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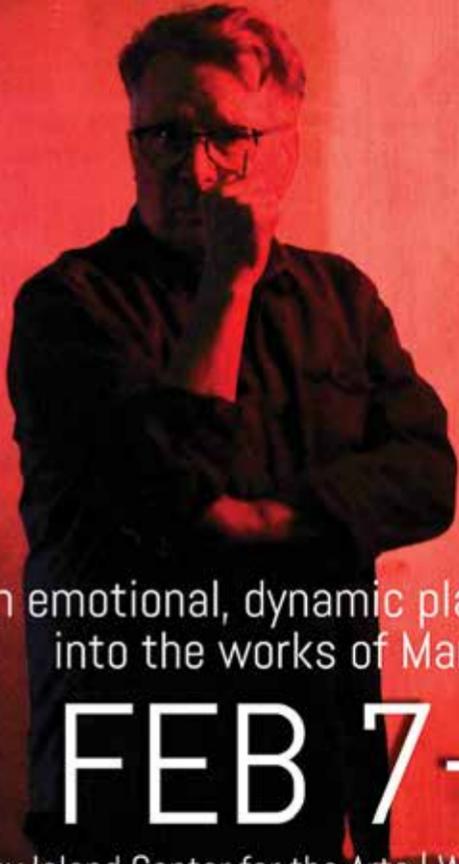
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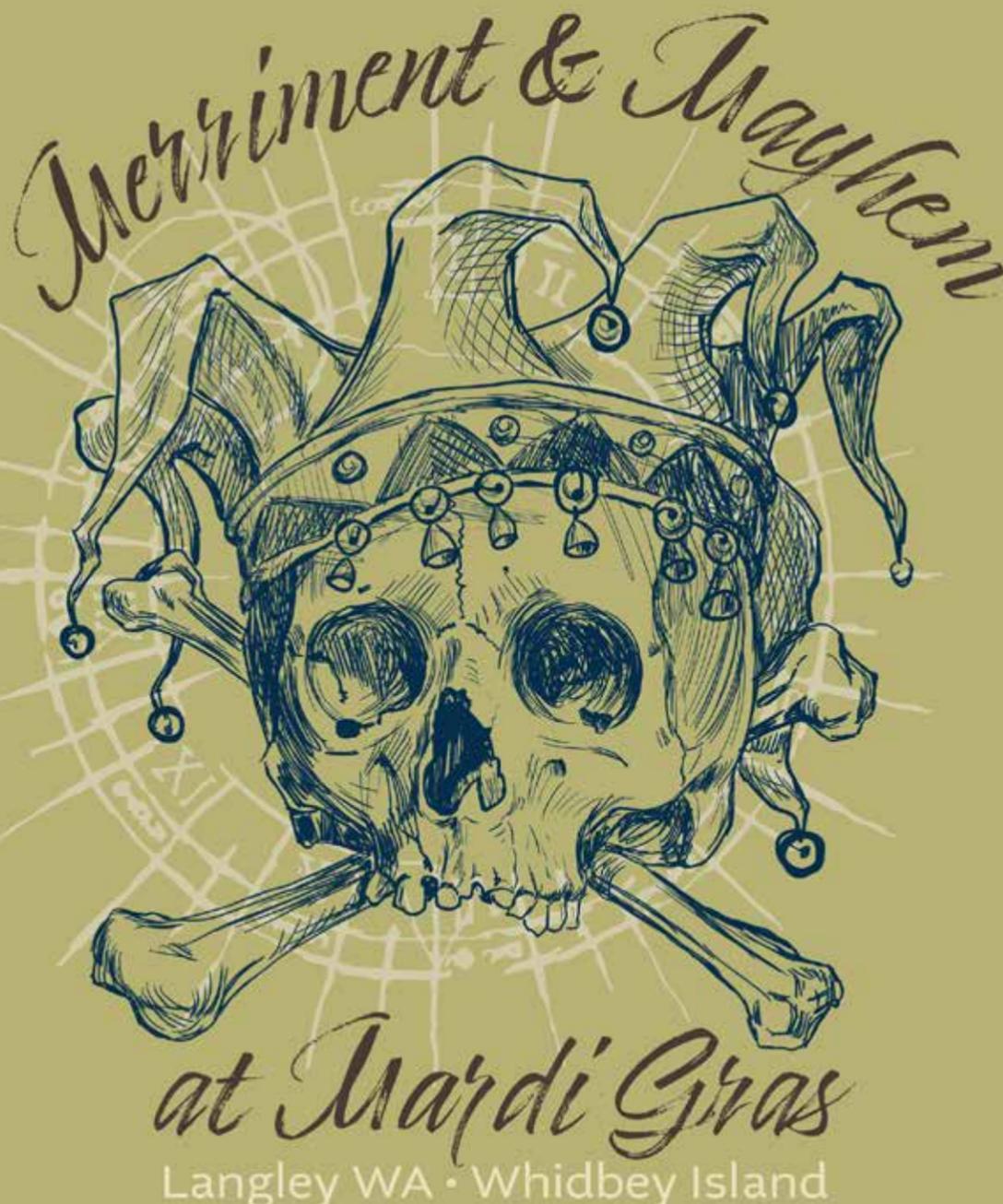
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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



After checking out the pictures of Ann Miller and Perry Como used in my last two columns, I realize now my age was showing.

So, this week's column features a picture of someone who is adored by many who are not my age.

Whether or not Taylor is related to Tom Swift, I have yet to discover.

We'll keep you posted.

Jarhead memories

If one lives long enough, one can host one's own birthday party with a host of buddies. With names like Tom, Bruce, Bill, Dave, Chris, and Jim, you may think this six pack of dudes was a support group for men with single syllable non-sexy names.

Such was the case last month when Snohomish Tom asked a cadre of former Marines to enjoy his birthday at Village Pizzeria in Langley.

Thanks to Pizza Paul and his terrific team, Tom and crew were seated at the premier table with the premier view.

Had they been seated near the entrance, some of the potential customers may have done a "to the rear, Harch."

Hard of hearing Jarheads talk a bit louder. I know. I am one.

Other than the oft-used words "huh" and "what," most of the sounds coming from the birthday boy's table were laughter induced.

Since I did not know it was Tom's birthday, no card was delivered by me. No biggie. All the other cards brought cards.

As my gift, birthday Tom gave me the 2019 and 2020 issues of the Boys Town endorsed *Farmers' Almanac*.

Here is what I learned while I was not listening to war stories. Being the youngest in attendance, the others probably thought I was looking down at my cell phone.

Foiled them. Who reads the *Farmers' Almanac* at a free lunch?

Me.

Know how February got its name?

February comes from the Latin word *februa* which means "to cleanse." February was named after the Roman *Febralia* which, according to *The Old Farmers' Almanac*, was "a month long festival of purification and atonement."

No wonder February is the shortest month.

Puzzle time

Peeking ahead to April, this puzzle is featured in this year's *Old Farmers' Almanac*. Answering this correctly would have kept me out of law school.

"A motorcar is three times as old as its tires were when it was as old as the tires are now. When its tires are as old as the car is now, the car will be a year older than the tires are now. What are the present ages of car and tires?"

Answer will follow somewhere.

Historic Coupeville

If you are a local like me, it is not uncommon to not take advantage of all our spectacular scenery. Often we may be too busy driving.

Another reason to take Island Transit, just for the opportunity to look out the windows.

Coupeville, the second oldest town in Washington, offers a self-guided walking tour showcasing 64 historic buildings in the downtown area.

The brochure can be downloaded at www.nps.gov/ebla.

For even more hiking and trail guided info, we locals recommend Maribeth Crandell's *Hiking Close to Home*, available at Kingfisher Bookstore in Coupeville and Moonraker Bookstore in Langley, and online at <https://hikingclosetohome.weebly.com>.

Maribeth is our hometown hero of outdoor education. Former Deception Pass Park Ranger Jack Hartt offered his assistance and excellent photography as well.

Astoria Column

My college frat bro Broadway Bill and his Lady Diana traveled recently to Astoria, Ore. from their Colorado Highlands Ranch.

Holding wine glasses, they gave two thumbs up to the 164 steps winding up the 125 feet high Astoria Column which commemorates the westward sweep of discovery and migration.

Kinda like Georgia Gerber's *The Boy and his Dog* in Langley, only shorter.

From what I have read about the spectacular view of the city and surrounding environs of rivers, bay, forest, mountains and Pacific Ocean from this point, the first words of most visitors are "Oh, Wow!"

I said the same thing the last time I was pulled over for hitting my high beams too quickly after passing a state trooper.

At least he was nice about it.

Quoted

To really enjoy the better things in life, one must have first experienced all the things that they are better than. ~Oscar Homolka

Man is so made that he can only find relaxation from one kind of labor by taking up another. ~Anatole France

How long?

According to Ben Kirkland, founder of Bill Fixers, one should look at how long one has to work to pay for a new item or new adventure before buying.

Is the Taylor Swift concert ticket worth working 12 hours at McDonald's?

Absolutely.

Older person trivia

Glenn Miller recorded 17 number one singles from 1939 to 1943. If you can name all 17 without looking it up, get on the phone and tell the folks at *Jeopardy* you want to audition.

Puzzle answer

I almost forgot. The answer to the puzzle -The car is 18 months old; the tires are a year old.

Mobile books

Recently, the New York Public Library offered the results of its research about its most checked out books.

What a neat project.

That library has been around longer than Olivia de Havilland, now 103. 2020 is the 125th year for this classic institution.

Ezra Jack Keats' 1962 classic, *The Snowy Day*, came in first with 485,583 check outs.

There must have been more than one copy.

Of the checked out top 10, the oldest book listed, Dale Carnegie's *How To Win Friends and Influence People* (1936), is the only nonfiction book.

Coming in second at 469,650 checkouts is *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss.

I never read that one. Our parents would not let us have pets. Why torment myself?

So, given I wanted to be a lawyer, instead of Dr. Seuss, I read Mickey Spillane's *I, The Jury* and called it homework.

"What are you doing, Jimmy? You are awfully quiet."

