a St. Patrick's Eve event through the Skagit River Poetry Foundation.

 \$250 for ukulele repair through Fidalgo Elementary School.

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toxic pollution, climate change and diminishing food supply," Orca Relief

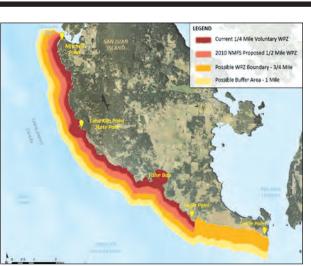
Friedman, who is part owner of Maya's Legacy Whale Watching in Friday Harbor, called the proposal "a complete distraction" from threats to the whales, specifically a decreasing food supply. The proposal does nothing to put more fish in the water, he said.

The petition cites findings by NOAA Fisheries that even if Southern Residents only use the protected area part of the time, protected areas reduce the frequency of exposure to certain threats and diminish the overall cumulative impact of other threats.

The proposed protection zone would be 3/4 mile wide with a 1/4-mile-wide protection buffer from Mitchell Point to the north and Cattle Pass to the south on San Juan Island. Currently there is a 1/4 mile voluntary whale protec-

tion zone in the area. "Petitioners regard the added size with a buffer necessary to give the (orcas) more quiet and rest even when ves-

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This graphic shows a proposed 3/4-mile-wide whale protection zone in orange with a 1/4-milewide protection buff in yellow along the west side of San Juan Island. The red area is the existing 1/4-mile voluntary whale protection zone.

ary of the zone," the petition states.

The area is similar to, but wider and longer than an area proposed by NOAA Fisheries in 2010.

That protection zone was part of a package of vessel regulations to protect the whales, according to NOAA. The agency adopted vessel traffic regulations in 2011 requiring boats stay 200 yards from the whales and out of their path, but it did not finalize a protected zone in light of strong opposition at the

"To be effective, regu-

of public acceptance, and we did not see sufficient support for a protected area in 2011," Lynne Barre, NOAA Fisheries recovery coordinator for the whales,

said in the news release. "The petition presents an opportunity to revisit that idea and get input from the public on this type of protection for the

Nathan Brandow, Blackfish Tours owner, said Orca Relief Citizens' Alliance is a "politicized entity" rather than one based on science.

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for this — is not very credible," Brandow said.

Owners of Mystic Sea Charters, which also operates whale watching tours out of Anacortes, did not return requests

for comment by press

Island Adventures deferred questions to Friedman, who said the proposal will take time and resources away that

will have meaningful impact for the whales' recovery.

Brandow also added that the petition distracts from the focus that legislation is needed to help the whales, most specifically for the recovery of food resources.

"That's going to be the most meaningful thing we can do for these animals," he said.

According to the petition, Fisheries can implement the management step "relatively quickly and inexpensively."

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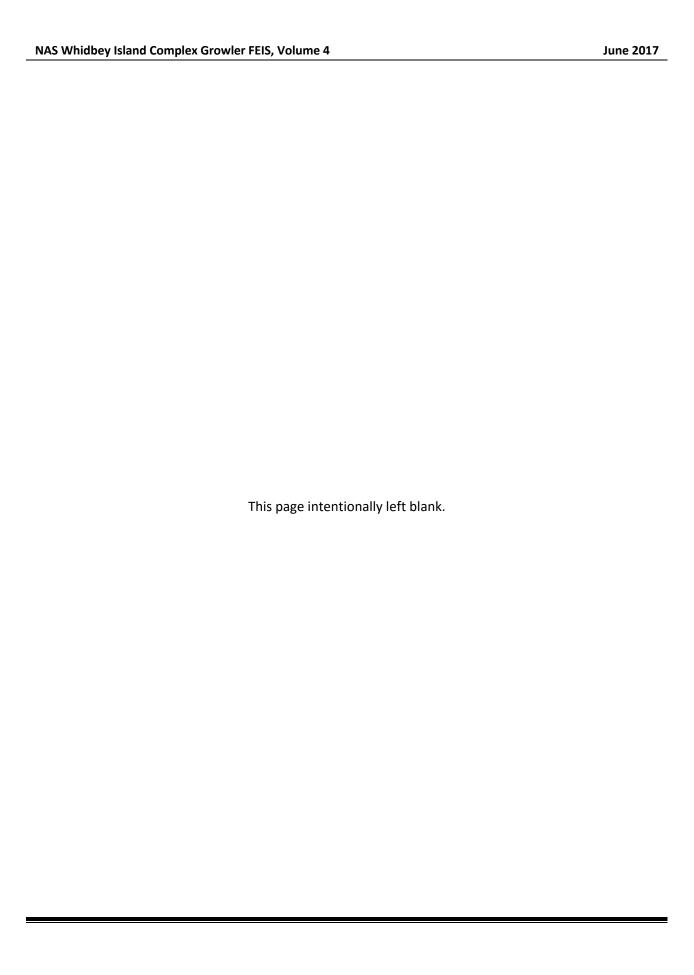
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Local Democratic party elects new leadership

By David Turnoy,

Chairman San Juan County Democrats

The San Juan County Democrats held its biennial reorganization meeting on Saturday, Jan. 14 in Friday Harbor. Many of our precinct committee officers had been elected in the primary last August, and they were responsible last week for electing our new officers for 2017-18. David Dehlendorf had served as chair for the past three years, and he did an excellent job building up the number of participants in our local party.

I ran for the chair position

unopposed, and not unsurprisingly I was elected. My main reason for running was to try to improve the world we are leaving to our children and grandchildren, which requires a more progressive path for the Democrats.

It is clear that the time has come for a new direction in the Democratic party. Many people no longer see us as the party of the people, which is what we aim to be. It is clear from the caucuses last year that our locals who consider themselves Democrats and came out to participate also favor a more progressive direction. To

that end, we elected two very progressive younger people, Learner Limbach and Natasha Frey, for the positions of state committee man and woman. These two, along with their counterparts from all around the state, will be meeting in Olympia at the end of the month when they will have the chance to elect a more progressive state chair, Tina Podlodowski.

Change is in the air, and if you want to be part of a more progressive Democratic party, I urge you to get involved. While we need to unite behind our elected Democratic officials to fight for

our progressive vision, at the same time we will not tolerate our officials acting against the interests of the people.

We are planning issue-related action teams at the next meeting, which will be at noon, Feb. 4 at Skagit Valley College in Friday Harbor. We began this process at a special meeting in December, and we will conclude the planning stage at the next meeting and get busy implementing concrete actions to improve the political process. For instance, we are working on a plan to end the Electoral College, and there is a

method to do so without needing a constitutional amendment. We are also looking to take back the state senate, which we can do by helping the candidate in a special election later this year; if we are successful, both houses will have Democratic majorities, and we can actually pass progressive legislation. And — brace yourselves now — we might even be able to fully fund our schools.

If you are interested in being part of the change we need, contact me either at 376-4165 or davidgeri@centurylink.net.

Review of home trust board member orientation

Submitted by the San Juan Community Home Trust

The San Juan Community Home Trust held its new board member orientation on Saturday, Jan. 14. The purpose of the meeting was both to inform new members of our mission, history and responsibilities, and to explain the nuts and bolts of Home Trust operations. Attendees left with renewed energy to serve affordable housing needs on the island, given that the San Juan County Council and other non-profits have made the issue a top priority for 2017.

Executive Director Nancy

DeVaux began by giving a history of the organization and some of the unique aspects of each of the three neighborhoods developed by the Home Trust, including the state-of-the-art LOSS (Large Onsite Sewer System) in Sun Rise. Dina Melic and Chinmayo spoke

of the ambassador program to which they have been appointed, and which lobbies national legislators on affordable housing issues. Peter Goddu spoke about the legal responsibilities of board members; Attilio Galli spoke about fiduciary matters; Gay Graham spoke about fundraising, the ongoing job of members of

nonprofit boards.

In talking about our neighborhoods and how they benefit San Juan Island, notable points made:Home ownership of a permanently affordable home allows wealth building on the part of islanders. Some have been able to start businesses, not having had to use as high a percentage of their

income on housing. Others have sold and moved into market rate homes, having had the stability and time to build equity while owning a permanently affordable home. Home Trust homeowners pay property taxes on the assessed fair-market value of their homes, contributing to the tax base of the island.

Search and rescue mission

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 11, Search and Rescue Alert crew was notified of a MEDEVAC mission from Orcas Island while working to the east of the air station. The crew turned back towards NAS Whidbey Island to pick up the SAR Medical Technician and refuel the helicopter. The crew landed at the Orcas airport at 8:14 p.m. and the SMT met with the ambulance. Once everyone was loaded, the helicopter departed the airport at 8:36 p.m. and proceeded directly to PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center in Bellingham for patient turnover.

On the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 17, both missions were MEDEVACs from Friday Harbor. The first of the evening launched just after 7:30 p.m. to pick up a patient suffering from cardiac distress. After the SMT conducted patient transfer the crew departed Friday Harbor and proceeded directly to PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Bellingham, where the patient was delivered to a higher level of care. The second mission of the evening launched at 1:30 a.m. to transport a patient suffering neurological symptoms due to a fractured spine. Once on deck, the SMT conducted patient turnover and they were loaded into the aircraft. The helicopter departed Friday Harbor airport at 2:25 a.m.and proceeded directly to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle arriving there 26 minutes later.

Free school app available

Submitted by The San Juan Island School District

The latest news and information from schools in the San Juan Island School District are now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app that launched Jan. 18. San Juan Island School District is partnering with Blackboard to expand its communications outreach with a mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes and Google Play app stores for free.

The mobile app will offer a constantly updated feed of district news and events with photos and links to the district's website. The app can also be customized by the user by selecting the schools they are most interested in for news and updates. Users can also choose to receive push notifications to get breaking news and updates about school closures, calendar changes and more.

"We know that our students are more successful in schools when parents are engaged in their learning and school activities," said Dr. Danna Diaz, Superintendent of San Juan Island School District. "With our new mobile app, parents and community members can stay connected with our local schools and with the activities our students are engaged in every day."



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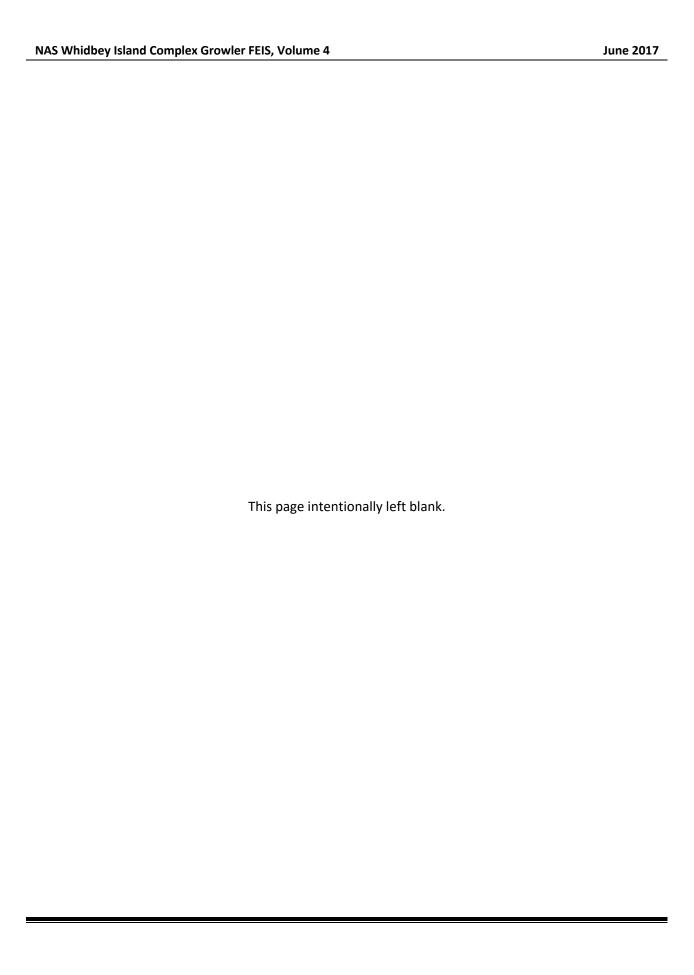
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Convicted identity thief sentenced to four months

By Rob Ollikainen Peninsula Daily News

PORT ANGELES — A Port Angeles woman convicted of four counts of second-degree identity theft Jan. 12 has been sentenced to four months in jail, Clallam County prosecutors announced Thursday.

Heather N. O'Hara, 23, was sentenced Wednesday in Clallam County Superior

A Clallam County jury found that O'Hara used a stolen credit card to make several purchases at the Sequim Walmart Supercenter, Rite Aid and J.C. Penney over the course of 14 hours last April, prosecutors said.

Sequim police alleged in court documents that O'Hara made \$1,157 in purchases at several businesses April 28 and April 29.

Sequim Police Officer Anthony Bush used surveillance video from the Sequim Walmart to develop probable cause that O'Hara was a suspect, court papers said. Another officer recognized O'Hara in the video, the papers said.

According to testimony in the two-day trial, O'Hara bought clothing, a cellphone and charger, gift cards and other items totaling more than \$1,000, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steve Johnson said in a news release.

In a statement to Bush, O'Hara admitted to making the purchases but claimed that a family friend had gone to Walmart with her and given her the card to buy what she wanted, John-

At trial, Johnson presented evidence that O'Hara made more than \$200 in purchases at Walmart before she returned to Walmart with the friend, according to the release.

O'Hara was arrested without incident May 29. She was released from the county jail after her initial court appearance.

A fifth count of seconddegree identity theft that was originally filed against O'Hara was dismissed, court papers said.

O'Hara had misdemeanor convictions for assault, malicious mischief and making a false statement to law enforcement, Johnson said. Her presumptive sentencing range was four to 12 months, he added.

Based on her offender score, Johnson recommended a six-month jail sentence for O'Hara, according to the minutes of the sentencing hearing.

Defense attorney Loren Oakley of Clallam Public Defender recommended a 60-day sentence with 30 days converted to community custody.

Clallam County Superior Court Judge Erik Rohrer sentenced O'Hara to four months and ordered her to report to the county jail Wednesday, court papers said.

O'Hara will not be required to serve community custody after her release.

Reporter Rob Ollikainen can be reached at 360-452-2345, ext. 56450, or at rollikainen@peninsula



A state Department of Transportation crew looks at a giant boulder that landed on U.S. Highway 101 near milepost 229 east of Barnes Point at Lake Crescent on Thursday.

Boulder removed after blocking 101 for hours

By Jesse Major

PENINSULA DAILY NEWS

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK — A boulder about 12 feet across fell onto U.S. Highway 101 early Thursday morning, blocking traffic until the afternoon and highlighting a concern about falling debris along Lake Crescent.

The state Department of Transportation anticipated falling rocks after the weather warmed up, but nothing like the boulder that fell Thursday, said Claudia Bingham Baker, Transportation spokes-

She said state crews, who have been monitoring U.S. Highway 101 on Lake Crescent for falling debris since last weekend, discovered the boulder at about milepost 229 at about

Crews had to wait until daylight to begin work and had the road back open by about 1:45 p.m., she said.

Crews pulled out the guardrail and used a bulldozer and excavator to push the boulder off the highway.

"The boulder wasn't ended up in the water."

Crews then replaced the guardrail and patched the damaged pavement.

