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# Vashon Sheepdog Classic 2017



The Vashon Sheepdog Classic has been providing a chance for spectators to step back in time for seven years. On over 30 acres of breathtaking fields at majestic Misty Isle Farms, top sheepherding teams from across the country participate in the largest event of its kind on the West Coast. Last year the Vashon Sheepdog Classic attracted over 10,000 spectators over a three-day period. Even bigger crowds are expected this summer as this century old sport continues to gain in popularity - and special guest Temple Grandin attends on Sunday, June 11.

The Vashon Sheepdog Classic entertains, educates and captivates spectators. There is no other place like the Misty Isle fields, and no other

herding event that embraces the history and beauty of this sport quite like the Vashon Sheepdog Classic.

Of Sheepdogs and Trials

"Herding sheep is the most fun thing in the world." - every Border Collie ever

Competing sheepdogs are frequently Border Collies because of their speed, intelligence and the ability to apply compassionate pressure to move sheep. Participating dogs and their handlers come to the Vashon Sheepdog Classic from a wide range of places and abilities. Some dogs are full-time farm workers, and some have entered this arena purely for the sport.

The Vashon Sheepdog Classic: A Full and Lively Experience

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# Harbor School,

4th and 5th grade class, Op-Ed pieces about Puget Sound and our watershed



#### **Puget Sound!**

By Paloma F and Sayan!

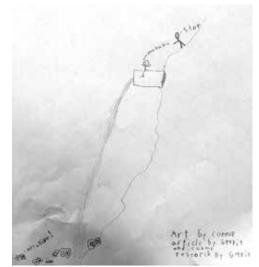
You're on Vashon Island and you see the Puget Sound. Then you notice somebody litter on the beach. Then you think to yourself, "it's just one piece of trash it won't do any harm." Then another person litters and soon enough the whole beach is filled with trash. The tide comes in and washes the trash back into the ocean and a fish eats the trash. Now, you just harmed the Puget Sound. You should make a change if you want to save the animals of the Sound. It's getting more and more polluted every day. We're counting on you! You should come to the beach and pick up trash and you will save a lot of lives. When you are reading this, think about what is happening and what can you do to save our Puget Sound!

#### Pollution is No Solution

By Connor and Gerrit

The Puget Sound needs us to protect it. If we continue to hurt the ocean by dumping junk into it, it will kill me you and everything that lives, and eventually our planet too. Also orcas ears are damaged because of our noise from boats and

factories, and orca babies are dying because of PCBs and DDTs. So after knowing a little about what we're doing to the planet, try to save your favorite birdie, sea creature, or land creature. One way to help is if we all switch to electric fueled cars, we carpool, and use alternative energy like wind and



solar power and stop using plastic bags. One less plastic bag, one more life. So stop doing all of these bad things and rise up to save your favorite birdie, fishy, and everything you know!

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# The Road to Resilience

By Terry Sullivan,

#### **Austerity Is A Sham**

Suppose the federal government could make money out of nothing and spend it freely. Suppose they could do it not only without raising taxes, but possibly lowering them, and that the country would thrive on full employment. This sounds like the kind of promise that a snake oil-peddling politician might be able to buy some votes with. Amazingly enough, there is a possibility that such a scenario could turn out to be true.

Recently, a friend of mine sent me a video explaining the doctrine of Modern Monetary Theory. In the most recent The Nation magazine (May 22, 2017), there is a feature article on it. Economists such as James Galbraith, Dean Baker, and Paul Krugman have quietly admitted that the theory has a sound basis, but it is so counter to the prevailing beliefs and so outrageous, economists don't seem anxious to promote it for fear of losing credibility in the field. Very few of us are given the gift of certitude when it comes to judging economic theories, and I certainly am not one of them, but this theory has serious economists risking their reputations in promoting it

In the Nation article, a situation was recalled from 2013 when some

spending programs and some tax cuts were expiring. The problem for both sides of the aisle concerned the national debt and whether to raise the debt limit. Someone suggested that the government mint a trillion dollar coin and deposit it in the Federal Reserve. It was perfectly legal, and since it would not go into circulation, it wouldn't be inflationary. It never happened, of course, but only because it was too big a stretch for the national imagination. Examples of this kind of spending that did happen were the trillion dollars for the Iraq War and the 800 billion for the Wall Street bailout. Where did that come from? Certainly not the budget.

Basically, the Modern Monetary Theory (MMT) starts with the bedrock of modern economics, which is that, since we abandoned the gold standard, money is created by our sovereign government by fiat. That is, they can create as much as they want whenever they want with no basis in actual material wealth. There are practical considerations, just as there are when you decide how much ice cream to order for yourself. In economics, one consideration would be that inflation problem. That is, your dollars would be

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#### Alzheimer's **Association Caregivers Support Group**

Caring for someone with memory loss? Do you need information and support? Alzheimer's Association family caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 1:00-2:30 pm, at Vashon Presbyterian Church, 17708 Vashon Hwy SW, Vashon, WA 98070. For information call Regina Lyons at (206) 355-3123.

#### Scholarship Foundation's **Scholarship** Ceremony

Vashon Community Scholarship Foundation's Scholarship Ceremony for graduating seniors will be held at Vashon High School on May 31 at 6:00 PM. The ceremony honors graduating seniors who have completed a scholarship notebook; each attending senior will receive a community scholarship.

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All Island Forum at Vashon Library June 1, 7-9p Looking Out For Each Other in the Resistance: What's it like for you? What's it like for me? ALL ARE WELCOME more info at allislandforum.org

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How can we white folks on Vashon actively engage in the racial equity movement? One essential way to begin is to discover how white privilege and implicit bias are part of our lives and our culture, and how they contribute to systemic racism, despite our best intentions. As we gain a deeper understanding of white privilege, we can look toward contributing to undoing racism in more effective ways. Please join us on the journey of waking up through thoughtful discourse, sharing and witnessing.

We will be reading and following guiding questions from the book Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. Over 4 weeks we will cover the book. Please join us if you are moved to, whether you've read the chapters or not. Each chapter ends with pithy self-reflective questions which we will use to guide our inquiry.

Here is a reading plan: for June 7 intro-p 60 for June 17 pg 61-123 for June 21 pg 124-184 for June 28 pg 185-249

We look forward to taking actions steps for racial equity together!

\*Personal Note from co-facilitator Karen Nelson\*

I was introduced to this book during a discussion group convened by Sustainable Vashon's All Island Read on Racism & White Privilege, in 2015. I found the whole experience to be be eye-opening and simultaneously supportive and healing. I realized that even as we were mostly white people in the room, we were embarking on an important piece of work towards acknowledging and ending racism.

#### **Marine Automatic Identification** System Tech Talk

Marine Automatic Identification System Tech Talk

There is a relatively new navigation safety device that boaters should consider adding to their GPS positioning systems and electronic chart plotters. The Automatic Identification System, AIS, provides automated vessel-to-vessel position and collision monitoring with audible notification in the event a collision could occur.

The Marine AIS Tech Talk will provide an overview of the AIS system, explaining how it works and what it does. We will also discuss some new AIS capabilities in development. Finally, we will talk about real world tips and tricks to use an AIS device which will make navigation easier and safer for you and other boaters around you.

Bring your questions and your AIS knowledge to this Tech Talk on Wednesday, June 7 at 7PM in the Vashon Library meeting room.

#### **Creating the Life You Want:** A Woman's Body-Wise Playgroup

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# **Next Edition of** The Loop Comes out Thursday June 8

Deadline for the next edition of *The Loop* Saturday, June 3

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# **How We Made Money**



By Seán\_C.\_Malone

There's no sense picking up a hazelnut that's been left behind by the squirrels, because the shell will be empty. This is the first lesson you learn selling hazelnuts. The squirrels can tell by smell or something that there is nothing inside. If you could beat them to the tree, you would have change in your pocket when you sold the nuts to the buyer. The old guy who took our money was grizzled and mean looking. He was so intimidating that we couldn't ask. The sack weight he gave you was never up for question. Joe Kazinski had a big belly and his belt was too narrow and his belly flopped over it. He smoked a cigar and blew smoke at you before he gave you the money. We were being cheated and knew it. Hazelnut picking only lasted a week, we needed other ways to make money.