"I'm studying, Mom. Just studying."

Thank God we didn't have texting then.

I might still be texting about the cover of the Spillane paperback.

Abacadabra

For some reason, during one of the Super Bowl commercials, I needed to know the origin of the word *abracadabra*. Maybe I was trying to change the score of the game.

Abacadabra is a Hebrew word derived from the Aramaic phrase *avra kehadabra* meaning "I will create as I speak."

The source is three Hebrew words, *ab* for father, *ben* for son, and *ruach acadosch* (holy spirit). It is from the Chaldean *abbada ke dabra*, meaning "perish like the word."

Imagine explaining this to a fourth grader who wants to be a magician.

I quit Cub Scouts after one meeting because I couldn't learn how to tie a slip knot.

So, I slipped on out.

OK, that was bad.

May as well quit while I'm behind.

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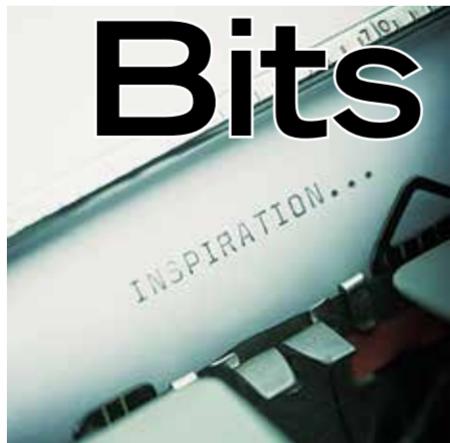
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Bits & Pieces

WhidbeyHealth EMS Supports Safer Schools with Another AED Installation



Robert May, left, with Coupeville Superintendent Steve King

It all happens when you least expect it. You don't have time to think; minutes count with cardiac arrest.

Saving lives is everything behind Whidbey-Health Emergency Medical Services' ongoing installations of free, life-saving Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) all over the island. The Coupeville School District is the most recent recipient. EMS installed a second AED and alarmed wall cabinet in the school district's Performing Arts Center at the high school Jan. 27. It also installed one at the district's Mickey Clark Field behind the elementary school this past fall.

"The importance of having these life-saving devices in public cannot be understated. Data shows that having an AED on site increases the chances of survival by three times for victims of sudden cardiac arrest," says WhidbeyHealth Lead Paramedic Robert May.

May and other members of WhidbeyHealth EMS presented the \$1,200 AED and cabinet as a gift, with funds donated to EMS and facilitated by the WhidbeyHealth Foundation.

Unless treated within minutes, sudden cardiac arrest is fatal for 95 percent of victims. It's also important that potential lifesavers know how to recognize a cardiac arrest, to call 911, how to perform hands-only CPR and how to use the device.

May gave instructions for all of it, including how to use the AED, and said he was grateful for the overwhelming commitment to safety in our schools under the leadership of Coupeville District Superintendent Steve King, who was there to formally welcome the gift.

Nine AEDs have been installed by EMS at:

- The bus stop in front of Whidbey Telecom in Freeland
- South Whidbey Community Park
- South Whidbey Sports Complex
- Red Apple Prairie Center Market, Coupeville
- Knead 'n Feed restaurant on Front Street, Coupeville
- Port of Coupeville Wharf
- Coupeville Boat Launch
- Coupeville Mickey Clark Field
- Fort Nugent Park, Oak Harbor

Get ready to save a life. Take a hands-only CPR and AED use class, or receive a one hour, free, refresher class with Lead Medic Robert May of WhidbeyHealth EMS. Call 360-914-3171 to register.

WhidbeyHealth EMS will also offer "ACT To Save a Life" training at 6:00PM Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Robert and June Sebo Health Education Center on the lower level of the hospital. This free, one-hour first-aid training focuses on three skills you can use to save a life in the first few minutes of an emergency including, administering antidotes to counteract opioid overdoses, providing CPR for sudden cardiac arrest, and applying tourniquets to control serious bleeding. ACT stands for Antidote + CPR + Tourniquet. Call 360-914-3171 for details and to register.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff, Public Relations Officer, WhidbeyHealth]

Great Northwest Glass Quest

The Camano Island Chamber of Commerce is delighted to welcome you to celebrate the 11th Annual Great Northwest Glass Quest. The Pacific Northwest is known throughout the world for its fine glass artists. People come

from far and wide to view and purchase glass art in the Puget Sound area. Stanwood and Camano Island are part of this rich heritage, with many artists living and working in the area. In collaboration with the Camano Chamber of Commerce, artists Mark and Marcus Ellinger are giving everyone a chance to own a hand-blown glass ball simply by searching for it. The "treasure" is yours to find!

The 2020 Great Northwest Glass Quest starts Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 23. Here's how it works: pick up a Glass Quest Guide at any participating business, or download a copy from the Glass Quest site: www.thegreatnw-glassquest.com. You can also download the Glass Quest App. The guide will tell you where to look for plastic clue balls which are turned in to receive a limited-edition, stamped and signed hand-blown glass treasure. There will be over 440 clue balls hidden over the course of the 10-day event.

If after pursuing your Quest, a prize eludes you - all is not lost! You can participate in a free drawing every day you Quest by "checking-in" online as well as handing in a completed passport to be entered into a drawing.

Take part in the Greatest Treasure Hunt in the Pacific Northwest with the 11th Annual Great Northwest Glass Quest.

[Submitted by Jessica McCready, Executive Director, Camano Island Chamber of Commerce]

Celebrate a SUVA-Style Valentine's

All those drawn to the sea will gather Friday, Feb. 14, at the Mariners & Mermaids Gala Auction and Dance to celebrate with those they love as well as honor the work of the Coupeville Maritime Heritage Foundation and raise funds for the preservation of the historic Schooner SUVA.

The Wind and Rain Band will provide the evening's music while guests, dressed as relaxed mariners or sparkling mermaids, enjoy sweet Valentine treats and bid on an array of silent auction items, ranging from a beautiful hand-crafted model sailboat to gift certificates from Whidbey Island's favorite restaurants and beauty spas.

All bids will support the Coupeville Maritime Heritage Foundation and its living symbol, the Schooner SUVA, a classic 68-foot schooner built 95 years ago for island resident Frank Pratt, who knew first-hand how unique Whidbey Island and its people are. Today, trained crews and captains sail the Schooner SUVA during the summer season, sharing with onboard guests from Seattle and beyond the history and beauty that defines our spectacular island home.

Event tickets can be purchased online at SchoonerSuva.org or at the door.

Island merchants and residents wishing to donate auction items should contact Ana Kinkaid, event chair, at anakinkaid@gmail.com

[Submitted by Ana Kinkaid]

Admiralty Lighthouse Undergoes Major Renovation

Iconic Fort Casey structure closed until late summer

Visitors to Fort Casey Historical State Park can expect to see the iconic Admiralty Head Lighthouse surrounded by scaffolding. It is temporarily off-limits to the public. Last week, the century-old lighthouse was closed for major renovation work. During construction, the interior and grounds immediately surrounding the lighthouse will not be accessible. The lighthouse is scheduled to reopen in late summer.

The last time any work was done on the lighthouse was 10 years ago when the roof and some windows were replaced. Much of the exterior stucco and metal work are deteriorating, the interior walls have cracks and some railings need repair.

Renovation work to the lighthouse tower, the attached lighthouse residence and the nearby oil house includes:

Can You Improve Your Relationship with Money?

In your life, you will have all sorts of relationships - with your family, your friends, your co-workers, and even with civic groups and charitable organizations you support. But have you ever considered another key relationship - the one you have with money?

Of course, this type of relationship has several aspects, such as saving, spending and investing. And your fellow Americans clearly face some challenges in these areas. For example, in a recent survey by financial services firm Edward Jones, only 21% of respondents reported that they feel happy when thinking about saving money, while 92% said they see room for improvement in their financial health. Yet only one in four plan to improve their spending habits. Furthermore, only 26% said retirement was a top savings priority.

If you share some of these concerns, what should you do? Here are a few suggestions:

- Identify your money-related emotions. Try to recognize the emotions you feel in connection with saving and investing. Do you get nervous about spending? Does putting away money for the future give you satisfaction or not? Do you worry that you don't know how much you should be investing, or whether you're investing in the right way? Clearly, these types of questions can cause some anxiety - and, even more importantly, they may lead you to make poor decisions. Emotions are obviously closely tied to money - but they really should not play a big role in your spending, saving and investing choices.

- Develop a financial strategy. By developing a sound financial strategy, you can reduce money-related stress and help yourself feel empowered as you look to the future. A comprehensive strategy can help you identify your goals - a down payment on a new home, college for your children, a comfortable retirement, and so on - and identify a path toward reaching them. Your financial strategy should incorporate a variety of factors, including your age, risk tolerance, income level, family situation and more. Here's the key point: By creating a long-term strategy and sticking to it, you'll be far less likely to overreact to events such as market downturns and less inclined to give in to impulses such as "spur of the moment" costly purchases. And without such a strategy, you will almost certainly have less chance of achieving your important goals.

- Get an "accountability partner." Your relationship with money doesn't have to be monogamous - you can get help from an "accountability partner." Too many people keep their financial concerns and plans to themselves, not even sharing them with their partners or other family members. But by being open about your finances to your loved ones, you can not only avoid misplaced expectations but also enlist the help of someone who may be able to help keep you on track toward your short- and long-term goals. But you may also benefit from the help of a financial professional - someone with the perspective, experience and skills necessary to help you make the right moves.

Like all successful relationships, the one you have with money requires work. But you'll find it's worth the effort.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor,

North Whidbey Hearts & Hammers is a new nonprofit that is dedicated to building community by providing home improvement assistance to homeowners with physical or financial needs. Volunteers go out in teams on the second Saturday in May to repair, paint, mow, and pull weeds.