The rock measured about 9 feet by 7 feet by 12 feet, Bingham Baker said. She had no estimate of the rock's weight.

She said one crew member who has worked that stretch of highway for many years remembers only three boulders ever falling into

been in the past few months.

Another boulder, which blocked only one lane, fell onto the highway in Novem-

A tree fell earlier this month, killing a boy and Highway 101 on Lake Cres-

cent as well.

"The boulder coming down serves to underscore the importance of this big rehab project," said Barb Maynes, spokeswoman for Olympic National Park.

The park has scheduled a 3-year project on Highway 101 along Lake Crescent to begin this spring, she said.

The park, along with the Two of those have have Federal Highway Administration as a cooperating agency, plans to replace sections of road bed, remove rock-fall hazards, repair or replace failing retaining walls and rotten guardrails, and repair culverts on 12.3 injuring four others, on miles of the tourist and commuting route around

the lake.

Part of the work includes rock scaling, which the park hasn't done since 2012, Maynes said.

"It's something we do periodically," she said.

During rock scaling, crews will either knock hazardous rocks down or bolt them into place while also stabilizing cliff faces, she

The park has not yet awarded a contract for the project.

Reporter Jesse Major can be reached at 360-452-2345, ext. 56250, or at jmajor@peninsula

Judge says he's inclined to let CIA suit proceed

By Nicholas K.

GERANIOS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPOKANE — Lawyers for two psychologists who designed the CIA's harsh interrogation methods in the war on terror have asked a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the men by the American Civil Liberties

U.S. District Court Judge Justin Quackenbush held a psychologists James Mitch-hearing on the motion ell and John "Bruce" Jessen said. "I don't know if it Thursday and said he at their company in Spowould issue a written deci- kane. sion later. But the judge

said he was inclined to deny the motion to dismiss.

The unusual case was brought by the ACLU on behalf of three men — Gul Rahman, Suleiman Abdullah Salim and Mohamed Ahmed Ben Soud.

Claims of torture

They contend they were tortured in CIA prisons using methods developed by CIA-contracted

Trial is set for June.

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Rally set to protest Cabinet picks' views on climate change

Peninsula Daily News

PORT ANGELES — Olympic Climate Action will host a rally Monday in protest of the "climate-killing Cabinet" nominees of President Donald

The protest will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the traffic triangle at the west end of Front and First streets in Port Angeles at the foot of Valley Street, said Ed Chadd of the group's executive committee. Demonstrators are encouraged to dress warmly and brightly and to bring signs or flags.

The demonstration will be followed at 9 a.m. by a presentation to Port of Port Angeles commissioners urging them to oppose nominees to the president's Cabinet. The group will speak during the public comment period of the commissioners' meeting at 338 W. First St., according to Holly Hairell, public relations manager.

Earlier this month, the group wrote Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Mountlake Terrace) and Patty Murray (D-Seattle) to carefully vet the Cabinet-level nominees, specifically Scott Pruitt for head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Rex Tillerson for secretary of state, Ryan Zinke for secretary of the Interior, Rick Perry for secretary of Energy and Mike Pompeo for the head

"In summary, we are concerned that Donald Trump seems to be putting in place a Climate Denial administration that threatens our very future, and we ask you to do everything in your power to protect our nation and the earth

from those who ignore science, risking those they are entrusted to protect," the letter says.

The group is asking local and tribal governments across the North Olympic Peninsula to consider sending a similar message, Chadd said.

Pruitt's confirmation hearing before the Senate Energy and Public Works Committee was Wednesday.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee has scheduled a vote on Tillerson on Monday. Tillerson's nomination could still be brought to the Senate floor if the committee declined to give him a positive recommendation. He would need 50 votes to be confirmed.

Zinke's hearing before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee was Tuesday, while Perry's hearing before the same committee was Thursday and Pompeo's hearing before the Senate Intelligence Committee was

Chadd said Monday's rally will be in conjunction with protests of Trump's Cabinet nominations across the nation during the first 100 hours of his administration, which are organized by a coalition of the nation's leading environmental groups.

Olympic Climate Action is a grassroots organization that formed in 2012. It is made up of more than 500 people from across the Olympic Peninsula dedicated to research, education and action on climate change, Chadd said.

For more information, see the Olympic Climate Action website at www. olyclimate.org or the group's Facebook

Fire damages Hadlock home

Peninsula Daily News

PORT HADLOCK Investigators were focusing their efforts on wiring in the attic above a bedroom in a Port Hadlock house damaged in a house fire.

The fire broke out in the attic Friday morning, said Bill Beezley, East Jefferson Fire-Rescue spokesman.

No one was hurt. No one was home at the time of the fire, and one dog in the house escaped injury, he

Firefighters were called to the blaze at 10:31 a.m. after a neighbor two doors down in the 100 block of Third Street saw smoke and called 9-1-1.

Firefighters arrived to



A Port Hadlock house incurred significant damage after a fire broke out in its attic space Friday morning.

ing from the roof line. The Force was investigating the fire was knocked down by 11:05 a.m., Beezley said.

The Jefferson County cious.

find smoke and flames com- Fire Investigation Task cause of the fire, which was not considered to be suspi-

Wreck: Blocked traffic

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the southbound lane, while Valdez Torres' truck went off the road and down an embankment.

A third vehicle, a 1990 Honda Accord traveling southbound, swerved right to avoid the wreck and overturned down the same embankment.

The passenger in the box Maturinotruck, Luis Morales, 43, of Tacoma, and the passenger in the Honda, Horacio Reyes Ramos, 18, of Bremerton, were airlifted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, the State Patrol Ramos of Bremerton, were both transported by ambulance to Jefferson Health- fic in both directions and care hospital in Port Townsend.

Jefferson Healthcare would not release the status of Valdez Torres or A. Reyes Ramos. Both H. Reyes Ramos and Maturino-Morales were discharged from Harborview on Satur-

The wreck was called in at 1 p.m., and first responders from Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue, East Jefferson Fire-Rescue, the Quilcene remains under investiga-Fire Department, Jefferson tion.

Valdez Torres and the County Sheriff's Office and driver of the Honda, one engine from Naval The SUV came to rest in 24-year-old Albino Reyes Magazine Indian Island were dispatched.

The wreck blocked trafthe Jefferson County Department of Public Works stopped traffic at Chimacum Road and Oak

Bay Road to reroute traffic. The scene was turned over to the State Patrol at about 2:30 p.m. According to Trooper Russ Winger, State Patrol spokesman, troopers reopened Highway 19 shortly before 8 p.m. Fri-

The cause of the wreck

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Therapy Success Story, Crestwood Health and Rehabilitation

By Katie Irvin, MS OTR/L

When Russ first arrived at Crestwood he was dehydrated, had a poor appetite, displayed decreased energy and had lost his zest for life. He required much encouragement to engage in daily tasks such as getting dressed and washing his face; furthermore, he was unable to walk to the sink to turn on the water, he had to rely on someone to push him there in a wheel chair during the first few days and weeks of his care.

Russ received roughly 7 weeks of Occupational and Physical Therapy during his stay and his functional outcomes were outstanding. By the time he was preparing to return home, his balance and endurance



Russ pictured with his beloved wife Sandra

had significantly improved. He was able to independently walk outside and water the garden, cruise up and down stairs and prepare a meal for himself. He was seen smiling and he was often heard saying "that's cool." Russ' zest for life indeed had returned.



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Acts sought for March benefit in PA

PORT ANGELES — The Port Angeles Community Players are seeking entertainers for a fundraiser for the organization March 18.

We are looking for musicians, singers, dancers, jugglers, magicians, actors

or whatever your act may be," said Dmitri Gerasimenko, one of the event organizers.

We want to have a fun evening of showing what the local talent is."

Acts of no more than 10 minutes each are requested. The group is seeking eight separate entertainers. All acts must audition.

Auditions can be scheduled for the evening of Feb. 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. by calling Dmitri at 612-239-8952 or sending a link to your website, a video-sharing site or CD with a letter of interest and contact information to pacommunityplayers@ hotmail.com.

Those auditioning in person should bring everything they need.

An accompanist will not be provided.

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Pier: For public review

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The Corps permits would allow removal of more than 7,000 cubic yards of jetty material for the pier in an area that includes the federally constructed Ediz Hook Beach Erosion Control Project, according to the Corps' Jan. 5 public notice of its review.

The notice notified the public that the Corps was evaluating the Navy's alteration of the erosion control project and set Jan. 11 as the cutoff date for public comment.

"USACE has determined that the Navy's proposed project would entail an alteration to a harbor work built by the United States, and this requires approval under Section 408," the notice said.

Section 408 is part of the U.S. Code that is related to the federal Rivers and Harbors Act, Graesser said.

"This proposed alteration triggers a requirement ... that the Corps review the proposed alteration to ensure it is not injurious to the public interest and doesn't impair the usefulness of the project," she

Construction of the Navy dock was scheduled to begin with pile-driving in December but has yet to commence until the permits are approved, Navy spokes-woman Silvia Klatman

"The Navy anticipates receiving the permits on Jan. 23," she said in an email.

"Completion of the pier portion of the project will be delayed.

"The Navy is currently assessing the cost and time impact to the project."

The project includes a fuel storage facility, an armory and an Alert Forces Facility.

The Alert Forces Facility, which includes sleeping quarters for 20 to 30 per-

construction by Watts-Orion Joint Venture of Gig Harbor, Jeff Robison, general manager of Watts Construction of Gig Harbor, said Friday.

Watts Construction is the managing partner for the project with Orion Marine Group of Tacoma, which is building the pier.

The companies are building the Transit Protection System as Watts-Orion Joint Venture of Gig Harbor, which was awarded the contract Aug. 30.

Robison said pile-driving for the dock on the southern flank of the Hook, facing the Port Angeles shoreline and the Olympic Mountains, was supposed to begin Dec. 1.

Now, depending on the Corps' decision, work could begin this week — but will have to end during the protective "fish window" that closes Feb. 15, restricting in-water construction until it opens again July 16.

Pile-driving work

Pile-driving would have been completed by Feb. 15, but even if it starts up again before then, it will take place this summer after the window reopens, Robison

"Pile-driving will have to be resumed in July for sure," Robison said.

Robison did not yet know the impact on recreational users of Port Angeles Harbor, he said.

'We'll have to look hard at the impact it will have to those folks," he said.

According to bid specifications, the contract had a duration date of 18 months, an unsuccessful bidder on the project told the Peninsula Daily News on Sept. 2.

Navy spokesman Jake Chappelle said Friday that the Navy commonly awards contracts for construction projects pending regulatory permits.

"All projects of this magnitude have many hurdles to overcome, any of which can delay a project's progress," he said in an email.

Navy officials have said the entire project would be completed by February

The Navy's August 2016 environmental assessment of the project determined the project would not have a significant environmental impact.

The material that would be removed is part of a jetty that extends 215 feet south of the shoreline and is covered by a concrete slab, according to the Jan. 5 public notice.

The material that would be removed consists of 4,450 cubic yards of crushed rock and 3,200 cubic yards of large rock. The beach would be

regraded on the eastern and western portions of the A new section of armor-

ing would consist of 58 cubic yards of material, according to the notice. The city of Port Angeles and the Seattle office of the

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What does Trump's 1st executive order do?

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The new president took action against the Affordable Care Act

By Margot Sanger-Katz tic language. And the order, THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Donald J. Trump ran on a campaign promise to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. So it should not come as a surprise that he has signed an executive order urging his administration to fight it as much as possible.

But that order alone won't allow Trump to unwind the sprawling health law known as Obamacare.

Trump and Republican leaders in Congress are engaged in negotiations about legislation that might substantially undo or replace the health law. Even before the inauguration, Congress took a first step toward gutting major provi-

But as that process underscores, major changes to health policy will require new legislation. The Trump executive order should be seen more as a mission statement and less as a monarchical edict that can instantly change the law.

Trump has sent a strong signal that he intends to fight the health law, but he sent signals that were strong on the campaign trail, too, just in less legaliscrucially, notes that agencies can act only "to the maximum extent permitted by law." (How the Trump administration interprets those permissions, of course, is yet untested.)

The order spells out the various ways that a Trump administration might fight the parts of the health law until new legislation comes: by writing new regulations and exercising discretion where allowed. Regulations can be changed, but, as the order notes, only through a legal process of "notice and comment" that can take months or years.

On matters of discretion, the administration can move faster, but there are limited places where current law gives the administration much power to quickly change course.

How much of the order is bluster and how much it signals a set of significant policy changes in the pipeline is unclear. The order was not specific and did not direct any actions.

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President Donald J. Trump signs his first executive order in the Oval Office on Friday, regarding the Affordable Care Act.

gies, a Washington consult- the appeal, the Trump ing firm. Whitlock was a longtime health policy aide to Sen. Chuck Grassley, a Republican from Iowa.

The easiest way for the Trump administration to undermine the health law would be to stop defending a lawsuit brought by the particular House of Representatives.

That suit said that the "Right off the bat, what Obama administration

administration could start a process to eliminate those subsidies and cause a collapse of the insurance market. Trump's order said nothing about that policy Another important area

of discretion has to do with exemptions to the law's unpopular individual mandate to obtain insurance. Under the law, all Amer-

icans who can afford it are

that would make it impossible. People who feel there has been such a hardship can apply for an exemption, and employees in the Department of Health and Human Services and the Internal Revenue Service can decide on their case.

Under a Trump administration, it might become easier to claim hardship and get out of the requirement to buy insurance.

But people seeking those expected to obtain health exemptions will still have to insurance, unless they have apply for them, in writing, experienced some hardship and can do so only at par-

ticular times of the year.

Current law requires them to provide documentation supporting their claim that they have recently filed for bankruptcy, for example, or been evicted, and they must legally attest to their hon-

esty.

The Trump administration could create new categories of hardship, but that would take time. And rules that effectively eliminate the requirement would almost certainly result in

"It's not a hardship to have to comply with the law, almost by definition," said Timothy Jost, a professor of law at Washington and Lee University. Jost, who supports the health law, has examined the underlying regulations in detail.

Trump recently promised that his team was developing a health care plan far better than the Affordable Care Act, that would insure more people and lower their costs.

For people who heard that and thought Trump had gone soft on Obamacare, his executive order may come as a shock. But nothing in the order changes the law on its own. Whether Trump's intention is a smooth transition or a rapid disruption in current policy will be determined by

Senate scheduled to continue confirmation hearings

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WASHINGTON — This week, the Senate will conduct confirmation votes on Trump Administration cabinet nominees. The House schedule was to announced.

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• JAMES MATTIS, SECRETARY

DEFENSE: The Senate on Friday voted, 98 for and one against, to confirm retired Marine Gen. James N. Mattis, 66, as the 26th secretary of defense since the office was established



Sen. Maria Cantwell **D-Mountlake Terrace**

When Mattis retired from active duty in 2013, he was commander of the U.S. Central Command, which directs American military Websites following our operations in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia.

Mattis became the first member of President Donald Trump's cabinet to receive confirmation.

The negative vote was cast by Sen. Kirsten Gilli-

• JOHN HOMELAND SECURITY **SECRETARY:** The Senate

firm Kelly to head the Department of Homeland Security.

Cantwell and Murray on Friday voted, 88 for and voted yes.