"Shoot, it's getting hot and I'm tired, just sitting here," Sister Molly said. We had built a lemonade stand out of boxes and a 2x12 in front of the bus shelter Dad had built to keep us out of the rain. The five cent price stuck out from the flopping sheet and two crooked poles we had used to hold it in the wind. The "Lemon Aid For Sale" letters could not be seen from very far because the letters were yellow and the background was white. A half-mile south of Mackey's store was not a suitable place for a lemonade stand, the cars came by too fast and only a few stopped. Molly and I got bored and started eating the scrumptious peanut butter cookies Mom had baked to

As a child, Sister Molly was honest and therefore vulnerable to the duplicitous dishonesty of her two brothers, one whom was to become a pillar of industry and the other a penniless writer on Vashon. Dad had read a book about a very large family, called Cheaper by the Dozen. He thought by reading the book to us that we could improve the performance of our chores. He incorporated the auctioning off of the next week's chores in a family meeting on Sunday afternoon. The bidding was hot and heavy except for the chores like manure patrol where we competed to get out of it. "I bid 25 cents a night to wash dishes for a week," Sister Molly called out. Mike was the youngest and only dried or carried the dishes to the counter to be put in the cupboards by someone taller. Molly caught him one day bringing the washed dishes back again for a re-wash, just to pester her.

Neither Mike nor I wanted to bid for manure patrol, but were forced to do it for a dollar a week, because no chore was to be left undone. I think we took turns cruising the yard for dog droppings. Mom drew up a price and frequency schedule that looked like a calendar hung inside the door to the kitchen. The weekly bidding wars didn't last very long because Mike and I would collude to jack the prices of the chores up, or drive Molly out of a bidding war because we thought her bid was too low. We were conniving for profit, and Dad got tired of

the overhead management.

John 13: 16-20

Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Mike and Kit Bradley walked the halfmile to Mackey's Store at Cove, picking up pop bottles out of the ditches. Mr. Mackie paid five cents a bottle. "Hey," Kit said, "look at all those bottles stacked up behind the store." With that, Mike and Kit started hauling them into the store for money to buy candy. It wasn't long before Mr. Mackey caught them. They were bringing in too many bottles to have found them in the ditches and that was the end of that. "You got these from out back," Mr. Mackie said and banned them from the store for a week.

"Get him, get him," Brother Mike yelled. The big rooster was after Mike again, inhibiting him from collecting the eggs from the nests of his money making hens. My job was to distract the big rooster with a stick or getting down to his level and holding my hands on either side of him as he got ready to jump at me with his wings and spurs. I would threaten him with one hand and then knock him silly with the other, thus defending Mike's egg business which didn't last too long because the raccoons came up from the creek one night and killed his bankroll. Mike's egg business went belly-up.

Strawberries were big on Vashon and all kids worked in the fields. There were two carriers to a flat and six boxes per carrier. Mike, Molly and I picked for Jimmy Matsumoto and were paid \$.25 per carrier. Dave Church made \$3 a day and Meiko Nishyori and Dave Kirkland made \$10 a day. My old friend, John Sweetman and I made about the same money \$2 or \$3 a day, but he lived and picked on a different island, Bainbridge. John claimed that Bainbridge berries were sweeter.

The strawberries on Vashon in the 1950's were mostly Marshals, the biggest and sweetest strawberry ever. When our lips started turning red it was time to quit eating because Jimmy could see and if your face was red, he knew we had been throwing strawberries. Jimmy Matsumoto's plants were so high, you only had to lean over to pick. We knew what cash was when it jingled in our pockets and were paid once a week. Each time we brought our carriers to the truck, Jimmy would punch our tickets until the day he fired Mike and me for throwing strawberries and eating more than we picked. I'm still ashamed of the small amount of berries we picked.

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# Vashon Nature Center ED Talks

For the past few months Vashon Nature Center scientists have been out in the field with Vashon High School sophomores, researching important questions about our island's' wildlife and habitats. Students are just wrapping up their citizen science field research this month. Through Vashon Nature Center's Scientists in Schools programs, students participate in multi-year research studies that build on data from previous class years and investigate relevant local environmental issues. This year, students have worked with their teachers, Dr. Melissa Kehl and Mr. Jordan Browning, along with staff from Vashon Nature Center to assist in research regarding forage fish, juvenile salmon, and sea star wasting disease, among other topics.

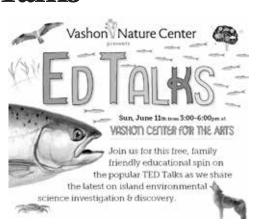
Their projects will culminate with a presentation of their work at Ed Talks alongside professional scientists.

Research is presented through a series of fast-paced 10 minutes talks or as a poster defending their research. Presenting side-by-side is a rare opportunity for both the students and professionals. The poster gallery will include work conducted by WA Dept. of Natural Resources, WA SeaGrant, Vashon High School sophomore biology students, The Vashon Nature Center, Vashon Audubon, The Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust, ZeroWaste, Washington Conservation Crew, University of Washington, Puget Soundkeepers Alliance and others. Listen to a series of short talks on current issues affecting the Puget Sound including "Puget Sound Herring Stocks" by Tessa Francis, Lead Ecosystems Ecologist, Puget Sound Institute at University of Washington; "Shoreline Armoring Removal in Maury Island Aquatic Reserve" by Greg Rabourn, King County Basin Steward for Vashon Maury Islands; "Monitoring Armored Shoreline Removal Sites" by Bob Oxborrow, Lab Manager at School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at University of Washington as well as talks by two groups of students. End your afternoon with a provocative keynote presentation from Dr. Patrick Christie, Professor at The School of Marine and Environmental Affairs, University of Washington "Is your Puget Sound, my Puget Sound? How worldviews shape our reality and behavior."

This afternoon is free and open to the public. It is made possible with help from our generous partners: PIE, Vashon Island PTSA, Vashon Island School District, Vashon Schools Foundation, Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust, Island Lumber, Rose Foundation, King County, and Washington Department of Natural

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Vashon Nature Center's Spring Science Symposium is an educational spin on the popular TED Talks which promises to be an interactive afternoon. We invite



you to explore the latest in island science investigation and discovery featuring environmental and wildlife research on Vashon and Maury Islands.

Sunday June 11th

3:00 - 6:00pm

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This year's speakers include: **Tessa Francis**, **PhD**.

Lead Ecosystems Ecologist, Puget Sound Institute at University of Washington

"Puget Sound Herring Stocks"

#### **Greg Rabourn**

King County Basin Steward for Vashon Maury Islands

"Shoreline Armoring Removal in Maury Island Aquatic Reserve"

#### **Bob Oxborrow**

Lab Manager, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences at University of Washington

"Monitoring Armored Shoreline Removal Sites"

Also two Vashon High School student groups will present research currently being conducted on island creeks and shorelines.

With Keynote Speaker- Dr. Patrick Christie

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Event Schedule:

3:00 - 4:00 Explore the Posters with a wide variety of topics from island coyotes to seastars.

4:00 - 4:10 Welcome by Bianca Perla, Vashon Nature Center Director

4:10 - 5:00 Speaker presentation 5:00 - 6:00 Keynote Speaker

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#### Island Life Hearsay

By Peter Ray pgray@vashonloop.com

I was going to write this a few weeks ago when things were fresher, but I just had to complete the series on our swimming sojourn to the watery desert before moving along to something less fun. What I am referring to here is of course a return to the hallowed halls of Ober Park to remember all the good times we had there at all those past Park Board meetings and just, you know, let it all just wash over me. To be sure, once I recently walked through the doors and saw the assemblage of personages there to speak at this May 2nd special meeting about the Commons Agreement, it sort of felt like old times, or perhaps even our own version of a Clown College reunion. I say this because there in the audience were former commissioners Hackett and Ameling, just two of the power trio (commissioner Wald was not in attendance) that brought us the debacle that was and is the VES fields mess that continues as the gift that keeps on taking. It was these three who left us with an incomplete set of fields along with a busted Parks budget thanks to their forcing through this multi-purpose field that sits next to the main highway on the site of the old elementary school and the historic old gym that had to be torn down in order to bring this not so visionary field to some semblance of reality at somewhere between double and triple the original cost projection, and was and is-as another audience member pointed out- the reason why the VPD is seeking to opt out of the yearly \$100K commons agreement payment from Parks to Schools in order to regain a fiscal footing following the VES mess. They- Parks- simply can't afford it..

