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School to return to green zone

By Melinda Munson

The Skagway City School Board met Jan. 12 and voted to transition the school from yellow status to the green zone, beginning Jan 25. A green zone designation means there is no community spread of COVID-19.

In the green designation, Skagway students are required to wear masks when six feet of social distancing is not possible but may remove their face covering when space allows, for example, at a student's desk. Field trips are permitted and guardians are allowed into the building, although the school still encourages parental units to say goodbye to their charges outside of the school.

Dr. Josh Coughran, school superintendent, has the authority to shift zones without the board's permission but said he wanted it to be a cooperative, transparent decision.

"This is such a nuanced conversation that I wanted to have it with everyone instead of going into my office and closing the door," he said.

Skagway is one of the few districts in Alaska that can continue with in-person classes because of a small student population and a building big enough to accommodate social distancing.

After discussion among the board, the proposed transition date of Jan. 18 was pushed back to Jan. 25 to allow more time for families who might have travelled over the winter break to receive test results or present symptoms.

Newly elected school board
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Bea Lingle, Skagway's oldest resident, receives her first COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 31, 2020.

Photo by Bob Dietrick

Traveller testing mandate in effect during emergency declaration

By Melinda Munson

Resolution 20-44R, a measure which requires either COVID-19 testing or strict isolation for all travellers coming into Skagway, passed with four aye votes and two nay votes at the Dec. 17, 2020 borough meeting.

The resolution pertains to travellers coming from communities with one or more active cases of COVID-19. It places persons disembarking in Skagway into two groups: those who have been in communities (with an active case) for 72 hours or less and those who have been in communities (with an active case) for over 72 hours.

Travellers in the first group must test for COVID-19 with a molecular test seven days after arriving in Skagway and follow strict social distancing

guidelines until a negative result is obtained.

Travellers in the second group must test for COVID-19 with a molecular test within 72 hours of departing for Skagway and test again seven days after arrival.

Those who cannot get tested before disembarking in Skagway should get a COVID-19 test within 48 hours of arrival. Strict social distancing is required until a negative test is obtained.

All travellers have the option of foregoing testing and instead social distancing for 14 days.

Social distancing is defined in section four of the resolution. Outdoor public spaces such as hiking trails are permitted if individuals who are distancing wear a cloth face covering over the mouth

and nose and remain six feet away from non-household members. Social distancers cannot enter buildings such as restaurants, stores, bars or gyms. They should not participate in group activities including weddings, funerals or sporting events.

Assemblymember Dustin Stone, one of the aye votes, said the mandate will assist him when he tells out-of-town callers not to visit his bed and breakfast, At The White House.

He shared an experience where a woman from New York called three times, hoping to book a room for a Christmas get-away.

"There are still tourists who are trying to come who do not care about the travel restrictions..." Stone said.

"This mandate at least gives

us a little more to work with. It's a lot easier for me as the operator of a hotel to say here is this mandate the municipality has. If you are not an essential worker or you're not planning on following these quarantine mandates, then you're not able to come," Stone said.

Assemblymember Sam Bass and Steve Burnham, the two opposing votes, each had different reasons for voting against the legislation.

"Freedom to control our own bodies is the very foundation of liberty and should only be infringed upon during the most dire of circumstances, if ever," Bass said.

He was also concerned that visiting critical workers would be hampered by the resolution.

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Opinion

By Andrew Cremata

Like most other Americans, I sat watching the events of Jan. 6 unfold in real-time. Before electoral college votes could be counted, images of insurrectionists swarming the Capitol Building in a wave of unbridled violence played out on the news and social media. Members of the U.S. Congress and Senate took cover as insurgents equipped with tactical gear, zip-tie handcuffs and assorted weapons maneuvered through hallways virtually unhindered. Outside, a newly built gallows stood tall, its noose waiting to fulfill its only purpose.

I saw these events unfold with my own eyes and ears, which is why I can say with certainty that these events were planned. In fact, the only thing that surprised me about this attempted coup was that it wasn't more successful. For weeks leading up to Jan. 6, I was certain a violent attempt to thwart the 2020 Presidential Election was inevitable. I also thought there would be coordinated attacks on state capital buildings, going so far as to warn government friends in Juneau to stay home from work.

Still, I couldn't help but wonder how a small-town mayor in middle-of-nowhere Alaska could somehow surmise the events of Jan. 6 beforehand, while the Department of Defense, the F.B.I. and the Department of Homeland Security remained oblivious to the obvious.

In the week since the failed coup attempt, federal law enforcement agencies have determined there was considerable chatter about an insurrection attempt leading up to Jan. 6. Prosecutors revealed that insurgents were planning to take hostages and execute them on live television. Apparently, they almost succeeded.

We were about 60 seconds away from watching Vice President Mike Pence and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi bound, gagged and either shot or hung from a

swinging noose. Had so many of these traitors not stopped to pose for selfies and post live videos to their social media accounts, we would probably be having a very different conversation. Score one point for abject narcissism. Fortunately, one highly aware capital policeman lured the mob away from our federal representatives, saving their lives and quite possibly, our republic.

For at least two hours, federal troops were withheld from offering assistance. As the insurgency unfolded, the president of the United States was pressuring members of Congress and the Senate to overturn the election. A flag bearing his name was used to replace the American flag on the Capitol steps. Indoors, someone defecated in the hallways. Even worse, a man flew the Confederate flag, proving that some people will never get over a loss.

Before the dust settled, online media personalities and various government officials, including one from Alaska who attended the riots, were claiming that the insurgents were "Antifa." It's almost as though a disinformation narrative had been planned well before the attempted coup

failed. Considering the fact that the F.B.I. has since stated there was no evidence of antifa involvement, it's hard not to draw such a conclusion.