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and most of the Caribbean)

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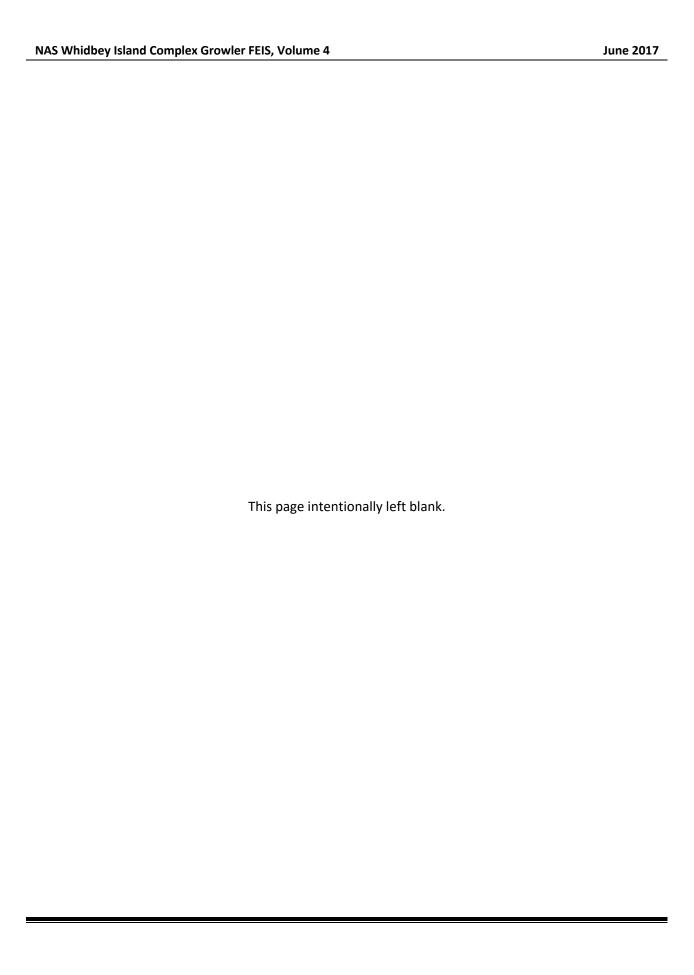
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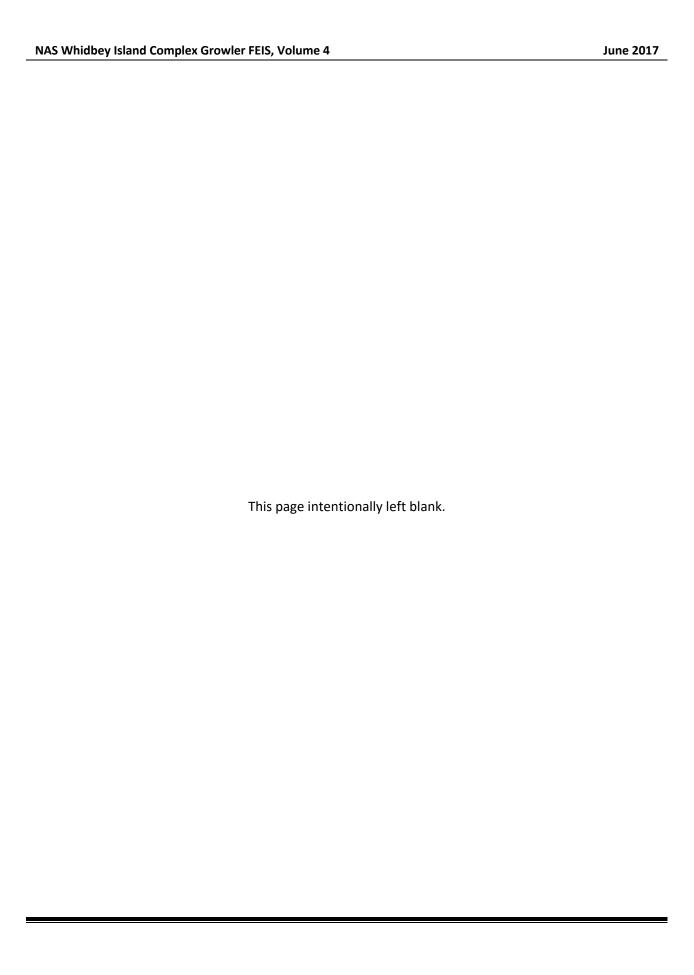


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By KIMBERLY CAUVEL

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Of the 618 million gallons of crude oil moved by train through the state during the last three months of 2016, about 82 percent traveled through Skagit County or was delivered to the oil refineries on March Point near Anacortes, according to a state report released Thursday.

The report is the first quarterly summary from the state

Department of Ecology detailing the movement of crude oil by rail in the state.

The report is part of the state's new rule requiring companies moving crude oil by rail or pipeline to notify Ecology of where, how much and what kinds of oil are being trans-

Ecology passed the rule Aug. 24 in an effort to improve safety and spill response preparedness, particularly for crude oil transported by rail, which has

grown significantly in the state

According to the report, no train- or pipeline-related oil spills were reported from Oct. 1

During that time, trains carried about 507 million gallons of crude oil along railroad tracks in Skagit County. Statewide, 94 percent of

crude oil by rail came from North Dakota, and the other 6 percent from Alberta, Canada, according to the report. For

the portion that was moved in Skagit County, 96 percent came from North Dakota and 4 percent from Alberta.

Nearly twice as much crude oil was moved in and out of the state on ships compared to by rail, according to the report. The report does not break down where along the state's coast the ships docked, but the state's five oil refineries — two of which are in Skagit County are primary destinations for those ships.

About 28 percent of oil moving in and out of the state by ship comes through Skagit County, according to Ecology Spills Program data.

The quarterly report does not include information about the kind or quantity of crude oil moved in pipelines.

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Three dogs suspected of mauling boy seized

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MOUNT VERNON Three dogs suspected of mauling a 7-year-old Mount Vernon boy were seized Wednesday and placed under quarantine.

Mount Vernon Police Lt. Greg Booth said the mauling reportedly happened Jan. 12 while the boy was at a babysitter's home in the 1300 block of Harrison Street. The boy was taken

first to Skagit Valley Hospital, then transported to Children's Hospital in Seattle for treatment of "extensive wounds" to his head and face, Booth

Police were informed about the incident the next day, when a Child Protective Services agent requested police assistance in conducting an investigation, Booth said.

Police made contact with a 32-year-old woman who was the apparent owner of three pit bull terriers, but the woman claimed she did not know where the animals were, and a search of the house did not locate the

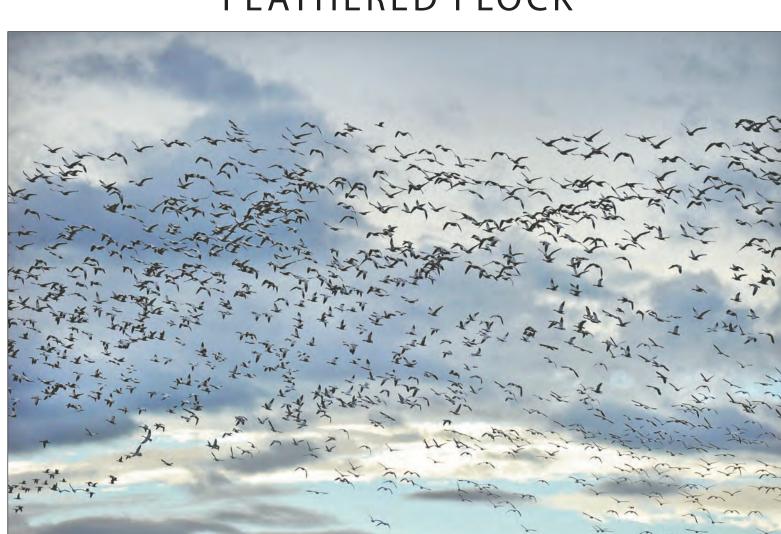
animals, Booth said. On Wednesday, Booth said the animals were located at a residence in the 200 block of North Central Avenue in Sedro-Woolley.

The dogs were seized, and Mount Vernon's animal control officer will review the case to determine whether the dogs should be declared

dangerous, Booth said. Investigators are still working to determine whether or not charges against the dogs' apparent owner should be pursued, Booth said. In 2011, the woman was involved in another dangerous dog case, but that case did not

involve people, he said. - Reporter Kera Wanielista: 360-416-2141, kwanielista@skagitpublishing.com, Twitter: @ Kera_SVH, facebook.

FEATHERED FLOCK



Clouds gather as snow geese fly across Skagit County on Tuesday morning.

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COURT REPORT

By MARILYN NAPIER

The following are criminal cases heard Thursday in **Skagit County Superior**

FIREARMS

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Daniel Sianez-Silva of Mount Vernon pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful possession of a firearm, one count of possession

of cocaine and

one count of identity theft.

The 39-year-old was sentenced to five years, seven months in prison.

Court documents state Sianez-Silva has a previous felony conviction and is not allowed to possess firearms.

ROBBERY

Three minors and one

adult each pleaded not guilty to first-degree robbery for a reported robbery Jan. 10 at a Mount Vernon

Jose Fuentes-Estrada, 16; Caesar Enrique Maestas, 17; and Angel Estrada, 16, are all being charged

as adults. One of the suspec

reportedly stole marijuana from the victim. The fourth suspect, Eric Moises Nunez, 21, then reportedly pulled a gun out of his

pocket and pointed it at the victim, court documents state.

DRUG CHARGES Edward Allen Erlandson of Burlington pleaded guilty to four counts of possession of methamphetamine.

Erlandson was sentenced

Woman arrested for threat to Gov. Inslee FERNDALE (AP) — A woman who lives outside Bellingham has been arrested in connection with a threat made against Washington Gov. Jay

Inslee. The Bellingham Herald reports 42-year-old Deborah Lindor of Ferndale was booked into jail Thursday and could face felony charges of threatening to

State Patrol spokesman Kyle Moore says Lindor

called the governor's office Monday and "made a physical threat against the

Governor." Moore declined to elaborate on the threat.

The State Patrol provides security to the governor. Moore said troopers

traced the call to Lindor. Lindor was arrested in July and later pleaded guilty to two felonies after she threw a rock at a jail lobby window and struck a corrections deputy.



to one year, six months in

Prosecutors previously

dismissed charges of first-

degree kidnapping and

first-degree conspiracy to

commit robbery against

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Erlandson in 2015 after

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Arraignments postponed for two MV shooting suspects

By MARILYN NAPIER

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MOUNT VERNON - Two suspects each charged with attempted murder in the first degree for a pair of Dec. 15 shootings that injured Mount Vernon police officer Mike McClaughry and another man will have arraignments postponed one week.

Austin Gonzales, 16, is being charged as an adult in Skagit County Superior Court for allegedly shooting a man in the neck in the area of North LaVenture Road in Mount Vernon, court

Ernesto Rivas, 44, is being charged for allegedly shooting Mc-Claughry in the head outside a home as Mc-Claughry was responding to the first shooting, according to documents.

McClaughry remains at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle in critical, but stable condition. A third suspect, a

15-year-old male, is set to appear Jan. 26 in Skagit County Juvenile Court.

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Tesoro refinery fined \$325,000 for Clean Air Act violations

By KIMBERLY CAUVEL

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The Tesoro Anacortes Refinery paid the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \$325,000 in late 2016 for violating the Clean

The fine is one of several the refinery has faced for state and federal environmental violations in recent years. The EPA notified the refinery of the violations in April 2016, and issued the penalty in September.

According to EPA documents regarding the Clean Air Act violations, the agency discovered several shortfalls in the refinery's risk management plan following inspections at the March Point facility in January 2011 and Octo-

"It is important to note that EPA did not claim that any of the violations it alleged caused any safety incidents," refinery spokesman Matt Gill said.

the EPA's findings that resulted in "While we have agreed to settle these allegations ... this is not an

He said the refinery disputes

were true or correct," Gill said. The March Point refinery is required to submit risk management plans to the EPA because it handles a certain quantity of

admission that the allegations

hazardous chemicals. The plans are intended to show that facilities are safely handling hazardouse materials, and are safely operating and maintaining the equipment used to process those materials, to protect surrounding communities and the environment, EPA spokeswoman Suzanne Skadowski said.

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"If a facility has an inadequate or poor risk management plan in place this could possibly lead to a catastrophic chemical release and harm the communities surrounding the facility," Skadowski said.

at risk if they respond to an emergency at a site without being fully aware of the chemical hazards, she said. The violations included con-

It can also put first responders

cerns that the refinery did not provide adequate safety information about dangerous temperatures, according to EPA records. High chemical temperatures

and inadequate maintenance of equipment were factors in the 2010 explosion at the refinery that killed seven workers, according to the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board and state Department of Labor & Industries.

Tesoro has disputed those findings and appealed 44 violations and \$2 million in fines Labor & Industries issued as a result of the explosion. State Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals Judge Mark Jaffee overturned 33 of the violations.

Jaffee expects to make a decision on the remaining violations by the end of February, Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals spokeswoman Jay Raish said.

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THE VIOLATIONS

■ The refinery's written instructions for handing some equipment did not include adequate temperature limit information and the potential consequences of exceeding

those limits. ■ The refinery's written safety information did not include energy balances for

some chemical processes. ■ Issues raised in 2008 and 2010 regarding temperature hazards had not been addressed.

■ Startup, shutdown and emergency procedures for some equipment did not provide clear instructions or identify who is responsible for handling those procedures.

- Information from EPA

Police officers give blood in honor of fellow officer

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MOUNT VERNON After taking part in a training Friday morning, members of the Mount Vernon Police Department's Police Tactical Operations team headed over to Skagit Valley College for snacks and refreshments — and to donate

Dressed in their tactical gear, about 10 officers participated in a blood drive held in honor of fellow officer Mike "Mick" McClaughry, who suffered life-threatening injuries Dec. 15 after being shot in the head while responding to a report of an earlier shooting.

"It's the perfect opportunity to contribute to this fine cause in honor of officer McClaughry," said Lt. Mike Moore.

While McClaughry continues his recovery at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, the Skagit County community continues to find ways to support him and his family.

"It's great to see so many members of law enforcement here," said Swinomish Police Chief Lou D'Amelio, who arranged for the blood drive. "The community has come out in so many ways to support Mount Vernon and officer McClaughry, and

this is just another way." The blood drive couldn't have come at a better time, said Gayle Richards, donor resource representative for Bloodworks

Northwest. "We have since Thanksgiving been in real urgent need," she said. "We're having a really hard time maintaining a stable blood

supply." With people being away from work and school and traveling during the holidays — as well as the onset of cold and flu season

— blood supplies have run critically low, with Bloodworks Northwest announcing last week that about 20 percent of blood centers across the country had less than a one-day supply.

A normal supply is four days, according to Bloodworks Northwest.

Friday's drive included 44 donors giving 35 pints of blood. Twenty-one were first-time donors.

About 10 of those who donated were members of the Police Tactical Opera-



Bloodworks Northwest phlebotomist Gabby Navarro draws blood from Mount Vernon police officer Aaron Cohen during a blood drive in honor of wounded officer Mike McClaughry on Friday at Skagit Valley College

tions team, Moore said.

"It's just another way to give back to the community that supports us," he

For Michael Malloy, who moved to La Conner from Texas in June, the decision to donate blood was personal.