While I have been away from regular Vashon Park District board meetings for some time, I had been attending and recording Vashon School District board of directors meetings up until last December. It was a study in contrasts to compare how the two boards had functioned- relative chaos and authoritarianism in the Hackett-Ameling era, as compared to the comparative calm and democracy evident at the school board. In truth, I was remembering the last VISD meeting I attended and recorded back on December the 8th when I chose to respond to statements being made at this latest  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{VPD}}$ meeting regarding a precedent for cash payments between a park district and a school district for shared use of facilities. I quoted my partner who has worked at the Seattle Parks Department for 15 years by saying that she had told me that while Seattle Parks and Schools share facilities, no money is exchanged in the process. I also began to reference my memories of the December 8 VISD meeting by saying that I had recalled hearing something at that meeting about the school board intending to use all or part of the \$100K VPD commons payment to the schools as a yearly deposit to a fund that would be held in order to pay the million dollar replacement cost of the turf carpet for the new football field. While I was making this statement I was cut off by another audience member who said that on the TV show Law and Order, my relating this tale would constitute "hearsay". As I had heard it first hand, I did not see that it was actually hearsay, only an attempt by that audience member, who happened in some way to be associated with Mr. Hackett, to put into question the credibility of what I was saying.

As it turned out, when I got home I went back to my 8 December recording and found that I hadn't quite remembered it right. In the discussion amongst the board, they were unsure how much of the \$100K to set aside, along with possibly also setting something aside from the VISD budget. It was at least half of the VPD commons payment each year though that would go to an eventual replacement of the football turf carpet, which is said to wear out in 8-12 years with somewhere around a million dollar replacement cost. There was

also some talk that they could also forgo the commons payment altogether and put forward another bond for the cost of the replacement. You do not have to take my hearsay word for it though. This board meeting has been archived on the Voice of Vashon Website, and you can access it and others by going to www.voiceofvashon. org , clicking on Shows & Hosts section of the menu bar, then go to the left of the dropdown menu to the VoVTV section and to the second entry from the bottom there and click on Vashon School District. This will bring you to the VISD page-scroll down to the 12.8.2016 meeting and click. If you want to watch the whole thing, be my guest. But the commons meat of the matter occurs at around 56:40 on the timeline and carries on for about 8 minutes. What all this illustrates is a certain dependency on the part of VISD for the funds to replace the football carpet through VPD monies. Without that money, or a passed bond, the 3 million dollar football field becomes worthless in about a decade, whereas a revamped grass field would have been able to keep chugging along with a seed seed here and a water water there. And a little mowing. And a turf specialist friend of mine said he had done some calculating and that the supposed continued over water use and expense of an improved grass field was indeed much less than presented by VISD as a reason that the new plastic gridiron was a more favorable alternative. But I guess that's now just water under the bridge, or

But there's more. In the spirit of Trumpgate and the Russian roundup of revelations, I recently received an email exchange between David Hackett and Bob Hennessey on the VISD board in which Mr. Hackett was seen (I won't say heard since I might again be accused of hearsay) arguing against Parks having to pay the \$100K commons payment to VISD. I read through a bunch of this with Mr. Hackett continuing:

"I am very ambivalent about whether we should have any sort of agreement with VISD. I have found your district's buy in and participation to be lackluster, at best."

This and much more didn't make any sense, because at the May 2nd meeting Mr. Hackett was in the audience arguing that "it is an agreement (commons) that has worked well- if it ain't broke don't fix it." Then I looked at the dates of the email exchange, which were in April of 2013 while Mr. Hackett was on the VPD board and was trying to salvage something of the mess they had made of the budget through the escalating cost of the VES fields that in hindsight no one had asked for. To that end, at the recent VPD meeting, Mr. Hackett also scolded the board by saying "do what you're supposed to do- go for a bond- ask the voters 'do you want to fund these capital projects?"" This is something we should all be reminded is exactly what Misters Hackett, Ameling and Wald did not do when they pillaged the Parks budget, resulting so far in uncompleted fields in terms of what was promised, and a Parks budget teetering on the brink of collapse. And for those ready to accuse me of hearsay on these quotes, I can supply the audio track from the entire meeting to corroborate everything quoted here, if asked.

From the other side, through these commons squabbles, in 2013 there was talk of VISD withholding permission to gain a water right for the VES fields, something akin to the current talk from the VISD board that they might withhold permission to cover the pool if Parks refuses to pay the \$100K for commons. What seems to be lost in all of this is any comprehension of the word commons. All of this seems to be more about power and leverage than serving the common good. There is also something along the lines of truth and trust that we already are being robbed of on the national level- given that the opposite is showing up here in what should be a fairly simple and straightforward negotiation between two public Vashon entities supposedly serving the public good, all of this seems to show that we're maybe not as special and different as we would like to make ourselves out to be,



# Commons Conundrum

This is being written to put recent events into context and provide history regarding the Commons. The Park District continues to negotiate with the School District regarding the Commons agreement.

Unfortunately, two former Park District commissioners, the first is one of the founding commissioners who served for 30 years and the second is a prominent local prosecuting attorney, have been distributing inaccurate information that has complicated the situation. These two individuals were involved in increasing the levy by a nickel in 2009 and in the creation of the 2013 version of the Commons Agreement.

The attorney has recently requested a laundry list of documents relating to the Commons under the Freedom of Information Act, including emails. As result of the search for Commons-related emails, the Park District discovered a series of emails in 2013 that also involved a current member of the VISD board.

In his 2013 email, the attorney states "We have followed a zero/based budget approach this year and it's time to apply it to the Commons. I think that a system where users contact VISD directly may be a better approach. VISD can provide access and charge fees to use the facilities." He goes on to state in a subsequent email, "With no Commons, we instantly save \$129k out of our budget (\$100k plus no need for access/ scheduling staff). With that money, we could finance lights at VES to allow nighttime practices..... There is no way that VISD WOULD/COULD bar soccer, lacrosse, baseball, wrestling, basketball, theater, dance, etc. from the campus." The emails contain no mention of the supposed nickel for the Commons, or breaking trust with the public.

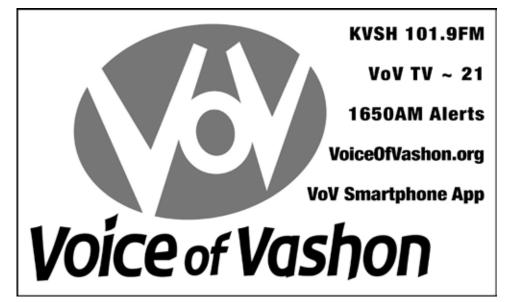
So exactly why was the Commons agreement renewed. In an email, less than a month later, to all the park district commissioners, it was noted that the

school board chairman "has refused to sign the assignment allowing us to apply for the (water) permit so we cannot water (VES) until he does so.... Jason and Mike are deeply concerned about the condition of the grass as it is, and a warm weekend, with no water, could potentially cause damage.... My understanding of the (chairman's) position is that he wants written statements from the five Park District commissioners agreeing to the \$100,000 payment surrounding the Commons [before he will allow assignment of the water share]."

As is evident, our questioning the cost of the Commons is not a recent event. Unlike the 2013 Park District Board, your current Park Board has never suggested the Commons Agreement should be ended. The question always has been how much, if any, VPD will pay VISD, and whether it's appropriate for VPD to pay anything, given that no other park district has such an arrangement. The Park Board continues to strive to do what is best for the entire community. For those seeking additional details, copies of the emails referenced above have been posted to the Park District website.

Scott Harvey





# Spiritual Smart Aleck

#### Watching the Fire

About twenty years ago our good friends, the Blakemores, moved to Australia, where they settled in a little beach town.

One year, there was a fire in the forest uphill from their neighborhood. Naturally they were worried. They and their neighbors brought their yard chairs out into the street and sat there watching the progress of the fire.

I imagined them sitting in the street, watching the fire as if it was a soccer match, wondering if they were going to lose everything.

They were fortunate. Their homes were not burned.

I've been thinking lately about the surreal notion of watching a fire as if you were watching a sporting event, because I have had a surreal feeling watching the news.