We held our first annual Community Dinner fundraiser Jan. 18 and would like to thank the following local businesses and residents for their generous contributions to our very successful evening: United Methodist Church, Swinomish Casino and Lodge, Jonas Rosenberg-Summit Funding, Chris Cozine, Petco, Candlewood Suites, Lotus Tea Bar, Carol and Bob Wall, Orlando's, Fraser's, Rustica, The BBQ Joint, Terrace Wine Bar and Bistro, Home Depot, Greenhouse Florist, Whidbey Playhouse, Whidbey Coffee, Chris' Bakery, Frida's-a Beautiful Mess, Whidbey Customs Landscaping, Melissa Fritch, Gary Wray, and Reid and Christy Schwartz.

For anyone who would like to donate or volunteer to help, NWH&H can be reached at nwheartsandhammers@gmail.com or nwheartsandhammers.org.

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Preventing Window Strikes



Kim Nelson - photo by Sara Roth Abe

Scientific researchers have estimated between 365 million to one billion birds die from window collisions in the United States each year. With North American bird species being in decline by as much as 30 percent since 1970, it's incredibly important to learn how to help protect birds now.

Whidbey Audubon Society hosts avian conservationist Kim Nelson Thursday, Feb. 13. She will discuss the effectiveness, aesthetics, affordability and feasibility of various window treatments used in collision prevention as well as focus on collision monitoring programs in North America. Window treatment samples will be available for people to see. The public is welcome to this free meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation meeting hall in Freeland at 20103 State Route 525. Doors open at 7:00PM and the program begins at 7:30PM.

Kim Nelson has worked and volunteered in the avian conservation field for the past 13 years with time spent as a senior bird keeper, wildlife rehabilitation, research associate, naturalist and outreach coordinator. She is currently the assistant curator for Whidbey Audubon Society's Bird Specimen Library and is the youth education chair for Skagit Audubon Society. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California San Diego and a master's degree in biology from Miami University's Global Field Program with an emphasis in bird-window collision prevention.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]



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- Exterior and interior masonry work
- Metal work in the tower structure
- Window restoration
- Painting of both structures and interior and exterior metal lantern components

In March, a temporary lighthouse exhibit center and gift shop will open at the Fort Casey park office building. (Days and hours of operation will be posted on the agency's website.) Visitors will be able to view a selection of exhibits normally housed inside the lighthouse and speak with volunteer experts about the lighthouse and its history. In addition, special volunteer-led interpretive talks outside the lighthouse are planned during the temporary closure.

For more information about the exhibit center, gift shop and interpretive talks, call the park office at 360-678-4519.

The anticipated cost to renovate the lighthouse is just under \$1.7 million. The 2019 Legislature approved capital funding for the lighthouse historic preservation project.

In 2019, Washington State Parks completed a comprehensive four-year restoration of the North Head Lighthouse at Cape Disappointment State Park.

[Submitted by Sharon Young-Hale, Program Specialist, Washington State Parks]

Despite Delays, Goosefoot and Port of South Whidbey Moving Forward on Full-Service Commercial Kitchen Project at Whidbey Island Fairgrounds in Langley

In September 2019, the Port of South Whidbey received permit approval from the City of Langley for the expansion and renovation of the Coffman building at the Fairgrounds. This is the moment the Port and Goosefoot had been waiting for. After five years of research and planning, construction could begin on expanding the existing commercial kitchen and updating the meeting space, most notably used for 4-H activities, community fundraisers and events.

But the enthusiasm was short-lived after the project went out to public bid. Port Districts are held to strict regulations when it comes to awarding projects to contractors. Contractors are expected to follow every specification on the drawings to the letter. That can have a big effect on the bottom line. "The lowest bid came in \$300,000 higher than our project budget," said Stan Reeves, the Port's executive director. "It was a big letdown." When he relayed the news to Marian Myszkowski, Goosefoot's lead on the project, she responded with "Ok then, time for Plan B."

The main goal of their collaboration is to incubate new food businesses on South Whidbey Island through improvements to the existing kitchen at the site, and the building of a separate kitchen to be used exclusively for baking. Planned upgrades include walk-in cold storage, additional convection ovens, a proofer, and professional grade processing equipment such as mixers and a steam jacketed kettle to allow for more efficient and bigger production runs.

"Economic development is central to both of our missions, so this is a perfect collaboration," states Curt Gordon, port commissioner, district 3. "The Port and Goosefoot have been on the same page since day one and we are all committed to seeing this project through to the end."

This kitchen will be geared towards culinary entrepreneurs of all stripes: those wishing to produce and sell products—whether baked goods, jams, sauces or soups, teach classes, offer pop-up restaurants, cater meals, or do something with a bumper crop of produce. While the Port is overseeing the necessary renovations to the building for the kitchen expansion, Goosefoot is providing all the new equipment mentioned above. They will also be responsible for managing all aspects of the kitchen and rentals once the project is completed.

"Goosefoot is more confident than ever that this commercial kitchen facility is needed here on Whidbey," said Sandy Whiting, Goosefoot's executive director. "The interest in eating

locally isn't limited to fresh produce and meat. The interest in locally produced specialty food items is growing nationally. With Whidbey's unique mix of farmers, foodies, and entrepreneurs, a facility like this is needed."

So, what is Plan B? Figuring out if the project can be done less expensively. "We are exploring options about how to reduce costs in the current plans and still meet our base requirements," said Reeves. "Worst case scenario is we reduce the project scope. We prefer to have an improved meeting space as part of the renovation, but our first priority is expanding the commercial kitchen facility."

In the meantime, the current kitchen continues to be available for those needing a commercially licensed facility in which to prepare food items. Those interested in renting the kitchen should contact the Port of South Whidbey.

[Submitted by Marian A. Myszkowski, Director of Programs, Goosefoot Community Fund]

Skagit Valley College Selects Joe Amaral as New Volleyball Head Coach



The Skagit Valley College Athletic Department has selected Joe Amaral, of Bellingham, to serve as the new volleyball head coach of the Cardinals. He will be joined by Assistant Coaches Lauryn Halley and Kiana Calles.

"I am very excited and honored to be leading Skagit Valley's volleyball program," said coach Amaral. "I look forward to everything that lies ahead. Go Cardinals!"

Amaral began his volleyball career as an accomplished player (Libero) in San Jose, Calif., where his team (Bellarmine Prep) placed fifth in the nation. After high school, he went to Western Washington University and helped his team (as a setter) place fifth in the nation for division two colleges. He continues to be an accomplished player, competing in adult open-level tournaments.

Most recently, Joe served as head coach at Squalicum High School. During his tenure at Squalicum, he coached the team to a top eight finish in the 3A State tournament in his second year coaching (2016).

Amaral has also been a successful club coach for the Skagit Island Volleyball Academy (SIVA) where he has coached a U15 team to a number one ranking for the Puget Sound Region and won open tournaments in the U16 division. He also coached at multiple player development camps including Seattle University, Nike Camps and Guy Enriques' Team Camp.

Skagit Valley College is a member of the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC), which consists of two-year colleges in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and one college in British Columbia.

[Submitted by Arden Ainley, Chief Public Information Officer, SVC]

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AARP Tax Aide: Free Tax Filing Help

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27, 1:00-7:00PM
Island Senior Resources, 14594 SR 525, Langley

Free tax return preparation and e-filing for taxpayers with low and moderate income. This service is a joint venture with the IRS to promote filing returns electronically. Special attention to those ages 60 and over. AARP membership is not required. For an appointment call 360-678-3000, leaving name, telephone number, requested site and date.

Island Herb Vendor Day

Thursday, February 6, 2:00-5:00PM
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from BMF Washington will be on site with product displays and information. Must be 21 or older. Island Herb is located at 5565 Vanbarr Pl, Unit F. For more information, call 360-331-0140 or visit whidbeyislandherb.com. *This product has intoxicating effects and may be habit forming. Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination, and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug. There may be health risks associated with consumption of this product. For use only by adults 21 and older. Keep out of the reach of children.

Live Music: Jeremy Abbott

Friday, February 7, 7:30-9:30PM
Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Influenced by many genres but primarily reggae, rock and electronic, enjoy this live music performance. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

RED

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 7:30PM
Saturdays, February 8, 15, 22, 7:30PM
Sundays, February 9, 16, 2:00PM
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Set in Mark Rothko's painting studio in New York City in the 1950s, RED is an emotional and dynamic play which shows Rothko's absorption in his work through the lens of his new assistant and aspiring painter. Director Vito Zingarelli sums the play up as, "the illumination of a creative process brought to life onstage." Tickets for Friday and Saturday shows are \$24; \$22 for seniors; ages 18 and under free. Sunday all seats \$17; ages 18 and under free. Visit www.wicaonline.org.

Story Slam

Saturday, February 8, 3:30-5:00PM
Pacific Northwest Art School, Coupeville

Story Slam is a 5 minute storytelling competition. The subject is Love. Storytellers registration fee is \$15. Prizes available for competitors. Refreshments will be served as well.

Women's Suffrage in Washington

Friday, February 14, 11:00AM-6:00PM
Island County Historical Museum, Coupeville

Come help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters and the opening of a special exhibit "Women's Suffrage in Washington" at the Island County Historical Museum. Members of our local league, LWV of Whidbey Island, will be on hand throughout the day to host visitors and provide information about voting, voting rights, and voter registration in Washington State. There will be a cake cutting and proclamation at 3:00PM.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

WIHHA Presents: Mindful Self-Compassion

Thursday, February 6, 4:00-6:00PM
Freeland Library

Join Charlene Ray, heart-centered counselor and teacher, to learn tools and techniques for being more compassionate and loving toward yourself. We all have an inner critic that can be harsh at times, and we all experience moments of suffering in life. Learn how to bring mindfulness and kindness to yourself and experience a happier and calmer life! Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit wihha.com.

Make Your Own Valentines

Saturday, February 8, 12:00-3:00PM
Clinton Library

All ages are welcome to stop by between noon and 3:00PM to create handcrafted cards for those they love in time for Valentine's Day. Supplies will be provided.