His stepson, he said, is a police officer in Texas, where in July five officers were shot and killed.

McClaughry's shooting brought back some of those feelings to him.

"I have family members and friends that are out there every day, and every time I see something like that it's heartbreaking," he

said. "It rips me apart." Malloy said he heard about the blood drive on Thursday, and could think of no better way to give

back to his new community. "We love the area and want to give back to the community in any way we can," he said. "This just



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Mount Vernon police Detective Wayne Jones shows off his pink bandage during a blood drive Friday at Skagit Valley

seemed like something we had to do."

It's that spirit, Richards said, that made this blood drive stand out from others.

You see how a community can come together in a time of need," she said. "It's so rewarding to see how the community can come together to support (officer McClaughry)."



Call 360-416-1316 to hear the recorded Agenda for next week. The Agenda is also available online at

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Filing deadline nears for **Conservation District board**

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The deadline is approaching to file with the Skagit Conservation District for an elected position on the district's Board of Supervisors.

Filing for the position will close at 4 p.m. Tuesday. An election will be held at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at the district's Mount Vernon office at 2021 E. College Way. Mail-in ballots may be requested by Jan. 31.

A second, appointed position is also opening on the board of supervisors this year. The deadline to apply for the position, which will be filled by the Washington Conservation Commission Board, is 5 p.m. March 31.

Applications for the appointed position must be completed online at scc.wa.gov/elections/. Candidates for both

board positions must be registered voters who live in Skagit County. Conservation district

board supervisors are unpaid public officials who set policy and provide oversight and direction to Skagit Conservation District staff.

Man sentenced for smuggling 132 pounds of cocaine into Skagit Co.

By MARILYN NAPIER @Marilyn_SVH

Martin Christopher Briand, a dual citizen of France and Canada, was sentenced to 10 years in prison Thursday in U.S. District Court in Seattle for conspiracy to distrib-

ute cocaine. In 2009, a state trooper caught Briand with 132 pounds of cocaine outside Skagit Regional Airport. Briand fled the scene, and a warrant was later issued for his arrest.

Briand was found and arrested in 2015, court documents state.

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According to court documents, Briand had chartered a private plane in 2009 and flew from Point Roberts to Boeing Field in Seattle. Three days later, Briand and another man reportedly arrived at Skagit Regional

Airport on a private plane. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security observed and videotaped two men unload large weighted bags into a truck at the airport,

court documents state. A trooper then stopped the truck, where the cocaine was discovered in

duffel bags, according to court documents.

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Children's museum sells out showing of environmental documentary

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The Children's Museum of Skagit County is bringing the documentary film "A Plastic Ocean" to the AMC Loews Cascade Mall theater in Burlington on Wednesdav.

Tickets for the event sold out last week as the documentary film was premiering around the world, museum spokeswoman Kate Simmons said.

Museum staff are excited about the interest in Skagit County.

When asked what she hopes viewers will take away from the film, museum Executive Director Cate Anderson said: "An awareness of our impact on the

oceans, on the watersheds, and steps that we can take immediately to help reduce the impact."

The award-winning documentary explores the problem of single-use plastics polluting the world's oceans, and how to make a difference, according to a news

Once those materials get into the oceans, they impact wildlife and water quality. Some volunteers and researchers in Skagit County are raising awareness about the issue by collecting plastic fishing line from popular boat launches and noting how much plastic material washes up on local beaches.

The children's museum wants to further the reach of awareness to the county's youth.

"I think with both the rivers and watersheds, as well as the ocean in our area, we have to be very mindful, and impacting the youngest generations is going to be helpful for the future of the earth," Anderson said. "It also opens the dialogue for other materials that can be used ... There are other materials available that are not as detrimental to sea life.

Simmons said she has seen the film, which was produced by her aunt Jo Ruxton, a marine biologist and underwater videographer.

Her 9-year-old son has also seen the film, and has since been paying close attention to what materials are made of plastics, and recycling when he can, Simmons said. She hopes the film will inspire others to make changes as well.

The film focuses on single-use plastics such as drink bottles, food packaging and plastic bags used to wrap produce at grocery stores. These items are found in water all over the world.

That plastic doesn't go away. All the plastic we have created in the last 100 years is still out there in some form," Simmons said. "I think it's important to look outside of yourselves and travel to all of these places in the world (through the film) and say 'Where is it really going?' because it doesn't go away ... A lot of it ends up in our oceans (and impacts

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Women across Pacific Northwest march for women, other causes

SEATTLE (AP)— Nancy Davenport marched on Washington 28 years ago to stand up for women's equality. The 72-year-old was back at it Saturday, this time joining thousands in the other Washington who crammed the streets of Seattle to send a message to President Donald Trump about women's rights and other causes.

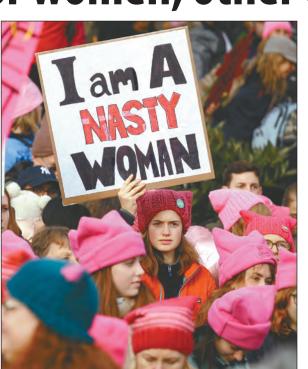
"We thought we were done and we're not," said the Port Angeles woman, who carried a sign that read in part: "Don't make us come back in 28 years to do it again." "You have to keep fighting for what you believe in.'

Across the Pacific Northwest, women's marches and rallies in cities from Seattle to Spokane, as well as Portland, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, drew thousands of women and others.

Demonstrators wore pink pink caps and waved signs proclaiming: "You belong" and "Love

Trumps hate. Police and city officials did not provide a crowd estimate, but march organizers estimated about 100,000 people showed up, packing the entire 3.6 mile-route.

Some said they were protesting Trump and his policies, while others



A woman holds a sign amidst a sea of pink caps before a women's march Saturday in Seattle. Women across the Pacific Northwest marched in solidarity with the Women's March on Washington and to send a message in support of women's rights and other causes.

wanted to promote unity or to fight racism, sexism and hate.

"What I'm seeing here is overwhelming, the solidarity and love," said Amanda Guzman, who pushed her 18-month-old son in a stroller. "All across the world, we're marching against him, against his

She said it's so easy to

listen to Trump and see only bad, but the thousands who turned out for the march gave her hope. "It's all reassuring that there's still good, and we will fight this," Guzman

said. Fathia Absie, a Muslim American writer and filmmaker from Seattle, said she marched to support women's rights as well as

We have to come together. What makes this country beautiful and unique, unlike anywhere else in the world, is that we're so diverse," she said. "Our differences make us beautiful?

Brittany Vieira, 31, who lives in Gresham, Oregon, took her 8-month-old son to the march in downtown Portland. It's an opportunity to unite and connect with others, she said. "This whole election

has completely turned my world upside down," she said. "I feel like it's important to use our voices against people who are trying to silence us."

The Portland Fire Bureau said the crowds in Portland numbered more than 70,000, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Leigh Douglass, 45, left the march in downtown Boise feeling inspired and that "this is just the beginning." The mood was welcoming and celebratory, and she said she cried as she listened to stories

from powerful speakers. Douglass said she won't remain silent and plans to speak up when she feels

"I'm marching to be

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Man shot during Seattle demonstration hospitalized against the inaugura-

man who shot in the abdomen during a demonstration at the University of Washington is in critical but stable condition at a Seattle hospital.

Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg said Saturday morning the 34-year-old man is in intensive care. Seattle police said the

man was wounded during a demonstration outside Kane Hall at the Seattle campus Friday night. People marching

tion of President Donald Trump had walked to the campus where a rally against far-right commentator Milo Yiannopoulos was taking place. Police said they re-

ceived a report that a man in the crowd had been shot and officers removed him from the scene.

Seattle police say person of interest in the shooting had turned himself in to University of Washington police and was being questioned.

Concerns as new rules aim to curb manure pollution

OLYMPIA (AP) — Washington environmental regulators have released new permit rules aimed at reducing the amount of manure pollution that gets into rivers, lakes and other bodies of water from large dairy farms and other animal feedlots. The rules will change

the regulatory landscape for the state's 230 dairies with more than 200 cows, as well as other so-called concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs. Embracing the rules may shield dairies from government fines or lawsuits by environmental groups, but will mean taking on new obligations with uncertain costs, The Capital Press

reported. "Every farmer will look at this very differently," Jay Gordon, policy director for the Washington State Dairy Federation, told The Capital Press. "Some will sleep better at night knowing they won't get sued,

or at least are less likely to get sued. Others will say, 'Why do I need this?' It means more regulations, more paperwork and more burdens. We're very concerned about that."

But environmental groups say the rules don't go far enough and fail to protect drinking water. Environmental groups had pushed for dairies to line manure lagoons with synthetic material and install wells to monitor groundwater, steps the Washington Department of Ecology was unwilling to take, The Capital Press

reported.
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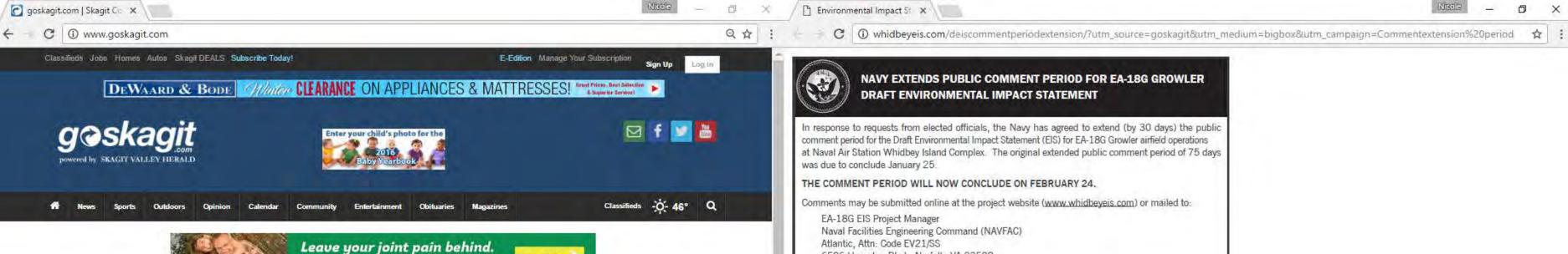
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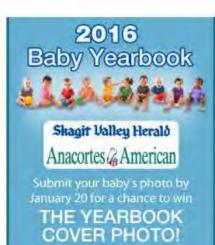


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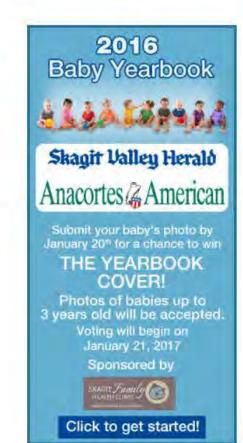
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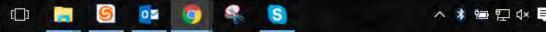




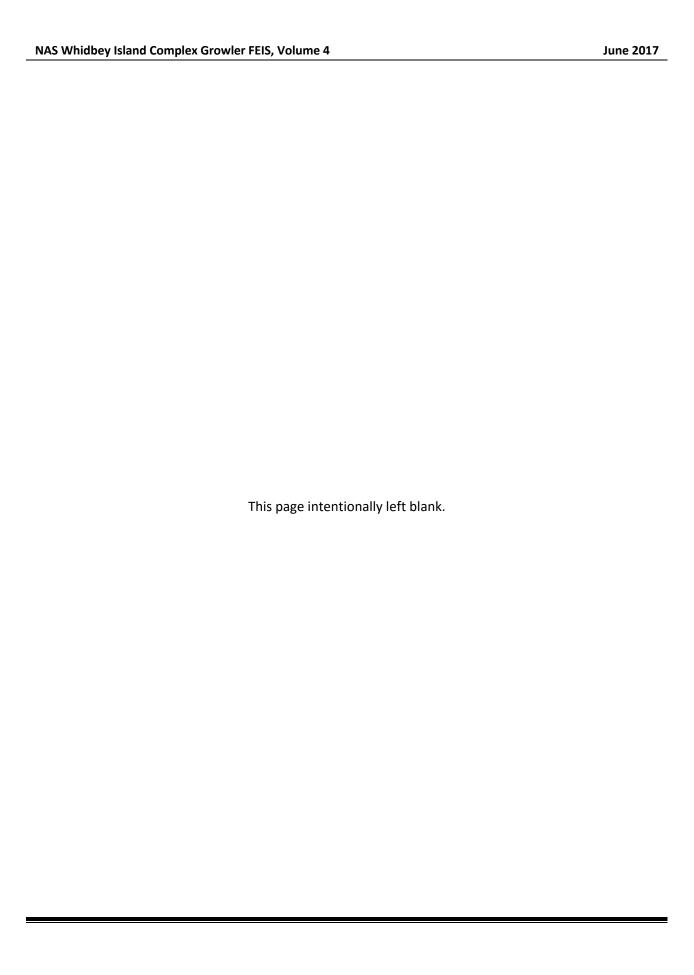




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made national headlines, Bacigalupi described a much different atmosphere.

'Crowd is peaceful and just a bunch of everyday people. Polite," Bacigalupi "Many wearing wrote. Trump hats. All ages. As we walked here, the only negative people were the small groups of protesters with signs. But they seemed lost and weren't saying anything. Kind of like they are here but not in spirit.'

In a Thursday evening telephone interview with The Record prior to Friday's ceremonies, Bacigalupi said this would be an important moment. Not only was he the volunteer manager of the Island County Trump campaign, making it a special honor to see his chosen candidate sworn in as the 45th president, but he believes it will be remembered as an important moment in history.

"For me this is more than just attending an inauguration," Bacigalupi said. "... I think we truly are on a direction of change, and one that will benefit the entire country."

Back on South Whidbey, however, not everyone was so optimistic. As the

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Coupeville resident Gary Piazzon waves the American flag during a protest in Freeland on Friday of the inauguration of President Donald Trump.

Bacigalupis celebrated in the nation's capitol, Democrats and other Trump critics took to the streets in Freeland to protest. More than 60 assembled at the corner of Fish Road and Highway 525, most of whom were dressed in black and waving signs of opposition.

Organized by Whidbey Island Progressives, the protest was to "affirm to the community that many living on South Whidbey do not support the installation of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of America," according to a news release.

"We don't find him an president," acceptable said Clinton resident Alice Goss, protest organizer. "Everything is in jeopardy. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the environment.'

"Then, of course, there's the women's issues."

Environmental warrior and activist Gary Piazzon, a Coupeville resident, said he's worried about what tomorrow will bring.

"I feel a deep distress for our future," Piazzon said.

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"We've taken a radical turn in the wrong direction."

"We're not going back to the 50s," he added. A similar protest held in

Oak Harbor was attended by only two people. Some South Whidbey

residents felt so strongly that they decided to shutter their businesses for the day.

"I'm blacking out my

windows, and have written a five-page essay that will be going on my front door," said John Auburn on Thursday, owner of Whidbey Island Bagel Factory at Ken's Korner.

Auburn said everyone who comes into his shop is treated with respect, no matter their race, beliefs or lifestyle. He doesn't see the same values reflected in Trump. In fact, he sees the president as a threat to his very way of life.

"I'm gay, and there's a chance I could lose my rights to marry who I want to," he said. "That's upsetting because we've come so far in terms of equality"

"I just don't think that's right, and I had to make my stand," he said.