Throughout the day, I ran into multiple friends that were brought to tears. The common refrain was, "How did we get here?"

That is a question worth answering.

As a young man, I often debated with friends over differences in political opinions. Even if we were unwilling to accept the other's point of view, we could agree to disagree, crack open a beer and toast to our differences. At some point over the last 30 years, something changed. The politics of left versus right has become more personal and vitriolic.

The words "liberal" and "conservative" have become pejoratives. Worse, those who hold opposing political views are often labeled as "evil." By branding a person with an opposing viewpoint as evil, one infers that they themselves are righteous. Obviously, both are highly subjective terms but they are effective tools for marginalizing and vilifying those with opposing viewpoints.

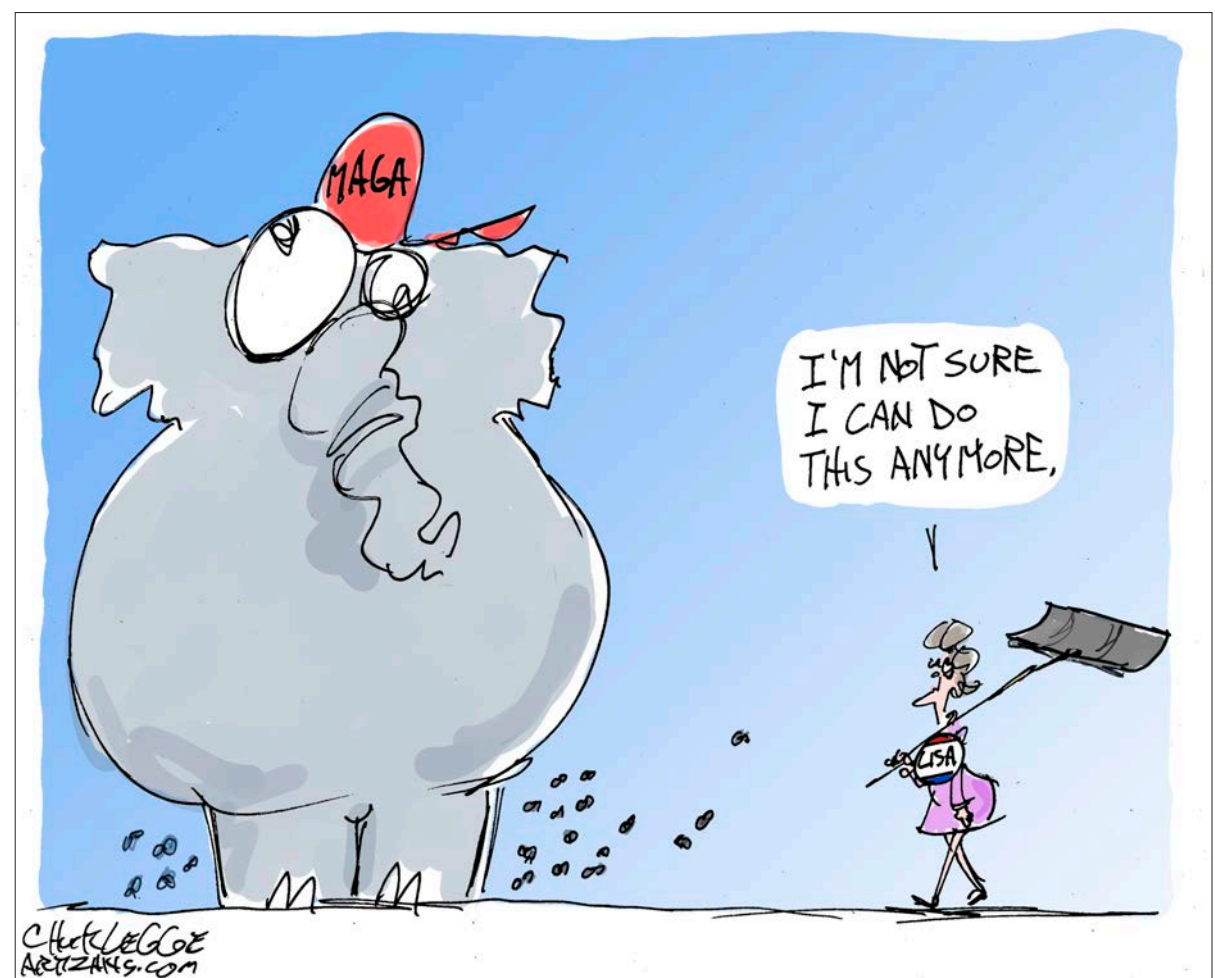
In the years leading up to

the Jan. 6 insurrection, I've experienced more people labeling "leftists" and "liberals" as evil. I've been labeled as such and even called a Nazi for supporting wearing masks during a global pandemic. It's a dubious designation for someone like me that supports gun rights (with certain restrictions), hunting, fishing, supporting military veterans and patriotism. But then, the goal of identifying a foe as evil isn't to engage in meaningful dialog. It is a lazy albeit effective way to dehumanize someone because of their political or ideological beliefs.

Most Americans are far from evil, whether they voted for Trump or Biden. But those same people are easily influenced by the media they consume. There is a misconception in America that "media" only refers to the news media. The truth is that we all consume media throughout almost every waking hour. Social media, advertising, television shows, motion pictures, magazines, books -- the list goes on.

Right-wing media has flourished in this country for three decades and it especially dominates the AM dial of

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December storm: individual damage assistance available

By Melinda Munson

Governor Dunleavy's 2020 December Southeast Storm Disaster Declaration, issued after powerful winter storms battered Southeast Alaska, was amended on Dec. 29 to activate the state's Individual Assistance Program (IA). This means that residents, not just the municipality, may receive financial assistance.

