

## IN MEMORIAM

## Allan Lee Howe (AI)

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May 29, 1951–Nov. 29, 2023

SURPRISE, AZ—Allan Lee Howe (AI) was born May 29, 1951, in Crete, NE, the oldest of six children of Robert W and Lois M (Vergith) Howe. The family moved to Moorhead, MN where AI was raised and graduated from Moorhead High School in 1969. AI joined the US Navy in 1971 where he served as an Aircraft Structural Mechanic (AMS) maintaining



F4 Phantoms at NAS Miramar in San Diego, CA. AI returned to Moorhead where he attended NDSU School of Nursing, becoming a Registered Nurse and a post graduate degree as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. During this time his children Carrie and Michael were born. AI worked in the medical field for over 30 years starting his career in open heart surgery at the Fargo Clinic, followed by St. John Medical Center, Longview, WA, and numerous hospitals in Oregon and Washington.

He was united in marriage to Susan Zimmerman on November 7, 2017. In retirement AI and Susan traveled extensively and resided in Phoenix, AZ area. Allan passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2023, following a long struggle with cardiopulmonary disease.

AI was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alice Wagner, and Nancy Howe. He is survived by his wife, Susan, Surprise, AZ; daughter, Carrie (Jason) Johanning, Longview, WA; son, Michael Howe, Prineville, OR; sister, Barbara (Paul) Suppa, Fargo ND; brothers, Norman Howe, Minneapolis MN and Kenneth (Dawn) Howe, Fergus Falls MN; three step children, Angi Sterling (Mike Harris) Olympia, WA, John Zimmerman (Sunil Thapa) Scottsdale, AZ, and Leah (Travis) Ray Klamath Falls OR. three grandchildren, five step grandchildren.

Services will be held in Surprise, AZ with interment following at the Phoenix National Memorial Cemetery.

## Jerry "Don Boy" Griffith

Jan. 24, 1946–Nov. 29, 2023

KELSO—The family of Jerry "Don Boy" Griffith born on Jan 24, 1946 of Kelso, WA announce his passing on Nov 29, 2023. After a battle of cancer at the age of 77.

Don Boy will be greatly missed and remembered by numerous family, friends, and his customers along with his children, Nikolas Griffith and wife, Julie of Strang, OK, and Lisa Johnson Griffith and husband, Freddie of Puyallup, WA

Celebration of Life will be held at the Monticello in Longview, WA December 9 at 2:30 p.m. Coffee Shop. Will have a potluck dinner to follow. Drinks will be available to purchase

## Dorothy Marie Newman

Nov. 30, 1929–Nov. 28, 2023

Dot passed away in Longview WA on November 28, 2023. She was born to Lon and Florence Twitchell in Longview on November 30, 1929. Dorothy graduated from RA Long High School in 1948 and remained active in her class throughout her life.

Dorothy married James Robert Newman and they celebrated 70 years of marriage before his death in 2018. Dot was also preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Ron and Don Twitchell, and her sons Bill Newman and Mick Newman. She is survived by her son James (Liz) Newman of Longview and her four grandchildren Debbie (Brent) of Fairview OR; Amanda of Longview WA; Jonathan (April) of North Pole Alaska and Jessica (Eric) of Sicily Italy, and nine great grandchildren: Caitlin, Jackson, Samantha, Graham, Chloe, Jaelyne, James, Sadie, and Mason, as well as dearly loved nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a celebration of life later in the spring. Please contact James Newman 685 Sauer Road, Kalama WA for details.

## Sharon C. Hutton

Sharon C. Hutton, 81, passed away at home in Longview, WA., November 29, 2023. See obituary at longviewmemorialpark.com for memorial service time.



## Travel the PNW with Tracy

Travel the PNW with Tracy is a weekly column about travel options from around British Columbia to northern California.



## Explore Vancouver's historic Discovery Loop

History abounds on 2-mile path

VANCOUVER — The Discovery Loop is an easy walk, offering many buildings to explore, open spaces to enjoy and historical facts to discover.