It has been obvious right from the get-go that 45 would most likely shoot himself in the foot (I mean that metaphorically, but with this guy you never know). Recently it has been one damn thing after another. A little obstruction of justice here, the firing of three people who were pursuing the Russian involvement there, a first call for impeachment on the floor of the House of Representatives, the appointment of a special prosecutor.

Oh, I know there are people out there who think he's the greatest thing since sliced bread and will be remembered as the greatest president we've ever had. I heard a man say that on the radio. I have been assured that there are millions of people who believe that. Pssst: you are all wrong.

His antics are keeping us distracted from all the mischief being done in Congress. I think of all the people who gave so much, including their lives, for the freedom, fairness, safety, and equality we have in this country. We were not finished assuring liberty and justice (not to mention health care) for all, not by a long shot, but we were working on it. Now our children and our grandchildren, and their children and grandchildren, are going to have to fight to regain lost liberties, lost justice, lost healthcare. That thought grinds my gears.

Now, mind you, I was raised by Republicans. I put my hand over my heart when I said the pledge of allegiance, still do. I get choked up when I sing the Star-Spangled Banner, and I stand up and put my hand over my heart when the guys in the color guard go by in the Festival Parade and I choke up then, too. I was taught that the Commies were trying to bury us, and that America was the last best hope for the oppressed people of the world. That there was nowhere else to run.

That is how I was raised, folks, and I believed all of it.

The Civil Rights movement



By Mary Tuel

changed my views. The Vietnam war changed my views. The way vets are treated changed my views.

Watergate and its aftermath and Ford's pardon of Nixon changed my views. Carter was a decent guy, a genuine Christian, so we had to get rid of him. The election of Reagan was frightening and turned out to be worse than I could imagine, even though I had watched what had happened to California under the tender mercies of his governorship. Reagan's election was when I knew we had become an oligarchy, although I didn't know the word for it at the time.

Bush Sr., was an epilogue to Reagan. I had hope for Clinton, but it turned out his pejorative nickname, "Slick Willy," had more meanings than one. George W. Bush – wow. He was surrounded by guys who wanted revenge for what happened to Nixon. People are still coming home maimed and in boxes thanks to him. And there was that little economic collapse.

Obama – now we're talking: health care, and a few other advances in spite of the incredible obstruction and racism he faced. He didn't get everything right. The drone attacks on civilians. The way the bankers did not go to prison. I do not remember a president in my lifetime who was not vilified for his actions and policies, e.g., Nixon, LBJ. Obama was the only one demonized for his skin color before he ever took an action or made a policy.

And now, ladies and gentlemen and others, we give you the fabulous imploding presidency of 45.

It isn't only him. It's the guys at the top who sailed into office with him, and the guys they answer to, and those millions who voted for him and them. This fire has been building and burning for years. I blame myself now for a lack of imagination. I did not believe it could get this bad in America.

Pssst: I was wrong.

# Seeds4Success (S4S) Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Seeds4Success, a 501(c)3 organization was founded ten years ago to ensure children to adults impacted with disabilities are provided an opportunity to learn the skills necessary to become independent, productive, employed and involved community members. According to the 2010 U.S. Census there are 12.4% or roughly 756 islanders aged 21 to 64 identified as having a disability or deficit. To date S4S has served over 250 clients. Since its inception, S4S has never solicited private donations, however in an effort to meet the needs of the community; S4S is seeking to raise \$25,000 in donations over the next few

Did you know that in the past ten years all S4S clients have found positions in on-island and off-island businesses? You might have seen Emily handing out milk at the elementary school or Carl at Rock Island Pizza, or Joseph and Carl delivering The Vashon Loop to uptown businesses or Joseph breaking down hundreds of delivery boxes for The Hardware Store restaurant; or noticed Molly shadowing alongside Sarah at Sarah's Salon. But what you and their co-workers don't know is the number of anonymous S4S clients who have worked or are still working at US Bank, Thriftway, IGA, Sawbones, Granny's Attic and many other island businesses. These clients have received S4S services working in conjunction with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) for job skills training and education, enabling these more than 50 clients to achieve a measure of independence and financial stability.

"My son, Carl Fox, began delivering The Loop to local business in 2006. This opportunity offered Carl some independence as well as valuable community interaction. Carl is supported by fantastic job coaches from Seeds4Success at Granny's Attic, where he's been working since 2013, at our friendly

Vashon Pharmacy, and behind the scenes at The Rock, where he has also worked since 2010. The employment opportunities Carl enjoys here in our own community are due to the hard work of the S4S organization, and their outreach to the business community. With the help of S4S, Carl is an active participant in our local economy, he pays taxes, and even enjoys picking up the tab for lunch now and again! S4S has provided Carl with years of safe assistance and encouragement.

It wasn't that long ago that families moved away after high school because of the difficulty in negotiating the transition from school to work for their children with "special abilities". When a child leaves public school and are no longer eligible for help through the school district, a whole host of new challenges begin for parents. This transition period for Carl was very frustrating for me, and I was not alone. I became involved with the King County Division of Developmental Disabilities where I served as a board member for 3 years. One of my desires was to bring awareness to the County of our communities' lack of services for Vashon families during this transitional time for our young adults, not destined for college. With the help of parents, selfadvocates, the Vashon School District, and many concerned community members, the ideas for Seeds4Success were launched, in part to bridge this gap in social

Today, with Lee's years of commitment at the helm, S4S has grown to include many other services for Vashon residents.

If you have ever considered supported employment for your business, if you're looking for a dedicated employee, or if you would like to learn more about job coaching, please remember Seeds4Success." – Ulla Blichfeldt Cooper

"Seeds4Sucess delivering the DVR services have been so much more than a source of "you can do it." Discovering actual specifics regarding my disability and help adapting my learning/training has rocketed me towards meaningful, personal to me excellence in my salsvashor your dor located a Suite 1070 since Seed

new dream job. The coaching and advocacy has truly made that happen. So grateful to have this treasure of a service on island and so generous to me." – Molly Van Valkenburg

In addition to job training and employment assistance, did you know that S4S also:

- Teaches classes, sponsored by DOVE, on how to find a job. -Assists islanders in creating

-Signs up people of all abilities for Medicaid health insurance and food stamps. Sometimes making night and weekend appointments.

-Helps fill out Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare forms.

-Lee Kopines is an authorized Rep payee through Social Security Administration. She can assist in money management matters such as paying bills, transferring money, and dealing with the bank.

-Acts as a liaison between parents and school representatives at IEP meetings to translate for parents what is being discussed as well as what can and cannot be done by schools for their children. S4S brings their knowledge and expertise to help parents navigating the IEP process.

-Provides night and weekend client appointments for working parents.

-Supports with finding housing help or jobs available through local and county resources.

-Teaches islanders how to access the Internet using the S4S computers. Use of the computers for employment and education purposes is available by appointment.

Please give today by mailing your donation to Seeds4Success PO Box 2501, Vashon, WA 98070, making an on-line donation at www. s4svashon.org or dropping off your donation at our offices located at 9730 SW Bank Rd. Suite 107C.

Sincerely, Seeds4Success Board Members





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# Plauef-Waves

by Eric Francis <a href="http://www.PlanetWaves.net">http://www.PlanetWaves.net</a>

#### Aries (March 20-April 19)

Self-esteem is the key to happiness, and you're currently under the perfect aspects to practice this approach to life. One thing I've noticed, working as an astrologer, is that many people undermine their respect for themselves, by sending themselves negative messages. You have every reason to take a bold approach to your happiness, to your aspirations, and to your future plans. Yet you must have a personal code that you live by, and item one of that credo is being aware of any negative inner chatter. The second step is to identify its emotional source. This is not something that can be addressed just with a reasoning process. That's part of the solution; though ultimately, you must choose to feel good about your existence, about why you came to Earth, and about who you are. Therefore, take any opportunity to love.

#### Taurus (April 19-May 20)

The coming few days and indeed few weeks will be bristling with mental activity. Between Venus making some exciting aspects and Mercury in your sign, your mind is like a Broadway theater where a rock concert has taken up residence. Your ongoing challenge is to translate all those thundering ideas into something physical and tangible. The way to do that is to work in physical substance: put down your phone and work at a table equipped with paper and pencil rather than a computer. Keep your meetings in person as much as possible. And get outside and soak your eyes in sunlight for at least half an hour a day. Your dream life is likely to be particularly compelling this week. Try to capture those feelings, scenarios and images on paper; and remember, every part of the dream represents you.