Individuals whose primary, occupied residences sustained damage in the storms may now file for help from the state. There is also possible funding for those who lost essential personal property or experienced emergency housing and/or medical needs.

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Traveller testing mandate for Skagway arrivals

from front page

Borough Manager Brad Ryan said the municipality would continue to help critical workers follow common sense mitigation plans.

While the resolution is now temporary municipal law, 20-44R carries no penalty.

"It is a mandate in name only," Burnham said.

"The EOC (Emergency Operations Center) has done a great job for Skagway during this pandemic -- I don't believe that the assembly should be implementing test-

ing mandates that are not able to be enforced," he said.

Resolution 20-44R will remain in place until the borough's March 16, 2020 emergency declaration is rescinded, or the assembly votes to repeal the mandate.

According to the resolution's sponsor, Assemblymember Reba Hylton, the Health, Education and Welfare Committee will discuss possible amendments to the mandate at its next meeting.

Dyea Road "getting too dangerous to drive"

By Melinda Munson

Record-breaking storms, beginning Dec. 2, 2020, caused multiple mudslides on Dyea Road. The narrow, twisting roadway took weeks to clear and remains closed to anyone who does not own or rent property along the route.

"We don't want recreation traffic out there," said Sam Dapcevic, public information officer for the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT).

He could not offer an estimated date for when permanent repairs would commence or when the road would be open to general traffic. At the time of the interview, DOT crews were focused on avalanche mitigation along the Klondike Highway.

Resident Lynne Davison described Dyea road as mired with "washouts, ruts, gullies and extensive potholes."

"It's getting too dangerous to drive," she said.

"It's more risk than one should have to take in order to buy milk and pick up the mail."

Mayor Andrew Cremata estimated that 40-50 homes use the Dyea Road to access food, school and employment in Skagway.

Assemblymember Orion Hanson said he has two sons that live in Dyea who have been unable to get to work, noting they "don't feel safe."

We need action on this," Hanson said. "It needs to be a priority."

Cremata reported he had contacted DOT and local legislators. He described their responses as "placating." Cremata said his next step

would be to reach out to the borough attorney.

"None of this reflects on our local DOT crew," Cremata said, placing responsibility with upper DOT management.

New Year's Baby



Madelynn Rose McCallister, born Jan. 5, was the first baby to be delivered this year at Bartlett Regional Hospital. Her parents, Alexis Forehand and Kevin McCallister, moved to Skagway last fall. Madelynn was welcomed by her three-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother. According to Kevin, Forehand was in labor for 26 hours. "It was hard but we did it," Kevin said. Madelynn weighed nine pounds and four ounces.

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Don't hit your brother and other holiday tidbits



By Melinda Munson

You should know that I dread Christmas. I also dislike babies, small children singing and puppies -- but those are topics for another column.

Let's focus on the holidays. Two weeks before Thanksgiving, I get a crick in my neck that doesn't go away until Jan. 2 of the following year. In early December, my right eye begins to randomly twitch. The only remedy is a long, uninterrupted nap. Guess how often that happens.

I used to enjoy the months of November and December, but that was four kids ago, when I was still young and believed that patience grew. (Love grows, patience just

stretches, if you're lucky.)

My kids with special needs struggle to regulate emotions on a normal day, so holiday excitement -- with the abrupt change in schedule and no school -- is a recipe for negative behaviors. Instead of Christmas carols our house is a chorus of:

"Don't hit your brother."

"You can't say that word until you're 45 and have your own house."

"Don't hit your brother."

"I saw where you just put your hands. Go wash them, twice."

"Don't hit your brother."

"Your sister is blind. She didn't mean to step on your feet."

"Don't hit your brother."

My husband and I have learned to keep things simple. Particularly with food. Hours spent in the kitchen don't equate to a joyful meal with stimulating conversation.

It's more like:

"Don't hit your brother."

"That's not poop, it's stuffing."

"Don't hit your brother."

"I see you spitting your food out in the corner."

"Don't hit your brother."

"For the love of Pete,

please chew with your mouth closed." (At least that child is eating.)

"Don't hit your brother."

We now skip the traditional holiday meal and serve a turkey sandwich bar. Everyone gets to make their own plate, and kitchen clean up is less depressing.

Presents are another area we've streamlined. Each child gets two presents and a generous stocking. When they complain, we remind them that it's Jesus' birthday. Do they deserve more presents than Jesus? (This works even if you're atheist.)

I start purchasing presents in October when our PFD is deposited into our bank account by the lovely State of Alaska. I wrap the gifts as soon as they arrive so that in December, when I'm stress crying, I'm not crying harder.

My husband thinks my holiday system is weird. I asked him if he wanted to take a turn being in charge of the material acquisition that is the Yuletide. The answer was no.

As for my own material acquisition, I solved the bathrobe problem ages ago. I shop for myself before Christmas, so any thoughtfully curated

gifts from my family are a bonus.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOVCtUdaMCU>

The one tradition that saves my sanity is the Swedish practice of opening presents on Christmas Eve. Most of my kids forget that we don't wait for Dec. 25 to rip open the brown paper packages tied with reusable fabric ribbon. (I'm working on getting plastic free tape for next season.) Each year, they are overjoyed when the moment finally arrives, a whole day earlier than expected.

With the holidays complete, I could not be happier. I sent five of six kids back to school on Jan. 11 with a very clique, but very real, lift in my step and song in my heart.

