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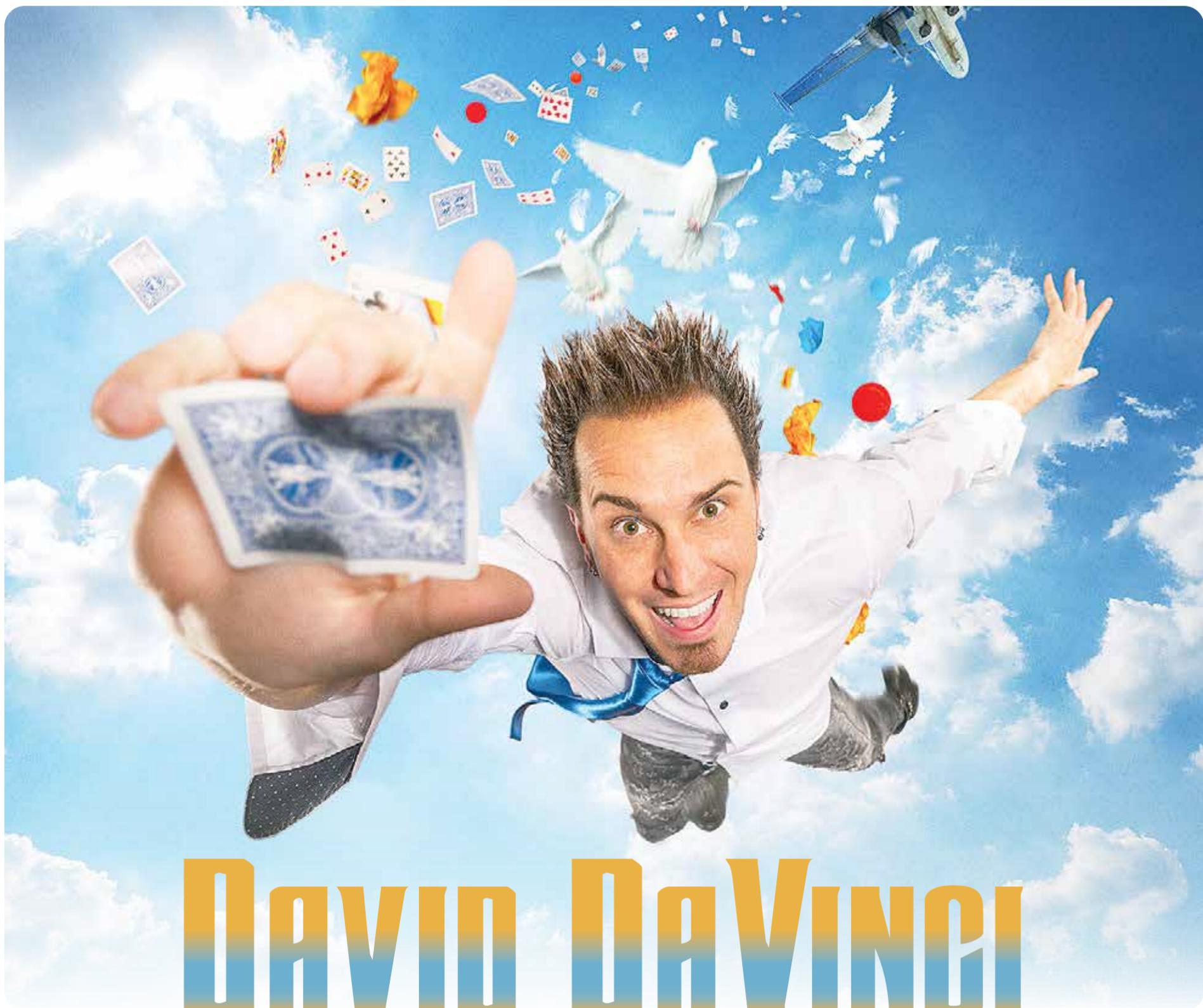
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# MILITARY MUSTER



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## USS Gerald R. Ford Passes Aircraft Compatibility Testing

From USS Gerald R Ford Public Affairs

Norfolk (NNS) -- The aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) completed Aircraft Compatibility Testing (ACT) Jan. 31, following 16 days at sea, during which the crew launched and recovered 211 aircraft, testing five different airframes, using first generation, state-of-the-art flight deck systems.

The testing phase included the first-ever underway catapult launches and arrested landings for the T-45 Goshawk and E/A-18G Growler from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 23 (VX-23); as well as the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye and C-2A Greyhound, from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron 20 (VX-20). Crews also tested F/A-18F Super Hornets from VX-23, which earlier had conducted initial compatibility tests on board Ford in 2017.

This second and final round of testing validated the ship's capability to launch and to recover aircraft with ordnance loadout and fuel states mirroring deployed requirements and operating tempos, using the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) and Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG)—two Aircraft Launch and Recovery Equipment (ALRE) systems unique to Ford.

By completing T-45 testing, the Ford will be able to provide carrier qualification support to the Training Command and to student naval aviators in the jet/E-2/C-2 pipeline.

"There are so many firsts happening, and many of them we frankly don't even really realize," explained Ford's Air Boss, Cmdr. Mehdi Akacem toward the end of the testing evolution. "We've had the first ever T-45, EA-18 Growler, E-2D Hawkeye, and C-2A Greyhound, and there are pilots on board this ship right now who will forever be able to say that their contribution to the Navy was to be the first pilot or NFO [Naval Flight Officer] to come aboard the Gerald R. Ford-class in that type aircraft."

Capt. Kenneth Sterbenz, program manager of the ALRE



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Sean Elliott/Released) An F/A-18F Super Hornet, assigned to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 23, lands aboard the aircraft carrier USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78). Ford is currently conducting Aircraft Compatibility Testing to further test its Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch Systems (EMALS) and Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG).

office (PMA-251) that oversees EMALS and AAG, noted that ACT's success test demonstrates the capability and versatility of the ship's EMALS and AAG systems.

"This success is the result of the hard work and collaboration of the men and women in the entire ALRE team, including our government personnel and industry partner General Atomics, and fleet," said Sterbenz. "I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished together, and am fully confident in our ALRE systems moving forward, especially with the backing of our highly dedicated and professional ALRE team."

During ACT, test pilots from Air Test and Evaluation Squadron (VX) 20 and VX-23 conducted catapult launches and arrested landings in order to verify EMALS and AAG performance mandates. The shipboard events confirmed more extensive testing previously conducted ashore in Lakehurst, New Jersey, ensuring the operational safety of both aircrew and flight deck Sailors.

ACT began on Jan. 16 and concluded with 211 successful launches and arrestments using EMALS and AAG tech-

nology. The Gerald R. Ford now has 958 total traps to date and will likely surpass 1,000 launches and arrestments during the upcoming Flight Deck Certification (FDC) phase, currently scheduled for March, when her crew and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) Eight will take over all aspects of flight operations. The crew is fully prepared for FDC, having already received hands-on experience with EMALS and AAG via several training and test events.

