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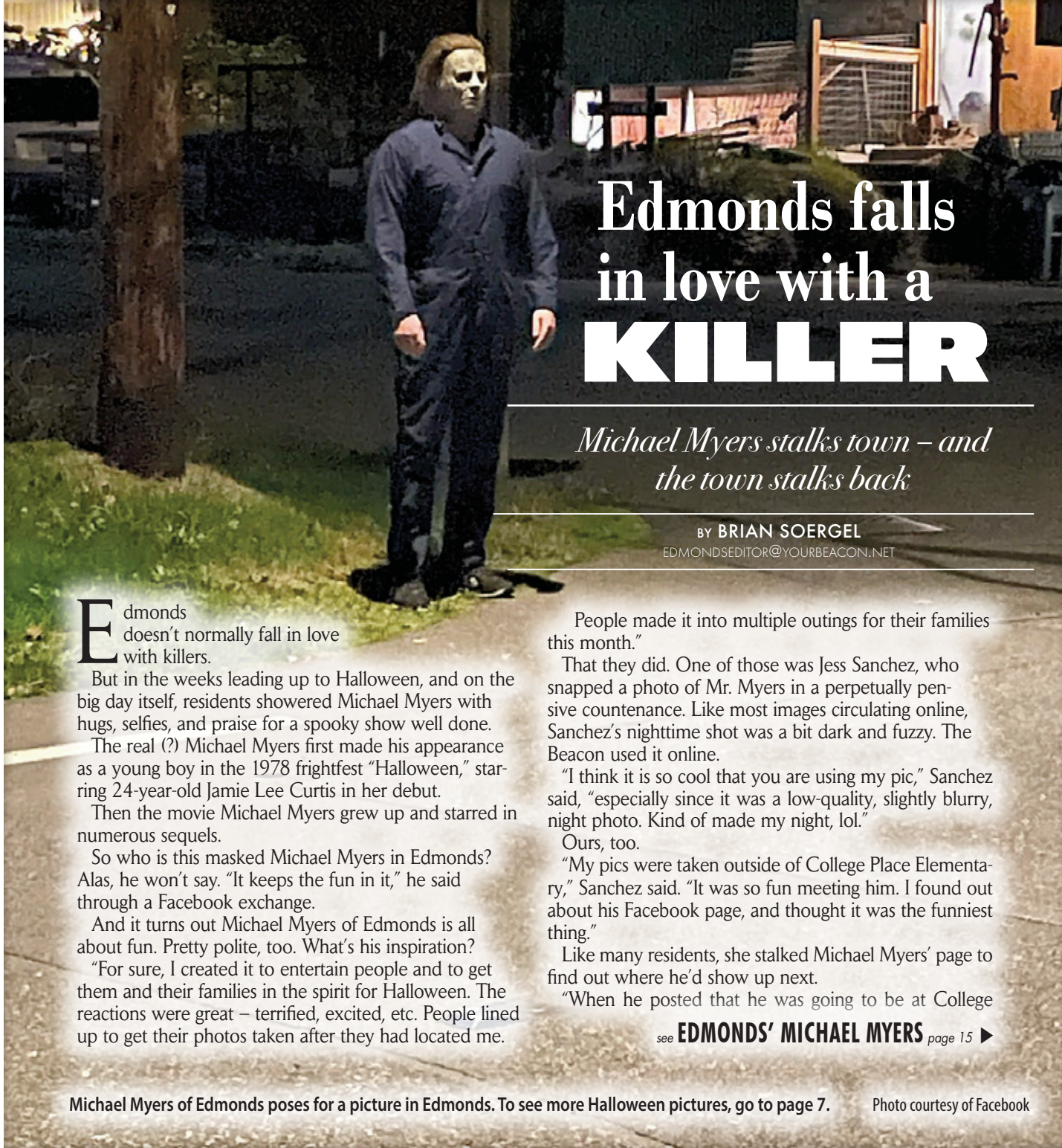
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Edmonds falls in love with a KILLER

Michael Myers stalks town – and the town stalks back

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Edmonds doesn't normally fall in love with killers.

But in the weeks leading up to Halloween, and on the big day itself, residents showered Michael Myers with hugs, selfies, and praise for a spooky show well done.

The real (?) Michael Myers first made his appearance as a young boy in the 1978 frightfest "Halloween," starring 24-year-old Jamie Lee Curtis in her debut.

Then the movie Michael Myers grew up and starred in numerous sequels.

So who is this masked Michael Myers in Edmonds? Alas, he won't say. "It keeps the fun in it," he said through a Facebook exchange.

And it turns out Michael Myers of Edmonds is all about fun. Pretty polite, too. What's his inspiration?

