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Dear Murray and Rosa:

Have you seen the December issue of Pacific Northwest cover? ... The cat, the sweater, the model? Beautiful! When you retire from writing, you can go into business for Chivas Regal or Nieman Marcus and other New Yorker distinguished sophisticates.

The list of 25 included all my favorite NW authors and books and I was pleased (indeed, awed) to appear in the line-up. Thanks for anything you had to do with the choice. Rick Anderson called me as soon as the ferry landed, to congratulate me and to ask if I had seen the magazine. I am a charter subscriber from the beginning of Pacific Search Days. I liked P.S. better in some ways, but this is a slick job. The Close portraits were especially good. Yours is a real pin-up. I have asked for an extra copy to send to your fan, Irene Price, back in Kansas.

Speaking of Kansas: I am about ready, despite constant interruptions and distractions, to put the opus into type. It contains good writhing I think. It's neither fish nor fowl, I'm afraid, nor even a unicorn. But I must get it off hand somehow and get on to further explorations. I remember you said to me once that the easiest book to write was the next one. In the head, of course.

Earle's doing just fairly well. His eye implant was a success. ~~The~~ other surgery presents increasing problems that need to be taken care of.

I continue to enjoy mainland productions through Murray's writing and continue to be impressed and pleased by his fame and fortune. Rick A. keeps asking me if I think Murray would come to the Island to speak again at a potluck, and I keep saying I haven't the nerve to ask such a popular speaker-author. Rick returned from Norway (a year) in May and has given us two programs with his slides, the first covering his trip over via Korea, Red China, and by train across Siberia and Russia proper to Copenhagen. When I had to miss the first because of a head cold, he brought his slides here and gave us a special showing. He's that kind of guy. During our two-day outage, he made the rounds, helping us all out.

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Wendy Morgan

Love to Lane, too,

We had a break-in the other week at Higgins Cove. Two doors were kicked in (we saw the boot tracks), a window broken in the garage, tools stolen, the place sprayed from a fire extinguisher. The great loss was Bob Higgins' old line cannon. Dr. Odegaard has one like it, Jim talked to him. The few around sell for around \$1200 to \$1500, he says. But the value to us is historic, and of course it's not covered. We suspect it may still be on the Island.



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