ACT also allowed the crew and embarked test personnel to qualitatively evaluate the effect of the Ford-class air wake, or burble, and its compatibility with all types of fleet aircraft the Navy uses on an aircraft carrier. Aircraft were launched and recovered in different environmental conditions and sea states, and with varying aircraft weights—from heavy aircraft in light wind conditions to light aircraft in heavy wind conditions.

"At this point we've proven time and time again—this underway with 211 launches and recoveries on-and-off the deck—that we're ready to shoot and catch all aircraft," said Chief Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Louis Mountain from Ford's Air Department. "We're happy to show the fleet that we're ready to start slingin' and bangin' and get aircraft on-and-off the deck. Ford is ready."

The information captured during ACT will continue to inform improvements and modifications for the Gerald R. Ford and follow-on Ford-class aircraft carriers. Coupled with the historic aspect of this ACT, the culmination of this testing phase was not lost on Ford's Commanding Officer, Capt. John J. Cummings.

"(The crew) came into ACT as pioneers; we wrote the book for the Ford-class for the rest of its history," said Cummings. "By supporting the five aircraft that came to Ford to validate launch and recovery wind and weight envelopes, our Sailors are fully aware of the importance of this historic event. This was it—the book will be written and our crew's name will be stamped on it."

## USS Whidbey Island Celebrates 35 Years of Service to the Fleet

By Lt. Meredith Swisher,  
USS Whidbey Island Public Affairs

USS Whidbey Island (LSD 41) Sailors held a ceremony celebrating the ship's 35th birthday Jan. 31 while pierside at their Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek homeport.

With 35 years in the fleet, Whidbey Island is the Navy's oldest non-nuclear powered warship, besides the USS Constitution, having been commissioned Feb. 9, 1985. On hand to commemorate the event were Rear Adm. Erik Ross, Capt. Christopher Wells, and Capt. Ethan Rule, all former Whidbey Island commanding officers, as well as current Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Jean Marie Sullivan.

Ross recalled a Whidbey Island crew mission in 2006. Their goal was to save Amer-

ican citizens in Lebanon after the General Cease-fire with Israel ended.

"When we showed up off the beach less than five miles, we were watching cell phone towers get bombed," said Ross. "We ended up bringing 817 people back onboard the ship. When they saw the battle ensign and realized they were on sovereign territory of the United States of America even though we were five miles off the beach, they cried and they were happy that they were there."

In an effort to connect the ship's historic past with her present, former Sailors were asked to submit memories of their time onboard, which were read at the ceremony by current members of the crew.

"I reported to the pre-commissioning crew

in April 1984," wrote Whidbey Island Plankowner, and retired Personnel Specialist Master Chief Scott Laplante.

"I was the 11th person to report to the ship. I was onboard when she made her one and only visit to her namesake, Whidbey Island, Wash. I left the ship in 1986. In 2017, I took 10 of my Sea Cadets to Little Creek and we rode Whidbey Island up to Boston. It was the first time I had been underway on her in 31 years. It was an absolute thrill."

The celebration also included presentation of a \$1,000 donation to the ship's Morale Welfare and Recreation fund by a delegation from the Richmond Navy League, and concluded with a traditional cake cutting by the ship's oldest and youngest Sailors.

The ship is named for Whidbey Island,

in Puget Sound, Washington. The first in her class of dock landing ships, Whidbey Island's mission is to provide a diverse platform in terms of amphibious warfare with the capabilities to transport vehicles, cargo, personnel and aircraft, as well as deploy them for combat or humanitarian purposes.

The ship has participated in deployments and missions to include operation Sharp Edge, Desert Storm and Enduring Freedom. Whidbey Island recently underwent a midlife modernization program to extend its length of service after deploying to the 6th fleet area of operations in 2016. The crew and contractors made necessary repairs and revived the ship to an operational status; it is now preparing to enter a rigorous period of training.

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# ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



This is the time of year when I have recurring nightmares. They re-occur every tax season.

In my dream, I am reporting to the part of Heaven where one reviews his taxes. Yes. Sooner, but hopefully later, it catches up with us.

My financial angel reassured me my admittance was still good, having survived the pending status which I received from earlier transparencies revealed by my elementary school history back in Ohio.

As my oldest friend in life, Movie Mike, said recently, "We went to the principal's office so much we had her on retainer."

Back to the nightmare.

So, I am now at the desk with my financial angel. The first question he asked (he may have been a she but with the glow I really could not tell. One of the side effects of interocular lens transplants.)

"So, Mr. Freeman, you seem to have a lot of 1099 forms here. Were you self-employed?"

"Yes, for over half my life."

"So, you enjoyed self-employment?"

"Yes, I was able to attend our girls' school activities, and learn about forgiveness when I forgot to bring snacks for their soccer team."

"Laudable, laudable."

"I drank a lot of fruit drinks, if you know what I mean."

"Believe me, Mr. Freeman, up here we know what everybody means.

"Any drawbacks to self-employment, Mr. Freeman? We ask because it helps us categorize your next assignment as a rookie angel. Whiners are often delayed in their processing."

"For me, the only real issue with being self-employed was administrative. Every time I called in sick, I had to answer the phone."

"Thank you, Mr. Freeman. You should receive your category and next instruction immediately. As you know, there is no past or future here, just the present. By the way, you won't need that Hopalong Cassidy watch that Dr. Perkins gave you."

"You mean the one I am wearing? I left my other one at home since it was too old to tick. There is a joke there somewhere. No, I'm not going there."

"That's alright, Mr. Freeman. Laughter is encouraged here."

And then, like the barber, the angel says, "Next."

That's when I woke, grasping for hair.

### Bing bites

If you are a regular reader, you know that, in honor of our Mom's fave singer, I Bing before I Google or Duck Duck Go.

Today's Binging crooned me into the following. Just like law, it's all in how you ask the question.

I asked Bing, "Hey Bing, what observations do you have for me that might make people who read free weekly papers, locally owned and operated, while in a ferry line, on a Whidbey Transit bus, or a Van Pool to Boeing, smile?"

Here we go. Bing on.

When your ship comes in, be sure you are willing to unload it.

Yesterday was the deadline for all complaints.

Frustration is not having anyone to blame but yourself.

People would enjoy life more if once they got what they wanted, they could remember how much they wanted it.

Respect your elders. They graduated from school without the Internet.

I've decided I am not old. I'm 45, plus shipping and handling.

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

In my defense, I was left unsupervised.

My decision-making skills closely resemble those of a squirrel crossing the road.

Some things are just better left unsaid, and I usually realize it right after I say them.

I thought getting old would take longer.

A wise man once said—nothing.

### Notes in milk bottles

Thanks to our Green Valley, Ariz. Whidbey Weekly reader Billy Bob, a connoisseur of community chortles, the following excerpts from notes left in milk bottles for the milkman are provided.

Many of us kids in the 40s and 50s were awakened or excited by the arrival of the milkman and his clinking bottles in the morning.