"For sure, I created it to entertain people and to get them and their families in the spirit for Halloween. The reactions were great – terrified, excited, etc. People lined up to get their photos taken after they had located me.

People made it into multiple outings for their families this month."

That they did. One of those was Jess Sanchez, who snapped a photo of Mr. Myers in a perpetually pensive countenance. Like most images circulating online, Sanchez's nighttime shot was a bit dark and fuzzy. The Beacon used it online.

"I think it is so cool that you are using my pic," Sanchez said, "especially since it was a low-quality, slightly blurry, night photo. Kind of made my night, lol."

Ours, too.

"My pics were taken outside of College Place Elementary," Sanchez said. "It was so fun meeting him. I found out about his Facebook page, and thought it was the funniest thing."

Like many residents, she stalked Michael Myers' page to find out where he'd show up next.

"When he posted that he was going to be at College

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Michael Myers of Edmonds poses for a picture in Edmonds. To see more Halloween pictures, go to page 7.

Photo courtesy of Facebook

Tibbott has large lead over Fraley-Monillas

Kristiana Johnson, Janelle Cass ahead in early results

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After the first two counts from Tuesday's general election, it appears Edmonds voters have welcomed back a former City Councilmember while the 12-year term of another appears over.



Neil Tibbott

Neil Tibbott has a huge lead over Position 3 incumbent Councilmember Adrienne Fraley-Monillas with 7,139 votes, or 67% of the total. Fraley-Monillas has 3,545 votes, or 33%.

Meanwhile, in Position 1, incumbent Kristiana Johnson – an Edmonds native who has served 12 years – is leading challenger Alicia Crank with 6,081 votes, or 57% of the vote. Crank – whose latest attempt to capture a council seat appears stymied – gathered 4,634 votes, or 43%.

And in Position 2, first-time candidate Janelle Cass is leading another first-time candidate, Will Chen. Cass has 5,601 votes, or 51.7% of the total. Chen has 5,208 votes, or 48.1%. That position opened up when appointed Councilmember Luke Distelhorst finished third in the primary.

Election results are certified by each county on Nov. 23. The Secretary of State certifies

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Ferries: Dangerous Legionella bacteria found on some state boats

There has not been any danger to crew or public, says spokesperson

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In addition to increased wait times due to a lack of qualified personnel, Washington State Ferries now has another potential problem on its hands.

According to spokesperson Ian Sterling, elevated levels of the dangerous and often deadly Legionella bacteria – which can cause Legionnaires' disease – have been found in at least six vessels stationed up and down Puget Sound.

"Most of these are in places where the water has been shut off since the pandemic began," he said "That's why we're testing ahead of bringing the systems back online."

Sterling said there is no danger to crewmembers or the public. The public, he noted, would not have

access to areas where the bacteria was discovered.

Legionnaires' disease, a severe form of pneumonia, can be contracted by inhaling contaminated water droplets. The disease was discovered in the late 1970s following an outbreak at Philadelphia's Bellevue Stratford Hotel during an American Legion convention.

In a bulletin to ferry staff – "Potable Water Testing for Legionella Fleet-Wide" – Matt Von Ruden, director of vessel engineering and maintenance, and Dale Lathan, director of safety systems, said that parts of the potable water systems on WSF vessels can lay dormant for extended periods of time.

"This has been especially true during the COVID pandemic," they wrote. "For this reason, WSF has be-

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A group of people watches the ferry from Brackett's Landing North in Edmonds.



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Above: Michael Myers of Edmonds relaxes at home in Edmonds. Below: Myers poses for a picture with a fan.



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Place, we booked it over to see him. I was so giddy with excitement. He didn't say anything in typical Micheal fashion, and when I told him he was just missing the iconic 'Halloween' music, he shrugged."

Sanchez added that Michael Myers made Halloween so much fun in Edmonds. A bit strange, considering Myers' history, but again, Halloween is a day for ghouls, goblins, blood, skeletons, and all kinds of fright. "I actually went on to watch all the 'Halloween' movies because of him," Sanchez said. "It was all in good fun, and I don't believe there was any malcontent behind his actions, despite some people not liking it. I hope he comes back year after year."

To view Michael Myers of Edmonds Facebook page: bit.ly/3GJwmIZ.

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gun testing for Legionella as part of its water management program. Legionella is naturally occurring in fresh water, but barriers are put in place to limit its growth.

"These barriers include treatment of water with sodium hypochlorite, maintaining potable water temperatures that limit Legionella's growth, and flushing parts of the water system that have not seen use for extended periods of time to prevent water stagnation."