#### Gemini (May 20-June 21)

An emotional entanglement has disappeared as quickly as it appeared. That gives you some evidence that such a thing is possible. Yet you still face the challenge of keeping your emotions flowing and not being distracted with people who have a negative attitude. You have way too much going for you right now to go down anyone's dark or self-conflicted road. In fact most of the positive gains in your life will come through encountering people who take a distinctly positive attitude, and raising your vibration to the level of a supportive environment. Much of your success in the coming year of your life will be dependent upon your state of mind. Take a self-affirming view and you will invite positive developments into your life. As they say in 12-step programs, this is all about people, places and things.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 22)

This will be an exciting week for you professionally, and I suggest you feel no hesitation about turning up the juice. Start by doing your best work, and then telling people about it. Don't merely send out resumes. Do those bold and brash things like showing up with your portfolio, or sending a FedEx with a personal letter and samples to someone whose attention you want to get. Aim high, that is, higher than you think you're capable of, and do the work to back it up. The most common error people make these days is thinking that success is all about image and money. For you, it's about embodying your own success with every cell, every breath and every word you speak. Make sure that people know you're capable, willing and ready to go the whole distance.

#### Leo (July 22-Aug. 23)

In today's world, leadership is about communicating ideas, and then getting people on the same page. That involves a process of listening, expressing yourself,

and being flexible about including the ideas of others in what you're doing. Even though you're born under what's called a fixed sign, the more inclusive and cooperative you are, the more you magnify the influence of your creativity. People need to know they're being heard; indeed, that anybody at all cares what they think. And just as vital, they need a strong influence to tie together all the loose ends and serve as a kind of coordinating editor. You're in the perfect position to do precisely that. Just do your utmost to keep pride and ego out of the picture. Leo can be brilliant at embodying the role of public servant. Now is the time.

#### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

Your persuasive skills are at a nearrecord level right now. Therefore, it's crucial that you know exactly what you're arguing for or against. Make sure that you're correct, and have applied full-treatment fact-checking to anything you're trying to convince anyone of. They'll believe you even if you're wrong, and you don't want to have to send out a correction. One way to avoid problems is to do that thing they put law students through, which is to argue both sides of the case, and find some third alternative viewpoint. Flush out the errors in your thinking. Run your ideas past people you consider critical thinkers, and focus your ideas. If the matter involves investments or any other form of finance, you must redouble your efforts and make sure your facts and your reasoning are impeccable.

#### Libra (Sep. 22-Oct. 23)

If it seems like partners or a love interest are sending you mixed signals, don't take it personally. For example, they might seem to be expressing desire for you, and then sending you the message that they didn't really mean what you thought they meant. This is likely to be an illusion of some kind; be particularly cautious if the internet is involved. First, address any contradictions you find in your own mind and your own communications, and gently sort those out. Then, do something bold and ask people what they want. Not for the rest of forever, but for right now. If you speak up rather than guess, you're much likelier to find common ground with someone you care about. Put special attention into cultivating trust. Stick to social plans, and show up on time. That's a fine start.

#### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)

The Sun is shining its light on Gemini, one of the most cryptic angles of your solar chart, and that will help you unravel the seeming mystery of a relationship. Here's the question: to what extent is desire allowed in your intimate partnerships? Do you allow yourself to want what you want with a clear conscience, or do you have to keep stopping to address guilt? Or, interpreting your chart a different way, there are often two sides to desire: wanting, and not wanting what you have once you get it. The more aware of these wrinkles you are, the less often they will pop up as issues that derail the conversation or the flow of passion. Most people have a hard time stating clearly what they want, with neither hesitation nor guilt. You must get good at it, and practice makes perfect.

#### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 22)

The Sun has joined Mars in Gemini, the relationship angle of your chart, which should help you bring your partnerships onto more level ground. Mars slowly working its way across your opposite sign the past few weeks has been a bit itchy and scratchy, except of course when the passion heats up and all of that goes away. One thing to keep in mind is that your Sagittarian selfdirection and independence are running high these days, even as you seem to be

taking an unusual degree of interest in relationships. There will be developments within your relationships that help teach you not just how to balance out those two seemingly different interests, but rather how to integrate them and treat them as aspects of the same thing. Healthy relationships are made up of individual people, rather than halves of a whole.

#### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Your solar chart this week presents you with an interesting scenario: how effectively can you avoid family, household and work drama, and keep focused on the creative task at hand? This may involve your official job, or it may involve a project you've got going on the side. Either way, it looks like the most important priority that you just cannot seem to get to. Of course, there are plenty of compelling reasons to be distracted. The challenge you face is that of any person who is devoted to developing their talent: deciding that what you want to do is more compelling than anything that might sidetrack you. If this takes discipline, it's nothing other than the same focus of mind and power of prioritization that all successful writers, artists, musicians and businesspeople must master. Go for it.

#### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

You've entered a phase of your life where, with each useless, negative or in-theway thing you remove, you will make room for some helpful and productive thing to enter. This involves physical objects, people, groups you belong to, and ideas you have about yourself. It's a basic principle of the

Asian art of feng shui: de-clutter, open up space, and put things you use regularly right where you can reach them. As the spring and summer progress, this process will take up residence in your relationships. The key concept is balance: between self and other, and between seemingly different interests. One thing you're likely to discover is that as you let go of persistent mental patterns, even ones you've experienced since childhood, you make room for a more self-affirming experience of your relationships. As you well know, it's about time.

#### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

The Sun recently entered Gemini, which is the home and security angle of your solar chart. Two messages are coming through. One is to invest some resources into freshening up your living space. As the old song goes, let the Sun shine in, wash the curtains, and vacuum the remnants of winter out of your windowsills and radiators. Another message may be that you need a change of scenery, even if it's just for a few days. Pisces is one sign that distinctly needs to have a place to get away to, whether it's something as modest as a visit to a friend's house or a night in a B&B or hotel, or as extravagant as a second home. You encounter different aspects of your personality in different spaces you occupy, a fact of your inner makeup that gives you a distinct advantage if you use it.

Read Eric Francis daily at www. PlanetWaves.net

# Vashon Senior Center is the Place to Be!



Vashon Senior Center is a welcoming place where Islanders can grab a hot drive, a van driver can pick them up and lunch, play a game of Mah Jongg or take them to lunch at the Center and back pinochle, hone their knitting skills, groove to a Zumba beat, meditate, discuss current events and participate in a plethora of other activities. The Center plays a vital role in the community by providing a place to socialize, stay intellectually engaged, and eat nutritious

According to the 2010 census, half of Islanders are over 50 years old and nearly one in five is over 65. Vashon-Maury Island residents are the "oldest" in King County. The Center's role is to help people age gracefully with a lot of community support.

Here are some programs and services to be aware of:

**Membership:** Anyone can be a member of the Senior Center for \$25

Lunch is served Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon for \$4.50 or by donation;

Care-A-Van: For seniors who cannot home afterwards. The van is not ADA compliant, however;

Neighbor to Neighbor: Volunteers help seniors with a variety of household chores and can provide transportation to appointments on Island;

Blue Bird Medical Transport: Fellow Islanders provide seniors with round trip transportation to their off-Island medical appointments;

Meals-on-Wheels: Volunteers deliver a week's worth of frozen meals to senior's homes.

A calendar of Senior Center events with lunch menus can be found in the newsletter at www. vashonmauryseniorcenter.com. To request newsletters be sent via e-mail or to become a member, call the Center at 463-5173 or drop by and take a look around. The Center is on Bank road, one block west of the four-way stop sign, and is open M,T,W, & F 9AM-3PM.

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# Vashon Intuitive Arts Welcomes Artist Julia Wykes

Graduating from SSCC in 1983 with a degree is Floral Art, Julia Wykes worked in the Floral industry for 10 years before moving to Vashon Island becoming a Nanny, house and pet sitter, and foremost, a caregiver to Vashons' elderly for the next 20 years.