Thanks to Billy Bob, we share his collection of notes, minus the naughty ones, left in milk bottles.

Dear milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.

Cancel one pint after the day after today.

Milkman, please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk.

Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.

Sorry about yesterday's note, I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.

When you leave my milk please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.

My daughter says she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbor told me.

From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.

My back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pennies because we want to play bingo tonight.

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.

Milkman, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door. PS. Don't leave any milk.

### WVRC

Last Saturday, I had the honor of hanging in for an hour with local veterans at the Payless table and chair area in front of customer service.

If you were a drone, and the veterans were a clock, Clay was at 1200 hours, preceded by Chris @ 1130 hours, John @ 1000 hrs, another Chris @ 0715 hours, Sir Nick @ 0630 hours, Jim @ 0600 hours, Samuel at 0530 hours, Michael at 0415 hours, Jeff @ 0230 hours, and another Michael @ 0120 hours.

You will not be tested on this.

Like the attorney-client or physician-patient privileges, the veteran to veteran privilege is an even greater privilege, particularly now.

We don't have to stand at attention when talking to each other.

If you care to join the coffee with veterans gathering the 2nd Saturday of each month, drop by at 9AM.

Sponsored by the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center, this sharing is one of many outreach programs serving all veterans on Whidbey Island.

Watch Whidbey Weekly's last issue of each month for the For Vets Only reminiscence.

Call 360-331-8081 for information and assistance or check out the VRC website at www.whidbeyvrc.org.

Thanks to the WVRC's assistance, I am now being processed in the VA system.

Like cured ham, I am about to recover.

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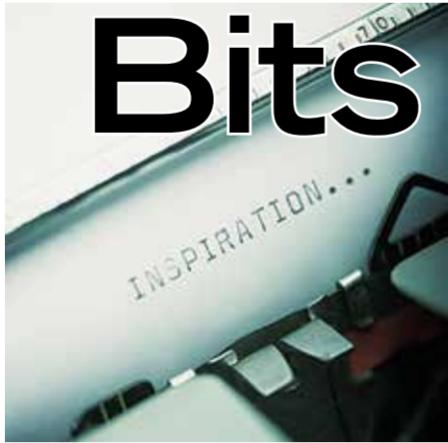
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# Bits & Pieces

## Letters to the Editor

### Editor,

Powerful, complex, humorous, driven, revealing, haunting—words can hardly describe the effect *RED* will have on you, particularly if you are cozy within our culture.

You don't have to fancy yourself an artist to be affected by this remarkable work. Any individual whose conflicted soul demands answers not easily accessed will be moved to explore their search ad infinitum.

Andrew Grenier embodies Mark Rothko with precision and clarity in an unforgettable performance. His experience and dedication to the task at hand is enriching—a gift for all to contemplate. To see Chad Sommerville as Rothko's abused young helper mature within the course of the play is an extraordinary experience in itself. Together in a stunning display of grace they prime a canvas—what will follow? Vito Zingarelli's inspired direction is flawless. A support team of technical expertise led by set designer David Gignac leaves no doubt of the serious intent by WICA to present their 100th production.

Bravo to all!

Richard Evans  
Freeland, Wash.

### Low Risk of Corona Virus on Whidbey Island

The information regarding Corona Virus (2019-nCoV) is unfolding rapidly, and WhidbeyHealth's plan is to remain vigilant. It continues to actively take precautions regarding the 2019-nCoV in order to keep our community safe and healthy.

A recent update from Island County Public Health reports there are currently no Island County residents under investigation for possible 2019-nCoV illness. One person has tested negative.

WhidbeyHealth's plan includes keeping the public updated with most current information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please follow all guidelines regarding any visits to WhidbeyHealth Medical Center and clinics, including:

Calling first if you have recently traveled out of the country and are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough or trouble breathing within 14 days of returning.

Calling first if in the last 14 days before symptom onset you had close contact with a person who is under investigation for the 2019-nCoV, while that person was ill.

Anticipate being asked about your travel history at check-in, especially if you have been to Wuhan Province or anywhere in mainland China.

It is likely there will be more cases reported in the U.S. in the coming days and weeks. CDC will continue to update the public as circumstances warrant. While the immediate risk of this new virus to the American public is believed to be low at this time, there are simple daily precautions everyone should always take. It is currently flu and respiratory disease season, and CDC recommends getting vaccinated for the flu, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu.

The CDC recommends calling the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Infectious Disease (CSTE) hotline for outbreak-related questions at 206-418-5500.

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

### Swing the Gates, 5k Run/Walk

Sunday, March 29, the Deception Pass Park Foundation is hosting a new event with hopes to inspire public connection, promote appreciation of the myriad of park resources, inspire healthy lifestyles, and raise money for educational programs.

Swing the Gates, 5k Run/Walk will take place just before the campgrounds open. It is a rare chance for runners/walkers to visit the campground before anyone else. The Foundation has planned a course filled with forest landscapes, breath-taking views, elevation changes and peaceful scenery.

Register to run on Eventbrite; early registration discount ends Friday. For more information, contact Kelsey Maloy, Interpretive Naturalist at 360-675-3767 ext. 231 or at dpbeachnaturalist@gmail.com or visit [deceptionpassfoundation.org](http://deceptionpassfoundation.org).

[Submitted by Carol Bromel]

### 2020 Island County Coastal Volunteer of the Year Awarded

In a marine-based environmental organization like Sound Water Stewards, it is important to have strong leaders who can provide science-based activities for which volunteers can take part. It is just as important to have leaders who can bring volunteers together in social settings and activities to make the organization more of an extended family of caring friends who enjoy each other's company. Nicole Luce is such a leader, for many years being the heart and soul of Sound Water Stewards (SWS), and Beach Watchers before that.

Since taking WSU Beach Watchers training in 1997, Nicole has volunteered around 6,400 hours on a great number of projects, not only those of Beach Watchers/Sound Water Stewards, but those of associated partners. Some of those include being on the Beach Watcher Advisory Council, doing computer tech work for SWS, being a big part of Sound Waters University, and being on the SWS Training Committee. You could find her on the beach watching pigeon guillemots as part of a project with Island County Marine Resources Committee and Whidbey Audubon Society, recording dead shorebirds for the Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team (COASST), assisting with the Central Puget Sound Marine Mammal Stranding Network, or simply cleaning up beach litter while walking along the shoreline. She has been a big part of K-12 Environmental Education, WSU Waste Wise activities, and fundraising for Sound Water Stewards and the Lighthouse Environmental Programs. This is just a small sample of some of her many activities. If there is a SWS social activity taking place, whether it's a picnic, holiday party, retreat at Fort Worden, or any other celebration in which volunteers can enjoy themselves and have a good time, you know Nicole was likely behind it in some way.