Upon notification of the elevated levels of Legionella, WSF has isolated and taken the affected areas of the potable water systems out of operation. WSF has used supplemental water treatment to the potable water systems to lower the Legionella levels.

The supplemental treatments consist of both, additional sodium hypochlorite added to the system and by increasing the temperature of the potable water to temperatures high enough to kill the Legionella. The method used is determined by the location and the number of locations of increased Legionella levels found in the potable water system.

In the meantime, WSF said it is working to "develop a more comprehensive potable water test plan, to amend existing policy to better explain supplemental potable water treatment for elevated Legionella test results, and to develop a more robust water management program."

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chase will be donated to Stop AAPI Hate Center. This organization is a collaboration by the Asian Pacific Policy & Planning Council, Chinese for Affirmative Action, and the Asian American Studies Department at San Francisco State University.

The center tracks and reports incidents of hate, violence, harassment, and discrimination as well as provides translation services, advocacy, and more.

The Asian tradition of 1,000 paper cranes represents granting a special wish, happiness, long life, and often used to symbolize peace. Using "Washi" or traditional Japanese paper that is processed by hand and made in the traditional manner, these cranes are also treated to prevent UV fading and are water resistant.

The Washi Origami Crane earrings will be available in the Cascadia Art Museum at 190 Sunset Ave S., Edmonds. They are also carried at the Schack Art Center, 2921 Hoyt Avenue, Everett; or can be ordered online at the Bellevue Arts Museum: bit.ly/3ErKVyl. Prices start at \$60.



Photos courtesy of Caison Jewelry

Above: Purple crane, forefront group shot. Below: Red crane, gold crane, red beads group shot.



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for an Edmonds resident with a passion for the arts and interest in working with the cultural arts community. The application for the position is open and the deadline to submit applications is Tuesday, Nov. 23.

The Arts Commission is made up of seven members who serve staggered four-year terms. By ordinance, four of these positions must be filled by people professionally engaged in the arts. The current opening is a general position for a person with a strong interest and involvement in one or more arts disciplines (performing, literary, visual).

Applicants should submit their application form, a resume and a letter of interest to eac@edmonds.wa.gov or can be mailed to: EAC Nominations, 700 Main St., Edmonds WA 98020. Info: email frances.chapin@edmonds.wa.gov.

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demi. A 24-ounce ribeye for two is \$98.

A charcoal smash burger, with fries, is \$18. Charcoal is open for dinner seven days a week, 4-9 p.m.

Check out the full menu: www.charcoaledmonds.com/menu.

The other new restaurant is one Edmonds should have some familiarity with: It's Salish Sea Brewing Co.'s second location, the Boat-house Taproom at Harbor Square, in the space formerly held by American Brewing Co.

It opens Thursday, Nov. 4. Jeff and Erika Barnett's new space is a brewery and restaurant with a renovated beer garden.

Info: <https://bit.ly/3k0nuoj>. Look for reviews in later editions of the Edmonds Beacon.



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Chamber accepting nominations for board members

The Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, in service since 1907, is now accepting nominations for 2022 board members.

Self-nominations are open until Friday, Nov. 12. The only requirements for board service are that you or your business is an active member of the chamber and your account is in good standing.

A nomination form is at tinyurl.com/a2jcskw2.

The board meets from 7:30 to 9 a.m. the third Thursday of the month.

"As a policy board, we look to our board members to guide the chamber into the future, set long-term strategic goals and help identify issues our membership should support or oppose," said President and CEO Greg Urban.

"The Edmonds Chamber is a nonpolitical organization, meaning we do not endorse specific political candidates. The chamber does, however, use our collective voice to speak for or against issues that will adversely affect our community and a favorable business climate."

Board members serve three-year terms, with a maximum service of three terms. The chamber's bylaws allow as many as 30 board members, but the number is typically fewer than 25 at any given point.

"It is our desire to strengthen the representation on the board to include a diverse cross-section of the business community."

Questions? Call 425-670-1496 or email greg@edmonds.wa.com.



Maximize your charitable giving

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving has become known as Giving Tuesday, when people are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations. How can you maximize the effectiveness of your gifts – for the charity and for you?

First, ensure a charity is legitimate, with tax-exempt status. Also, do some research to determine if the charity is devoting most of its resources to its stated goal. An efficient charitable group will generally spend no more than 30% to 35% of its money on administrative costs.


Next, see if your employer will match your charitable gift. Many companies match employees' gifts on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and some will go even further.

Finally, think about how you want to make your gift. If you give appreciated stocks, rather than cash, you may get a current tax deduction, assuming you itemize, and possibly avoid capital gains taxes you might incur in the future when you sell the stocks.

Giving Tuesday comes just once a year – but your charitable gifts can have lasting benefits.

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