The 2.3-mile Discovery Historic Loop goes through Esther Short Park, follows along Evergreen Boulevard and Officers Row, and heads down to the waterfront in Vancouver. To extend the experience, add the 4-mile Waterfront Renaissance Trail at the end of the trip. Signs are easy to follow, and pets are welcome on the trail but not in the buildings.

I often travel to great lengths to discover new and exciting places, but I am pleasantly surprised that history often abounds just around the corner.

My husband Steve and I began our walk at Esther Short Park, which sits at Sixth and Columbia streets in downtown Vancouver. The park encompasses 5 acres and boasts two artistic treasures, the Salmon Run Bell Tower and Glockenspiel. This area hosts the downtown farmers market, open year-round on Saturdays and Sundays. The market vendors sell produce, artisanal foods and an eclectic array of art.

Next, we went east, where Evergreen Boulevard becomes Officers Row.

## The Grant House

The Grant House, built in 1850, is the oldest Fort Vancouver Historic area building. Willful Wine Co. now occupies the house, and visitors can taste their wines in the cozy wine bar or while sitting on the wrap-around porch overlooking the park. The house is open noon-8 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The wine bar and restaurant offers a variety of wine flights, wines by the glass or bottles, and an elevated tapas-style menu.

## The Marshall House

The next stop on the loop is the Marshall House. Signs and flyers with exciting information and facts are available at most historical landmarks along the loop. The elaborate Queen Anne-style Marshall House, built in 1886 to serve as the commanding officer quarters for Vancouver Barracks, has 14 rooms, six baths



TRACY ELLEN BEARD, CONTRIBUTED  
The Queen Anne-style Marshall House, built in 1886, on the Discovery Loop in Vancouver.



TRACY ELLEN BEARD PHOTOS, CONTRIBUTED  
The historic Grant House on the Discovery Loop in Vancouver is now a wine bar and restaurant.



Hanging plane at the Pearson Air Museum

and nine fireplaces. General John Gibbon and his family were the first residents. In 1936, General George C. Marshall moved into the house with his wife Katherine, and they occupied the house for 20 months. When no longer needed for military housing after World War II, the Red Cross and other service organizations used the building, and it also was used as a restaurant and gallery. The city of Vancouver rehabilitated the house in 1988 to restore its original Victorian-era ambiance.

The designs of the beautiful first-floor include a decorative plaster ceiling. Office and event venue rentals support the ongoing preservation of the house. Public tours are free, but donations are welcome. Tours are available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday-Friday.

## Vancouver Barracks

Later, we passed the Vancouver Barracks and Fort Vancouver along the Discovery Loop. The fort is easy to spot, with tall pointed timbers around the buildings, forming a fence preventing unwanted entry. In 1849 the U.S. Army established its first regional post just north of the Hudson's Bay Company.

This location soon became the headquarters and supply base for goods, troops and equipment for the U.S. military in

the Northwest. Soldiers protected Oregon Trail settlers, helped develop transportation systems, and assisted with negotiations between settlers and natives. The barracks received its name, the Vancouver Barracks, in 1879, but its identity was redeveloped in 1905 during the aviation age.

## Pearson Air Museum

On Sept. 19, 1905, Lincoln Beachey flew his Baldwin airship from the Centennial Exposition in Portland to the Vancouver post's polo field, making the flight the first aerial crossing over the Columbia River.

The Vancouver Barracks developed into a significant player six years later when a few Vancouver aeronauts started operating their aircraft in the barracks' backyard. These pilots flew anything from hot air balloons to newly developed air-born contraptions.

Racecar driver Silas Christofferson began experimenting with a new Curtiss Pusher aircraft. On June 11, 1912, according to a Morning Oregonian article from the time, "Aviation science took another stride toward perfection yesterday afternoon when Silas Christofferson, the youthful Portland bird-man, successfully piloted his biplane from the top of the Multnomah Hotel building to Vancouver, Wash. He flew the eight miles, crossing the Willamette and Columbia rivers, in 12 minutes."