Nicole is dedicated to our environment in her volunteer life as well as in her personal life. She truly walks the talk when it comes to the environment, and lives in a "green" home which demonstrates just how sustainable home life can be. She is a volunteer who is willing to do anything needed, from taking the lead on projects to making a great cup of coffee, and always with a positive attitude and a smile. She is a can-do type of person which has made volunteering and working with her an absolute pleasure. Nicole does an amazing job on anything she touches. She is a great leader and efficient worker bee, and has been a backbone of the SWS community, contributing to the health of our Island County shorelines.

Nicole was awarded the 2020 Jan Holmes Island County Coastal Volunteer of the Year

award Feb. 1, before a crowd of over 600 attendees at Sound Waters University, held at South Whidbey High School. The award is hosted by Island County Marine Resources Committee, Sound Water Stewards, and Washington State University Extension – Island County, and awarded annually to a volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional volunteer service relating to the health of Island County's marine environment.

Preceding Luce as winners of the Coastal Volunteer Award were Barbara Brock, Sammye Kempbell, Phyllis Kind, Jill Hein, Ken Urstad, Bob Gentz, Connie Clark, Sandy Dubpernell, and Craig and Joy Johnson.

To learn more about the award, visit: [www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/volunteer-of-the-year/](http://www.islandcountymrc.org/projects/volunteer-of-the-year/).

[Written by Scott Chase, submitted by Jill Hein]

### February is Healthy Heart Month – Take Heart!

You may have heard sitting is now "the new smoking."

We all now know how important exercise is to a healthy lifestyle and this is even more evident in those who may have experienced tough times with their heart, including heart surgery, a heart attack or chronic heart failure. The bottom line is cardiac rehab saves lives and those in the know want to increase its participation by 70 percent or more. WhidbeyHealth is taking the lead on this idea.

WhidbeyHealth Medical Center has been chosen as one of only 50 hospitals in the nation to take part in the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) TAKEheart initiative. It's a highly-coveted spot and hospitals are being rewarded for providing care that improves outcomes and lowers costs for cardiac rehab patients.

Under the medical directorship of Dr. Zina Hajduczuk, TAKEheart at WhidbeyHealth is poised to bring better patient outcomes than ever before, along with its state-of-the-art rehab equipment, information technology and a staff with proven clinical experience.

"Referral to cardiac rehabilitation is the number one recommendation for patients following heart surgery, myocardial infarction, or coronary intervention, and for stable angina or heart failure," says Dr. Hajduczuk.

"I am very excited WhidbeyHealth was chosen to participate in the TAKEheart program. It's a coup for us and it will open doors to more recovery and prevention of cardiovascular and pulmonary diseases for our Whidbey Island patients," she says.

Cardiac rehabilitation is a key component of high value, coordinated care for cardiac patients. Patients who participate in cardiac rehabilitation attain:

- 20% reduction in cardiovascular morbidity and mortality
- 28% lower risk for hospital admission
- 25% lower rate of readmission
- Improved quality of life.

Dr. Hajduczuk has been medical director of the cardiac and pulmonary rehab program at WhidbeyHealth's "Life Center" since January 2018. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology and is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. Dr. Hajduczuk ran a private cardiology practice for 18 years before moving to Whidbey Island.

"It is estimated only one in five eligible patients are routinely referred by their care providers for cardiac rehab," says Dr. Hajduczuk. "It also has been estimated that if patient participation in cardiac rehabilitation programs was increased to 70 percent, it could save approximately 25,000 lives and prevent 180,000 hospital admissions a year," she added.

A Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehab patient at WhidbeyHealth, who has severe Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), was scared when she started Cardiac-Pulmonary Rehab.

The patient can now breath 90 percent better

while walking, has gained overall strength throughout her body, and has even established a home exercise routine, which was out of the question pre-rehab. With the gain in muscle mass and stamina, her heart can carry more oxygen, which results in less shortness of breath. She has also learned breathing techniques which have also helped enormously.

"My life is so much better," she says. "I feel like I have my life back now."

These are the kind of patient outcomes Dr. Hajduczuk and her team long to see.

"I'm thrilled to have won a spot in the TAKEheart initiative. We can really make a difference here," Dr. Hajduczuk said.

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

### High School Senior Scholarship Deadline

Completed applications for the Whidbey Audubon Society Renee Smith Conservation and Environmental Studies Scholarship are due March 6.

Whidbey Audubon Society (WAS) is offering three scholarships, totaling \$5,000, to 2020 high school graduates of South Whidbey, Coupeville and Oak Harbor High Schools. Scholarship information and applications are available at each high school counseling center and on the Whidbey Audubon Society website, [www.whidbeyaudubon.org/scholarships.htm](http://www.whidbeyaudubon.org/scholarships.htm). These scholarships are offered to students with a high interest in pursuing environmental studies and its related fields at a four-year college or university.

The Whidbey Audubon website also has inspiring biographies of all previous WAS scholarship recipients. Check it out under the "About Whidbey Audubon" menu and pass the word.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

### Opportunity To Apply - 2020 Island County Conservation Futures Funds

Island County is accepting applications for grants from the 2020 Conservation Futures Program. The Conservation Futures Program is funded by a local property tax. The Conservation Futures property tax is used for land protection and stewardship to preserve the irreplaceable character of unique, distinctive lands and to protect habitat.

The organizations eligible to receive Conservation Futures grants include Island County government, cities, towns, special purpose districts, nonprofit nature conservancy organizations (as defined in RCW 84.34.250), and nonprofit historic preservation organizations (as defined in RCW 64.04.130).

Application and funding information is available from Island County General Service Administration located at 1 NE 7th Street, Room 200, Coupeville, Wash. (mailing address PO Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239-5000) or at the conservation futures website [www.islandcountywa.gov/GSA/Pages/cff.aspx](http://www.islandcountywa.gov/GSA/Pages/cff.aspx)

Since 1992, Island County Conservation Futures funds have been used to help protect over 3,600 acres in the county through either purchasing the property or purchasing a conservation easement. These grants are often leveraged with state or federal funds to increase their impact locally. Recent projects the CFF has helped fund include:

- Expanding and improving the Barnum Point Park on Camano Island
- Creating the new Pearson Preserve on South Whidbey for public waterfront access
- Expanding the Strawberry Point Preserve and adding public parking and trail access
- Improving public access to the Kettles Trail system by acquiring adjacent property

To be considered in the 2020 funding cycle, completed applications for projects must be returned to the General Services Administration office no later than 4:30PM, Friday, Feb. 28. For further information, please contact Don Mason, program coordinator at 360-679-7378.