Third Annual 2020 Whidbey Island Seed Swap

Saturday, February 8, 2:00-5:00PM
Coupeville Library

Bring seeds, plants, tubers and garden know-how to swap and share. Join the growing Whidbey Island seed-saving movement for our future resilience. Kathryn O'Brien, Sno-Isle Libraries organizer and agricultural educator, will start the swap off by giving a short introduction about local seed saving at 2:15PM. Designed for gardening newbies and master gardeners alike, this swap will provide people an opportunity to get seeds from other local growers and share seeds from their own local harvest. Even if you have nothing to swap, come and get a few seeds; you will then have them to grow and share next year. Bring seeds you have saved in a clearly labeled baggie or envelope. Do not bring seeds collected from hybrid plants, as they won't grow true to type.

Aging in Grace

Monday, February 10, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Freeland Library

Come laugh, cry, make friends and connect with others as we accept and adapt to the limitations aging brings. All are welcome. Facilitated by Nicole Donovan, the aging and disability resource manager of Island Senior Resources.

Discuss the Classics with Rita Bartell Drum

Mondays, February 10, 24, 1:30PM
Oak Harbor Library

Join us as we share the wit, wisdom and occasional controversy of Mark Twain's lesser known essays. We open with a summary for those who may not have been able to complete the reading. It's just more fun this way! For more information, contact Rita Bartell Drum at ritadrum777@gmail.com or 631-707-5980.

Raptors of Whidbey Island

Monday, February 10, 5:30-7:00PM
Coupeville Library

Learn about 11 species of raptors we can usually see right here on Whidbey Island with Michelle Landis from Falcon Research Group and Whidbey Audubon Society. She will walk us through field marks, habitat, flight styles and a beautiful stuffed specimen collection.

Clinton Library Book Group

Wednesday, February 12, 10:00-11:00AM
Clinton Library

Everyone is welcome to join our discussion of "Me Before You" by Jo Jo Moyes.

Religious Services

South Whidbey Community Church

Sundays, 9:00-9:45AM Adult Bible Study
10:00-11:00AM Worship

Deer Lagoon Grange, 5142 Bayview Rd, Langley

Sunday, February 9 - Pastor Wenzek: What I Want (The problem of stealing; the Blessings of Giving). Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

Holden Village Poetry and Song

Sunday, February 9, 3:00PM
Langley United Methodist Church
Free

Pacific Northwest poet Tim Sherry comes to Langley to read poems about Holden Village from his latest collection, *Holy Ghost Town*. Once an abandoned copper mine, Holden has been a beloved intergenerational retreat center and thriving wilderness community in the North Cascades for over 50 years (holdenvillage.org). Following the reading, Karl Olsen and Katrina Bentsen will lead the beautiful Holden Evening Prayer, which is being sung all over the world during the month of February. All are welcome. For more information, email shiner.dianne@gmail.com.

Galleries & Art Shows

Unique Local Art Show

Thursday, February 6, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Friday, February 7, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Saturday, February 8, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Sunday, February 9, 10:00AM-5:00PM
The Loft Studio, Oak Harbor

Featuring Basket Works N.W. by Reggie, Earth & Clay, Danielle Bartlett Art, Atelier Michele Studio, Vision Arts, Edna Lingberg Reichert, Freeland Art Shack, and Photographer R.E. Yelton. Local artists of any kind may sign up to give classes, etc. in this space. The Loft Studio is located 715 SE Fidalgo Ave. Call Reggie at 206-310-8142 for more information.

Featured Artist: Marianne Borozny

Meet the Artist: Thursday, February 13, 10:00AM-5:00PM
Penn Cove Gallery, Coupeville

Photographer Marianne Borozny will be at Penn Cove Gallery with some of her photography equipment. Marianne has explored the natural and the created landscape for nearly 30 years. Her work shows she easily recognizes the beauty and idiosyncrasies in those landscapes.

Meetings & Organizations

Greenbank Garden Club

Thursday, February 6, 9:30AM-12:00PM
Greenbank Progressive Club

Social time followed by a brief meeting starting promptly at 10:00AM. Our speaker is Henry Vanden Haak from the Oak Harbor Florist and Nursery speaking on Bonsai. New members and guests always welcome.

Whidbey Weavers Guild

Thursday, February 6, 1:00PM
Pacific Rim Institute, Coupeville

Cheryl Lawrence, a local fabric artist (cheryl-lawrenceart.com) will present about Contemporary Katazome. She will explain how she uses the ancient art of katazome to create contemporary comment on nature and politics. For more information, visit www.whidbeyweaversguild.org.

Flying Fingers

Friday, February 7, 5:45-6:45PM
Langley United Methodist Church

A pleasant monthly chat/signing group for deaf, hard-of-hearing and anyone interested seeing signing in conversational situation. Refreshments shared, room donation not mandatory, celebrate birthdays and holidays.

If you bring children leave message, so preparations may be made ahead of gathering. Call 360-221-0383 or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com. Meetings held in Fireside Room, follow signage.

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Monday, February 10, 12:45PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

New members and guests are always welcome. The meeting will start with sign-in and greeting of each other - followed at 1:00PM by our program, "DNA Testing Invalidated My Family Tree." Herb McDaniel will give a brief overview of genetic testing, then a personal case study of finding his biological maternal grandfather and meeting some of his children. Herb currently co-chairs the Seattle Genealogical Society DNA Special Interest Group.

Relay Rally

Wednesday, February 12, 7:00-8:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

For more info, visit www.facebook.com/whidbeyrelay or email relaywhidbey@gmail.com.

Republican Women of North Whidbey

Thursday, February 13, 11:30AM-1:00PM
Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

Pamela R. Hager McCunn will be the guest speaker. Pam, a longtime member of DAR, has served in various capacities in various chapters. She'll be speaking about women in history and specifically about Lady Agent 355 of the Culper Spy Ring operating in the Revolutionary War. \$15 at the door also gets you a delicious lunch buffet. For planning purposes, non-members please RSVP to 360-320-1323.

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit www.whidbeyweekly.com

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Thursday, February 6, 7:00-9:00PM
Oak Harbor Library Meeting Room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 6:45PM. No late admittance allowed. Open to all and required by local driving schools for driver's education students and parents. For more information, call 360-672-8219 or visit www.idpic.org.

Haven Volunteer Training

Saturday, February 8, 10:30AM-12:00PM
Oak Harbor Library Meeting Room

Volunteer training for persons 18 and older to host at our homeless shelter in Oak Harbor, called the Haven. Background check required.

Simplify, Save & Streamline This Tax Season

Thursday, February 13, 10:00-11:30AM
Create Space, 723 Camano Avenue, Langley

Hear from the professionals on best practices, mistakes to avoid and how to make this tax season as easy as possible. Learn how to save time and money on your taxes; discover common red flags that can cause an audit and how to avoid them. Space is limited! Please RSVP to heather@mainspringwa.com or call 360-341-1415. Complimentary and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Preventing Diabetes

Thursday, February 13, 1:00-3:00PM
WhidbeyHealth Medical Center, Coupeville

Learn more about diabetes, insulin resistance and blood-sugar targets. Get an introduction to basic carb counting, label reading and reducing risk through healthy eating, being active, and making change. Meet in the MAC Unit Conference Room.

Sourdough Bagel Demonstration Free Class

Saturday, February 22, 10:00AM-1:00PM
Concordia Lutheran Church, Oak Harbor

Although it is a demonstration class, there will be times to get your hands in some dough. Class size is limited to 15, so please visit concordiaoakharbor.org to sign up. Presented by Concordia Community Academy.



Thank you for reading! Please recycle the Whidbey Weekly when you are finished with it.





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“M*A*S*H 4077” comes to 98277

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

One has only to say “Hawkeye,” “Trapper” or even “Duke” to get a reaction from fans of “M*A*S*H 4077.” The iconic movie, followed by the long-running television series, is also a popular stage play – and it opens Friday at the Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

Richard Hooker’s book, adapted for the stage by Tim Kelly, will run through Feb. 23, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The production is directed by Cynthia Kleppang with Jim Reynolds – a familiar face on stage - as assistant director.

“It’s kind of rounding out that whole theater experience for me,” he said. “My main mission was to perform in every genre and once that was checked, I was ready to do the directing thing and Cynthia came to me and asked if I wanted to assist, and I said ‘Whatever you need.’”

Reynolds said he has enjoyed being able to step back and look at the big picture, seeing how all the characters of this zany-but-purposeful story fit together outside of the film or television show.

“While it emulates the film a bit more, it’s a stage production, which is a unique animal in itself,” said Reynolds. “We went out of our way to make the set simple, but it’s got a lot of detail on it. I think the audience will appreciate the nuances of it all.”

Fitting a big story with big characters onto the Playhouse stage was Kleppang’s biggest challenge, she said. But the set captures the essence of M*A*S*H and is used to good effect in the production.

With a cast of 25, audiences will recognize a lot of familiar faces and plenty of new faces, too.

“This is the best cast,” said Kleppang. “They range from actors who have been doing it all their lives to brand new people who have never been on the stage until now. It’s been pure joy to introduce them to the theater and I don’t know how the magic happened, but we got people you would find in M*A*S*H. They’re all just as wacky as the TV show.”

M*A*S*H, as most know, is set in a Mobile Army Surgical Unit during the Korean War. The plot centers around doctors Trapper, Hawkeye and Duke as they try to find a way to send a young Korean boy to the U.S. to get an education instead of winding up in the Korean military. Some of the actors in this production are military veterans or active duty themselves, which brings another layer of authenticity to the performances.

“I’m ex-military,” said Ben Honeycutt, who plays Capt. Frank Burns. “Frank Burns, in this script, serves as a really good example of what you shouldn’t be in the military. My goal was to make him an example of what not to be.”

Honeycutt said he appreciated being able to pull from his



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Duke (Dustin Amundson), left, and Hawkeye (Troy Haugen), right, discuss the happenings of their Mobile Army Surgical Unit with Col. Henry Blake (Dave Gibson) in the Whidbey Playhouse production of “M*A*S*H 4077,” opening Friday.

own military experience and also draw from other leaders he encountered while he was active duty.

“I was mid to senior leadership in the military and there are times you have to tell somebody things they’re not going to like. So, to a certain extent, I have had to be that mean guy,” he said. “And I’ve had a few of those – fortunately very few – so I’ve got those examples of those individuals to pull from and say ‘I can turn that into Frank Burns.’”