Now I get to start my holiday. Skagway keeps its Christmas lights up long after New Year's to battle the dark depths of winter. If you see me walking down the street, staring at lights, possibly laughing, don't worry. It's after-Christmas, my favorite time of year.

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Vaccine program has slow start in Skagway, next group will be 65+

By Melinda Munson

Skagway received its first shipment of Moderna vaccines in late December. Medical professionals, first responders, Emergency Operations Center members and one of Skagway's most at-risk residents were given

their first inoculation.

Skagway's oldest resident, Bea Lingle, age 93, continues to struggle with lung issues after contracting COVID-19 last fall. Lingle was invited by Dahl Memorial Clinic (DMC) to receive her first dose of Moderna on New

Year's Eve.

Other community members are still waiting.

Unlike Haines, which has opened up COVID-19 immunizations to anyone who is currently a registered SEARHC patient, Skagway's COVID-19 vaccination roll out has been more limited.

"We appreciate the community's understanding and patience. Changes at the federal level give us hope that vaccine supply will be more plentiful in the coming months," said Este Fielding, clinic director for DMC.

The difference in availability is due to the fact that communities are supplied the COVID-19 vaccine by different entities. Haines' SEARHC

clinic received their vaccines from Indian Health Services, while DMC is waiting on the state to supply more Moderna shots.

Skagway residents who received their first vaccine are already scheduled for their second dose in the two-shot series. Patients unsure of the date and time of their second inoculation should call the clinic.

The next tier to be eligible for COVID-19 vaccines are those age 65 and older (Phase 1B Tier 1). The clinic does not currently have a date for the upcoming vaccine shipment. As there are 90,000 residents in Alaska who fall under this category, Skagwegians will have to continue to

be patient.

More information on the Moderna vaccine and its scheduled phasing can be found at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>

While DMC is an approved COVID-19 vaccine provider, they are not utilizing the state registrations system.

Individuals who receive their first inoculation in Skagway should plan to be in town 28 days later for their second dose.

Those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or who recently recovered from the disease should continue to wear masks in public and practice social distancing.

2021 MOS budget "fluid"

By Melinda Munson

Skagway's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 passed unanimously on Dec. 17, 2020. Beginning Jan. 1, the borough's budget now follows the calendar year, remaining in effect until Dec. 31. In the new budget, one city employee lost their job and the municipality enacted a hiring freeze through March 31.

According to Borough Manager Brad Ryan, the code enforcement officer is no longer employed by the municipality.

"We couldn't justify that position for the immediate future," Ryan said. While the position is no longer funded, it still exists in case of future need.

The current hiring freeze means the borough will not advertise for a police chief to replace Ray Leggett who resigned in October 2020. Jerry (JJ) Reddick will continue as acting chief.

Exceptions to the hiring freeze may be made if department heads can show an immediate need. An example is Dahl Memorial Clinic which recently hired a medical worker to replace an employee who resigned.

"This is the most fluid budget I've put out," Ryan said. With the 2020 tourist season a literal bust and the 2021 season shrouded in uncertainty, it was difficult to determine this year's expected revenue.

"This is a budget laid out in the middle of the pandemic that I fully intend to revisit throughout the year," Ryan said.

Assemblymember and Finance Chair Steve Burnham echoed Ryan's sentiments regarding fiscal planning in the midst of COVID-19.

"This budget is based on an expectation that Skagway may receive 25% of our typical revenue for 2021. We in-

tend to have a deep review of our expectations beginning in March, and we might have to modify to tighten or expand the budget at that time," Burnham said.

Burnham said he is happy with the new budget.

"The manager and treasurer brought forward an extremely well thought-out, responsible draft budget, and we were able to review and shape it without getting caught up in ourselves," he said.

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An anonymous gift from a friend of Skagway



An anonymous donor tasked Skagway resident, Deb Potter, with handing out hundreds of dollars worth of gift cards from local eateries. The donor requested the cards be given to Skagway artists and also made sizeable donations to the Elks Club. Potter thanked the donor publicly at the Dec. 17, 2020 assembly meeting. According to Potter, the donor is a resident of California who has made several cruises to the gold rush town. "She cares about Skagway," Potter said. "She cares about us."

Where it began....

Skagway Library - **100** years of serving the community



The Skagway Library, started by the Skagway Womens Club is approaching its 101 year. The facility has moved several times since opening in 1920. These photos were provided by the Skagway Museum and the Skagway Library.

Now, after initiating curbside only service due to COVID-19, the library recently resumed in-person visits with a maximum of eight patrons.

Obituaries

Karen Joyce Ostrander Anderson

April 29, 1943 - Dec. 8, 2020



Karen Joyce Ostrander Anderson left this world on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at age 77. Born and raised in Tacoma, Washington, the only child of Joy (Joe) & LaVerne Ostrander, Karen had fond childhood memories of her grandparents, aunts and uncles and many cousins in Tacoma, Nebraska and Idaho. She loved cats. As her dad was allergic, he built an outdoor shelter so she could have a feline friend.

They joked the Ostranders had the only cat house on the block!

Karen attended Lincoln High School, then Central Washington University, earning a degree in speech therapy. She loved helping children with her skills.

She described her own children as two lights in her life. Raising them in Whatcom County in the 1970s, she treasured the years at home with her children on the farm, gardening, baking and doing craft projects. She was a Cub Scout and Girl Scout leader. She had great love for her family and friends. She loved craft fairs, collecting pottery and anything to do with cats.

She was active in her church. At Clearbrook Lutheran Church in Lynden, Washington, she served on multiple committees and was active in the lay minis-

try committee, giving several thoughtful sermons.