Auburn hopes that this election will drive people to become more active and participate in government.

"Maybe this is what we needed, was a wake up call.... That, maybe, is the good thing coming out of this.'

In Langley, the arts and theater community participated in the Ghostlight Project, an event intended to make a statement about intolerance by shining a spotlight into the sky. Similarly, a women's march is set to take place in Langley today at noon, beginning in the parking lot at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts. At least four bus loads of Whidbey women will travel to Seattle today to participate in the Women's March there.

Whidbey Republicans and Trump supporters were quiet by comparison. Teresa Hobbs, chairwoman of the Island County Republican Party, said Thursday she wasn't aware of any planned public celebrations or parties on the island. Those not at work would likely spend the morning watching the event on TV. Hobbs, an Oak Harbor resident, also expressed hesitancy about referring the newspaper to other party members for comment.

"Particularly on the South End, I see no reason to make Republicans a target," she said.

Hobbs referenced the defacing of about a dozen

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SEA LION

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Police monitored the situation throughout the day, and eventually worked with a small team of good samaritans to herd the bull back to the water in Holmes Harbor. While it sounds like a simple operation, the reality was a bit more complicated. Once off the car, the animal seemed more interested in heading toward Highway 525 than the water, and police had to scramble to head him off.

"That's when we jumped in our patrol cars," said Deputy Grant Walker, with the Island County Sheriff's Office.

Police used their cars as mobile roadblocks, but still struggled to keep the stubborn bull contained.

"They're fast for how big they are," the deputy added.

Eventually, officers and members of the public used wooden pallets and yard rakes provided by the Country Store to herd him slowly down South Cameron Road and into the water. The entire operation took about an hour.

Grant said he was relieved the animal wasn't injured; there was a point where he thought there might actually



Megan Hansen / Whidbey News Group

A rogue sea lion that visited Nichols Brothers in Freeland on Saturday captured quite a bit of public attention.

be a collision on Highway 525. The animal seem so determined to cross the road, Grant said deputies joked that it might just be easier to let him cross as he nearly half way to Mutiny Bay already.

The herding "technique" that was employed was done in coordination with experts from the Washington Department

of Fish & Wildlife and the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network. Representatives from both agencies were unavailable to attend personally, but spoke with and advised police throughout the day.

"I was impressed with the assistance from Deputy Walker who I talked to a few times through the day, and with the way the incident was handled," said Susan Berta, of the stranding network. "They kept people safe, and got the sea lion back to the water under very difficult circumstances."

Berta said male California sea lions are common in

Puget Sound and do come on the beach, but that it's rarer for them to come so far inland. The species can suffer from domoic acid toxicity, the result of a biotoxin produced by algae that accumulates in shellfish and other foods which are consumed by sea lions and other mammals, including humans. It affects the brain and can cause sea lions to become disoriented and lethargic.

Dyanna Lambourn, a marine mammal research biologist with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife said that without testing it's impossible to know for sure if the sea lion was sick. There are different levels of toxicity, acute and chronic, with the former being sudden and the later being a long-standing syndrome.

If it was suffering from chronic domoic acid toxicity, it likely would have had visible symptoms, such as weight loss. It did not, she said. She also noted that sea lions can walk over a mile inland.

"It's not uncommon for them to go on walkabouts," she said.

A few years ago, a

California sea lion deposited herself on the upper steps of the bed and breakfast at Bush Point. She also refused to depart, leaving only at hose point. The sea lion's corpse was later found, and its brain tested positive for domoic acid.

Berta said a sea lion in October made its presence known in Useless Bay. It was observed by a backhoe operator and hung around for about five days, she said. The stranding network is comparing images of that sea lion with the one in Freeland Saturday to see if it's the same animal.

Berta said people should be extremely cautious around sea lions. They are fast, and can be aggressive if they feel threatened. They also carry pathogens that are harmful to humans.

To report a sea lion that's out of the water or one that's exhibiting strange behavior, call the stranding network's hotline at 1-866-6722.



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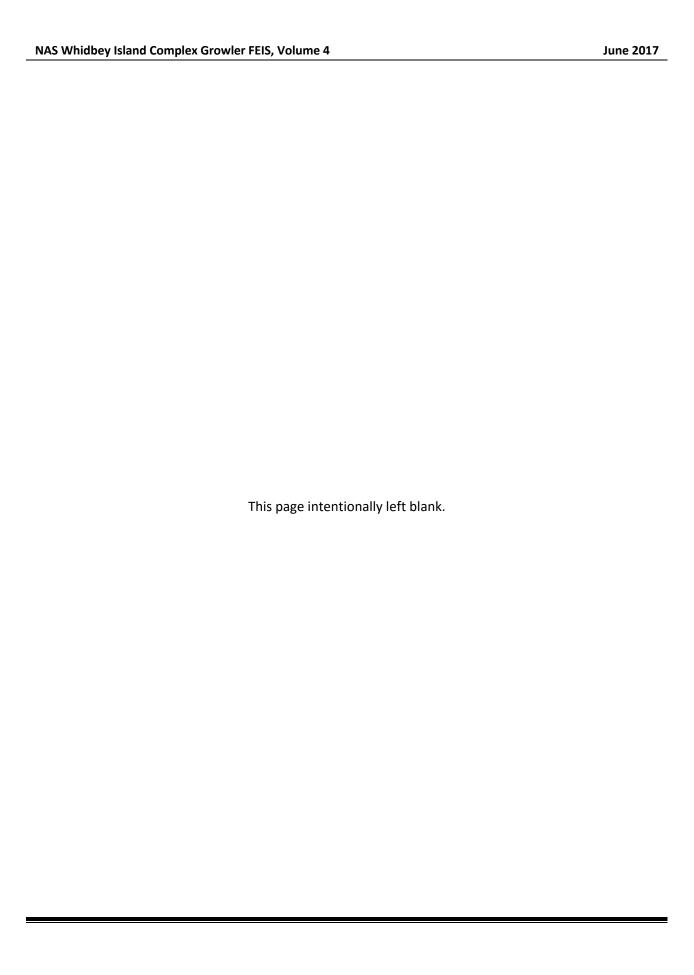
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Outage untimely for loyal Seahawk fans

By RON NEWBERRY

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Before the Seattle Seahawks' season faded to black Saturday, several television sets around Coupeville beat them to it.

Power was interrupted for about 45 minutes during the first half of the Seahawk's NFL Division Playoff game against Atlanta Saturday, causing some fans around Coupeville to scramble to turn on generators or go elsewhere to watch the game.

Coupeville farmer and teacher Wilbur Purdue had gone outside to check on his chickens around 9 a.m. Saturday when he heard a loud, metal bang sound and noticed a big ball of brown smoke in the sky.

The sound appeared to come from a blown transformer on Terry Road, according to Coupeville resident Wayne Lewis, who lost power and went outside to examine the source of the "weird noise" near his home and saw a power line laying on the ground.

The more extended power outage, which happened shortly after the Seahawks' game kicked off, likely was the result of workers attempting to restore power, said Austin Melhart, a spokesperson for Puget Sound Energy.

Melhart said lines will be "de-energized" temporarily while workers attempt to fix the problem.

Melhart said he didn't know how many Coupeville residents were impacted, but an app on Lewis' cell phone at the time showed a red circle hovering over a good portion of the town and outlying areas indicating power was down.

The afternoon outage occurred only moments before the Seahawks scored on their first possession and didn't return to many households in the area until just before halftime.

Some of the Seahawk-clad patrons at the nearby Tyee Restaurant left the bar when the TV shut off, then returned once power was restored. By that time, the Seahawks were well on their way to defeat.

Lewis spoke with a utility worker about the timing of the ordeal.

"The guy that was here said we were going to mess it up for the whole squad," Lewis said with a smile.



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Michelle Oakland, left, worship pastor at Life Church in Oak Harbor, and administrator Laura LeBeau are coordinating "Night to Shine," a prom night catered to people 14 and older who have special needs. The event in Oak Harbor is Feb. 10.

Preparing for a special prom

By RON NEWBERRY

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Aside from being a worship pastor at Life Church in Oak Harbor, Michelle Oakland also is a mother of four with two of her kids having special needs.

When she learned about a prom night experience that rolls out the red carpet for people with special needs known as "Night to Shine," the idea to bring it to her Oak Harbor church warmed her heart.

She got approval from lead pastor Michael Hurley to proceed, applied for a grant last spring and landed it to be able to host the event Feb. 10.

"I think children (with special needs) and their caregivers are often overlooked," Oakland said. "This gives an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate kids for who they are."

Life Church is one of more than 350 churches from around the world that is hosting the event at the same time from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10.

The event, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, is free for people with special needs ages 14 and older. Laura LeBeau, Life

Laura LeBeau, Life Church administrator and coordinator of the Oak Harbor event, said that 23 people had signed up so far but they are hoping to have a minimum of 75 in attendance.

It's designed to be a regional event, drawing people from anywhere in Western Washington, LeBeau said.

Those interested in registering as a participant, volunteer or sponsor are asked to go to Life Church's website at www.life-church.co under "upcoming events."

No one will be turned away, even if they show up on the day of the event, Oakland said.

The evening's itinerary is designed to give participants and their caregivers the royal treatment.

Aside from an actual red

carpet and warm welcome, there will be hair and makeup stations, shoe-shining areas, limousine rides, a catered dinner and more.

Caregivers may go to a room and receive massages.

About 250-300 volunteers will be on hand to assist, LeBeau said.

"I think the Night to Shine is a great opportunity for both the church and community to really just love on individuals that sometimes get forgotten about," LeBeau said. "We need to show them love just like we show everybody else love."

"It's a night where kids can just celebrate being young," Oakland said. "It gives them a night that's encouraging and makes them feel valued. That's really our mission. It's not just a Life Church event. It's a community and even regional event."

Life Church is located at 1767 NE Regatta Drive in Oak Harbor.

The office number is 360-679-3158

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ISLAND SCANNER

The following items were selected from reports made to the Island County Sheriff's Office:

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

At 8:04 a.m., a caller reported that two guys on Porter Street were armed with crowbars and had been beating each other for three hours

At I:13 p.m., a caller on Honeymoon Bay Road reported finding a partial deer carcass that looked like someone skinned it and took some meat from it. The caller also said a neighbor had a steak stolen from

a cooler. At 2:56 p.m., a caller reported that a goat and pony had escaped from a Gilbertson Road farm.

At 7:19 p.m., there was a report of a boy kicking mail boxes off posts in the Race

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

At 12:25 p.m., a caller on Garden Lane reported that his dog flushed out a man hiding behind his house. The man said he ran out of gas.

At 12:27 p.m., a Taylor Road resident reported that a man was sleeping in her

At 3:13 p.m., a caller from a business reported that a man had been making false claims on Facebook that he worked at the business and

wanted to pay for sex. At 4:54 p.m., a Vicky Place resident reported an influx of coyotes in the area.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

At 9:18 a.m., a driver on Millman Road reported icy roads. A long series of other callers reported car accidents across the island throughout the day.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

At 2:23 a.m., a Hartman Place resident reported that someone was shooting beams into his head with lasers.
At 3:10 a.m., a burglary

was reported at a Crosby Road residence.

At 8:35 a.m., a Deseret Drive resident reported that a neighbor's dog poops and pees in his yard and is ag-

gressive. He asked about the legality of shooting the dog if it gets aggressive toward his family again. At 11:26 a.m., a caller on

Hastie Lake Road reported that the dog was returned to the caller with a bullet hole.

At 11:41 a.m., the owner of Dugualla Bay Farms reported that a tenant was removing the roof and the walls and "took the power out" of two buildings without authorization.

At 1:20 p.m., a woman at a laundromat on Second Street reported that a man took her "property" out of the washer and threatened to hit her with a shovel.

At 3:51 p.m., a caller reported that a woman with purple hair and a man with a neck tattoo yelled at an April Drive resident.

At 7:44 p.m., there was a report of a woman yelling and punching herself on

MONDAY, DEC. 19

At 3:18 a.m., a Lakeside Drive resident reported waking up to a roommate putting a gun in his face. The caller said the roommate also beat up his girlfriend.

At 2:22 p.m., a Zylstra Road resident reported that a package was stolen from

the back porch.
At 8:48 p.m., a woman reported accidentally sending a text saying she was going to commit suicide.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

At 1:25 a.m., a Heather Drive resident reported that a neighbor woke her up by loading wood.
At 3:28 p.m., there was

a report of a man beating himself up at Pioneer Park

At 8:26 p.m., a man in his pajamas on North Whidbey reported an "issue" with a woman who wrote a book.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

At II:34 a.m., a Highway 20 resident reported that a man left sheep at his house.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

At II:13 a.m., a caller reported that a suspicious man was walking on Swantown Avenue with a baseball bat sticking out of his back-

At 12:26 p.m., a "herd of goats" were reported in front of the elementary school on Maxwelton Road.

At 1:43 p.m., a chaplain reported being harassed by a man on North Whidbey

At 2:30 p.m., there was a report that someone found a hatchet in a tree on Rosewood Court.

At 6:48 p.m., a caller reported receiving a message and a video from a stranger who wrote "here is a video of me raping you last week. The caller didn't recognize the people in the video.

SATURDAY DEC. 24

At I p.m., a caller reported having bags of toys for homeless children but didn't know where to take them.

At 8:22 p.m., a caller reported that people in a couple of vehicles on Lakeview Way were going through mailboxes.

At 9:17 p.m., a Bayview Road resident asked if crabbing is illegal. He said the

Bible says he can. At II:27 p.m., a Durham Way resident reported discovering that a gun was missing from a safe.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

At 1:29 a.m., a man on East Whidbey Avenue reported that a girl with a bat was outside breaking windows on his apartment and cars. He said he met her at a bar a few weeks prior.

At 7:58 p.m., a caller reported that a former neighbor molested a girl and is now trying to blackmail the girl.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

At 11:04 a.m., a caller reported that a man had a shopping cart and sleeping bag in the middle of Hastie Lake Road. The man was "staring blankly across the field," the caller said.

At 11:46 a.m., there was a report of someone shooting an automatic weapon in the area of Hastie Lake Road.

At 6:38 p.m., a Lowell Point Road resident reported that two huskies killed all

NOTABLES



Rotary Club president Greg Smith presents Joe Busig with a certificate honoring him as Student of the Month.

Rep named Student of the Month

Rotary Club of Oak Harbor honored Joe Busig at its Student of the Month for January 2017.

Busig is a junior at Oak Harbor High School. He is the school's student representative for the school board this year and he has won the school's Excellence and Community Service awards.

He is also active in Key Club and the SADD Club.



