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It takes an order from the State Legislature to change any ferry route. The last route was a ferry run between San Juan and Lopez islands, which was not viable, but there are situations when a run might be too expensive to keep it going. If the system has still not returned to full serv-

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It may take five years to get up to the captain level. If people have everything they need, they are dedicated to training and continue to climb. For most people, it takes much longer, especially if they have family or can’t take time off for exams. Ferries is also working on its 2040 Long-Range Plan, which talks about improvements coming to the fleet and the move toward electric ferries. The state Legislature authorized $1.5 billion to the ferry system, to help build

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The lessons from the “My Little Pony” show aren’t just for the young. They can be carried into adulthood and beyond, at least according to the seniors at Anacortes High School. Class of 2022 president Maya Marshall said she remembers seeing a new “My Little Pony” show and said the pure friends the recall from that show are still teaching her.

“In true Maya fashion, I will get to the point by using my heroes … the six magical ponies,” she said with a laugh. “Pinkie Pie, who represents laughter; Fluttershy, who represents kindness; Rainbow Dash, who represents loyalty; Applejack, who represents honesty; Rarity, who represents generosity; and Twilight Sparkle, who represents the magic of friendship.”

The scenes represent the element of harmony, and each one is important to being the best student, friend and person each graduate can be, Marshall said. “Take these attributes with you as you take your last step off the Ana-

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