

Lilian's September Newsletter

August turned out to be strange, for a summer month. Two nifty storms, one would expect in October, came ashore and the leaves started to turn about mid month. In a way we, Washingtonians, were lucky compared to the rest of the country. Fay homesteaded in Florida totally ignoring the eviction notice, it took 4 tries before she vacated, only to harass others.

It rained like buckets when I arrived in the parking lot at Target. A Lady in the parking stall next to me was unloading her shopping basket. I asked if I could use it after she was done, she said absolutely not, she was using it. I thought she misunderstood and repeated my request, no, absolutely not she was using it. She walked off into the distance and returned with an empty shopping cart and parked it next to my car. She removed the last item from her cart, got into her car and departed. I now had 2 shopping carts.

I thought about this on my way down the steep hill into Olympia when I noticed Capitol Lake had a major problem. It appeared the middle of the lake was dry.

Capitol Lake is a man-made body of water opposite from where the Puget Sound Inlet ends. It is separated/divided by a bridge and a street. It suffered major damage during the earthquake of 2001. I became concerned because changes in the flow of the water was noticed a couple of days before the 6.8 earthquake in 2001. A seagull flew next to my car as I was coming around the corner and stayed with me at 25 miles an hour for about 4 blocks, just yelling at me, as if to tell me something. My "SEAGULL" is a little rusty and I was unable to understand what the bird was trying to tell me. It did get my mind off the strange Lady at Targets though. I called the City about the discrepancy in the lake and was told it was an unusual alga bloom, which made it appear the lake was dry in the middle.

The marine clouds are entering over the horizon, peach colored roses are still blooming amidst the HOUSE FOR SALE signs lining the streets by the Capitol. Figs are not quite ripe enough for harvest. Kids are ready to return to school.

According to Webster the word: SACRIFICE means: offering to a deity, giving up of something cherished, loss without return.

According to Follette by Glucksman SACRIFICE means: offering, gamble, to sell at a loss and masochistic self denial on part of a person.

About 5 miles from one of our Indian Reservation is a little town. I lived there for about a year in the late 1960's.

At that time there was a Hardware Store, a Nursery/Feed Store, A Meat Market, 3 Churches, a Drugstore, one Restaurant/Bar, 1 gas station/garage/barbershop, a Bank and a Store. If I wanted to cash a check at the bank chances were the teller would send me to Wolfs, the store. Wolfs had more cash on hand than the bank at any given time. There were groceries, Household items, and... wow... the cloth. I was the envy of the Ladies in the big cities about the cloth I wore. It was thought I had shopped in New York or Los Angeles. Having an accent I use to tell them I got them from Europe, rather than share my treasure Island of bargains I found in that little town of all but population 600.

My Grandson and I stopped in that little town last week. I showed him where everything had been before a big-time Channeler came into town. Many European Converts followed. It is still a small town in space but appears to be a large city with all of the luxuries/curses of a large city. A Wall Mart and let me tell you about the congestion. It is miles from an Interstate, so no matter which direction you come at it everyone=20 is on the same road. In a hurry. Bumper to Bumper. No-one cares about the no hands law, which means you can no longer use the phone unless you have a device stuck in your ear, no-one care about the smoking ban along with the butt patrol, which makes sure there is 25 feet between your cigarette and a building. Benches are neatly sitting next to store fronts along with ashtrays and enormous hanging flowerpots above the sidewalks to enjoy. Somehow the people in the

not so little town have managed to combine sacrificing small town for big town and compromised.

So little of value was reported in the month of August 2008, people were engrossed with the Olympics and politics, aside from an animal story there was little to peak peoples interest.

Important stories, which are life changing for many were only mentioned in passing.

- Almost 200 people lost their lives in plane crashes around the world.
- There were 2 volcanoes erupting and interfering with air travel.
- A train filled with chemicals and crude oil derailed in Oklahoma.
- Barely any mention of fallen soldiers and so many others dying for causes which seem unimportant to so many at this time.
- A new disturbance between Russia and Georgia.
- New Government heads in several countries.
- The Arch fell in Monument Valley in Utah.
- A dam broke at the Grand Canyon.

NASA Science News snglist@snglist.msfc headlines for August 19th 2008 read: What if you woke up one morning and found your whole planet has been swallowed up by the atmosphere of a star? Don't laugh, it could happen to you and NASA has a special program to deal with it.

Full story at: <http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/19aug-lws.htm?list731920>

On August 15th NASA told us about the preparation to launch a "Flying tractor" with microwave sensors to explore the nitty-gritty realm beneath our feet. See <http://science.nasa.gov/rss.xml> I wondered how this is going to affect those of us Sensitives, which as bouncing off walls as we speak, since we have been so overwhelmed with electromagnetic already. I saw a commercial from REDEXX, an electronic bug detector. It showed how the sound of the unit laid an electronic fence within the walls of the dwelling in which the unit is plugged into.

Wonder how many of us will feel like unwanted rodents in the future and decide to vacate.

APOD Welcome to the planet Earth is another service in which NASA can actually send joy to in your PC and other mobile devices. Each day you will receive a new picture from NASA, sharing pictures from space.

August 11th NASA notified us that the Lunar Crater Observatory and Sensing Satellite...LCROSS for short... is on track for 2009 and will plunge into a crater near one of the moons poles.

We rented one of Steven Spielberg's old movies: Deep Impact. We thought we could put a visual on crashing into things. Right along with the movie: CORE, which deals with the center of the Earth.

I must tell you, economy, gas prizes, lack of health care and general misery in the world seemed far removed from our things to consider, for a brief moment.



Picture taken by M.M. Moore

What does this dragonfly have to do with this newsletter? Absolutely nothing. It took me 6 weeks to figure out how to get it out of my T-mobile sidekick, I thought it was impressive and I wanted to share it with you.

Love and Light

Lilian

PS. Here is an e-mail I received. Unfortunately I am unable to give credit to the original author. I loved it and am passing it on to you.

You think English is easy??? Read to the end . . . a new twist

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce .
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture.
5. He could lead if he would get the lead out of his shoes.
6. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
9. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
10. I did not object to the object.
11. The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
12. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
13. They were too close to the door to close it.
14. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
15. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
16. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
17. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
18. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
19. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
20. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it - English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France . Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

Why do we park on a driveway, but drive on a parkway?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on..

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

PS. - Why doesn't 'Buick' rhyme with 'quick'. and why doesn't 'dough' rhyme with 'tough'?

You lovers of the English language might enjoy this .

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There is a two-letter word that perhaps has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP ? At a meeting, why does a topic come UP ? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report ?

We call UP our friends.. And we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen.. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car . At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UPexcuses. To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed UP is special.

And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP ! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP , look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions. If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP , you may wind UP with a hundred or more. When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP ...

When it rains, it wets the earth and often messes things UP

When it doesn't rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP , for now my time is UP , so..... it is time to shut UP...!

Oh . . . one more thing:

What is the first thing you do in the morning & the last thing you do at night? U-P