Nate Edmiston plays Capt. John “Trapper John” McIntyre.

“I like him (Trapper) because he is an exceptionally skilled doctor, but he’s also a no-nonsense person in the rest of the world but his only concern is being a good doctor,” he said. “Another thing that’s admirable about him is that it doesn’t matter who you are, once you get on his operating table, he will give 100 percent of his best to save your life. And that is why he forms an immediate friendship with Hawkeye and Duke, because they are both the same way.”

Edmiston, who is also a Navy veteran, said he thinks many people in the audience will be able to identify with characters and events in the play.

“Some of the things we’re doing, they’re going to be sitting back going ‘I did that,’ ‘I heard of someone doing that.’ It will bring a smile to a lot of the veterans and current active duty,” he said.

Like Kleppang and Reynolds, Edmiston said he feels this cast has come together much like the casts of the movie and the series, and there are clear moments on stage when their enjoyment of a scene is real and authentic, whether they’re playing a joke on someone or singing along with a guitar.



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
The members of M*A*S*H 4077 come together for some hijinx and practical jokes. The play opens Friday at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor.

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Holland Happening to stay Holland Happening

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Chamber Board of Directors says it has heard the voices of Oak Harbor residents and will not do away with the Holland Happening name after all.

The board reversed its decision to change the name of the event to “Spring Festival and Holland Happening Parade” following a social media outcry by hundreds of Oak Harbor residents, past and present.

After requesting hard-copy petitions representing signatures from 10 percent of the community to present to the board, the chamber’s Executive Director, Miranda Hoppock, issued this statement Tuesday morning:

“The Greater Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce has heard the community’s interest in preserving the tradition of Holland Happening,” the release stated.

“The community event in April will be called ‘Holland Happening Parade & Festival.’ This event celebrates our Dutch culture while also welcoming all backgrounds that make our community rich and vibrant.

“We are so moved to see and hear the genuine love this community has for this long-standing tradition and are very pleased to respond in kind,” the statement continued. “We welcome community support and participation!”

The decision to change the name of the event happened last year, following comments from out of town visitors who complained it wasn’t really a Dutch festival. However, Oak Harbor residents didn’t know of the change until the Chamber posted an announcement for a Spring Festival on Facebook, where it was noted the event was “formerly known as Holland Happening.”

The announcement drew immediate criticism from residents like Brian Jones, who started an online petition against the name change that drew a quick response from people.

“My first reaction [to the decision] is I need to call the chamber to say ‘Thank you,’ and volunteer to be on the Holland Happening committee,” Jones said, adding he hopes others will join him.

“I’m very glad the chamber board decided to listen to the people of Oak Harbor,” he continued. “I am hopeful the petitions will rally people to volunteer to help with this festival and that the Chamber of Commerce and the people who put on Holland Happening are conscious of the connection to our city’s past that we celebrate with this festival.”

Petitions were placed in approximately 23

businesses around Oak Harbor, according to Autumn Sundown, who organized the printed petition drive. Sundown said they captured nearly 1,800 signatures, about 7.5 percent of the population, but that figure represents 40 percent of the number of people who voted in the last mayoral election.

“I’m really proud of my community,” Sundown said. “People got off their couches and out from behind their computers and were proactive. I’m really proud of every one. I think it gave [the Chamber] a really good picture of the community’s feelings.”

This is the 51st year of the annual festival celebrating Oak Harbor’s Dutch heritage. All those interested in helping organize or participate in the event are encouraged to get involved. More information can be found online at www.oakharborchamber.com.





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"BIGGER" CAN HELP MORE WITH LESS

The GMO debate continues over whether or not genetically modified foods have adverse effects on us. I believe most of us simply do not understand the science behind modified foods, so we tend to scrutinize any change in the taste, shape, or size of a product that did not occur naturally, believing it to be potentially unsafe. The "bigger" I'm referring to has nothing to do with DNA manipulation. I'm talking about bringing back what once happened naturally - and if you talk to any salmon fisherman over the age of 65, was a common sight. I'm talking about 40- to 60-pound Chinook salmon! And lots of them!

What if we were able to fill our freezers and canning jars by catching two or three big salmon instead of needing to catch six or seven smaller ones? Imagine one 60-pound king salmon feeding your entire family for a week or longer and still having enough to share with your neighbors. Instead, at the present time, we would need to catch six 10-pounders, or worse yet, ten 6-pounders to provide the same amount of tasty, usable fillets. Imagine the total number of fish that would still be left to swim, spawn, and feed other wildlife by the recreational fishermen alone, not to mention the incredible amount of fish that would be left to flourish in the oceans if the commercial and tribal salmon fishing industry were able to meet their approved weight quota with a fraction of the fish needed to reach their target weight.

Our nation can take pride in the fact we have become very efficient at growing quality fruits, vegetables, and meats. With a little protection from the elements, along with a little natural fertilizer, we can enjoy healthy-sized fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the year. Over the last 60 to 75 years, we have learned how and what to feed our poultry and livestock, enabling them to grow big, strong, and healthy, giving us more meat protein per animal. I'm not talking genetically modified foods, I'm talking about good old fashioned care for plants and selective breeding of animals, ending up with the ability to feed more with less. In today's markets, with simple, selective animal combinations, we have bigger chickens, we have bigger turkeys, and we have bigger beef cattle. Consider the super race horses born after careful selection of a stallion and a mare, like Man o'War, Secretariat, Seattle Slew, War Admiral, and American Pharoah, just to name a few. Think about the cowboys who climb on the backs of incredible bucking bulls like Bodacious, Little Yellow Jacket, Red Rock, Bushwhacker, and Dillinger; these fine animals all came from big, strong top-of-the-line bulls and heifers.

It's time to search for, identify and capture the Secretariats and Dillingers of the Chinook salmon world that can ensure record numbers of big, 50-pound average King salmon are with us and commonplace once again. Big fish will make big changes for the better - look, it can't get much worse than it is right now. Why not think big? Big fish have an extraordinary ecological and economic function. One thing holds true for many fish species: When the quantity of large parental fish is low due to over-fishing or non-selective fishing practices, a greater quantity of eggs usually leads to a higher number of juvenile fish. In this regard, the productive large male and female fish play a fundamental role in re-population. If the mega spawn-

ers are systematically taken out, this favors more inexperienced, smaller females who have lower reproductive output. There are also reasons in our economy and our society that speak to the need of the "big old male and females." Anglers love photos with big fish to help them remember their special catch, and professional fishers can fetch higher market prices for some fish species, such as Bluefin tuna. My son, Zachary, is a graduate of Bellingham Technical College in the fisheries field; he understands the science of fish and knows there needs to be a balance between 15-pound salmon and 50-pound salmon. He also acknowledges the fact the obvious problem is we have been way out of balance for many, many years; the big fish are basically non-existent compared to the smaller fish.

How do we start the recovery of big Chinooks? How do we bring the big Chinooks back into balance? We already feel and have been experiencing the pain of the slow, drawn out methods the government agencies practice; expensive, never-ending studies our tax dollars pay for which always seem to lead to further restrictions and not on the recreational fisherman's behalf. Enough said.

Now consider this plan: Secure 10 years of unlimited funding, generated and donated by private citizens and businesses to jump-start the goal of BIG KINGS, (apply the SpaceX and Tesla mind-set to Big Chinook recovery) quickly research, survey, and designate a minimum of three existing large water-flow hatcheries on rivers that had no documented native Chinook salmon runs. If these hatcheries do not exist, then we build them. Do not infringe upon proven Tribal lands without legal documented Tribal consent. Prepare the hatcheries to accommodate the larger eggs so successful incubation and rearing to releasable size juvenile fish can take place and only mark 50 percent of released fish; solicit and apply all proven practices of the most successful Chinook-producing hatcheries, including the quickest known avoidance and recovery plans for potential catastrophic hatchery damage and fish loss.

Here's where things get good: Widespread, standard monetary reward programs targeting recreational and commercial salmon fishermen - "Bring us the Big Old Fish alive!" Highly publicized optimum salmon capture and deliver locations, dates, and times of the big Chinook for maximum egg collection. Designated short-term collection sites state wide with complete mobile readiness to transport the closely spawn-ready fish by plane, train, and automobile from collection sites to the awaiting hatcheries. Sequenced return and distribution of the adult nutrients back into the river systems to stimulate and support ecological balance. Have in place motivated employees who fully understand their work is making a positive difference and they are there helping bring back sustainable big fish, and setting the bar high for future generations of anglers.

Finally, expansion. When the big fish balance has been restored, monitor and maintain the balance and share this concept with all compatible states. For a plan like this to work would take thick skin, a long push-pole to push past all of the nay-sayers, and dedication. But America was built on such bold ideas, carried out by bold people. So the next time you're out salmon fishing and catch a 5-pounder, just imagine what a 50-pounder would be like. Be safe and GOOD LUCK out there!

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Penn Cove Shellfish petitions for raft relocation

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

From being a staple of local restaurants' mussel chowder to having an entire event centered around the shellfish, mussels have long been an important and celebrated piece of Whidbey Island's culture and economy. Beginning in 1975, Penn Cove Shellfish LLC has been a leader in mussel production on the island, eventually growing to be a large scale producer and distributor of mussels and other shellfish.

Ian Jefferds, general manager of Penn Cove Shellfish, said in the past, the company has operated two sites for mussel production, one in Penn Cove and the other in Quilcene Bay. Due to objections from the Skokomish Tribe during a lease renewal, the company will no longer use the Quilcene Bay site, which has provided additional production since 1996. Jefferds said the loss of Quilcene Bay as a second facility could have adverse effects, especially if problems with water quality - such as a red tide in Penn Cove - ever arise.

"It could hit us with some severe economic impact," he said.

Jefferds said as a way to bolster production, the company has applied to bring over 10 of the 15 rafts from Quilcene Bay to Penn Cove. He said the plan must be approved by several entities, including the Island County Planning Department, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Jefferds said locals wishing to show support could do so by writing letters to various planning agencies.