In 1982, she moved her family to the Skagit Valley, Washington. She worked with families on the Swinomish Reservation as a regional speech therapist and as a special education teacher for the Mt. Vernon Schools Summer Migrant Program. Attending Fir-Conway Lutheran Church, she taught comparative religion to high school students.

To be closer to her aging parents, Karen returned to Tacoma in 1988. She continued to follow her calling, helping children by working as a parent educator at Washington PAVE, a non-profit organization providing support, training, information and resources to empower and give voice to families impacted by disabilities.

A tin of cards she kept was

filled with thanks from parents she helped find the resources they needed for their children. "You have no idea what a difference you make in people's lives," wrote one of the many parents she helped.

Empowering families impacted by disability was her passion. In a letter to the Tacoma News Tribune, she wrote, "When we remain silent about injustice and abuse toward any individual or group of people, we are condoning it. We are silently sending the message to the perpetrators and the victims that we do not care. Instead, we must teach the value and importance of all people in our society and that respect and caring are basic, minimum requirements for everyone."

Due to health concerns, in 2015 she moved in with her daughter in Skagway, Alaska.

Small town life suited Karen. She made many friends at the morning coffee and Elderberries Luncheon gatherings. Her witty retorts provided great entertainment. She loved walking around town, enjoying the random encounters brought during her daily strolls. It was a wonderful adventure filled with new friends and precious family time.

The name Karen means pure. It is a name that suited her well. She was a voice for those in need and a true example of what it means to be Christian. To love, to care. She was a good mom, a good person.

She is survived by her daughter, Wendy Anderson of Skagway, Alaska. Karen was preceded in death by her parents and her son, Eric David Anderson of Washington.

Katherine Garduque

Oct. 15, 1973 - Dec. 7, 2020



In the early morning of Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2020, Katherine (Kat) Garduque passed away. She is survived by her three beautiful children, Kirstin, Devon and Lauren, her mother and father, and her many siblings. Kat was a beloved daughter, a dear sister, a beautiful woman and a devoted mother.

She was born Katherine Elizabeth Hinton on Oct. 15, 1973, in Baltimore, Maryland to Janice Anderson and William Hinton Jr. She grew up with her two siblings William III and Sabin. Kat held a brilliant mind -- she played

the clarinet and the alto sax. She took Latin and Spanish, and in ninth grade, was already taking advanced university mathematics courses. Kat could have been and done anything, yet she chose to serve her country. She enlisted in the U.S. Army where she served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Germany and South Korea. Katherine earned the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Korean Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. After rising to the rank of sergeant, Kat, due to health problems brought on through childbirth and a hard military regimen, retired after 10 years of service.

Her service did not end there, however. Kat also served in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, protecting and safeguarding American ideals and values while serving at the border. Always with wit, but with deep contemplation and compassion for those at

the border, Kat served with dignity and integrity while she raised three children on her own, her proudest accomplishment. Her final assignment was in Skagway, Alaska. In all, Katherine honorably served her country for 22 years as a soldier and law enforcement officer.

Katherine leaves behind daughter Kirstin, son Devon, and daughter Loren; her mother, Janice; her father, William Jr.; her stepfather, Walter, who raised her; and her brothers and sisters, William III, Sabin, David, Clarissa, Tia and Marquis.

Katherine: Daughter, Sister, Mother, Warrior and Protector.

God has decreed we will not choose the time of our return home. It is how we live our lives that is important, not how we leave this world, even as we must grudgingly acknowledge the brevity of our earthly experience. Katherine now flies to the arms of her Savior, with wings of fire to receive her eternal reward

to rest in glory with her Creator.

Funeral services for Katherine were held on Dec. 28, in Lakewood, Colorado, followed by a private burial at Fort Logan National Cemetery, where she received all due honors before she was laid to rest.

Katherine's mother has requested cards from friends and families to serve as a

reminder of the rich life she lived and the many lives she touched. They may be sent to Janice Reed at 12941 W. Florida Drive, Lakewood, CO, 80228.

To share memories of Kat, and condolences with her family, you may also visit her online obituary at HoranCares.com and share on the adjoining tribute wall.

SKAGWAY HARDWARE

Have a winter project?

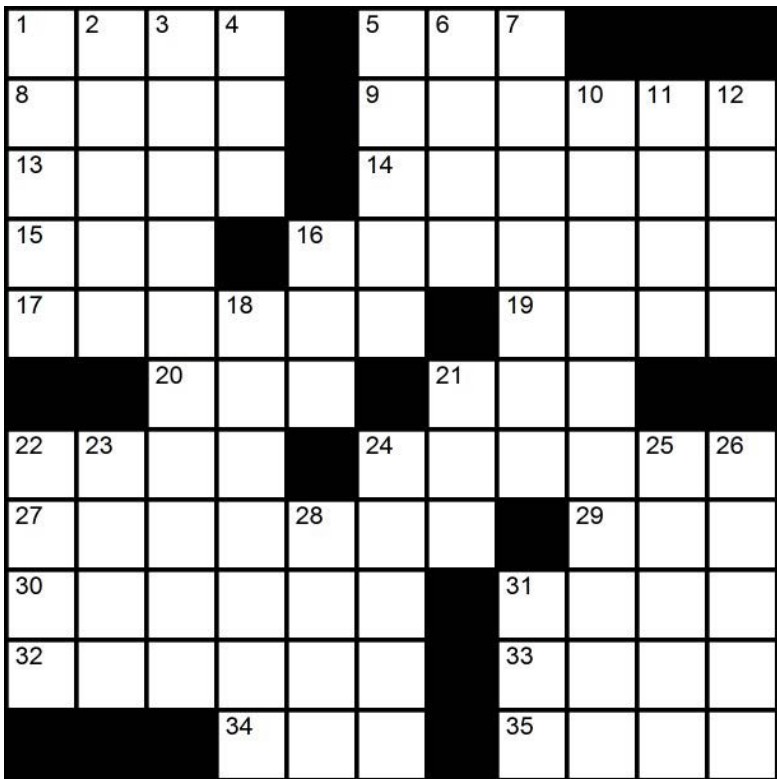
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HOURS