Now, fulfilling a long time dream, Julia married her high school sweetheart, moved to Normandy Park and began taking acrylic painting classes at SSCC for the past 5 years. Her Floral experience shows in her use of color and attention to detail.

As Vashon Intuitive Arts' June artist of the month Julia is excited to "Meet and Greet" old friends and new on June 2nd from 6-9pm.

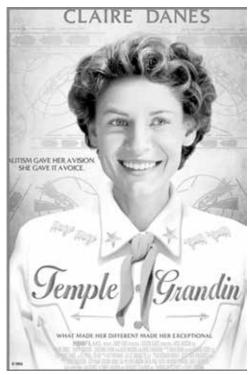


# Screening of the movie "Temple Grandin"

VYFS is providing a screening of the HBO movie Temple Grandin at Vashon Theatre on June 6th at 6pm as part of the Greentech Nights program, hosted by Island Greentech and Vashon Theatre. VYFS is bringing this engaging, emotional and inspirational biopic, exploring the life and work of animal scientist Temple Grandin, to the Island to highlight her extraordinary life and work in advance of her appearances on Vashon, June 10th and 11th, as part of the Sheepdog Classic.

This movie showcases Ms. Grandin's work both in the sphere of animal behavior, and as an advocate for people with autism. There is much excitement about her appearance on Vashon, both because the 2010 movie is extremely popular, and because she has become a world renowned authority on animal behavior and autism and has recently been inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame.

The screening of the film is a fundraising benefit for Vashon Youth & Family Services, and a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, \$4 for youth will be accepted at the door. All funds raised will be used to continue VYFS' ongoing support of Island programs including support of Vashon Kids child care scholarships for low income families, free counseling services for island youth, crisis intervention, counseling for Medicaid clients, Parent Education classes, and the management of the



Wellness Voucher program distributing vouchers for pharmacy prescriptions, ferry vouchers, and gas vouchers for low income individuals seeking medical care off island.

Please bring friends and family and join VYFS June 6th in celebrating the life and work of Temple Grandin.

Vashon Youth & Family Services Announces

Screening of the movie "Temple Grandin"

Tuesday, June 6th, 6pm

#### Road to Resilience

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worth less and less. In any case, limits or conditions on the issuance of money by the federal government are political decisions.

According to Modern Monetary Theory, the idea that national debt is something that we will pass on to our grandchildren if we don't bankrupt the country first is all a bunch of hooey. Our biggest misconception is the equating of money with wealth. Money is a medium: it is the grease that makes the economy work. The more money circulating in the economy the more jobs and wealth are created. It's similar to the Trickle Down Theory in desired result. Trickle Down doesn't work because the money is only given to the wealthy and they aren't sharing. MMT gives directly to everybody. If we want a full employment economy, free college, and universal health care, we can have it, and MMT says that we will thrive. It is only a matter of political will.

If issuing money is the gas pedal, what is the brake? The brake is the most effective way to take money out of circulation, and it's one of the two things that "we can be sure of," and it isn't death: it's taxes. If the economy is really active and heating up, we tax everybody and cool it down. Both the left and the right have part of the solution right. We need to spend more and tax less! I can't believe I just said that.

This makes it sound deceptively simple. Just as a talented athlete in top condition can run into trouble if they aren't alert and attentive to changing conditions, we have to practice good judgment, curb greed, and diffuse power. We have to realize that a change of this magnitude will need to be introduced gradually.

Both "Liberals" and "Conservatives" believe that everybody should have the opportunity to get the education they want and a means to secure the things they need for themselves and their family. Both agree that the government must be utterly accountable to "We the People" and not corporations. Both agree that we need to rebuild our infrastructure. There are real cultural and religious differences, but not nearly as many as the wealthy would have you believe.

Austerity is a phantom card that the wealthy play to control you and make sure the profits go to them. Austerity has reeked havoc in countries like Argentina and Greece, and the EU is slowly starving from the slim diet it serves up.

Check out MMT on the web and draw your own conclusion. We have the resources to make all of us prosperous. Within a few years, free college can produce all the healthcare personnel, technicians, engineers, etc. that we need to provide a good living for all, and all the goods and services we require. We still have to live within the finite resources of this planet, but we needn't let money hold us back.

Comments? (please tell me what's wrong with MMT):

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#### Vashon Sheepdog Classic 2017

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Sheepdog Classic encompasses fun activities for all ages, including:

· A Fiber Arts Village with free workshops and demonstrations throughout the day

· A children's tent with felting and other fiber activities

·Fiber vendors from throughout the Pacific Northwest region

· Education Exhibit - "The Story of Wool"

· Local artisans, food and drink vendors

· Bagpipers and the release of the flock into the field.

The Vashon Sheepdog Classic takes place at Misty Isle Farms on beautiful Vashon Island, just 20-minutes west of Seattle and 15 minutes north of Tacoma, only accessible by ferry-boat. Long populated by artists and small organic farmers, Vashon revels in home-grown events that let visitors step away from busy urban lives and enjoy a simpler, quieter time.

All proceeds from the Vashon Sheepdog Classic benefit local youth charities.

Special Events for 2017: Two appearances by Temple Grandin, Ph.D.

SOLD OUT: Saturday, June 10, 7pm at Vashon Center for the Arts: Understanding Animal Behavior with

Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Co-presented by Vashon Sheepdog Classic and The Dog Show with Julie Forbes. Tickets available at http://www.vashoncenterforthearts.org/portfolio-view/temple-grandin/.

Sunday, June 11 at Vashon Sheepdog Classic: Informal afternoon talk and Q & A with attendees.

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. Her fascinating life, with all its challenges and successes, has been brought to the screen with the HBO full-length film Temple Grandin, starring Claire Danes.

Vashon Sheepdog Classic: Daily Admission \$10/person Friday, Saturday & Sunday. All Event Passes \$25. Kids 10 & under free.

New for 2017 - day limits for spectators! Overwhelming attendance has required limits on people through the gates each day. Please purchase advance tickets to make sure you get in.

Advance tickets on sale at http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2888305

V i s i t h t t p : / / w w w . vashonsheepdogclassic.com for more event details.

Thursday to Sunday, June 8th – 11th Dawn to Dusk

Misty Isle Farms, Vashon Island

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# Island Epicure

#### **Everybody Likes Chicken**

Everybody I know seems to like chicken: the thrifty, because it's a less expensive meat than most; the novice cook because the recipes range from simple to more complex as skill increases; the hurried because a skinless breast or boned thigh, quickly cut in bite size pieces, is sauteed in minutes; and the culinary world traveler because every country in the world has its own favorite chicken dish.

Chicken pleases the palate by itself, in casseroles, in soups, in salads--well, in everything but desserts, though the Azerbaidzhani dish Chicken with Peaches and Cinnamon comes close. That's a summer recipe made during the much too brief season of fresh peaches, but you can make it any time with canned peach halves or slices, and if cooking for two instead of the conventional 4-serving recipe using a three-pound chicken cut in serving pieces, you can use a couple of chicken thighs or half-breasts. You can substitute Granny Smith apples or unripe pears for peaches if you wish.

> Chicken with Peaches 4 servings

4 large chicken thighs, bone in 3 Tablespoons coconut oil

Salt and coarsely ground black pepper

1 medium size onion, chopped

1 cup chicken broth

2 cans sliced peaches canned in their own juice

Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon

Cinnamon to taste

Brown the chicken pieces on each side. Transfer to a plate. In the same skillet, stir-fry the onions until translucent and turning toward brown. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Add the chicken broth and the lemon zest and juice, plus the peach slices, plus. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover, reduce heat to medium low. Cook until chicken is tender. Serve with jasmine rice, a vegetable of your choice, and a salad of lettuce and cucumber

> Chicken with Garlic \$ Herbs 2 servings

2 chicken thighs

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon crumbled dried marjoram leaves or 1 Tablespoon slivered fresh marjoram leaves.

½ teaspoon crumbled dried basil leaves

1 Tablespoon coconut oil

2 cups coarsely chopped green cabbage, optional (but delicious!)

Mix the garlic, marjoram and basil. Loosen the chicken skin and insert some of the garlic-herb mixture under the skin of each. Heat the coconut oil in a deep skillet that owns a lid. Brown the thighs on each side. Poor in about 1 inch of boiling water. Put the lid on the skillet. Reduce heat and cook gently until chicken is tender, 40 to 45 minutes. Serve with separately cooked brown rice.