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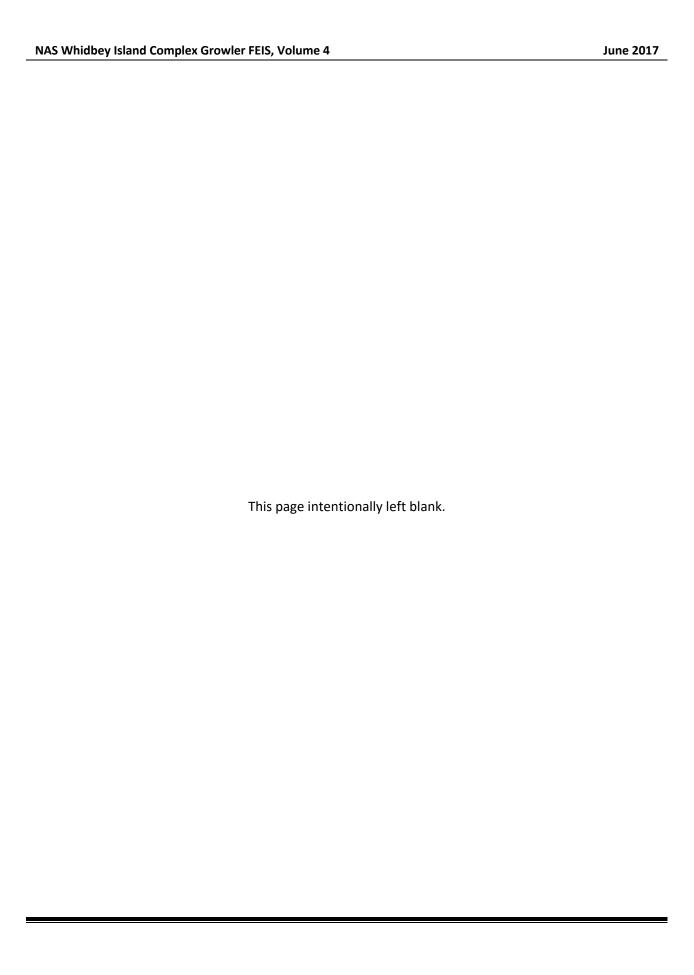
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Monday, December 5, 2016

Fort Worden State Park Conference Center, USO Hall 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, Grande Hall 155 NE Ernst Street, Oak Harbor, WA 98277 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Lopez Center for Community and the Arts 204 Village Road, Lopez Island, WA 98261 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2016

Seafarer's Memorial Park Building 601 Seafarers' Way, Anacortes, WA 98221 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Friday, December 9, 2016

Coupeville High School Commons 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, WA 98239 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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- Public Meeting Guide
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This open house public meeting is your opportunity to talk with Navy representatives and subject matter experts on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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Welcome

Welcome to your public meeting for the United States Navy Draft *EIS for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Complex*. A range of alternatives has been developed for analysis in the EIS. **No decisions about a preferred alternative have been made.**

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- Coupeville Library
- San Juan Island Library
- Lopez Island Library District
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Public Meeting Guide

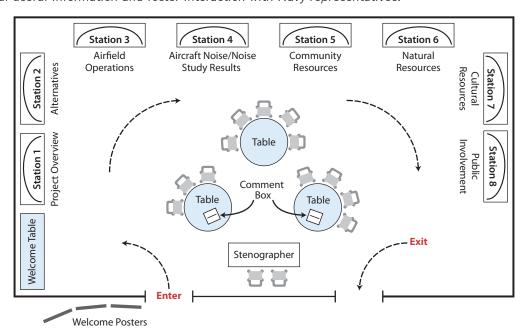
Thank you for attending today's public meeting for the Draft EIS. This meeting is an open-house format designed to allow you to speak directly to Navy representatives and experts about the areas analyzed in the Draft EIS and to have your individual questions answered.

Please review the displays located throughout the open house, talk with our representatives, and then provide us with your comments. Navy representatives are here today to explain the project, answer your questions, and describe the environmental impact analysis and related project timeline.

Space has been set aside to provide you with an area to write and submit your comments or to speak with a stenographer who will record your comments. You may also take a comment sheet home with you and mail your written comments to us or provide comments online through the project website. You may submit comments through the end of the public review period on January 25, 2017.

General Room Layout for Open House Public Meeting

The room layout below provides a general representation of the flow of the poster stations. Some poster stations include supplemental materials, such as smaller easel posters and videos, meant to provide additional useful information and foster interaction with Navy representatives.



This booklet provides information on the Draft EIS.

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What is the Navy Proposing?

The U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy), beginning as early as 2017, proposes to:

- continue and expand existing EA-18G "Growler" operations at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island complex, which includes field carrier landing practice (FCLP) by Growler aircraft that occurs at Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville
- increase electronic attack capabilities by adding 35 or 36 aircraft to support an expanded U.S. Department
 of Defense (DoD) mission for identifying, tracking, and targeting in a complex electronic warfare
 environment
- construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field to accommodate additional Growler aircraft
- station additional personnel and their family members at the NAS Whidbey Island complex and in the surrounding community

When Will the Proposed Action Occur?

After completion of the EIS process and issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD), construction of new and improved facilities could begin as early as 2017. Personnel and aircraft would arrive incrementally, as aircraft are delivered by the manufacturer, personnel are trained, and families relocate to the area, until the Proposed Action is complete in the 2021 timeframe.

Why Is the Navy Proposing this Action?

- The purpose of the Proposed Action is to augment the Navy's existing Electronic Attack community at the NAS Whidbey Island complex by operating additional Growler aircraft as appropriated by Congress. The Navy needs to effectively and efficiently increase electronic attack capabilities in order to counter increasingly sophisticated threats and provide more aircraft per squadron in order to give operational commanders more flexibility in addressing future threats and missions.
- The need for the Proposed Action is to maintain and expand Growler operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10, United States Code, Section 5062.

Why NAS Whidbey Island?

- NAS Whidbey Island is a Navy Center of Excellence, supporting every aspect of the Navy's Airborne Electronic Attack mission for more than 40 years.
- The nation has invested heavily in infrastructure and training areas in the region.
- OLF Coupeville, an integral part of operations at Ault Field, is designed to provide the most realistic training for FCLP.

Three Types of Growler Squadrons Support the Airborne Electronic Attack Mission for DoD:

- carrier squadrons, which deploy on aircraft carriers and conduct periodic FCLP to requalify to land on aircraft carriers
- **expeditionary squadrons**, which deploy to overseas land-based locations and therefore do not normally require periodic FCLP prior to deployment
- the **training squadron**, also known as the Fleet Replacement Squadron, which is responsible for "post-graduate" training of newly designated Navy pilots and Naval Flight Officers, including those returning to flight status after non-flying assignments or those transitioning to a new aircraft for duty in the Fleet

Project Overview



The Department of Defense identified the need, and Congress purchased additional Growler aircraft.

What Is the Navy Proposing?

- Continue and expand existing EA-18G "Growler" operations at Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville
- · Add 35 or 36 aircraft to counter advanced threats
- · Construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field
- · Add additional personnel and families

When Will the Proposed Action Occur?

- Arrival of new personnel and operational aircraft is expected to begin as early as 2017, continuing over time until the action is complete.
- All personnel and aircraft are expected to be in place by 2021.

Why NAS Whidbey Island?

- Navy Center of Excellence for Electronic Attack community for more than 40 years
- The nation has invested heavily in infrastructure and training areas in the region.
- The Growler community is comprised of carrier-based, land-based, and training squadrons.



The Navy is assuming the Electronic Attack mission for all the Department of Defense.





The action alternatives assessed in this EIS consist of force structure and operational changes to support an expanded U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) capacity and include variations of the following factors:

- · number of aircraft assigned per squadron
- number of expeditionary squadrons
- number of personnel
- distribution of aircraft operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville (scenarios A, B, and C for each action alternative)

The three action alternatives (1, 2, and 3), in combination with the three operational scenarios (A, B, and C), provide a total of nine operational alternatives that are fully evaluated in the Draft EIS. The Secretary of the Navy will be able to select an alternative/scenario combination after considering mission requirements, economic factors, and environmental considerations presented in the EIS.

No Action Alternative: Under the No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action would not occur; this means the Navy would not operate additional Growler aircraft, would not add additional personnel at Ault Field, and no construction associated with the Proposed Action would occur. The No Action Alternative establishes a baseline against which the Proposed Action and its alternatives may be measured. For this EIS, the Navy analyzes the year 2021 as the representative year for the No Action Alternative because it represents conditions when events at Ault Field for aircraft loading, facility and infrastructure assets, personnel levels, and number of aircraft unrelated to the Proposed Action are expected to be fully implemented and complete. Therefore, with these other actions complete, the analysis isolates the impacts of this Proposed Action of adding additional Growler aircraft and personnel and associated construction.

Alternatives and Operational Scenarios

Action Alternative 1: Expand carrier capabilities by adding three additional aircraft to each of the existing nine carrier squadrons and augmenting the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) with eight additional aircraft (a net increase of 35 aircraft). Alternative 1 would add 371 Navy personnel and an estimated 509 dependents to the region.

Action Alternative 2: Expand expeditionary and carrier capabilities by establishing two new expeditionary squadrons, adding two additional aircraft to each existing carrier squadron, and augmenting the FRS with eight additional aircraft (a net increase of 36 aircraft). Alternative 2 would add 664 Navy personnel and an estimated 910 dependents to the region.

Action Alternative 3: Expand expeditionary and carrier capabilities by adding three additional aircraft to each of the three existing expeditionary squadrons, adding two additional aircraft to each existing carrier squadron, and augmenting the FRS with nine additional aircraft (a net increase of 36 aircraft). Alternative 3 would add 377 Navy personnel and an estimated 894 dependents to the region.

Scenario A: Twenty percent of all field carrier landing practice (FCLP) operations would be conducted at Ault Field, and 80 percent of all FCLP operations would be conducted at OLF Coupeville.

Scenario B: Fifty percent of all FCLP operations would be conducted at Ault Field, and 50 percent of all FCLP operations would be conducted at OLF Coupeville.

Scenario C: Eighty percent of all FCLP operations would be conducted at Ault Field, and 20 percent of all FCLP operations would be conducted at OLF Coupeville.

Scenarios are based on the distribution of FCLPs between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The FCLP percentages for each scenario that are expressed in this analysis are intended to analyze levels of total aircraft operations. The percentages are not intended to provide a firm division of FCLPs between airfields.

Alternatives



All alternatives include an increase in aircraft, operations, and personnel.

Summary of Alternatives

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzes distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville for each alternative.

Each alternative evaluated a different combination of squadron types.

Squadron type determines field carrier landing practice (FCLP) and personnel requirements.

EIS Alternative		Growler Aircraft Loading		Total Growler Personnel	Dependents
- Consideration	Squadrons	Aircraft	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	- Contraction	
No Action	9 carrier	45	20,800	4,104	5,627
Alternative	1 training	17			
	3 expeditionary	15			
	1 reserve	5			
Alternative 1	9 carrier	72	43,900	4,475	6,136
(+35 Growler aircraft)	1 training	25	(+23,100)	(+371)	(+509)
	3 expeditionary	15			
	1 reserve	5			
Alternative 2	9 carrier	63	42,000	4,768	6,537
(+36 Growler aircraft)	1 training	25	(+21,200)	(+664)	(+910)
	5 expeditionary	25			
	1 reserve	5			
Alternative 3	9 carrier	63	41,900	4,481	6,144
(+36 Growler aircraft)	1 training	26	(+21,100)	(+377)	(+517)
	3 expeditionary	24			
	1 reserve	5			

Operational Scenarios

The EIS evaluates three operational scenarios for each of the three action alternatives for a total of nine alternatives analyzed.

Scenarios are based on the distribution of FCLP operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville.

There is a proposed increase in operations from 88,600 to 130,000 operations per year.

Comparison of FCLP Operations by Alternative at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island Complex

Alternative	Ault Field	OLF Coupeville	Total FCLP Operations
No Action Alternative	14,700	6,100	20,800
Action Alternative 1			
Scenario A (20/80% FCLP Split)	8,700	35,100	43,800
Scenario B (50/50% FCLP Split)	21,900	21,900	43,800
Scenario C (80/20% FCLP Split)	35,100	8,800	43,900
Action Alternative 2			
Scenario A (20/80% FCLP Split)	8,400	33,600	42,000
Scenario B (50/50% FCLP Split)	21,000	21,000	42,000
Scenario C (80/20% FCLP Split)	33,600	8,400	42,000
Action Alternative 3			
Scenario A (20/80% FCLP Split)	8,400	33,500	41,900
Scenario B (50/50% FCLP Split)	21,000	20,900	41,900
Scenario C (80/20% FCLP Split)	33,500	8,300	41,800

The FCLP training percentages for each scenario that are expressed in this analysis are intended to analyze levels of operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The percentages are not intended to provide a firm division of FCLP training between airfields. Training requirements may require FCLP operations that fall within a range of these percentages.

The Navy has not yet identified a preferred alternative; the Final EIS will identify the preferred alternative.



Environmental Consequences

The following topics are evaluated in the Draft EIS:

- Airspace and Airfield Operations
- Noise Associated with Aircraft Operations
 - Noise Contours
 - Supplemental Metrics
 - Literature Review of Non-Auditory Health Effects
- Public Health and Safety
 - Flight Safety
 - Bird/Animal Aircraft Strike Hazard (BASH)
 - Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones
- Air Quality
 - Criteria Pollutant Emissions

- Land Use
 - Land Use Analysis
 - Recreation and Wilderness
- Cultural Resources
 - Archaeological Resources
 - Architectural Resources
- American Indian Traditional Resources
- Biological Resources
 - Terrestrial Wildlife
 - Marine Species
 - Endangered Species Actlisted Species
- Water Resources

- Socioeconomics
 - Population
 - Economy, Employment, and Income
 - Housing, Schools, and Community Services
- Environmental Justice
- Transportation
- Infrastructure (Utilities and Public Works)
- Geological Resources
 - Topography/Geology
 - Seismic Activity Events
 - Soils
- Hazardous Materials and Wastes
- Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases

Airfield Operations

Alternative 1 proposes a net increase of 35 Growler aircraft, while Alternatives 2 and 3 propose a net increase of 36 Growler aircraft. Airfield operations may include aircraft arrivals and departures, interfacility flights, and closed-loop flights (such as FCLP). Under the Proposed Action:

- Annual airfield operations at the NAS Whidbey Island complex would increase by approximately 46 percent (Alternatives 2 and 3) to 47 percent (Alternative 1) over the No Action Alternative.
- The increase in total annual airfield operations would range from approximately 40,100 (Alternative 3, Scenarios B and C) to 41,400 (Alternative 1).
- The increase in annual airfield operations at Ault Field would range from 12,300 (Alternative 1, Scenario A) to 38,700 (Alternative 1, Scenario C)
- The increase in annual airfield operations at OLF Coupeville would range from 2,200 (Alternative 3, Scenario C) to 29,000 (Alternative 1, Scenario A).

These operational conditions would be similar to historical flight operational conditions experienced in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s for the NAS Whidbey Island complex. Ault Field and OLF Coupeville meet all the operational requirements and have sufficient capacity under routine operating conditions to support the airfield operations of the additional Growler aircraft proposed. Airfield operations at Ault Field may experience scheduling difficulty under Scenario C of all three of the action alternatives because approximately 80 percent of FCLPs would be conducted at Ault Field under that scenario. When more FCLPs are flown at Ault Field, other flights and aircraft training operations occurring at Ault Field are restricted or delayed. This would cause more people off base to be affected because training is extended later into the night, and more aircraft are held in larger or extended flight patterns while FCLP is conducted.

For more information on airspace and airfield operations, please see sections 3.1 and 4.1 in the Draft EIS.