[Submitted by Don Mason, Island County General Services Administration]



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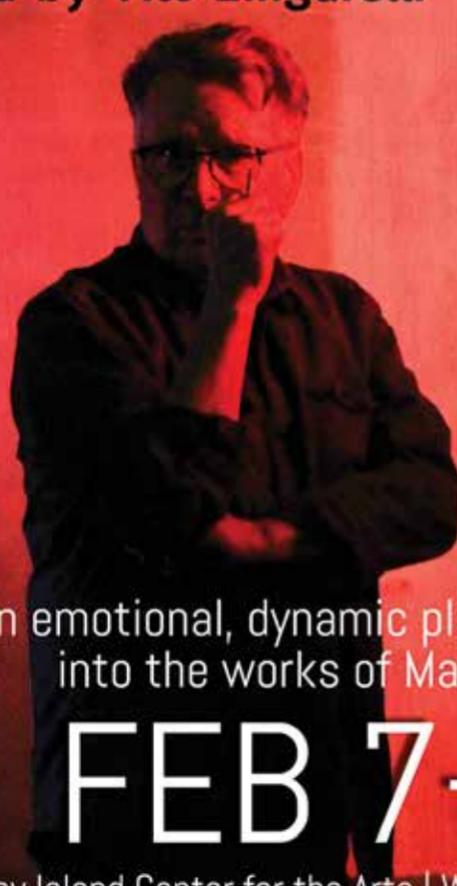
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# What's Going On

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## AARP Tax Aide: Free Tax Filing Help

Thursdays, February 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 13, 3:00-6:00PM  
Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Honu 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.

## M\*A\*S\*H 4077

Thursdays, February 13, 20, 7:30PM  
Fridays, February 14, 21, 7:30PM  
Saturdays, February 15, 22, 7:30PM  
Sundays, February 16, 23, 2:30PM  
Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor

M\*A\*S\*H stands for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and joining it are two unpredictable madcaps, Hawkeye and Duke. They can't be dealt with casually, however, because they are also two of the best chest surgeons in South Korea. They decide to wage a campaign to get a young Korean to the United States and entered in a good school. The thread of this effort helps tie together the pileup of comic adventures that build right before the eyes of the astonished and hysterical audience! The show is rated Guidance Suggested - GS as the show does contain adult language and adult situations. For tickets and more information, visit [www.whidbeyplayhouse.com](http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com) or call 360-679-2237.

## 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.

## Mariners & Mermaids Gala Auction and Dance

Friday, February 14, 6:00-9:00PM  
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St. Tickets: \$15 per person

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' schooner built 95 years ago for island resident Frank Pratt. Event tickets can be purchased online at [SchoonerSuva.org](http://SchoonerSuva.org) or at the door.

## RED

Fridays, February 14, 21, 7:30PM  
Saturdays, February 15, 22, 7:30PM  
Sunday, February 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](http://www.wicaonline.org)

## Whidbey Audubon Field Trip

Saturday, February 15

Whidbey Audubon Society is hosting a field trip to the Skagit Flats, Fir Island and Samish Flats where there are typically great concentrations of waterfowl and raptors. The area is considered one of the top winter raptor viewing sites in the U.S. Some walking will be involved; be prepared for some mud. Meet at 9:00AM at Pacific Rim Institute (PRI) in Coupeville or at 9:30AM at Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor. A Discover Pass will be needed for each car. Due to narrow road shoulders and limited parking, carpools are particularly important. Bring a lunch for this all-day field trip and expect to return about 4:00PM. Snow or icy conditions cancels the trip. The trip leaders are Joe Sheldon and Dave Parent. Contact Joe Sheldon, 360-678-9060 or email him at [jksheldon43@gmail.com](mailto:jksheldon43@gmail.com).

## David DaVinci, the Thrillusionist

Saturday, February 15, 3:00 & 7:00PM  
Oak Harbor High School, Student Union Building

Windermere Real Estate proudly presents David DaVinci, the Thrillusionist. All proceeds benefit the Oak Harbor Boys & Girls Club and Big Brother & Big Sisters. Call 360-675-5953 for ticket information.

## Live Music: Bobby O'Neal

Saturday, February 15, 7:30-9:30PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Bobby's singing and songs have been described in many ways, "Johnny Cash with a splash of The Band," "there's a little bit of everything in there" and "powerful!" No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Dine Out for Kids

Thursday, February 20, 11:00AM-9:00PM  
Coupeville Pizza Factory, 107 S. Main St.

The Pizza Factory will donate a portion of its sales to the Coupeville Schools Foundation. The Foundation provides an extra measure of support through teacher grants college scholarships and the Promise Fund. Learn more at [www.4coupevilleschools.org](http://www.4coupevilleschools.org).

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## Star Party

Friday, February 21, 6:30PM  
Fort Nugent Park, Oak Harbor

Explore the night sky and view distant galaxies, planets and nebulas at this free public Star Party hosted by the Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS). No telescope is needed and people of all ages are welcome to attend. Be sure and dress warmly and note the event will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. For more information, contact Bob Scott at [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com) or visit [www.icas-wa.org](http://www.icas-wa.org).

## Oak Harbor FIL-AM Valentine's Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 22, 6:00PM  
Swinomish Casino, Anacortes  
Tickets: \$50 each

Cocktail hour will be followed by dinner at 7:00PM. There will be an installation of officers and music by DJ Bud Fox. Call 360-675-2793 for tickets or more information.

## Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below  
Cost: Free

### Lit for Fun Book Group

Thursday, February 13, 9:00-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of Gary Kinder's "Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea," the story of the sinking of the SS Central America. Over 400 lives and 21 tons of California gold were lost.

### Valentine Crafternoon

Friday, February 14, 1:00-3:00PM  
Coupeville Library

Drop in and make a Valentine card or craft to share with the people you love. For students of all ages. Children under 8 with a caregiver.

### Friends of Clinton Library Book Sale

Saturday, February 15, 10:00AM-3:00PM  
Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

Thousands of books for sale at bargain prices. Additional fiction and nonfiction every month. Proceeds support the Clinton Library.

### Make a Mask for Mardi Gras!

Saturday, February 15, 2:00-4:00PM  
Coupeville Library

Bring a friend and make a mask to celebrate Mardi Gras Feb. 25. There will also be beads, Mardi Gras music, fun facts about Mardi Gras and Mardi Gras food. For ages 10 and up.

### Whidbey Write-In Group:

Quiet Time to Write  
Monday, February 17, 9:00AM-1:00PM  
Freeland Library

All genres, ages, writing tool use, are welcome to come in for a quiet place and time to work on writing projects. Forty-five minutes of quiet writing (please put phones on vibrate or silent), followed by a 15 minute break. We will repeat as many times as we can. There are no presentations or critiques of work in this group, just the act of writing. Take the opportunity at the breaks to meet other writers on the island. Soft jazz will be playing. Everyone is welcome.

### 3rd Tuesday Book Group

Tuesday, February 18, 9:30-11:00AM  
Freeland Library

Join us for a great book discussion of Frank Herbert's "Dune," a stunning blend of adventure and mysticism, environmentalism and politics.

### Books2Movies Group

Friday, February 21, 2:00-4:30PM  
Freeland Library

This group will focus on books made into movies. Read/listen to the book then join us for the movie and a lively talk. Enjoy candy and

popcorn and meet with fellow book lovers. Brandon Henry, who you may have seen at The Clyde Theater, will lead the discussion.

## 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 16 - Pastor Wenzek: Unwholesome Words (Avoiding words that hurt, choosing words that build). Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

## Galleries & Art Shows

### 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 thirty years. Her work shows that she easily recognizes the beauty and idiosyncrasies in those landscapes.