"Locals could write to the Island County Planning Director and they could write letters of support for relocation to the Department of Natural Resources and to the Army Corps of Engineers," he said.

Jefferds said he feels the relocation would help offset some of the loss caused by leaving Quilcene Bay.

"It is going to improve our production capacity at Penn Cove and increase our capacity a little bit," he said. "And we will have rafts

that will be all similar and it will improve crop management."

Jefferds said the proposed plans would not extend past the current area Penn Cove Shellfish occupies, but will simply be adding rafts to certain rows and provide a different utilization of the space.

"We are going to stay within our existing DNR lease boundaries so that it is not going to be an expansion outside of that area," he said. "It is something that is important for our company and our employees that work there."

Jefferds said he feels if the relocation of the rafts to Penn Cove was approved, it would ultimately bring a positive effect to the local community.

"I am trying to have a big picture view of what we are asking and at the same time, I think it is a good thing," he said. "I know it is something as a company that is going to be good for the company, based on the loss we are facing at Quilcene, and I think if it will help the company it will help the employees that work there and the rest of the community for the long run."

In addition to employing a number of island residents, Jefferds said the family-owned company makes an effort to contribute to community events.

"We are a sizable private employer for central Whidbey Island and we try to give back to the community in ways that are meaningful, (like) in collaboration with the Historic Waterfront Association and MusselFest, which has grown to be a significant event for central Whidbey," he said. "It brings a lot of people to the island and it kind of kicks off the start of the spring business season."

Jefferds said the company sponsors music and the beer garden tent at MusselFest, with the proceeds going to local scholarships and organizations.

"We sponsor a \$20,000 STEM scholarship at the Coupeville High School, it is the Penn Cove Shellfish Larry Engel Memorial Schol-



Photo Courtesy of Penn Cove Shellfish

Penn Cove Shellfish is in the process of applying to bring 10 rafts to its Penn Cove location, following the loss of its mussel farm in Quilcene Bay.

arship," he said. "The other part of the proceeds go to the Boys and Girls Club of Coupeville because in years past that has been a spot where people that are working for us, they can take their kids there. It is a safe place for kids to be after school before the parents get home from work."

Vickie Chambers, executive director of the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association, said Penn Cove Shellfish focuses on contributing to the community.

"I think it is important that the public know they (Penn Cove Shellfish) give back in different ways," she said.

Chambers said Penn Cove Shellfish bolsters local business by drawing in visitors from the island and beyond to get a glimpse and taste of the mussel farm and its products.

"We are known as central Whidbey to have the Penn Cove mussels in our backyard and as a result of that we see a lot of traffic, a lot of visitors coming here specifically to look at that and figure that out and learn the lesson that it is not your typical farm," she said.

"But as a result it brings a lot of business to our community just because they are here."

Chambers said in addition to drawing in business and donating to local organizations, Penn Cove Shellfish provides employment opportunities for locals.

"They are one of the biggest employers in central Whidbey and they have proven their

worth," she said. "They have been here, they want to stay here (and) their family is from this area."

Michelle Pezley, senior planner for the Land Use and Shorelines division of Island County Planning, said Penn Cove Shellfish applied for two applications for the additional rafts, a Certificate of Appropriateness (EBY-19-056) and a Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (465/19). She said the Historic Preservation Commission held a public hearing to review the proposal.

"The Historic Preservation Commission had no objections to the proposal in regards to the design of the additional rafts on Penn Cove and made a recommendation of approval to the Shoreline Conditional Use Permit," she said.

Pezley said there will be a public comment period ending Feb. 10, and comments may be submitted via mail to the Island County Planning Department, PO Box 5000, Coupeville WA 98239, or emailed to m.pezley@islandcountywa.gov. After the public comment period, a decision may be issued, followed by an appeal period. The county can then send the decision to the Department of Ecology for final approval. The proposed plan must also be approved by the DNR, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other planning organizations.

For more information on Penn Cove Shellfish, please visit www.penncoveshellfish.com/.

Coupeville woman named a Yosemite volunteer of the year

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Anne Katherine's love of the great outdoors in general and national parks in particular has paid great dividends over the years in terms of personal and professional satisfaction. Now, her dedication to one specific park has earned her a privileged title as a Yosemite National Park Volunteer of the Year.

The Coupeville woman was among nine volunteers chosen out of 13,000 to be honored. She was named "Research Library Volunteer, Enduring Volunteer of the Year" at a special ceremony last September.

"I received the Enduring Volunteer award, which means I came back more than once," she laughed, adding it was an honor to be selected out of so many other volunteers.

"I was stunned," she said. "My heart felt full and warm. I didn't even know I was in consideration. It was just the most satisfying feeling to know that my contribution had been noted and really counted."

Katherine's volunteer journey began right here on Whidbey Island, which she has called home since 1999.

"I got my start at Ebey's Landing [National Historical Reserve]," she explained. "I started at Jacob Ebey's house. I was a docent the first year it was opened to the public (2011), which started my volunteer career with the National Parks Service."

From Ebey's Landing, Katherine applied to Yosemite National Park in California and was accepted. She worked in the research library and has continued to volunteer there for at least two months each year for the past five years. She is returning to Yosemite next week to continue her work there, which she said has been varied, even leading to a paid position.

"I have been able to help with the research library, with search and rescue and last summer was my first as an employed Seasonal Ranger at Rainbow Bridge National Monument [in Utah]," Katherine said.



Photo Courtesy of Anne Katherine:

Anne Katherine, of Coupeville, has been selected as a Volunteer of the Year at Yosemite National Park in California for 2019. Katherine, who volunteers at the information desk, was chosen from among 13,000 volunteers.

Yosemite is not the only park at which Katherine has volunteered. Besides Ebey's Landing, she has volunteered at both Deception Pass and Fort Worden State Parks.

But it is Yosemite that has captured her heart.

"I did fall in love with it," she said. "When you roll into Yosemite, it's so massive, so grand, so stunning, that for a lot of people, it is a spiritual experience. I guess I had a similar experience the first time I went; I realized three weeks was not enough. I wanted to be there in every season, to understand it and follow every path. I realized the only way I could do that was to be a volunteer. I wanted to hang out there."

Katherine said she typically goes to Yosemite for two months at a time, sometimes four. But it is still not enough time.

"Yosemite is not only grand and beautiful, it has a strange creative power," she said. "People who are not well go there, and if they stay long enough, they get better, they find healing. But you have to treat it well."

Yosemite is the nation's first national park, established in 1890. It boasts incredible rock formations, such as El Capitan, the world's tallest granite monolith, which attracts rock climbers from all over the globe. Yosemite Falls is the largest waterfall in North America. The park is also known for its Giant Sequoias, believed to be over 3,000 years old.

Katherine said she returns year after year for three reasons.

"One reason is my colleagues and boss," she said. "They are unbelievably dedicated. These days anyone who works in a federal park is working at a greatly discounted salary than they would anywhere else, but they do it because they love their park, and I believe this is true throughout the system."

"Second is El Capitan and Yosemite Falls," she continued. "El Capitan is the first really giant thing you see when you enter the valley and it literally stops people. The other thing that stops people is the falls. It is magnificent; it's never the same from one second to the next. It dances. It's mesmerizing. Third is hiking and walking in the park."

If there was one thing Katherine could impress upon people who visit the park, it's to slow down.

"I'd like to take the opportunity to tell people that if they visit, please observe the speed limit," she said. "We lose bears every year because people are going too fast."

As she prepares for her next visit to Yosemite National Park, Katherine is laying out a plan for which trails she'll explore this trip, but as the saying goes, the best laid plans...

"I do plan my time, but it never happens that way," she said. "It's usually better. I do plan to hike a trail I love and a trail I haven't hiked before. But experience has taught me it never happens that way. Yosemite has plans for me."



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Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

1917: This Sam Mendes-directed, Roger Deakins-lensed World War I drama, already a critical darling, announced itself as a major awards contender with Best Director and Best Drama wins at the Golden Globes, as well as 10 Oscar nominations in all the categories that matter. ★★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

Bad Boys For Life: Will Smith and Martin Lawrence team up one last time (until the next time) as Miami cops looking to take down some big baddie in this entertaining, high-energy buddy comedy you'll forget five minutes after you leave the theater. ★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 4 min.)

Birds of Prey (And the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn): The title pretty much ate up all of my word count and that's probably for the best. ★★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

Dolittle: Robert Downey Jr. plays the man who can talk to animals (is it because of his accent of unknown origins? Is that why they can understand him?) and reunites with fellow Avenger Tom Holland (now a dog instead of a spider) to fight Thanos one last time (or save a princess, same same). ★ (PG • 1 hr. 46 min.)

The Gentlemen: Guy Ritchie, whose movies are like the cinematic equivalent of Axe Body Spray but also somehow likeable, remains true to form with another gangster thriller starring Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam, Hugh Grant, Henry Golding, Colin Farrell, and more. ★★★ (R • 1 hr. 43 min.)

Gretel & Hansel: In trying to discern what this movie was all about, I stumbled upon a 2013 film titled "Hansel & Gretel Get Baked," which is about a brother and sister who battle a witch who uses magic marijuana to lure teens into her home. Going out on a limb to say that's the best "Hansel & Gretel" of all time and this movie should just go home. ★★ (PG-13)

Jumanji: The Next Level: This franchise is proof the Rock's considerable charms are enough to overwhelm and overcome even the most mediocre premise and razor-thin plot. I'm not mad about it. I'm charmed by him too. ★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 40 min.)

Just Mercy: Michael B. Jordan plays Bryan Stevenson, a Harvard-educated lawyer who has dedicated his life to defending the wrongfully accused and underrepresented, as he takes on the case of Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx) sentenced to Alabama's death row for a murder he did not commit. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 16 min.)

Knives Out: This Agatha Christie-esque murder mystery has an excellent ensemble

cast—Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Jamie Lee Curtis, Toni Collette, Christopher Plummer, etc.—an excellent director—Rian Johnson—and excellent reviews. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 10 min.)