M-F 8am - 5pm . S&S 10am - 4pm . 4th & Broadway . 907-983-2233

Family Fun Page - print and share



Across

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- 5 Pull laboriously
- 8 Fuzzy red monster
- 9 It's on top of the world
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- 14 Dark
- 15 Abner's intro
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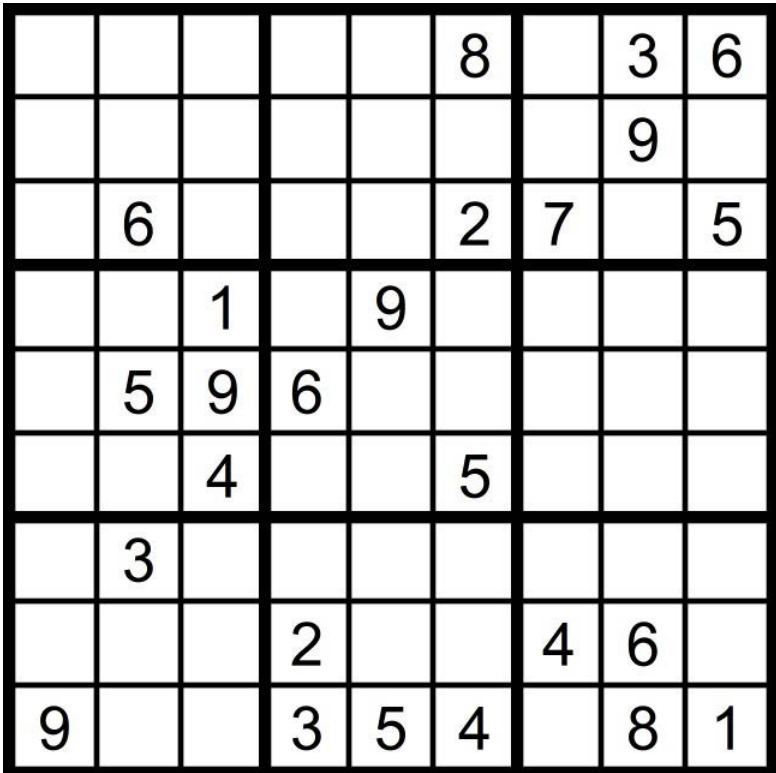
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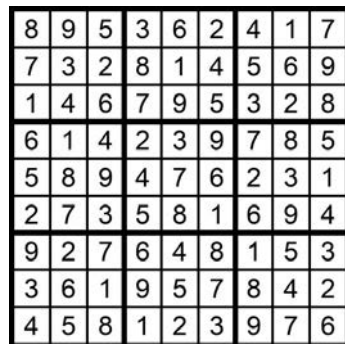
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- 5 Illumination
- 6 "Daily Bruin" publisher
- 7 Composer --- Bizet
- 10 Perk up

- 11 So be it
- 12 Funerary bonfire
- 16 Amtrak unit
- 18 Urgent sale words
- 21 Write
- 22 His name is on a stadium in Queens
- 23 Large-screen format
- 24 Pool dimension
- 25 Spanish appetizers
- 26 Musical drama
- 28 Sushi option
- 31 Run into

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Last issues' answers



Color me



Battles

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CLASSIFIEDS

News Classified Ads cost 40 cents per word, \$4 minimum. Ads must be pre-paid unless advertiser has a business account with the newspaper. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Out-of-town ads must be pre-paid with a credit card and should be phoned in to 907-983-2354. All ads appear in our on-line edition for a minimum of two weeks.

JOBS-OPPORTUNITIES

Wanted Immediately! Equipment Operator for Department of Transportation in Skagway, Alaska. Must have Experience operating Heavy Equipment; Plow Trucks, Graders, Loaders, Dump Trucks. Position is: Part Time for Winter Help Must have CDL-A OR if not at time of hire at least an Alaska

CDL-B WITH AIR BRAKES and 90 days after hire to acquire your ALASKA CDL-A. For further information contact Linda @ Local 71 907-586-6993 or linda@local71.com

HOUSING-PROPERTY

FOR SALE: Duplex, three bedrooms and two baths on each side. Constructed 2019. Fridge, range, washer/dryer included, partially furnished. Call 907-723-2931.

COMMERCIAL-PROPERTY

BUSINESS FOR SALE: Gold Digger Mine and Dine For more information see <https://www.skagway.forsale/>

Downtown Skagway Space available for lease: 1200SF retail

space next to Eagles Hall. Great location in the heart of Skagway's Historic District between 5th and 6th Ave. on Broadway. This is for the south retail in the Kelly Block Building. Contact jimjewell@gmail.com or text Jim at 907-612-0114.(1cb)

RETAIL SPACE ON BROADWAY for lease. See info at: www.skagwayrealestate.net. (1cb)

MARKETPLACE

CHILKAT VALLEY NEWS & WHITEHORSE STAR available at Skaguay News Depot & Books.

FREE Golden Retriever Puppies to Forever Homes! 1 Male, 1 Female. Excellent temperament! House trained with very good trainable natures & perfect for families with

children and other pets! I will not re home to just any-one. Please email me at: Josephinemccallum56@aol.com or Text 256-663-8167.