## Meetings & Organizations

### 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 on 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.

### Greenbank Progressive Club Monthly Potluck Dinner and Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 6:00PM  
Bakken & Firehouse Roads Clubhouse, Greenbank

Meet and greet will be followed by dinner at 6:30PM. Please bring your own tableware and a dish to share for the potluck. The program for February will be presented by Island County Sheriff Felici who will be speaking on the general state of the Sheriff's office. He expects his presentation to be pretty interactive, with lots of back and forth. For more information please call 360-678-5562. For rental of the Greenbank Hall, please call 360-678-4813.

### Island County Astronomical Society (ICAS)

Monday, February 17, 6:00-8:00PM  
Anacortes Library, 1220 10th St.

Anyone interested in astronomy is invited to attend. There will be short presentations on current topics in astronomy and a good time is guaranteed for all. For more information about ICAS or club events, contact Bob Scott at [ICAS\\_President@outlook.com](mailto:ICAS_President@outlook.com) or visit [www.icas-wa.org](http://www.icas-wa.org).

### Whidbey Island Genealogical Searchers (WIGS)

Tuesday, February 18, 1:00-3:00PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church, 1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Maureen MacDonald presents "1880-1900 - Fill In The Gap." All are welcome to attend.

### Whidbey Island Camera Club

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00-8:00PM  
Elaine's Photo Studio, 947 Ault Field Rd., Oak Harbor

Social time followed by meeting at 6:30PM. The theme for February is "Snow." You may submit up three photographs for discussion during the meeting to [Clancet@aol.com](mailto:Clancet@aol.com). Whidbey Island Camera Club, a community club, is open to the public. If you have questions, please email [tina31543@comcast.net](mailto:tina31543@comcast.net).

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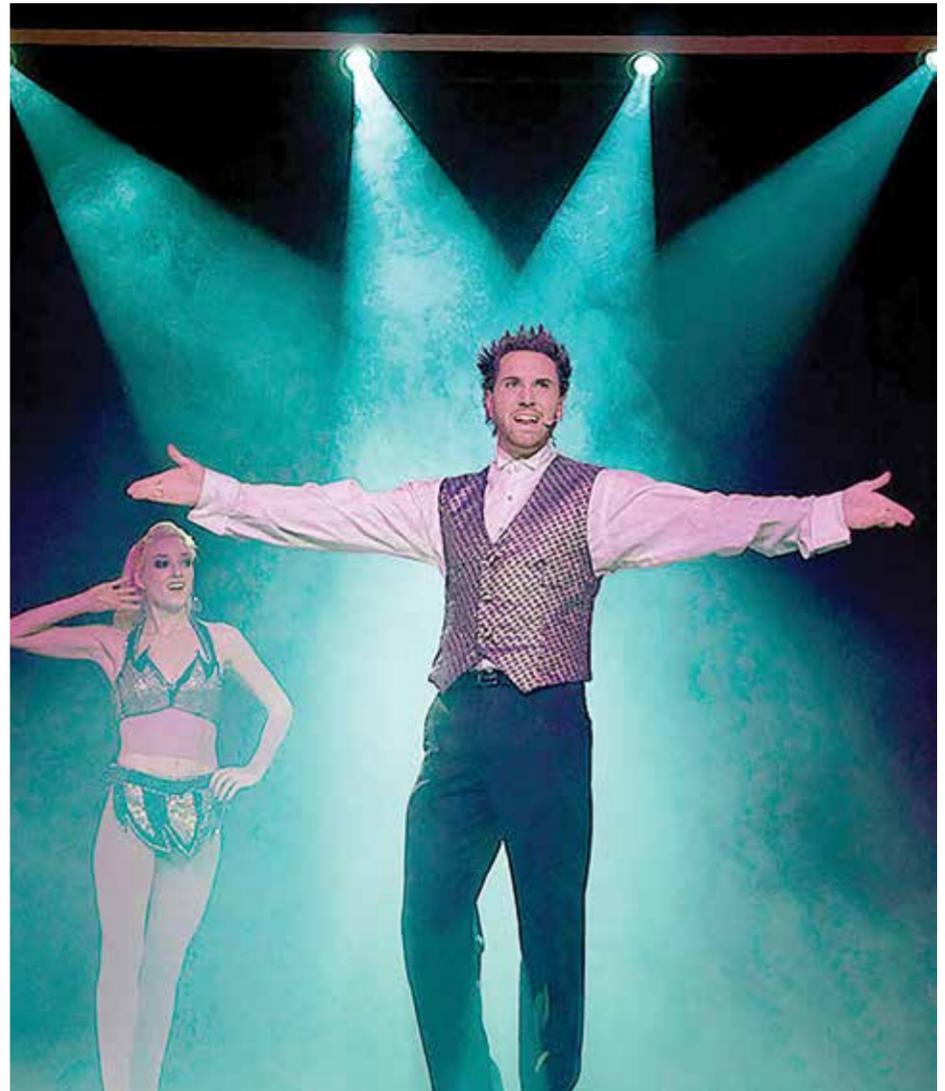


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Illusionist David Davinci will give two performances Saturday at Oak Harbor High School, raising funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County

## Seeing double: Illusionist David DaVinci returns to Oak Harbor for two shows

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

Take a seat and prepare to be amazed by world-class illusionist David DaVinci Saturday at Oak Harbor High School.

The event, which is sponsored by Windermere Real Estate, will raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County. DaVinci, who has been featured on television specials like Masters of Magic, will share his "Thrillusionist" performance twice on Saturday, with showings at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$25 for VIP seating.

Kareena Gonzalez, marketing manager for Windermere Realty, said this will be the second year DaVinci has performed on Whidbey Island to benefit local organizations. New this year will be the second showing and raising funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County in addition to the Boys and Girls Club.

"We are most excited to see the community gather together for not only an evening of fun, but also to support a great cause in helping not only the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor but also the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Island County," she said.

Gonzales said the team at Windermere has been working to promote the event and says the performance will appeal to attendees of every age.

"It is phenomenal," she said. "The perfect show for people of all ages to enjoy. David and his wife keep you engaged and excited to see what will happen next throughout the entire show. It comes with no surprise that David has won multiple national and international awards for what he does."

Gonzalez said everyone at Windermere Real Estate is passionate about helping the community and doing fundraisers to

keep the area strong and vibrant.

"Often times we are the first people that newcomers meet when they move to the area," she said. "We are a wealth of knowledge and resources, helping those feel welcomed to their new home and more often than not the relationships last long past the sell or purchase of a home. Not only do we know the area, but we know the people and are greatly invested in the community. We do events like this to engage our community and support important organizations within our community. We love where we live and are passionate about keeping it a great place."

Gonzalez said supporting community programs focused on helping young people is an important aspect of being a business on Whidbey Island.

"These organizations play a large role in supporting our youth," she said. "For example, Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children realize their potential and build the foundation for a successful future. We nurture children and strengthen our communities, while the Boys and Girls club provides services that enable all youth, especially those who need us most, to become productive, responsible and caring citizens."