The Last Full Measure: The true story of Vietnam War hero William H. Pitsenbarger, who saved more than 60 men during the bloodiest battle of the war and then had his incredible bravery buried by the U.S. government until Sebastian Stan (as Pentagon staffer Scott Huffman) came along to ensure he received the Medal of Honor he deserved. ★★★ (R • 1 hr. 55 min.)



Little Women: Greta Gerwig was robbed. Get it together, Academy. ★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 15 min.)

The Rhythm Section: Blake Lively dons a very bad wig and seeks revenge after her family was killed in a plane crash that was no accident. Spoiler alert: Jude Law is in this movie, so obviously he's the surprise villain. See also: nearly every other movie he's ever been in. ★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

Spies in Disguise: A family-friendly buddy comedy in which Will Smith and Tom Holland voice animated characters who look a lot like Will Smith and Tom Holland, someone gets turned into a pigeon and the fate of the planet is at stake. ★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 42 min.)

Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker: No one can agree on anything about this movie except this: John Williams totally deserves his 52nd Oscar nomination for composing the score. ★★★★★ (PG-13 • 2 hrs. 35 min.)

The Turning: A mysterious house in the wilds of Maine, a couple of disturbed orphans (one of which is "Stranger Things" Finn Wolfhard), and a new nanny who has no idea what she's getting herself into. What could possibly go wrong? ★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 35 min.)

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THURSDAY, JAN. 9
12:28 am, Race Rd.

Reporting party states can see banging at Verizon tower in front of location; flashlight seen, no description of person available, too dark.

4:01 pm, SR 20

Advising fight in progress. Reporting party says they are now hugging.

7:01 pm, Woody Pl.

Reporting party states received phone call from subject claiming to be law enforcement; gave card number for Reddit gift card valued at \$500; requesting call.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10

6:39 am, SE Pioneer Way

Reporting party advising his power went out on his vehicle and he can't get out of his car; no way to pull up lock and unable to just open door.

3:38 pm, SE Ireland St.

Advising occurred five minutes ago; white male came inside and locked door behind, then proceeded to walk through reception area and other offices and when he found an employee, subject asked if they had seen his mom.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11

12:27 pm, SE Pioneer Way

Caller states transient male subject is outside bar talking to self and throwing punches at the air.

1:06 pm, SW Muzzall St.

9-year-old requesting call. Parents are separated and father gave 9-year-old a gift; he got in trouble by mom who took gift away. Wants to know if that is illegal.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

3:05 pm, Vista Rd.

Reporting party advising she called three times referencing note being left on her gate by Island County Sheriff's Office; unknown who left it and why. Requesting phone call. Also gave three addresses for where this note could have been left.

4:35 pm, SW Freund St.

Vehicle vs. wall; male asleep at wheel. Reporting party was following because he thought he was intoxicated. Black Corvette.

7:49 pm, Trisha Ln.

Reporting party states has been getting harassed by neighbors because reporting party's dog killed neighbor's chicken; now neighbors are egging and throwing fireworks at reporting party's house.

10:58 pm, NW Crosby Ave.

Reporting party thinks someone broke into her house last night while sleeping, injected something in left side of her neck. Not requesting aid, found spot when she got home from work today.

MONDAY, JAN. 13

8:47 am, Mark St.

Reporting party advising damage to the road in area; says there was an accident recently at location. Advising road was broken; wants someone to check road.

4:29 pm, SR 525

Caller advising male in back of building with a yellow jacket is yelling "shut the f*** up" to himself. Male is carrying a bag, unknown weapons.

TUESDAY, JAN. 14

3:03 pm, East Harbor Rd.

Requesting call. Advising he left his black Plymouth Sundance in ditch on the south end and now it's gone. Wanting to know if it was towed.

3:04 pm, Torpedo Rd.

Reporting party is making sure someone is sanding properly.

3:10 pm, SR 20

Caller advising he's getting terroristic threats.

3:45 pm, West Beach Rd.

Reporting party advising subject is at bottom of driveway and spoke to reporting party three times in threatening tone, saying "You better not have my mail."

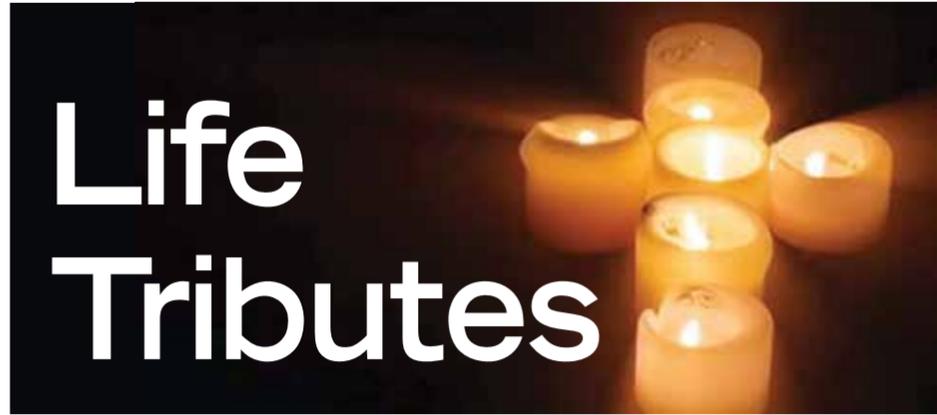
3:54 pm, SR 525

Reporting party advising saw large hog near recycle center; on the shoulder, walking around.

5:22 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party wanting to let people know it's unsafe to use cruise control while driving.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.



MITCHEL NELLIS PIERZCHALA



Mitchel Nellis Pierzchala, born May 30, 1996, passed away Jan. 18, 2020 at the young age of 23.

He is survived by his daughter, Penelope Pierzchala; fiancé, Niisa Dunlap; mother, Rochelle Sallas; father, Mathew Pierzchala; sister, Farah Pierzchala; brothers, Tyler Gordy and Micah Pierzchala; niece, Tearrah Duckworth; grandparents, Olivia and Michael Ridout as well as Mary Pierzchala; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at Wallin Funeral Home Feb. 7. Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m.

To leave a message on Mitchel's online guestbook, please visit www.wallinfuneralhome.com

EVA J. CROSS



Eva Jean Cross passed away peacefully, with family by her side, in Mount Vernon, Wash., Jan. 19, 2020.

Eva Jean was born in Kalispell, Mont., April 9, 1930, to Hugh and Francis Kirkpatrick. She grew up in Kalispell and attended Flathead County High School, where she earned top honors and graduated in the top five of her class. She was a cheerleader and beauty queen during her high school years and remained so the rest of her life. She met her husband, Leslie Allen Cross (Les), in high school and married him Aug. 14, 1948. Eva Jean and Les had been married 72 years at the time of her passing.

Before moving to Oak Harbor, Wash., in 1960, Eva Jean worked as a secretary in Billings, Mont., helping Les earn a college degree. While raising their four children, Craig, Diane, Connie, and Gina, she worked at several Oak Harbor elementary schools as a secretary until she retired. Her remaining years were devoted to spending time with her family, traveling, shopping, and celebrating life. Eva Jean was full of joy, grace, and compassion and readily shared her joy with others.

Craig (wife Susan), Diane (husband Rick), Connie (husband Alan), and Gina (husband Brad) all stayed in Washington and remained close to their mother and father. She is survived by her husband, her four children, 12 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss her dearly.

The Cross family suggests memorials in Eva's name be made to a charity of your choice. A Celebration of Life service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Oak Harbor at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15. A reception will immediately follow the service in Centennial Hall at the same location at 2 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor. Please visit Eva's page in our Book of Memories online at www.wallinfuneralhome.com to share memories and leave condolences.

CHARLOTTE PATRICIA WADE



Charlotte Patricia Wade, known to her friends and family as Charly, age 51, passed away Jan. 27, 2020, in the comfort of her own home in Oak Harbor, Wash., surrounded by her loved ones. She is survived by her husband and soulmate, Tom (Wade); her two beloved daughters, Ashley (Brooks) and Emma (Elm); her grandchildren, John-Corban and Brantley (Brooks); and her two fur babies, Jack and Sophie.

Charly was born Feb. 16, 1968 in Chula Vista, Calif., to her parents, Alley and Frank Pike. Her father was in the Navy and she spent her childhood living in many different states. In 1999, she achieved an associate degree in graphic design from Skagit Valley College. She married her husband, Tom, July 17, 2010.

Charly was far from ordinary and wore many hats in her short, but full life. She loved anything purple, dragonflies, and always dreamed of sitting on a beach. She was the life of any party, had an affinity for gardening and possessed an unwavering love for sunshine. Her sense of humor was lively, with enough of her own idioms to fill an entire novel. She was anything but graceful, but that is why the whole community fell in love with her.

Charly Wade will be missed by many, from family, to friends, to the random folks who only briefly met her. A celebration of her life will be held at 12 p.m. Feb. 16, at 225 W Frostad Rd. in Oak Harbor.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and condolences at www.whidbeymemorial.com.

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Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly
Maj. Margaret "Hot Lips" Houlihan (Shantel Porter) gives Hawkeye (Troy Haugen) and Duke (Dustin Amundson) a piece of her mind in the Whidbey Playhouse production of "M*A*S*H 4077," opening Friday in Oak Harbor.

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"This cast has gelled really well," said Shantel Porter, who plays Maj. Margaret Houlihan, affectionately known to fans as 'Hot Lips.'

"We laugh a lot. I think with a lot of shows you develop friendships with people you normally wouldn't who are very like-minded, who love theater and the arts."

Porter said this show has been very different for her in that she gets to work with her husband, Troy Haugen, who plays Capt. Hawkeye Pierce.

"I grew up watching M*A*S*H, so when we saw it come up, we just said we had to do it," Porter said. "The theater is such a time commitment, so it's great to be able to spend time together here as well as having a partner to learn lines at home."

In the end, cast and crew hope the audience will have as much fun watching this production as they have had putting it together.

"It's extremely light-hearted," Kleppang said. "It's really about the absurdity of war and how do we as humans find ourselves in these bizarre situations and how do we deal with it?"

"It's a good show," said Honeycutt. "It's well written, there's a lot of talent up there and there's been a lot of work done on this. I think they'll enjoy it."