#### Harbor School, 4th and 5th grade class, Op-Ed pieces

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#### Wolf Fish is No Dish!

By Theo and River

The Wolf Fish is often mistaken for an eel but it's actually a fish. The Wolf Fish is dying due to overfishing and habitat loss. If it goes extinct then other animals will die too. It is the only thing stopping urchins from eating kelp and if the kelp dies then so many other animals will die too. A lot of things rely on kelp and if that goes, then Wolf Fish won't be the only species that's endangered.



Here's a not so fun fact: 216 Wolf Fish get eaten every WEEK, on average. Here is a more fun fact: on average, Wolf Fish lay 500-1000 eggs in a single cluster. If we raise the price of Wolf Fish then people will buy it less, then the Wolf Fish will be much less endangered and will be able to grow back its population. Save the Wolf Fish; it needs you and you need it.

#### Save the Sound

By Abigail and Lyra

Right now, the Puget Sound is getting horribly polluted and filled with garbage. The beautiful home of all our sea



creatures is dying all because of us humans. Even so, we're lucky because in some places there are giant "islands" of trash the size of Texas. Even if you can't see it, the Puget Sound is filled with garbage and if we don't do something soon some animals could become extinct. People have found dead animals that it would be considered dumping toxic waste if you put its body back into the water. You might be thinking, how did it get there? Well, it comes from us. If you live anywhere in the Puget Sound watershed, all of your trash will end up here in the Puget Sound. Today, when you take out your trash, you will be inadvertently hurting so many animals. So one thing you can do to help save the Puget Sound is recycle.

#### Global Warming **Hurting Ocean**

By Grace and Atticus

Ocean acidification has caused the Starfish Wasting Disease. If it keeps going on like this, the food chain will be effected. Global warming is killing animals, like polar bears. It is melting our habitat. If it happens too fast then we will not be able to adapt. Global warming

is melting the North Pole. If it keeps on happening then places will flood. Global warming is causing ocean acidification and it is ridding sea cucumbers, and other creatures, of their habitat and home. You need to use less energy because it is trapped around the Earth and is melting parts of the North Pole. Coral reefs are getting bleached by ocean acidification. All in all, you need to stop global warming because it affects us too, but mostly it effects the Sound. Most of all, remember this: small changes matter. Take

#### A Global Warning to Stop Global Warming

By Tuula Beck and Nola

Save the sea stars! Global warming is killing off the Earth's wonderful population of sea stars.

If all our sea stars parish then clams and other mollusks will over populate, which impacts the entire food chain because clams eat plankton, and plankton balance the seas food chain.

Every day, at least one hundred sea stars die from Sea Star Wasting Disease. Even one tiny oil spill can pollute, which leads to global warming, which starts the sea star wasting disease. Global warming is bad because it has raised the ocean's temperature by a degree of 1%, which doesn't sound like much, but it's "litter"-ally disintegrating sea stars as we know it.

So, help out the sea stars by recycling the recyclable, composting the compostable and throwing away trash were it's supposed to go! At least once a week, take the bus, carpool, or even ride a bike to decrease the amount of pollution and oil spills.

#### A Crustacean Crisis

By Will and Paloma B

Ocean acidification: when all the C02 produced by cars and factories goes in to the air and soaks into the ocean making it harder for shell dwelling creatures to make their shells. The main sea creatures effected by ocean acidification are crabs, coral, clams, sea urchins or any animal that has an exoskeleton, or shell. Without these animals, the food chain might collapse, had so many chemicals in them not to mention all the deaths of hundreds of thousands of creatures. You could help save these creatures and make a difference by reducing your C02 emissions and driving an electric car, or by commuting in an eco-



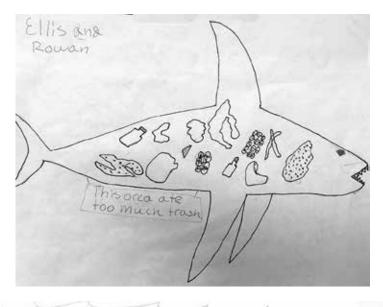
friendly way. Spreading the word about ocean acidification will bring awareness to this problem. After all, we are the ones who started this problem, not these poor creatures, so we are the ones who have to fix this catastrophe. Come on, Vashon, we're better than this. Our island can make a difference in Puget Sound.

#### Save the Orcas

By Ellis and Rowan

Imagine if you were in your house and there was food on the table. You might eat it like normal. Well, a couple months ago an orca was found dead on the beach. She was filled with trash, making her a living trash can. About a week ago, our class went to Point Robinson and cleaned up the beach. We found pounds of trash. Our groups' bag was filled to the brim within an hour. At

first glance the beach might look super clean, but if you look closer you will see Styrofoam, wrappers, even an old dock. Around 50 years ago, there were thousands of orcas roaming the earth, now there are only around 70 left in Puget Sound. Soon, orcas will be extinct unless you start to care. Things like global warming, oil leaks, they won't stop on their own. You can help! Volunteer, clean up the beach, spread the word! You have the power to help these unique creatures.





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# the water. If you help, it could change the Puget Sound! Every little thing matters. Don't ignore little things like oil leaks in your

Orca Acidification

By Annie Bryant and Ivy

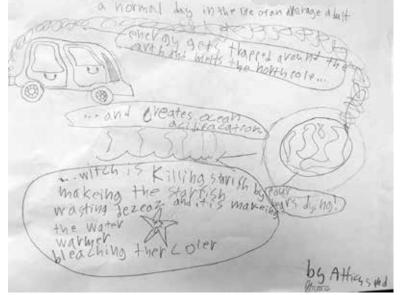
Our very unique orcas in the

Puget Sound are getting badly

affected by the terrible pollution

that human beings are putting in

car. Everything ends up in the Puget Sound watershed. Pick up after your dog, don't use unnatural pesticides. Small things count! Our orcas in the Puget Sound are very unique. They have their own language that no other orcas in the entire WORLD use! If you don't take action these orcas will become extinct and that would be a very sad day, and the end of a very special species. You have to take action. You have to make a difference. The orcas are relying on you. You can change





the Puget Sound today!

#### OneNiteStand



OneNiteStand is gaining ground with more rocking tunes and incredible vocals by Terri Cole - and the good news is, they're ready to show off the new polish! This band is 'nothin' but rock & blues with the emphasis on classic rock tunes as well as some originals sprinkled in there. They've all got blues chops, from growling it to flat-out rockin'. The band will knock your shorts off and leave you crying for more. They've been playing for a long time and have musical histories too long to mention here.

Friday, May 26th, 8:30pm OneNiteStand

The Red Bicycle Bistro & Sushi. All-age's 'till 11pm, 21+ after that. Free cover!

# The Van Redeker Band

If you were on the dance floor the night of The Van Redeker Band's electrifying Red Bike show last February you know you'll want to be there again, as the group returns for another evening of dancecrazed Rock 'n Roll love.

The Van Redeker Band performs dynamic interpretations of songs by some of music's greatest songwriters, including The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder and Bob Dylan, as well as groove-infused originals by veteran songwriter Daryl Redeker. The group features a wide palette of musical genres and is known for their energetic performance style and lush vocal harmonies. See you on the



dance floor!

Friday, June 2nd, 8:30pm The Van Redeker Band

The Red Bicycle Bistro & Sushi. All-age's 'till 11pm, 21+ after that. Free cover!

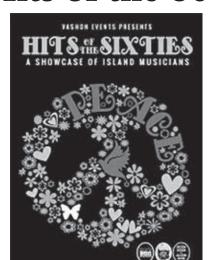
# Hits of the 60's

Take a journey with us, back to the 60's - a decade of some of the best music ever. On Friday, June 9th at The Red Bicycle Bistro & Sushi, join us for a Vashon Events special production. Local musicians will be showcasing their talent, performing songs of the 60's...whatever they choose from that magical time.

Vashon Events' third showcase this year features local Vashon musicians taking on some of the coolest music ever. The concept for playing the music of the 60's gives us a chance to take the audience on a musical journey. These songs launched this year. are extremely nostalgic for most people. And when our favorite local musicians bring them back to life live on stage, it can be very emotional.