Nikki Barone, who is the unit director for the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor, said the event is unlike any other the organization currently puts on.

"This event is special because we simply do not have an event like this!" she said. "We have many adult events in town and little family events. Everyone enjoys magic and this show is geared towards all ages, young and old. The price is also very affordable!"

Barone said the event will also benefit the organization as they prepare to move from the Roller Barn to a new location.

"We anticipate this move to happen in June," she said. "At this time, we are not yet sure how the move will impact us. We do believe that we will need more fundraisers to ensure we keep our doors open as well as increase our hours to accommodate more parents and teens. We hope that this event becomes an annual fundraiser. We are extremely grateful for the support from Windermere to provide us with this event."

Barone said the Boys and Girls Club plays an important role for youth in Oak Harbor, and moving to a new building will also allow them to provide a teen center.

"My favorite part about being involved with the club - everything," she said. "I am grateful to help make a positive impact on the lives of young kids and their families. We don't just help kids, we help families. Parents work and rely on us to provide a safe environment where their kids can be. Our costs are low, but even then, we are still able to provide scholarships and other financial support to families to ensure their child(ren) are able to attend the club. I most enjoy just talking to kids about everything they love, who they want to be, and what their interests are."

Barone said the Boys and Girls Club is looking forward to having David DaVinci back for a second fundraiser.

"Again, we are extremely grateful for Windermere and their support in this event. Without Windermere this event would not have been made possible."

For more information and links to purchase tickets, visit the Windermere Real Estate/Whidbey Island Facebook page or call 360-675-5953.



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# Life Tributes

## Roza Semonovna Gooch



Survivor of the Holocaust. Loved ones left behind are: Riet Kapton; Nellie McCourt (Larry); Roosje Mitchell; Leo Schreuders; 25 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren. She resided on Whidbey Island for 40 years, serving as a volunteer at the hospital on base for 18 of those years. She will be missed. See her survivor story (as told to the NASWI Officers' Club) on YouTube by searching for "Rosa Gooch."

Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at Oak Harbor Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Visitation will be at 1 p.m., funeral service at 2 p.m. Following the service, interment will be at Sunnyside Cemetery at 3:30 p.m.

## Susan P. Zaveruha, R.N.

Susan Zaveruha, R.N., 72, of Coupeville, Wash., passed away Feb. 6, 2020 due to complications of diabetes. She was born in Bridgeport Conn., May 19, 1947 to parents Dorothy and Lionel Probert. She is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Paul Zaveruha, M.D., residing on Whidbey Island since 1982, both of them having the privilege of serving the medical needs of the people of this community for 20 years as a registered nurse in Whidbey General Hospital's Emergency Department and Intensive Care Unit and he as general surgeon at WGH since 1982. Susan is also survived by daughter, Deborah Z. Burrus, son-in law, Robert Burrus and twin grandchildren, Brent and Sydney, all of Albuquerque, NM; and daughter, Cynthia Zaveruha, of Agoura Hills, Calif.; and son, Alexander Zaveruha, of Petaluma, Calif. Also, Susan has surviving sisters, Sally and Margurita, and brothers, William and Thomas, all of Connecticut.

Susan worked as an LPN to support her husband during his medical school training in Washington, D.C. and then furthered her degree to Bachelor of Science in Nursing at State University of New York in Morrisville College and returned in 1978 to the medical profession as a registered nurse in New York, Virginia, and Washington, culminating in her 20 years as R.N. at Whidbey General Hospital. Her life was dedicated to her family and to the care of her patients above all else. Susan was a totally giving person.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. at Wallin Funeral Home, with a reception to follow.

Remembrances may be given to the America Diabetes Association in her name.

## Karen Sample

Karen Sample, 66, passed away peacefully in her home in Oak Harbor, Wash. Karen was born April 6, to Joan and Wilbur Sample in Waltham, Mass.

The middle child in a three-girl family, Karen graduated from Lake Oswego High School in 1970. Married and divorced, she gave birth to three children and decided to choose adoption.

In 1979, Karen moved from Portland, Ore., to Oak Harbor. In Oak Harbor, she worked in a nursery, enjoying the opportunities to be outside tending to plants. Later she worked evenings at the commissary on the Navy base in Oak Harbor for over 25 years. At the commissary, she is fondly remembered and will be missed.

Karen walked the beaches in all kinds of weather—loving the fresh air and wind in her face, especially with the freedom it provided her. She loved her coffee in the morning and chocolate candies. She often gave the "Whatchamacallit" chocolate bar as gifts. Easy to please, Karen enjoyed with gusto the little things life offers us. She did an amazing job throughout her life giving so much love to others. She would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Joan Demaray Sample and Wilbur Harry Sample. She is survived by sisters Denise Demaray (William Tainter) and Wendy Sample and four nephews.

Karen will be honored May 17, 2020 at the National Alliance on Mental Illness NAMIWalk in Portland, Ore. All are welcome to walk/donate at [www.namiwalks.org/participant/WendyWorks](http://www.namiwalks.org/participant/WendyWorks).

## Tim G. Harasti



Timothy "Tim" George Harasti, 66, of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away unexpectedly Dec. 12, 2019 at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett.

Tim was born in Streator, Ill., to George and Betty Harasti July 28, 1953. He graduated high school in 1971 and married Cheryl Harrison in Las Vegas, Nev. June 28, 1975.

In the United States Navy, Tim worked as a steel worker in the Seabees and retired at NAS Whidbey Island in 2002 as a Chief Petty Officer.

As a veteran of both Vietnam and the Gulf War, Tim was awarded two National Defense Medals, awards for Expert Pistol Shot and Expert Rifle Shot, five awards for Good Conduct, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbon awards, one Navy "E" Ribbon, one Navy Achievement Medal, one Humanitarian Service Medal, and four Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbons.

He was involved in a skeet shooting club while stationed in Adak, Alaska and Whidbey Youth softball and baseball leagues. Tim loved being a coach, a hunter and fisherman, building in construction, and traveling with his wife and his dogs. He would give the shirt off his back to help anyone in need and never expected anything in return. He had great pride in pinning his eldest daughter, Danielle, every time she moved up rank in the Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Harasti; oldest daughter, Danielle Saunders (Beau Bercegeay); daughter, Amber (Shawn) Camp; son, Tim (Tanya) Harasti; his mother, Betty Harasti; and sister, Kim Flynn; as well as 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Preceding Tim in death are his father, George Joseph Harasti, Dec. 13, 2002; his son-in-law, Thomas Arthur Vaughan Saunders, March 10, 2015; and his brother, Kevin Michael Harasti, Dec. 14, 2019.

The Harasti family suggests memorials in Tim's memory may be donated to any Seabee Museum online, or by post; or to the Seabee Scholarship Association online at: [www.seabee.org](http://www.seabee.org).

The family wishes to extend our sincere thanks to all who have expressed condolences and prayers for our family.