"M*A*S*H 4077" opens Friday and will run through Feb. 23. For information and tickets, go to whidbeyplayhouse.com.

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CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Everything you need to know in order to thrive this week, you learned in kindergarten. No guns, no knives, four-letter words only as necessary. Or, for those schooled in gentler times, play fair, respect the rights of others and don't spit into the wind. Be particularly mindful on the 6th, a day when siblings, neighbors and teammates may be overly competitive. Especially those who flunked kindergarten.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Your week resembles the carton on which is printed the dread words, ASSEMBLY REQUIRED. Every undertaking, from dinner in a box to wing-ding deluxe, demands your personal touch. The number one rule of assembly? If all else fails, read the instructions. Again. Read the instructions. Bible. Torah. Quran. All that matters is to pick your source and follow it faithfully. Can't face it on the 6th? Try Chinese carry-out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Germane to your week is the status of your favorite laundry detergent. How many years have you and it been together? Yet, odds are good that the box or jug sports a colorful starburst and the word NEW! Or IMPROVED! You (and your laundry room favorite) may look and smell the same as always, but are you? A tip from Madison Avenue: A burst of color, a hint of fragrance, adds pizzazz. Market yourself accordingly on the 6th.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Ever sell lemonade on the sidewalk for pennies a cup? Held a yard sale? Donated to a thrift store? Driving your actions were what economic theorists call the Invisible Hand, voluntary exchanges between individuals acting in their own self interest. That is your role on the 6th. A natural benefit to society, while acting freely with others to take care of mutual business. Offer void where taxed or prohibited. Lemonade, anyone?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Be careful of your working relationships. Differences of style may create waves this week. This is not a tsunami alert. More a too-full bathtub caution. Think overflows and soggy floor mats. The solution? Pace your partner, ease into his or her flow. That way may be slow, but it's better than the alternative.. Fukushima-style meltdowns are unlikely on the 6th, but fast moves are a definite hazard. Don't capsize your rubber ducky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Where do ideas come from? Agatha Christie's murder plots came while munching green apples in the bathtub. You and your muse don't have to be plotting murder to hatch ideas this week. A cerebral muse such as Christie's is easy to court. Just do what you feel. Often times, your muse will also be your lover. Ideas

and hanky panky are then inseparable. Lucky you on the 6th, if that is your case. If not, try green apples.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Faced with a task, do you hop to it at dawn? Or do you do your best work tomorrow? Slackers of the world, you're in good company. Painting the Mona Lisa took Da Vinci sixteen years. So if you're falling behind and taking guff for it, tell your critics to back off. Tell them Coleridge published Kubla Khan unfinished, and still got paid for it. You can speed things up on the 6th, but you'd best get started now. Good procrastination takes time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Take a lesson from the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The hard stone tower doesn't resonate with the too-soft foundation soil that gives the tower its famous tilt. As a result, the tower has ridden out four major earthquakes in its life. You can be hard as nails this week, but also softly resilient. You're the boss. You decide how far to lean and on whom. Just make sure you're on solid ground. You don't want a reputation for being crooked.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



A word of advice on advice. It comes in two varieties, good and bad, and if you can tell the difference, you don't need it. Someone who can't tell the difference may hang their hat on your pearly words of wisdom on the 6th. Build them up. Fill them with hope. Show them they're important. Help them to be too large for worry and too strong for fear, and you've done the best that anyone can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



It should be a tusker of a week. You read that right. A tusker is a male elephant bearing particularly large and heavy ivory tusks. Great ivory conveys great status, both among elephants and the royal elite in earlier times, who prized them for their beauty. So your status is good this week. You're looked up to and prized by many. But all is relative, your Highness. Your cat still hacks hairballs. Your crystal, water spots.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Artistic license plays a large role in your week. This means you may stretch reality for the sake of art. It does NOT mean playing fast and loose with the facts to excuse yourself in a bind. Pleas of, "The dog ate my homework," will not fly. Neither will, "I thought I 90 was the speed limit." No. Don't even think about it. Confusion is a weapon on the 6th. Better for your karma if you're the one confused.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



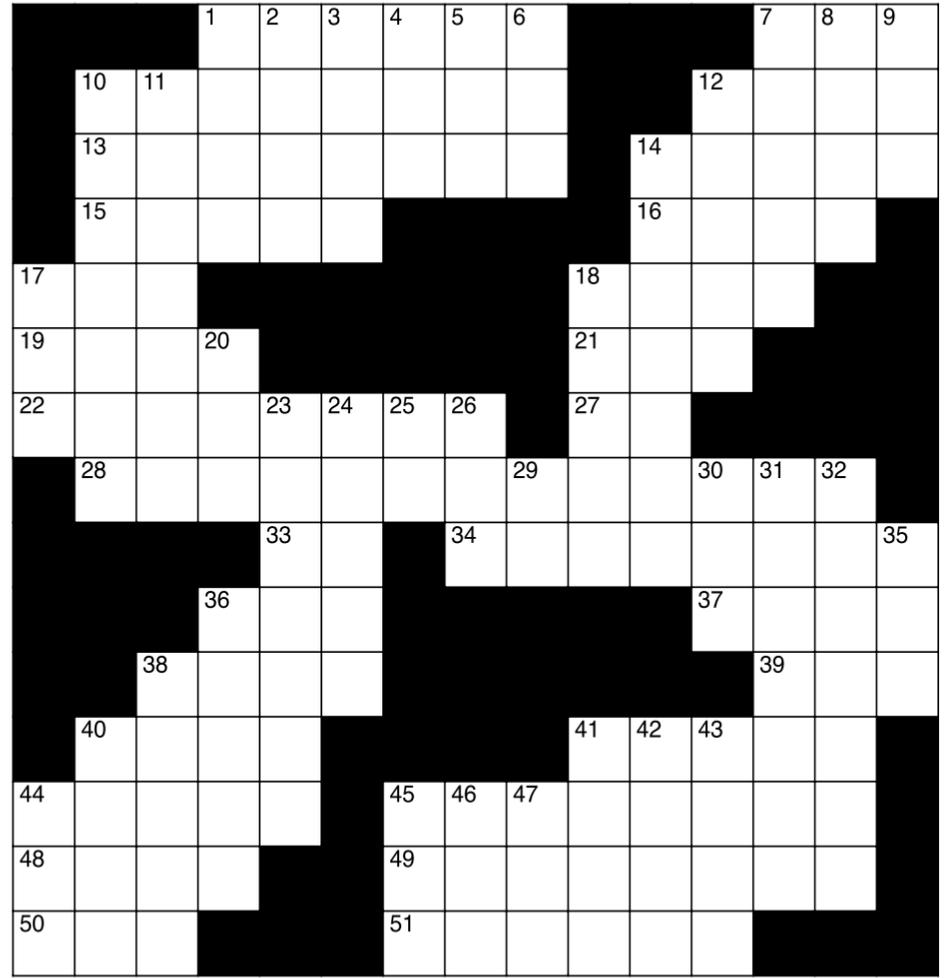
You won't need stilts to elevate your public image this week. Not even elevator shoes. Acclaim of the good kind pursues most everything you do. Like Jack climbing the beanstalk, you just have a way of doing uplifting things in the right way, at the right time. Dreams have extra power on the 6th. Don't ignore them, and don't underestimate them. Dreams are communication links to all that is and all that may be. Magic beans, indeed.

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Chicken Little's knock on the head meant to him that the sky was falling, silly bird. His horoscope showed other possibilities. Don't wait for a knock on the head to ask what's up in your life. Wesley Hallock, as Whidbey Weekly's professional astrologer and horoscope writer, keeps one eye on the sky and alerts us to the prospects each week. To read past columns of Chicken Little and the Astrologer in the Whidbey Weekly, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 7. Subdivision
- 10. A passage to be performed slow
- 12. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family
- 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election
- 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
- 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 28. Hollywood tough guy
- 33. Chinese drums
- 34. Merits
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Increases motor speed
- 38. Mentally fit
- 39. BBQ favorite

CLUES DOWN

- 40. Wings
- 41. Female parents
- 44. Marks left from wounds
- 45. Soften by soaking in liquid
- 48. They resist authority (slang)
- 49. Formats
- 50. Many subconsciousnesses
- 51. Vogues
- 1. Mental object
- 2. Blackbird
- 3. Undergarments
- 4. Old cloth
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company
- 10. About Freemason
- 11. Taking everything into account
- 12. Famed Czech engineer
- 14. Impress into silence

- 17. Boxing term
- 18. Marketplaces
- 20. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Locomotives
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Football position (abbr.)
- 26. Heavyhearted
- 29. Denotes particular region
- 30. Famed NHLer
- 31. Ingested too much
- 32. Formulates
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Broad, shallow craters
- 38. Thick cuts
- 40. Breezed through
- 41. Breakfast is one
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 43. Periodicals (slang)
- 44. Indian title of respect
- 45. More (Spanish)
- 46. Creation
- 47. A loud utterance

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, Feb. 6	Fri, Feb. 7	Sat, Feb. 8	Sun, Feb. 9	Mon, Feb. 10	Tues, Feb. 11	Wed, Feb. 12
North Isle H-53°/L-46° Cloudy with Chance of Rain	North Isle H-51°/L-39° Rain and Drizzle Possible	North Isle H-47°/L-36° Showers	North Isle H-44°/L-34° Rain and Drizzle Possible	North Isle H-44°/L-34° Cloudy	North Isle H-44°/L-36° Mostly Cloudy	North Isle H-45°/L-35° Partly Sunny
South Isle H-54°/L-46° Cloudy with Chance of Rain	South Isle H-51°/L-39° Rain and Drizzle Possible	South Isle H-48°/L-35° Rain and Drizzle Possible	South Isle H-45°/L-33° Rain and Drizzle Possible	South Isle H-44°/L-34° Cloudy	South Isle H-45°/L-36° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-44°/L-34° Partly Sunny



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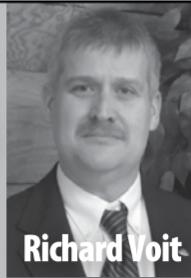
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