

BUDDY SYSTEM

Senioritis? Not at Seattle's Providence Mount St. Vincent assisted-living facility. Its **intergenerational childcare center** brings residents together with 106 kids age 5 and younger five days a week for activities both playful (sing-alongs) and physical (dance class)—and completely heartstring-pulling.

FROM AWWW TO AWESOME

WILD THINGS

The (big) cat is out of the bag. Sir David Attenborough, of *Planet Earth* fame, is back with a new BBC America docuseries. *Dynasties* (January 19) follows five endangered species—**lions, tigers, chimps, penguins, and African wild dogs**—as they defend their corners of the animal kingdom.

IT'S A SIGN

Vince Rozmiarek is a stand-up guy. In April 2013, the Colorado resident started **posting witty one-liners on his town's community center sign** to entertain passing drivers. Five-plus years later, he's sharing his weekly jokes at [facebook.com/indianhillscommunitysign](https://www.facebook.com/indianhillscommunitysign) so you can chuckle along wherever you are.

The Gratitude Meter

BY Melissa Goldberg

Five things we're smiling about this month!

WALL ART

Since 2007, artist Jan Vormann has traveled the globe **mending crumbling walls with...Lego bricks** and other plastic blocks. Now his construction project is a worldwide art challenge that encourages would-be patchers to create bright spots in their neighborhoods. Check out little fixer-uppers at [dispatchwork.info](https://www.dispatchwork.info).

DINING SANS DIN

A corner table, a bottle of bubbly—and earsplitting music to holler over? The free **SoundPrint app takes user-submitted decibel measurements** to grade restaurants and bars by noise level, allowing you to pick a place where you can whisper (rather than shout) sweet nothings to your date.

TITUSS BURGESS

The sassy star of *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, returning for its final season January 25, fills in a few fun blanks.

MY MOST PRIZED POSSESSION IS...

my cast-iron skillet. Growing up in the country—that's country with a *k*, if you will—we prepared many meals with it. You can bake in it, fry in it, make gumbo in it. Mine is heavy as hell, but man, does it produce wonderful dishes.

THE FIRST THING I DO IN THE MORNING IS...

play with my two dogs. If I were waking myself up, I'd do things differently, but Micah and Hans are the loves of my life. After I tend to their routine, I stare at the ceiling in utter disbelief that I'm awake.

MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT...

I can play piano. I learned on my grandmother's, which was dilapidated and missing keys, so I had a bizarre sort of ear training. But I could tell early on what the next notes should sound like, and that helped me wrap my head around music theory and such when I started formal training.

WHEN I NEED A PICK-ME-UP, I...

turn to Carol Burnett. Thank God for YouTube, because watching reruns of her show over and over again can snap me out of any funk.

WHEN I WANT TO ESCAPE, I...

make room for alone time. I'm a Pisces, which means I absorb people's energy to a fault. Maybe that's why I excel at acting. But in real life, it's something I can't turn off, which is why I don't like crowds. Mostly, I just like to be by myself—because I feel everything, honey. —AS TOLD TO ZOE DONALDSON



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