In 1917, lumber mills in the area went on strike. Around the same time, America entered WWI in Europe. Vancouver's grassy polo field at the barracks transformed into the world's largest spruce sawmill, quickly built by the hard-working hands of over five thousand soldiers using an unlimited budget for the project.



The Glockenspiel at Esther Short Park on the Discovery Loop in Vancouver.

The mill was built in just 48 days, and 30,000 soldiers became lumberjacks and millwrights to help the war effort in a new way. Mills began processing immediately needed spruce wood in considerable quantities to fabricate British and French-designed planes to fight against the Germans.

The barracks filled with soldiers were no longer training to fight the war directly but working to produce the spruce. The overflow of men camped in tents on the unused grass. All efforts ended in November 1918, and the surplus spruce was sold for firewood.

This grassy area is now the Pearson Air Museum. Murals cover the hangar walls in the museum, portraying historical stories. One life-size plane and a dirigible (blimp) hang suspended from the ceiling, and five more planes rest on the floor, leaving visitors feeling as if they have stepped back in time. A large-scale model resting on a wooden platform at the far end of the room depicts what the area looked like when it functioned as home to a spruce-cutting mill.

A life-size tent assembled in the corner replicates the ones used by men in the area during this timeframe. Six men lived in each tent. The non-waterproof canvas tent provided limited protection from the elements but did not guard the residents from constantly battling the cold and wet throughout harsh Pacific Northwest winters.

The museum is free and great for kids. It is open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

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## Tacoma City Council votes to ban most cat declawings

Ordinance first in Washington State

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The Seattle Times

The Tacoma City Council voted Tuesday to ban cat declawing, except when conducted by a licensed veterinarian for a therapeutic purpose.

The move will make Tacoma the first city in Washington to outlaw the procedure known medically as feline onychectomy.

Leading up to the vote, Councilmember John Hines said the time was right to "choose cats, not couches,"

referring to cat owners who have their pets declawed in order to protect their furniture from being scratched.

Tacoma will join a number of other U.S. cities and states in taking the step, including San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., New York and Maryland, according to a City Council news release after Tuesday's meeting that described declawing as inhumane. Many countries around the globe have banned declawing, as well.

Washington has one of the highest rates of cat ownership in the U.S., and there

are about 50,000 household cats in Tacoma, according to a council memo that pointed to products like nail trimmers, scratching posts, nail covers and furniture protectors as safe alternatives to declawing, also mentioning that animal trainers can help deal with cat behaviors.

"I'm incredibly proud that the City Council has passed this ban on nontherapeutic cat declawing and that Tacoma takes animal welfare issues seriously. We have received an incredible outpouring of support from the community for this ban," Hines said in the news release

after sponsoring the ordinance with colleagues Olgly Diaz and Sarah Rumbaugh.

"It is important that people understand that declawing a cat is painful and traumatic for the animal," he said. "We simply cannot allow cats to be subjected to this procedure without a medical reason."

Declawing is a major surgery where a cat's claws and third phalanges (the toe bones that the claws grow out of) are amputated, according to the council's news release, which compared it to amputating human fingers at their knuckles. The procedure can re-

sult in paw pain, infection, nerve damage and disability, impairing a cat's ability to walk properly while also negatively impacting a cat's emotional well-being, the release said.

The procedure can be medically necessary in certain cases, like when a cat has a cancerous tumor or has severely injured a paw. But Tacoma's ban won't interfere with surgeries like that, the council's release said.

The new ordinance will take effect March 31, 2024, and violations will be considered civil infractions carrying a penalty of up to \$250. The council consid-

ered making violations a crime, but a crime could be difficult to enforce and raise equity concerns, the council's memo said.

The council got interested in the issue after a resident shared about negative experiences with declawing, the memo said.

The Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County supported the ban, comparing declawing to the docking of dog ears and tails, which is illegal in Washington. Calling herself "an avid pet lover and former cat mom," Diaz said the ban will "stop the animal cruelty caused by cat declawing."