PERSONALS-MISC. SERVICES

FOOD BANK DONATIONS WELCOME. Donations may be sent to the Food Bank, PO Box 200, Skagway, AK 99840. The local Food Bank helps those in need with groceries. If you need assistance, or know anyone who needs assistance, at any time of year, call any pastor or 907-612-0313. (1cp)

LEGAL ADS

To inquire about legal ads, contact us at sales@skagwaynews.com

The Skagway News will be offering our first paper edition since the border closure

Stay tuned.

BROADWAY BULLETIN BOARD

Police & Fire Blotter
Submitted by Skagway Police Department

Dec. 7 Dispatch assisted several citizens with Dyea Road updates.	Dec. 14 Police recovered a kayak that was washed into Nakhu Bay.
Dec. 8 EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on Dairy Drive.	Dec. 21 EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on 21st Avenue.
EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on 4th Avenue.	Dec. 22 Fire personnel responded to a fire alarm on Broadway Street.
EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on 13th Avenue.	Dec. 24 Police assisted AP&T with a fallen tree branch on a power line.
Dec. 11 EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on Dyea Road. Police assisted a motorist with a flat tire.	Dec. 31 EMS personnel responded to a medical emergency on 9th Avenue.
Dec. 12 Police responded to a domestic dispute on Broadway Street.	Jan. 1 EMS personnel assisted Airlift Northwest with a scheduled medevac from the Dahl Memorial Clinic.

Our next issue is Feb. 12.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Library Hours:
by Appointment
W, Th, F 12 - 6 p.m.
Sat. 1 - 5 p.m.
Call 983-2665 or email library@skagway.org

Dahl Clinic Winter Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Sat. and Sun. For after-hours emergencies, please dial 911.

Incinerator Hours
T, Th, Sa. 1 - 3 p.m.

Skagway Museum
Closed for the season

Border stations:
7 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Call each station for specifics.

Ferry Terminal Hours
M-F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

See www.skagway.org for borough meeting updates.

SKAGWAY WORSHIP DIRECTORY
Please contact each worship location for their updated COVID-19 schedule

Assembly of God Church
8th & State • 907-983-2350
Sun. Worship.....11 a.m.
Wed. Bible Devotions & Prayer 7 p.m.
Meeting on-line only during shelter-in-place order. Email skagwayag@outlook.com for the zoom link.

First Presbyterian Church
5th & Main • 983-2260
Sunday Worship 10 am
Wed. Women's Prayer 1:30 pm
Thursday Bible Study 3:30 pm
Online Access Available to all events.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
11th & State • 983-2518
Sun. Sacrament Meeting...10 a.m.
Sun. School/Primary ...11:10 a.m.
Relief Society/Priesthood...12 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church
9th & State • 983-2271
Sun. Mass.....5 p.m.
Mass Mon. & Tues.....12:10 p.m.
(when a priest is available)

Life Link Fellowship Bible Church
11th and Main • 907-612-0121
Sat. Night Worship7 p.m.

RECREATION CTR SCHED

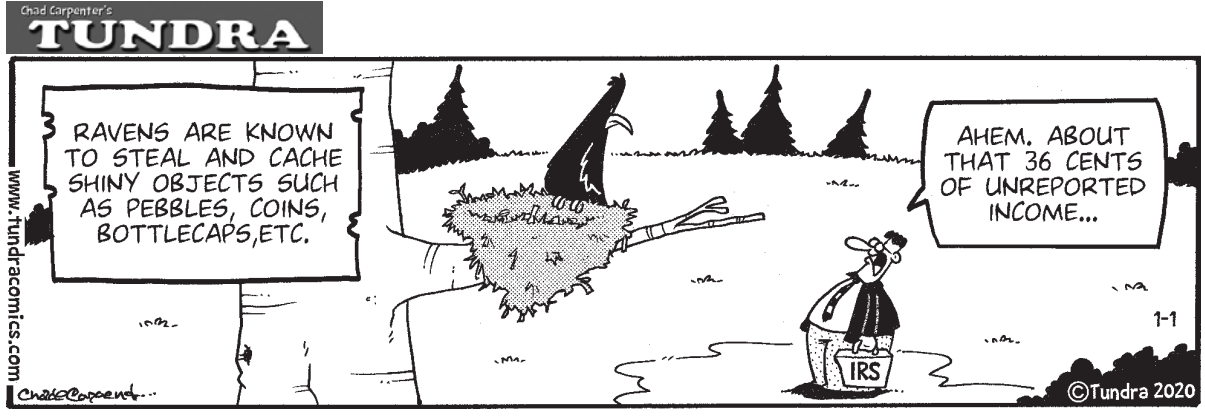
Skagway Recreation Center •
12th & Main • 983-2679
Cardio • Weight Room • Locker Rooms • Showers • Rock Wall

OPEN regular hours
5:30am-NOON and 4pm -8pm
Please sign up for classes, wt. room use and cardio floor use at <https://signupschedule.com/src>
Two brand new treadmills and a Peloton bike. Peloton bike sign up on the online scheduler.
Pandemic User Fee \$2

WEATHER WATCH

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVATIONS FOR PREVIOUS 24-HOUR PERIOD BEFORE 7 A.M.

DATE	MAX	MIN	PREC
Weather Watch 12/11 -1/13			
12/11	34	27	trace
12/12	32	28	trace
12/13	31	24	-
12/14	25	22	-
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12/20	38	31	.47 in
12/21	37	35	trace
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12/23	38	32	.76 in
12/24	38	32	.70 in
12/25	34	26	-
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12/28	36	26	.14 in
12/29	39	32	.08 in
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1/6	40	28	.11 in
1/7	41	33	.10 in
1/8	36	32	.06 in
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“I’m angry and disappointed, but mostly I’m sad”

from front page

the radio. It seeps into every nook and cranny of America’s rural landscape and it’s accompanied by mainstream conservative media outlets like Fox News and Breitbart.

