

My Monday Memo

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Adventures in the PNW

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Today is... March 21st

National Common Courtesy Day

On this day in 1963

Alcatraz prison closed to prisoners after 29 years of operation. It did not close because of the disappearance of Morris and the Anglins (the decision to close the prison was made long before the three disappeared), but because the institution was too expensive to continue operating.

Quote of the Week

"I exist in two places, here and where you are."

- Margaret Atwood

MIRA'S PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Enjoy this double-dose series of photos by Mira. This week, the series will include this beautiful expectant mother. Next week, her live birth photos, and finally, week three will include photos of her newborn.

Did you find it?

Merriam-Webster's Word of the Day
March 20, 2022

Largesse

Refers to the act of generously giving money or to the money given. It can also mean "generosity."

A Sunrise Surprise

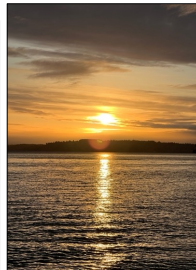
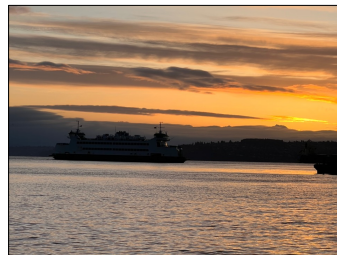
By Rachel Brandes

This week's adventure didn't have any steep climbs, lost gloves, or defecating eagles, but it certainly had one heck of a sunrise. On Sunday, March 20, 2022, Mira and Rachel planned on an early morning walk at Point Defiance. They didn't plan to see a sunrise, as the forecast called for overcast skies and rain. What a treat when they arrived at Point Defiance Park's Owen Beach boardwalk just in time to watch the sun come up in the distance.

You may recall a couple of weeks ago when the two planned their morning around a sunny forecast only to be treated to fog so thick they could barely see in front of them to start the day. Yesterday's walk was clear and bright.

There were even several pairs of friendly mallards. Each time Mira and Rachel came upon a new pair, these mallards were quite comfortable getting up close and personal. Mira badly wanted to pet them, of course, as she has no fear of wild animals. Rachel on the other hand kept her distance. It would seem these ducks rely on the largesse of walkers for unauthorized treats and thought Mira and Rachel may be packing treats.

A fun find on their walk was a painted rock set upon a post. It looked like a piece of candy but possibly from a boardgame. At first, they weren't sure if it was a rock or not. It took additional inspection and was found to indeed be a painted rock. Mira took a photo first and then left the rock in place for a child to find. The Tacoma rocks found around the parks are always fun to find, and even more fun to leave for little ones to discover. Until next time, be well.



Sunrise from the Point Defiance Park's Owen Beach Boardwalk.

Alec's Adventures North Carolina & Beyond



Alec traveled to North Carolina last week for a visit with Zahra. The two took a trip to explore Washington, DC during their week together. Alec's mother continues to badger him about he and Zahra visiting the correct Washington, but that day shall eventually come.

The two took quite the road trip and explored not only DC but also visited Virginia and Maryland. They even stopped to go skiing at Snowshoe Mountain in West Virginia and visited Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. Enjoy these photos from their adventures.