Airfield Operations



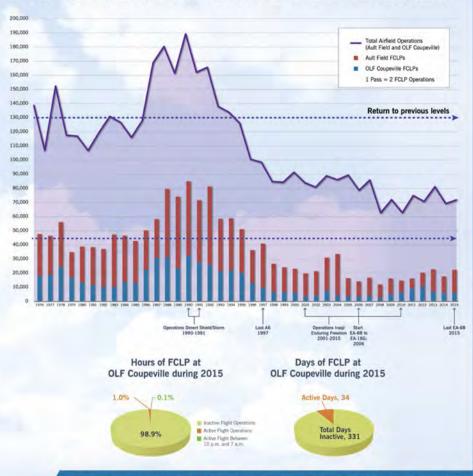
Airfield Operations

- The proposed increase in aircraft/aircrews would result in an increase from approximately 88,600 operations/year to 130,000 operations/year.
- The proposed increase in operations would be similar to previous operations numbers in the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s.
- The Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island complex has sufficient airfield and airspace capacity.
- Aircraft would be seen more frequently while using the same flight patterns/parameters.
- Ault Field schedule congestion possible, especially with the majority of field carrier landing practice (FCLP) operations at Ault Field:
- Potential for more airborne aircraft in holding patterns and extended landing patterns
- Potential for flight operations to be extended later into the night
- · Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville is ideal for conducting FCLP training:
- Analyzed pattern based on EA-18G carrier landing performance requirements and 30/70 split runway usage for Runways 14 and 32 based on prevailing winds





Previous Airfield Operations for Ault Field and OLF Coupeville



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EA-18G Growler - Critical to U.S. National Security



- After retirement of the EA-6B, the EA-18G "Growler" is the Department of Defense's only tactical electronic attack aircraft.
- NAS Whidbey Island-based Growlers are deployed globally to protect U.S. and allied military forces throughout the world.
- Growlers perform a key role in every major combat action, are vital to the effectiveness of our military forces, and are an active deterrent.
- The Department of Defense has identified a need for additional Growler aircraft to provide the required capacity to counter advanced threats.

EA-18G Growler Mission

Protect and defend U.S. and coalition military forces by denying, degrading, and delaying the enemy's use of the electromagnetic spectrum.

- The electromagnetic spectrum includes radio frequency waves from T.V. and radio stations, cell phones, radars, etc.
- Advanced threat weapon systems use radio frequencies to find and attack (guide weapons to) targets.
- The Growler locates and prevents these systems from attacking U.S. and allied military forces.

People and Assets Protected by EA-18G Growler Aircraft



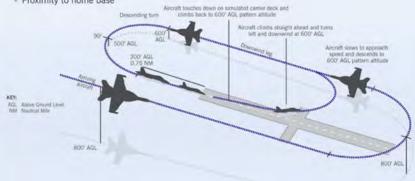
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Field Carrier Landing Practice



- · Building block of carrier operations
- Training required to ensure pilots can safely land on a carrier—one of the hardest tasks in aviation
- Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville is the best location for Growler field carrier landing practice (FCLP)
- Most realistic pattern
 - . Geography and pattern altitude most closely replicate carrier landing
- · Favorable terrain and lighting
- No interference from other aircraft during FCLPs

- Proximity to home base



Carrier Landings Require Skill and Precision

- Pilots must "thread the needle" of a moving target while traveling at 150 miles per hour
- · Day/night, in any weather
- Target "window" at 1 mile = 15 feet
- 1/2 mile target = 8 feet
- 1/4 mile target = 5 feet
- At touchdown = 1 foot



Modeled Day/Night FCLP Flight Tracks at OLF Coupeville



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Noise Associated with Aircraft Operations

The Proposed Action and alternatives will result in new areas impacted by noise that are not currently within the 65 decibel (dB) day-night average sound level (DNL) noise contour generated by Navy aircraft operations. Although some of these areas are over water, others are over land and would therefore result in additional people living within the 65 dB DNL noise contour. The number of additional people who are estimated to be within the 65 dB DNL noise contour ranges from a high of 2,514 (Alternative 1, Scenario C) to a low of 1,651 (Alternative 2, Scenario A) for the entire NAS Whidbey Island complex.

Additionally, supplemental metrics were used to identify potential impacts from noise exposure that could be realized under the action alternatives. These include additional events of indoor and outdoor speech interference, an increase in the number of events causing classroom/learning interference, an increase in the probability of awakening, and an increase in the population that may be vulnerable to a potential hearing loss of 5 dB or more.

The decibel (dB) is a logarithmic scale used to represent a sound level. Day-night average sound level (DNL) is a 24-hour cumulative noise metric. 10 dB is added to noise events occurring between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

It is Commanding Officer, NAS Whidbey Island policy to conduct required training and operational flights with as minimal impact as possible, including noise, on surrounding communities. All aircrews using NAS Whidbey Island are responsible for the safe conduct of their mission while complying with published course rules, established noise-abatement procedures, and good common sense. Each aircrew must be familiar with the noise profiles of its aircraft and is expected to minimize noise impacts without compromising operational and safety requirements.

For more information on noise associated with aircraft operations, please see sections 3.2 and 4.2 of the Draft EIS.







Aircraft Noise Assessment



Day-night average sound level (DNL) is the federal standard for determining community noise impacts.

Quantifying Noise

Basics of Sound and the A-weighted Sound Level

- The decibel (dB) is a logarithmic scale used to represent a sound level.
- Environmental noise measurements utilize an "A-weighted" scale, to approximate human hearing frequency sensitivity.

Day-Night Average Sound Level

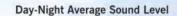
- Used to determine long-term community response to aircraft noise and land-use compatibility
- A 24-hour cumulative noise metric
- 10 dB is added to noise events occurring between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. to reflect the increased disruption caused by nighttime noise.

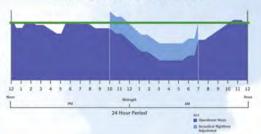
Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

 Represents the total noise energy of a single event, such as a flyover, as if it occurred in one second

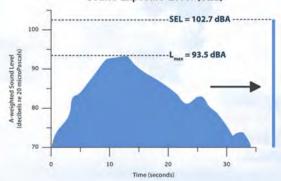
Maximum A-Weighted Sound Level (L___)

 Maximum sound level reached during an event





Sound Exposure Level (SEL)



Noise Modeling

- · Based on aircraft noise measurements
- Allows for analysis of proposed future operations over an entire year
- · Computer modeling input:
 - Aircraft type
 - Number of operations
 - Flight tracks
 - Engine power settings
 - Aircraft speed
 - Terrain
 - Temperature
 - Altitude
 - Relative humidity
 - Engine maintenance testing
- · Model output:
 - DNL contours
 - Less than 65 dB DNL is generally considered compatible for most uses
 - 65 dB DNL and greater is not recommended for residential uses

Noise Assessment

- Analyzed DNL noise contours for areas surrounding Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville
- Studied 30 specific points of interest representing schools, residential areas, and parks for additional analysis:
 - Sleep disturbance
 - Indoor and outdoor speech interference
 - Classroom/learning interference
- · Assessed risk of hearing loss



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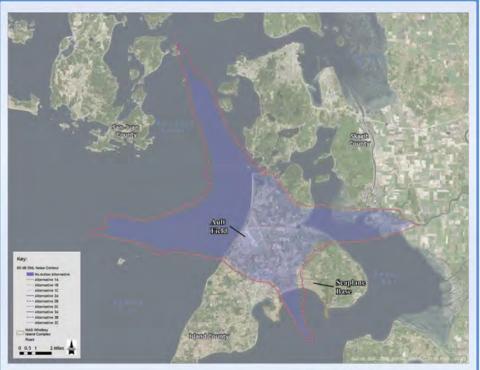


FCLPs conducted at Ault Field impact more people than FCLPs conducted at OLF Coupeville.

Noise Study Results

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) Contours at Ault Field





Ault Field

- The "A" scenario for each alternative would have the least increase in population within the 65 decibel (dB) DNL noise contour.
- The "C" scenario for each alternative would have the greatest increase in population within the 65 dB DNL noise contour.

Estimated Population within the 65 dB DNL Noise Contour at Ault Field

No Action	Alternatives/ Scenarios		Difference
	1A	9,159	+442
	1B	10,044	+1,327
	1C	10,696	+1,979
	2A	9,112	+395
8,717	2B	9,978	+1,261
	20	10,502	+1,785
	3A	9,116	+339
	3B	9,989	+1,272
	30	10,483	+1,766

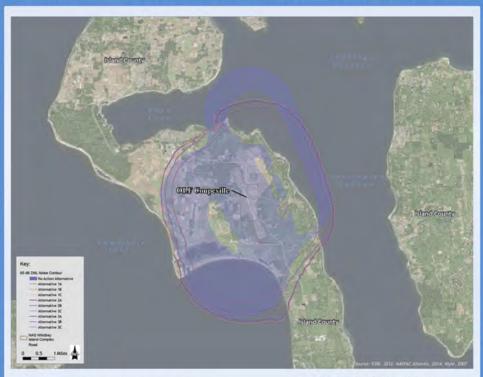
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Noise Study Results

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) Contours at Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville





OLF Coupeville

- The "C" scenario for each alternative would have the least increase in population within the 65 decibel (dB) DNL noise contour.
- The "A" scenario for each alternative would have the greatest increase in population within the 65 dB DNL noise contour.

Estimated Population within the 65 dB DNL Noise Contour at OLF Coupeville

No Action	Alter	natives/ arios	Difference
	1A	3,632	+1,316
	1B	3,255	+939
	1C	2,851	+535
	2A	3,572	+1,256
2,316	2B	3,200	+884
	2C	2,828	+512
	ЗА	3,600	+1,284
	3B	3,237	+921
	3C	2,842	+526

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Noise Study Results Supplemental Noise Metrics



Supplemental noise analyses evaluated noise effects at 30 points of interest.

Points of Interest

- · Include residential areas, parks, and schools
- 30 points of interest were identified based on their proximity to Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville and existing overflight areas, and input received during public scoping.



Coy Ports of Interest (FO)

Court Boundary A Park

Major Read

Institute Area

School

Representative Points of Interest in the Vicinity of NAS Whidbey Island Complex

Supplemental Noise Metrics

The results of this analysis for supplemental metrics vary depending on the scenario and the annual operations modeled, as well as the locations of the points of interest with respect to the airfields and flight tracks.

Speech Interference

Average number of events per hour affecting speech comprehension

- Indoor events (using the residential and school points of interest) would increase up to an additional 4 events per hour.
- Outdoor events (using the park points of interest) would increase up to an additional 3 events per hour.

Classroom/Learning Interference

Average number of learning-disrupting events per hour during the school day

 Classroom/learning interference events would increase up to an additional 2 events per hour.

Sleep Disturbance

Analyzed the probability of awakening from aircraft overflights between 10 PM and 7 AM

 The probability of awakening would increase by up to 48 percent at some locations.

Potential Hearing Loss

An evaluation of the risk of potential hearing loss for populations in the areas around the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island complex was conducted.

This is a very conservative evaluation because the analysis assumes individuals are exposed continuously to aircraft noise every day, for 8 hours per day, for 40 years starting at age 20.

It is **highly unlikely** that individuals would experience noise exposure that results in hearing loss because few if any people would meet hearing loss criteria.



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Aircraft Noise and Health



Nonauditory Health Effects

The Navy examined best available science to assess whether there are nonauditory health effects from transient aircraft noise.

- Current science has not made a conclusive link between intermittent aircraft noise and long-term health effects.
- · An individual's health is influenced by many factors, including:
 - Genetics
- Smoking
- Lifestyle and Stressors

- Exercise
- Diet
- Medical History
- · Intermittent aircraft noise can disrupt conversations and sleep and be an annoyance.
- · Most studies focus on very busy commercial airports conducting 300,000 or more operations per year.
- · Military airfields have intermittent levels of operation with periods of no aircraft activity (no aircraft noise) followed by periods of aircraft activity.
 - In 2015, Outlying Landing Field Coupeville supported 6,120 field carrier landing practices (FCLPs)* — active 34 days for a total of 91 hours (about 1% of the year).
 - Under the Proposed Action, there would be up to approximately 43,900 FCLPs* at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island complex — active about 650 hours each year (about 8% of the year).

*Each FCLP accounts for approximately two operations (one arrival and one departure).

There is no definitive scientific evidence that intermittent aircraft noise contributes to long-term health effects



Hearing Effects

- · What makes a noise hazardous? Exposure time + loudness
- · Hazardous noise exposure is dose related. The longer and louder the dose of noise, the greater the risk of hearing damage. Increasing the time between doses can allow the ear to recover, reducing the risk of hearing damage.
- · Standards for assessing hearing loss are derived from research on daily workplace noise exposure over a 40-year working lifetime.
- · Analysis of the potential for hearing loss is required by the Department of Defense where exposure reaches or exceeds 80 decibels (dB) DNL (Day-night average sound level).
- An evaluation of the risk of potential hearing loss for populations in the areas around the NAS Whidbey Island complex was conducted.
 - The results of the analysis show a range of potential noise induced permanent threshold shift (NIPTS; i.e., hearing loss) up to approximately 9 dB for a single individual.
 - Changes in hearing sensitivity of less than 5 dB are generally not noticeable.
 - A limitation to the potential hearing loss analysis is that the results only apply for individuals with outdoor exposure to all aircraft activity occurring over a period of 40 years.
- People are inside on average 87% of each day (21 hours). This will decrease noise exposure by 15 to 25 dB.
 - Outdoor noise exposures are limited due to time spent indoors and because aircraft operations are intermittent.
 - Due to these factors, it is highly unlikely that individuals would experience noise exposure that results in hearing loss.

Noise levels will increase with all proposed alternatives, but the Navy does not anticipate that individuals would experience hearing loss

Community Resources



It is a priority for the Navy to promote the well-being of individuals residing in the communities surrounding its installations.



Fort Casey State Park

Land Use

Recreation

- · Analyzed 22 federal, state, and local parks and public recreation areas
- Increases in daytime noise events with maximum sound levels above 65 decibels (dB) would range from 1 to 4 events per hour at different parks when aircraft are operating.
- · Intermittent, localized effects on recreation during aircraft operations
- Scenarios may have beneficial impacts on different parks based on operational distributions between Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville.
- Greatest impact to either Driftwood Park or Oak Harbor Dog Park depending on alternatives and scenarios.

Wilderness Areas

 No designated wilderness areas and Bureau of Land Management-owned lands with wilderness characteristics are within the 65 dB day-night average sound level (DNL) noise contours under all alternatives; no impacts.



Socioeconomics

- Positive direct and indirect economic impacts resulting from increase in military payroll and construction spending
- Increase in local population between <1% and 2% in Island County and Skagit County
- The community may need additional housing, especially under Alternative 2.
- Increase in local government tax revenues ranging from approximately \$235,000 to \$421,000 for Island County and \$60,000 to \$105,000 for Skagit County

Community Services

- Schools may need additional teachers and classrooms to accommodate 191 to 341 new students, depending on the alternative selected.
- Impacts on Oak Harbor School District would be significant; impacts on Coupeville and Anacortes school districts would be minor.
- Local medical, fire and emergency, and police services would be able to accommodate increased need.

Transportation and Infrastructure

- Construction and transition of new personnel would increase traffic on local roads and highways.
- Long-term increase in traffic would be moderate.
- Existing and future capacity is expected to address increased demand for water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste, energy, and communications.



