

ROOTS: Family, and Sisu

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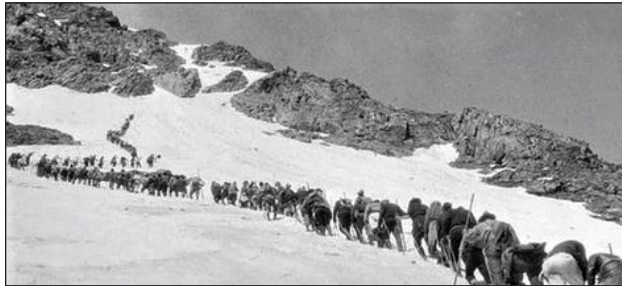
The second letter was written in 1947 on parchment thin stationery to Armas Jakku of Hood River by the same Maria Jakku of Finland. She profusely thanked her nephews Armas and Eino for sending a care package with some staples, most deliciously some "real" coffee that she had not had for years.

She described the desperate situation the family was in, barely surviving in the countryside of Laihia, victims of almost a century of wars inflicted upon the Finnish population currently by the Russian Army. Maria shared that she was now blind and had to resort to asking another woman to write the poignant thank you letter to her nephews. She was astounded that they still remembered her and cared enough to

send a care package.

I felt the pain of this woman who expressed her anguish at living in a country side ravished by war, an almost continual condition throughout her life. The encouragement of grandmother Selma to Maria to persevere, underscoring that life was worth living. She too had her Sisu tested. Sent away from her family at the age of nine to a different country, marrying a man twenty years her senior, giving birth to eight children only to be widowed and left to raise those young children by herself.

While the answer to the mysteries we were puzzling over were not found, the answer to the spirit of immigrants was illuminated. Love, family, perseverance. Sisu.



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BRIMSTONE: Falling happens, pads will catch you

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dering, as opposed to rope climbing.

Byrne explained, "Ultimately it comes down to 'what is protecting you when do fall?' Falling happens in climbing; in bouldering, you're not climbing super high stuff so the thing that's protecting your fall is a pad.

"The goal is to have enough variety in the route setting," Byrne said, "both in difficulty and style." Routes include straight verticals as well as a variety of overhangs called *aretes* — French for ridges.

Altschl and Byrne both have climbing and indoor gym experience, and started writing business a plan just under two years ago, after considering other locations in Hood River.

"Shortly thereafter, we started looking at spaces and Jen found this on Craig's List," Byrne said. "We did a long feasibility study to see if we can make it work in this town and in this building. So far so good," he said. Vertical Solutions of Salt Lake City designed the multi-colored climbing walls, and the general contractor was Orange Construction of Hood River. Notably, new burnished brown wood mixed in with the climbing surfaces mimics the church's original distinctive "bead board" woodwork.

Brandon Bertram of Hood River said of Brimstone, "It's like a puzzle piece on the wall; It's very involved." Bertram, who has used several facilities in Portland, said, "When I heard this was coming around, I came to the open house and they had a very cool presentation, I was hoping they would do it the right way, and the answer is yes — world class routes, I could come here every day for six months and find something new."

Routes are changed every five weeks, giving repeat users time to get to know and perfect "projects" while keeping things fresh, according to Byrne. Molly Beard is head



CHALK-COVERED hands, top, grip one of the "stones" on the main climbing wall; playing card is part of a route-marking system. Brimstone will upgrade the markers with permanent color-coded labels in coming weeks. Above, Ryan Fife of Hood River makes his way along one of the routes.

route setter. Nathan Frankel runs the youth programs, and staff members also include Eric Holmes, Hansen Urdahl, Mark Pearce and Jenny Harris.

The gym is open noon to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends, though the schedule is subject to change once the owners have a better handle on user needs, and climbing options vary including day passes, punch cards,

and annual and family passes. Climbers sign a waiver at a counter fashioned from the original organ keyboard, and climbing shoe rentals are required. Chalk, and chalk bag worn on the hip are also available.

Altschl said, "Coming up the with name one was one of the hardest parts for us. We wanted something that did not ignore the fact that we are in an

old church, that gave a nod to that, but people wouldn't mistake for religiously affiliated. We wanted to have some nod to climbing." Hence the word "stone."

"We wanted it to be a little irreverent without offending people," Altschl said.

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Kid Scoop Bee Money Smart

To be money smart, you need to understand goods and services.

Goods = Objects
Goods are things that are made or grown. Basically, things you can touch.

How many goods can you find in this room? Color them.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

Services = Actions
A service is work that one person does for someone else.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use grade-appropriate words correctly.

Dictionary

Is this dictionary goods or a service? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Waiter

Is this waiter goods or a service? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Taxi

Is this taxi goods or a service? _____
Who could use it? _____
Why would they want to use it? _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use grade-appropriate words correctly.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Add up the value of these coins. Then circle all the items you could purchase with this amount.

Standards Link: Math: Addition using money.

Double Double Word Search

SERVICES FLOWERS PROVIDES NECESSARY OBJECTS ACTIONS GOODS TOUCH COINS FIRES BEES WORK PIES ROOM TAXI

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

P S E I R I X A T N
R S N O I T C A M E
O H E R O N S S O C
V S C C O E D N B E
I E W U I O E I J S
D R O P O V M O E S
E I R G Y T R C C A
S F K S E E B E T R
D S R E W O L F S Y

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Wants and Needs
Things that are necessary to our survival are needs. Wants make our lives easier or more pleasant but are not critical to daily living. Look through advertisements and see if you can find more wants or more needs.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On! Coupon Copy

Imagine you were asked to write a coupon for a product. What would you write? What would be your special offer?

Kid Scoop Together: A Store You Know!

Some stores sell all or mostly goods. For example, a grocery store sells mostly goods. If it has a bakery that makes birthday cakes, then it offers goods and a service in one product!

Other stores sell mostly services, such as a car wash or a barber shop.

Complete the following to describe a store you go to:

Name of a store I go to: _____

Goods I can buy at that store: _____

Services I can buy at that store: _____

Design a newspaper advertisement for the store you described above. Be sure to include some of the goods or services they offer. Look at the ads in today's newspaper for ideas.