Liberal media is also pervasive, although the events of Jan. 6 seemed more fueled by its competitors. The end result is that many Americans identify with one side of the equation and label the other side as evil, a subjective designation at best, but no less useful for promoting the idea of separateness.

The algorithms that function as the engines for social media also promote the falsehood of separateness. Your Facebook feed is mathematically gamed to place you squarely into an echo chamber where your emotions can be constantly manipulated. Why? Because the goal is to sell you stuff you absolutely do not need.

Decades of labeling leftists as evil created a foundation for militant groups of far-right agitators to thrive. The pandemic revealed these deep-rooted divisions in the United States, where friends become enemies over wearing a piece of cloth over their face. The president fueled these divisions while seeking to discredit mail-in voting before the election. When he

lost, he acted on his premeditated narrative and used the bully pulpit and the conservative media machine to spread the false narrative of a stolen election.

The catchphrase talking point, “Stop the Steal” was embraced by those who already viewed liberals and democrats as evil minions hell-bent on turning the country into a socialist state. At that point, the die was cast and we began our inevitable downward spiral toward Jan. 6.

Adding fuel to the fire were groups like QAnon, using an online presence to disseminate propaganda that liberals are pedophiles harvesting children’s pineal glands at Satanic rituals to appease their unyielding desire for human flesh. The main thrust of the QAnon conspiracy promotes the idea that the President would apprehend the leftist pedophiles and see that they meet justice. Before you think this is a fringe conspiracy, consider the fact that Forbes Magazine reported that 56% of Republicans believe that QAnon conspiracy is mostly or partly true.

Indeed, QAnon flags were proudly flown during the Jan. 6th insurrection along with the banners of numerous hate groups that routinely espouse racist and anti-Semitic ide-

ologies. Within these now mainstream groups is a seething hatred for the “media.” Largely unreported, so-called “liberal” news media crews were viciously attacked during the events of Jan 6th.

What qualifies as “liberal” media? Anyone opposed to the president’s narrative.

Even conservatives who dared defy the president’s narrative of a stolen election were targeted by insurgents, including Vice President Pence. Insurgents were heard chanting, “Hang Mike Pence!” and the phrase trended on Twitter immediately following the uprising. This proves that the line between good and perceived evil is a bit blurrier than conservative versus liberal.

We have a word for groups of people that rally around an individual and seek the extermination of any opposition -- fascists. Fascists seek no middle ground. Their self-perceived righteousness has its roots in racial prejudice, manipulation and violence.

In the Bible, Mark 3:25 says, “And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.” The more updated version comes from our own Revolutionary War, from a song written by founding father John Dickinson, “By uniting we stand, by

dividing we fall!”

Today, the false notion of separateness prevails in America. As a nation, we have two very different realities coexisting in the same timeline. One of them just tried to overthrow the government in an effort to prevent the will of the voters from being realized. They almost succeeded.

Now the F.B.I. is reporting more violence and civil unrest is on the way. Meanwhile, innocent people are dead and hundreds of insurrectionists who plastered their own unmasked faces on the internet are facing prison sentences and charges of sedition. It’s highly possible government officials were involved. Meanwhile, there are 200,000 new COVID cases popping up every day, and businesses across the country are shutting down.

I’m angry and disappointed but mostly I’m sad. Sad for the families of the police officer who was killed by a wannabe American fascist. Sad for those who will spend years behind bars for putting their trust in entertainment media, materialism and a president unwilling to admit defeat. Sad that so many elected representatives in the federal government voted to prevent the counting of electoral votes mere minutes after The Capitol was dese-



photo by Melinda Munson

Andrew Cremata salutes the U.S. flag.

crated, in part because of the false narrative they chose to defend. Sad because we all know it’s unlikely anything is going to change.

That is, unless enough of us are willing to beat the sword of division into a plowshare capable of cultivating a renewed sense of American unity. Our country can only thrive if we all recognize that everyone of us is part of a symbiotic whole.

We’ve already seen where division leads us. Perhaps we can try unity for a while and see whether we end up in a better place.

Andrew Cremata is a freelance writer and mayor of Skagway.

School: bball tourney with Haines, three qualify for all-state choir

from front page

member Jason Verhaeghe was the sole vote against a return to green status. He noted that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) consider both distance and duration as risk factors. According to the CDC, risk is minimized if masked individuals are at least six feet apart for less than 15 minutes.

The school board also discussed plans for a proposed high school basketball tournament with Haines, possibly Feb. 5-6 in Haines and Feb. 12-13 in Skagway. The board debated if flying would be safer than travelling on the ferry, if an overnight stay should be allowed and whether Haines, which doesn’t require student athletes to wear

masks, would have to mask up on their home court, as Skagway does.

A special meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. to approve the trip. High school basketball players are asked to attend. Only immediate family members would be allowed to attend the Skagway games.

In other extracurriculars, music teacher Cindy Rau was proud to announce that three Skagway high school students qualified for Alaska’s 2021 All-State Mixed Choir. Adaila Deach, Tatum Sager and Ava Myers were accepted, with Deach earning first chair for alto two.

Recordings of their performances will soon be available at <https://www.skagway->



Cindy Rau, music director, Adaila Deach, Tatum Sager and Ava Myers.

Photo provided by Skagway School

[school.org](https://www.skagway-school.org).

The basketball mitigation plan can also be found on the school website.

Editor’s note: The school board meeting occurred be-

fore Thursday’s announcement of Haines’ first active COVID-19 case since November.