Community Resources

Land Use. Each of the action alternatives would result in an increase in the land area within the projected greater than 65 dB DNL noise contours (range of 14 percent to 19 percent). Under all action alternatives and scenarios, the Proposed Action would have no impact to on-station or regional land use, but it would have an impact on regional land use controls. Land within the conceptual Accident Potential Zones (APZs) at OLF Coupeville would increase under Scenarios A and B of each action alternative. Conceptual APZs at OLF Coupeville would impact 1,301 acres of residential land under Scenario A and 503 acres under Scenario B under all three action alternatives, if developed. If warranted and depending upon the alternative and scenario selected, the APZs could be updated by completing a Navy Air Installations Compatible Use Zones (AICUZ) document update and coordinating with local communities to provide appropriate new land use recommendations as necessary, which could impact regional land use controls.

With regard to recreation and wilderness areas, there would be minor impacts from use of recreation areas as a result of increased demand under all alternatives. Due to increased noise exposure from Growler operations, a range of impacts from long-term minor to moderate would be expected at federal, state, and local parks located within the greater than 65 dB DNL noise contours. Alternative 1, Scenarios A and B; Alternative 2, Scenarios A and B; and Alternative 3, Scenarios A and B would have localized, significant impacts on a county park (Driftwood Park) as a result of increased annual average noise levels. Alternative 3, Scenario C, would have localized significant impacts on a municipal park (Oak Harbor Off-leash Dog Park) as a result of increased annual average noise levels. Alternative 1, Scenario C, and Alternative 2, Scenario C, would have no significant impacts on the management or use of recreational areas. No Congressionally designated wilderness areas or Bureau of Land Management-owned lands with wilderness characteristics would be within the greater than 65 dB DNL noise contours under any alternative.

Hazardous Waste and Materials. The current types of hazardous materials and wastes used at NAS Whidbey Island would increase in quantity but would be managed under existing law and Navy regulation and management practices. The existing practices and strategies would successfully manage the use and disposal of these materials.

Socioeconomics. Construction impacts would result in temporary and positive impacts to the local economy and on local government tax receipts. The increase in personnel would result in positive impacts to the local economy and on local government tax receipts. The Proposed Action would have minor impacts on the local and regional population. Under Alternative 2, the regional housing supply may not have sufficient vacancies, causing a moderate impact on the housing market. Under Alternatives 1 and 3, regional housing is sufficient to handle the increase in demand, resulting in a minor impact on housing. Under all three alternatives, local school districts, particularly the Oak Harbor School District, would experience an increase in enrollment. The increased enrollment at the Oak Harbor School District would contribute to additional overcrowding. Minimal to no impact is expected on medical, police, and fire services under all three alternatives.

Environmental Justice. Under all alternatives and scenarios, there are minority populations and low-income populations living within the affected environment. The Navy has concluded that impacts do not disproportionately impact environmental justice communities when compared to other communities.

Transportation and Infrastructure. Construction and transition of new personnel would result in increased traffic on and off the installation, but roadways would be able to handle the increase. Increase in gate traffic may result in queuing of vehicles, but this would be limited to peak hours. No significant increase in use of transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities would occur. Increased consumption or demand would occur for water, wastewater, stormwater, solid waste management, energy, and communications systems from the increase in population that would be spread throughout Island and Skagit Counties. Existing and future capacity is expected to handle the increases in demand. New facilities under each alternative would also result in increased demand for infrastructure resources on station.

For more information on community resource impacts, please see sections 4.5, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, and 4.15 in the Draft EIS

Natural Resources



Air Quality

· Construction impacts would be temporary and minor, and would not result in significant impacts on air quality.



- · Operations would increase stationary and mobile emissions sources.
- · Increased stationary sources would not require revisions to the Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island air permit and would have no significant impacts. Increases in mobile emissions may affect compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Climate Change and **Greenhouse Gases**

- . Climate change will continue to occur, resulting in global impacts, affecting Whidbey Island, Puget Sound and the Navy's priorities and mission.
- · No significant impact on climate change or greenhouse gas emissions from the increase in aircraft operations
- The increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the action equates to less than 1% of all aircraft greenhouse gas emissions in Washington. Therefore, no significant impact on Washington state's greenhouse gas emission goals.
- . The Department of Defense and Navy are actively engaging in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and improving their resiliency to climate change.
- . The Secretary of the Navy set goals to improve energy security, increase energy independence, and reduce the reliance on petroleum by increasing energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy.
- NAS Whidbey Island has implemented many sustainability strategies and programs at the NAS Whidbey Island complex, reducing overall facility energy usage by 40 percent between 2003 and 2015.

Biological Resources

No significant impacts from construction activities or operation of new aircraft. Construction activities and increased air operations would result in:

- · Minimal habitat loss
- . No significant increase in risk of striking avian wildlife
- · Minor sensory disturbance effects; however, because local wildlife are already exposed to noise from air operations and have presumably habituated to it, they would not be significantly impacted



would not be significantly impacted				
Endangered	Species A	ct (ESA)-Listed	Species	

Federal Status Common Name **Findings** Marbled Murrelet Threatened The Proposed Action may affect

		Navy will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
Fish		
Bull Trout	Threatened	
Green Sturgeon	Threatened	
Eulachon	Threatened	
Chinook Salmon	Threatened	The Proposed Action may
Hood Canal Summer Run Chum	Threatened	affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the ESA-
Puget Sound Steelhead	Threatened	listed fish species.
Bocaccio Rockfish	Endangered	insteamsinspecies.
Canary Rockfish	Threatened	
Yelloweye Rockfish	Threatened	
Marine Mammals		
Humpback Whale	Endangered	The Proposed Action may
Southern Resident Killer Whale	Endangered	affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the ESA- listed humpback whale or southern resident killer











Natural Resources

Air Quality. Construction impacts would be temporary and minor, and would not result in significant impacts on air quality. Operations would result in an increase in stationary and mobile emissions sources. Increased stationary sources would not require revisions to the NAS Whidbey Island air permit and would have no significant impact. Changes in mobile emissions are not subject to permit requirements or emission thresholds; however, these emissions contribute to regional emission totals and may affect compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The region is currently in attainment for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the Northwest Clean Air Agency continues to monitor ambient air emission levels to confirm continued compliance.

Climate Change and Greenhouse Gases. Climate change will continue to occur, resulting in global impacts, affecting Whidbey Island, Puget Sound and the Navy's priorities and mission. Federal, state, and local agencies, including the DoD, will continue to assess impacts and define adaptation and mitigation strategies to address them. The increase in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the Proposed Action equates to less than 1 percent of all aircraft GHG emissions in Washington. Therefore, the GHG emissions from the Proposed Action should not have a significant impact on Washington's GHG emission goals.

Biological Resources. The minimal habitat loss from construction activities would not significantly impact terrestrial wildlife because construction is within the urban/industrial area of the installation and has habitat of poor quality. The Proposed Action would not impact marine habitat. Animals in the study area are already exposed to a high level of long-term aircraft operations and other human-made disturbances to which they have presumably habituated. Wildlife inhabiting the study area throughout the year increase the risk of an aircraft strike, but with the continued implementation of a bird-animal aircraft strike hazard plan, the Proposed Action would not significantly impact local wildlife populations. For Endangered Species Actlisted species, this EIS concludes that the Proposed Action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect, the Southern Resident killer whale, humpback whale, bull trout, green sturgeon, eulachon, Chinook salmon, Hood Canal summer-run chum, steelhead, bocaccio rockfish, canary rockfish, and yelloweye rockfish. The

Proposed Action may affect the marbled murrelet. In accordance with the Endangered Species Act, the Navy will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marines Fisheries Service, as appropriate. During construction, impacts on Migratory Bird Treaty Act-protected species would be largely avoided and minimized and would not rise to the level of take. The Navy has determined that the Proposed Action is not expected to result in injury or harassment of any marine mammal as defined by the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Water Resources. There would be no significant impacts on water resources from construction activities or operation of new aircraft. No construction would extend to a depth that may impact groundwater resources, and there would be a minimal increase in demand for groundwater. There would be no direct impact on water quality because construction would not be occurring within resource areas. Potential indirect impacts on water quality due to stormwater runoff from 2 acres of new impervious surface at Ault Field (a 1-percent increase over existing conditions) would slightly increase stormwater flow. Impacts would be minimized and avoided through implementation of best management practices.

Geological Resources. Construction would not include clearing or blasting of earth or rock, and only minor grading activities would occur; therefore, no significant impacts on geologic resources would occur. There would be no impact on resistance to seismic events because all buildings constructed under the Proposed Action would be designed to conform to the seismic provisions of the Washington State Building Code, and a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure plan would be in place during construction. Impacts to soils during construction could include compaction and rutting from vehicle traffic and an increase in erosion, but impacts would be minimized through the use of best management practices.

For more information on natural resource impacts, please see Draft EIS sections 4.4, 4.8, 4.9, 4.14, and 4.16.

Cultural Resources and American Indian Traditional Resources



Section 106 Process

Initiate

- · Establish undertaking
- · Invite consulting parties to participate

Define

 Define the Area of Potential Effect for direct and indirect effects

We Are Here

CONSULTATION

Identify

 Identify historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect

Assess

 Assess potential adverse effects to historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect

Continue

Continue consultation if adverse effects are identified

Section 106 Consultation

- Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act considers potential effects of an undertaking on historic properties.
- Section 106 consultation was initiated in October 2014 and is ongoing.
- The public is invited to comment at any time.





The Navy's proposed Area of Potential Effect for indirect effects uses the 65 decibel (dB) day-night average sound level (DNL) noise contours. The Navy will identify historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect and assess potential adverse effects.

Summary of Potential Effects to Cultural Resources

Potential direct and indirect effects to historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect may include:

- · Ground disturbance
- · Noise and vibration
- · Changes in visual setting

The Navy anticipates no adverse effects to historic properties.

Summary of Potential Effects to American Indian Traditional Resources

The evaluation of impacts on American Indian traditional resources considers:

- 1) impacts to the traditional resource(s) itself, or
- changes in access to federally secured off-reservation usual and accustomed fishing grounds and stations or for hunting and gathering on open and unclaimed lands.

gathering on open and unclaimed lands.

The Navy anticipates no significant impacts to traditional resources resulting from the Proposed Action. The Navy has invited government-to-government consultation with potentially affected American Indian tribes and nations in order to more fully consider the extent of any potentially significant impacts to traditional resources.

Federal agencies have independent statutory obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act. Both reviews help to ensure that our natural, cultural, and historic environment is given consideration in federal project planning. For this evaluation, the Navy is evaluating cultural resources/historic properties both under the National Environmental Policy Act and under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.





Cultural Resources and American Indian Traditional Resources

What is Section 106? Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended, requires federal agencies to take into account the potential effects of their undertakings on historic properties. Historic properties are buildings, sites, districts, structures, or objects listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Section 106 also requires federal agencies to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), American Indian tribes and nations, and interested parties (e.g., other federal agencies, communities, local interest groups, etc.).

Consultation does not mandate a specific outcome. Instead, it is the process of seeking, discussing, and considering the views of consulting parties to assist in the identification of historic properties in the project area and potential effects to those historic properties. Consultation was initiated in October 2014 and is ongoing.

Cultural Resources. Historic properties, buildings, sites, districts, structures, or objects including archaeological and architectural resources will be evaluated with regard to direct and indirect effects under NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. Section 106 is coordinated with NEPA to provide information within the EIS necessary to properly evaluate the impacts on historic properties and cultural resources. The EIS analyzes potential impacts and adverse effects on cultural resources as a result of ground disturbance, noise and vibration, and changes in the visual setting.

With regard to archaeological resources, we anticipate minimal to no impact would result to known archaeological sites within the area of potential effect. With regard to architectural resources, we anticipate potential direct and indirect effects during construction would be likely to occur to Building 2737 (Hangar 12); however, the hangar has been determined not eligible for listing in the NRHP under the Cold War Era historic context statement. Indirect effects, including noise, vibration, and changes in the visual setting, may be experienced in the immediate proximity of construction activities on Ault Field and in the area encompassed by the 65 dB DNL noise contour that would exist in 2021 as represented by the No Action Alternative. Minimal indirect effects are anticipated to occur under the Proposed Action with the operation of the additional Growler aircraft and from the new construction and expansion of facilities on station. We anticipate minimal to moderate indirect effects to occur to off-station historic properties during aircraft operations.

In accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, the Navy is consulting with the Washington SHPO, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, American Indian tribes and nations, and consulting parties regarding historic properties. Additional consulting parties include:

- Town of Coupeville
- · Citizens of Ebey's Reserve
- Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
- Island County Commissioners
- Island County Historical Society
- National Park Service
- · City of Oak Harbor
- PBY Naval Air Museum
- Seattle Pacific University (Camp Casey)
- · Washington State Parks Northwest Region Office
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation
- Samish Indian Nation
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington
- Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
- · Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

American Indian Traditional Resources.

Implementation of the Proposed Action at NAS Whidbey Island is anticipated to have no significant impacts to American Indian traditional resources. In accordance with executive orders and DoD and Navy policies, the Navy invited the following federally recognized American Indian tribes and nations that could potentially be affected by the Proposed Action to evaluate whether government-to-government consultation is desired:

- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation
- Samish Indian Nation
- Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians of Washington
- Suquamish Indian Tribe of the Port Madison Reservation
- Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
- Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

For more information on cultural and American Indian traditional resources, please see Draft EIS sections 3.6, 3.7, 4.6, and 4.7

Public Involvement



Your participation in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process is encouraged.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- Enacted in 1969, NEPA requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any major actions they may propose and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.
- The training and mission needs of the Navy have changed over time; therefore, the need exists for this NEPA action.
- Your comments submitted on the Draft EIS will become part of the public record and will be addressed in the Final EIS.
- The Final EIS will be released to the public. Following a 30-day waiting period, the Secretary of the Navy will issue a Record of Decision.

EIS Schedule

Ways to Participate

Your input is essential to ensure the most informed decision is made. You are encouraged to participate in several ways:

- · Review the Draft EIS
- · Provide comments
- . Sign up for our mailing list
- Check the project website for updates on the Final EIS and Record of Decision

How to Provide Comments on the Draft EIS

- · Provide written comments at today's public meeting
- Provide verbal comments to the stenographer, who will record your comments at today's meeting
- Submit your comments on the project website at www.whidbeveis.com
- · Mail your written comments to:

EA-18G EIS Project Manager Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic 6506 Hampton Boulevard Norfolk, VA 23508 Attn: Code EV21/SS

The names, street addresses, email addresses and screen names, telephone numbers, and other personally identifiable information of individuals who provide comments will be kept confidential and will not be released, unless otherwise specifically indicated by



Comments must be postmarked, e-mailed, or faxed by midnight, January 25, 2017.

Thank you for attending the public meeting for the Draft EIS for EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex.



For more information, please visit the project website at whidbeyeis.com



Thank You

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting on the *Draft EIS* for the EA-18G "Growler" Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Complex.

During the public review period, you can provide comments on the Draft EIS in four ways:

- 1. Provide written comments at today's meeting
- 2. Provide verbal comments to the stenographer, who will record your comments at today's meeting
- 3. Submit comments electronically on the project website (www.whidbeyeis.com)
- 4. Mail comments to:

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To ensure your comments are considered in the Final EIS, please submit them by January 25, 2017.

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