Musicians will either play the tune as close to the original as possible, or interpret the song in their own unique style. Either way, it's one of those concerts where audiences stop talking and lean into the music, anticipating the next note. For musicians, it can be very fulfilling when an audience listens to the music in this way.

Proceeds from the event will support Vashon Events - Vashon Island's community arts, culture, and charity events website that



Alex Davis

Some of the musicians signed up to perform at this show are:

> Amy Cole Chai Ste Marie Chris Anderson Christine Goering Chuck Roehm Dan Bruce Dodd Johnson Doug Pine Drew Piston Ellen Reed Jamie Riley Jan Lofland Jason Staczek Jennifer Stills Jenny Bell John Browne Joseph Panzetta Josh DeHaven

Kevin Moe Linda Hatfield Martin Fevevear Michael Marcus Michael Whitmore Pat Reardon Rebekah Bevilacqua Rick Dahms Rick Doussett Scotty Hayes Tim Norton Wesley Peterson Songs picked so far:

After Hours Be My Baby Both Sides Now Burning of the Midnight

Dear Prudence Desolation Row

Don't Think Twice, It's Alright

Get Together

I Heard It Through The Grapevine

It's A Man's World Kick Out The Jams Money (That's What I Want) Presence of the Lord Red Balloon Scarborough Fair/Canticle Sunny Afternoon The Pusher White Rabbit White Room

Will You Still Love Me

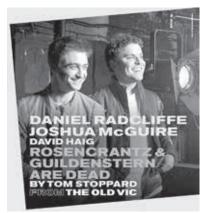
Tomorrow

## Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

Daniel Radcliffe (Harry Potter, The Woman in Black), Joshua McGuire (The Hour) and David Haig (Four Weddings and a Funeral, The Witness for the Prosecution) star in Tom Stoppard's brilliantly funny situation comedy, broadcast live from The Old Vic theatre in London.

David Leveaux's new

production marks the 50th anniversary of the play that made a young Tom Stoppard's name overnight. Against the backdrop of Hamlet, two hapless minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, take centre stage. As the young double act stumble their way in and out of the action of Shakespeare's iconic drama, they become



increasingly out of their depth as their version of the story

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

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# **Sleeping Beauty**

Welcome to a world of princes and princesses, curses, true love and fairies both good and evil. The tale of Sleeping Beauty, presented in ballet, modern, tap and hip-hop, comes to life on the stage directed by VCA Center for Dance Artistic Director, Vadne Domeika.

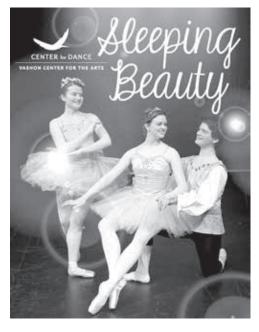
Finally, a princess has been born to the kingdom! At her christening, fairies bestow gifts upon the royal infant, Aurora. Joy (Emma Rose DeSantis), Wit (Juliana Wright), Temperament (Talia Royble), Beauty (Marisa McTighe) and Purity (Kelsey Morrison) share their namesake character traits.

Evil fairy Carabosse, not invited, is infuriated and places a curse: on Aurora's 16th birthday, she will prick her finger and die.

Although unable to reverse the curse, Lilac Fairy (Selah Bellscheidt) modifies the result: Aurora will simply sleep for 100 years.

Fast forward to Aurora's (Juliana Wright) 16th birthday. Every sharp object on which the princess could prick her finger has been outlawed. Carabosse, in disguise, arrives at the party and presents a beautiful spinning wheel to Aurora. Cutting her finger on the sharp point, Aurora and the whole kingdom fall asleep.

A century later, a prince (Duncan Barlow) rides through the forest accompanied by his friends. Feeling distressed to be forced to marry someone he does not love, his friends try to cheer



him. Lilac Fairy arrives and shows him a vision of Aurora dancing. He promises to love her and be good to her always if he can only meet her.

Taken to her bedside, he kisses her—suddenly she, and the kingdom, awake! Their wedding is celebrated throughout the land.

Sleeping Beauty VCA Center for Dance Thursday, June 1, 5:30 pm Open Dress Rehearsal

Friday, June 2, 1 pm Saturday, June 3, 1 pm & 7 pm Sunday, June 4, 7 pm

# Vashon Dance Academy Performs Snow White

Vashon Dance Academy and Dance! Vashon will stage their annual performance featuring over 100 young dancers, along with a few Dancing Dads. This year's performance is a modern twist on Snow White. Artistic director Cheryl Krown notes this particular show is "not about a prince coming to the rescue," but about having strength in your own character amidst false reflections. The show does reflect this group of dancers' strengths, which range from hip-hop to modern to ballet. "This group is full of truly multi-faceted dancers," Krown notes, "and very good actresses."

Rehearsals started in February and feature dancers from every age group, from the youngest Creative Movement class, which starts at age 3, to senior dancers taking on major parts like the Evil Queen (danced by Jules Vanselow and Talia Spurlock), Snow White (danced by Isa Sanson-Frey and Sophie Blasingim), the Queen's Spirit (Maggie Raymond), and the Evil Queen's Image (danced by Hannah Spranger and Lyla Mildon). "It's a show that highlights the strengths of some of our most advanced kids," Krown says.

The rest of the cast takes on roles from frogs to fireflies to a forest that's come to life. Choreographed by Krown



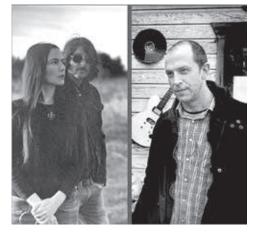
along with Co-Director Julie Gibson and instructors Elizabeth Mendana Shaw and Randy Ford, the show also incorporates input from the dancers themselves. And, as audiences have come to expect from Vashon Dance Academy productions, there will be a few surprises.

The show will be performed at the Vashon High School Theater at 7:30pm Friday, June 9, 1:30pm and 7:30pm Saturday, June 10 and 1:30pm Sunday, June 11. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$11 for students and available at Vashon Bookshop as well as at the door.

# Jesse Sykes (w/Phil Wandscher) and Mike Dumovich

An enduring musical partnership beginning in Seattle and spanning more than a decade, Jesse Sykes and The Sweet Hereafter's core members are singer- songwriter Jesse Sykes and guitarist Phil Wandscher. Spin Magazine called their 2011 release, Marble Son "a sprawling psych rock vision" and The New York Times has described their sound as "spellbound music, rapt in fatalism and sorrow." Sykes' voice is a stunning blend of contradictions, cutting and vulnerable, breathy and scratchy, and capable of imparting a transcendent, almost spiritual quality to all of her songs. They have headlined extensively in both the US and Europe and toured with bands such as Bright Eyes, Iron And Wine, Marissa Nadler, Earth, and Father John Misty. They have shared stages with songwriters crossing multiple genres, including Steve Earle, Lucinda Williams and Gillian Welch, to art rock noise icons Sunn o)) and Boris . Wandscher co-founded Whiskeytown with Ryan Adams in the mid 90's and also plays with Jon Langford of the Mekons. Sykes and Wandscher are in the process of recording their 5th full-length album, and will be appearing as a duo for this special night.

Mike Dumovich is a singersongwriter and storyteller whose pensive music displays a soulful depth and fragile nuance, held together by his radiant guitar plucking. A native son, his lyrics are rife with idiosyncratic imagery and metaphors that speak to growing up in the woods of the Pacific Northwest and the pastoral life of Vashon. He's had the privilege of working with artists such as Eyvind Kang, Laura Veirs, Bill Frisell, Josh Tillman, and Karl Blau on previous records and shows, and is also known for his charitable work on Island. For several years, he has organized the Chautauqua Music Festival and other fundraisers for



causes close to his heart. Sykes is an old friend of Mike's and has been a longtime champion of Dumovich's music, and it's fitting that they're sharing the bill. For Dumovich, this concert also marks the launch of his fourth album, The Copper Thieves.

Jesse Sykes (w/Phil Wandscher) and Mike Dumovich

Vashon Center for the Arts Saturday, May 27, 2017, 7:30 pm Tickets: \$16 VCA Member, \$18 Senior, \$20 General

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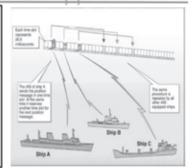
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