A memorial service will be held in the spring of 2020 in Lake Tahoe, Nev., for Tim and his brother, Kevin.

Arrangements were entrusted to Wallin Funeral Home, Oak Harbor, Wash. Please visit Tim's page in our Book of Memories online at [www.wallinfuneralhome.com](http://www.wallinfuneralhome.com) to share memories and leave condolences.

Life Tributes can now be found online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)

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**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15****3:45 am, SW Erie St.**

Reporting party advising male being disrespectful and pushing carts at people.

**9:17 am, NE Center St.**

Advising black male wearing black beanie, black coat and carrying a purse seen walking toward Main Street.

**2 pm, N Oak Harbor St.**

Reporting party advising she is drinking and breaking probation rules; believes she needs to go to jail.

**2:46 pm, View Ridge Dr.**

Requesting call referencing IRS scam call; reporting party spoke to subject for almost two hours and provided personal information to them.

**8:28 pm, NW Broadway St.**

Reporting party in Oak Harbor, states he is trying to get back home to Coupeville; upstairs neighbors threatening to break into reporting party's house because dog is being left home alone.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 16****10:30 am, Mobius Loop**

Requesting call referencing vehicle accident involving mule; called it in to RDC the 10th; called NAS complaining about jet noise and advised his mule got out.

**11:47 am, Shoreview Dr.**

Caller advising drove past location near Woodland Ave., small car in water, male and female standing on road talking on cell phones; caller did not contact them.

**1:08 pm, Monroe Landing Rd.**

Requesting call referencing driving behind car, tire chains broke and piece came back and broke reporting party's windshield; wants to know what to do about it.

**5:12 pm, SR 20**

Requesting call. Wants to know how to prevent ex-wife from bringing people he doesn't want on property to location.

**11:36 pm, Park Ave.**

Caller advising extremely intoxicated female is at reporting party's house; reporting party just arrived home, unknown who female is or where she lives; states she lives in Langley, but unknown where.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 17****8:03 am, Amberwood Ln.**

Caller advising getting death threats; members of Banditos are threatening him.

**9:26 am, Mutiny Bay Rd.**

Reporting party advising seeing possibly rabid coyote in area; says yesterday was stalking wife and dog.

**10:29 am, SR 20**

Advising male subject walking down road carrying a sword.

**10:52 am, Jefferson Pl.**

Caller advising whole area needs to be sanded. Concerned if someone has an emergency, how are responders going to get to them?

**12:35 pm, West Beach Rd.**

Reporting party advising subject grabbed mail from mailman before reporting party could get to it, is now back at house, has reporting party's mail.

**3:11 pm, SR 20**

Caller advising male subject walking southbound is jumping in front of vehicles; white male approximately 55 years old, wearing baseball hat and jean jacket.

**5:03 pm, April Dr.**

Reporting party advising accidentally swallowed a mouthful of antifreeze; refused to provide information, states "I just want to know if that's deadly."

**6:35 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising female subject with blonde hair is knocking on doors and telling people she is owner and they have to leave.

**8:40 pm, NE 9th Ave.**

Reporting party advising she saw male subject running "exceptionally fast," like he was trying to get away from something.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 19****7:13 am, NE 7th St.**

Reporting party requesting call, advising received threat via Snap Chat from West Virginia FBI Department. Was a bomb threat for "children's hospital." Advising no further specifics were given.

**11:03 am, SR 20**

Caller advising customer has been yelling and spitting at other customers.

**11:21 am, NW Fairhaven Dr.**

Advising caller thought she was renting a studio, but it ended up being a shed; wants her money back.

**12:35 pm, SE Midway Blvd.**

Advising male is walking with 4-year-old child who appears intoxicated.

**1:42 pm, SE Midway Blvd.**

Caller advising male and child are walking down road and male appears intoxicated.

**5:22 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising vehicle drove away with gas hose still attached.

**MONDAY, JAN. 20****1:18 pm, Sawmill Rd.**

Advising large pig running through back yard, unknown who it belongs to.

**7:28 pm, Wilkinson Rd.**

Reporting party advising subject was just dropped off at location. States felt like subject was dumped on reporting party; reporting party did not want to be rude but does not want subject there.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 21****9:13 am, Smugglers Cove Rd.**

Occurred today around 8:30 am, green truck with no grill and a tool box in the bed, license unknown, swerved towards reporting party while he was walking on road. Reporting party was not injured. Was a construction vehicle he believes was aimed right at him.

**10:28 am, Mutiny Bay Rd.**

Caller advising of ongoing issue at bus stop; neighbor comes out and harasses subjects at bus stop. Today a sign was left at the utility pole.

**7:43 pm, Patmore Rd.**

Advising her ex-boyfriend, in his 40s, used to pee in her daughter's mouth.

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

*Merriment & Mayhem*



*at Mardi' Gras*

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Artist Rendering Courtesy of Low Income Housing Institute

A ruling is expected within the next few days regarding Oak Harbor Main Street Association's appeal of the Oak Harbor City Council's decision approving an affordable housing complex along Pioneer Way in the city's historic downtown.

# Ruling expected soon on Oak Harbor housing project

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

Island County Superior Court Judge Alan Hancock is expected to issue his decision in the next week regarding the Oak Harbor Main Street Association's legal challenge to the City of Oak Harbor's decision to approve an affordable housing project in the heart of the city's central business district (CBD).

Attorneys made their arguments before the court last Thursday. OHMSA is appealing the city council's approval of a boundary line adjustment and subsequent application by the Low Income Housing Institute to build a 51-unit affordable housing complex on Pioneer Way, claiming the project simply doesn't meet city zoning codes and doesn't satisfy mixed use zoning standards for the CBD.

"This is a residential project; it's even called the Pioneer Way Housing Project," said OHMSA attorney Margaret Archer. "But for the BLA (boundary line adjustment), it doesn't meet code. Without that BLA, there would be residential [units] on the main level, right on Pioneer Way."

Archer argued the proposed project doesn't contain enough retail space, with only 1,000 square feet designated for that purpose.

"This project, as a whole, is 97.5 percent residential," she said. "That alone - that this building's primary use is residential - is basis enough for the court to reject this decision."

The OHMSA attorney also argued a hearing examiner didn't address the issue adequately in his decision, which recommended the city council accept the BLA and the city staff's recommendation to approve LIHI's application.

"This project doesn't meet the code, outright," argued Archer. "This is manipulation of the code. If you're going to change uses, you have to go through proper zoning changes."

However, attorneys for both the City of Oak Harbor and for LIHI argued the city's code does not set minimum standards for mixed use buildings in the central business district.

"There is nothing in the code which requires a particular percentage," said Richard Hill, attorney for LIHI. "City staff highlighted three areas of concern in the initial proposal. LIHI responded to those concerns, staff recommended the application be approved. The city council discussed and debated thoroughly and honestly and made the decision to approve. LIHI respectfully asks the court to affirm the decision."

While Archer argued the court needed to examine the definition of primary versus accessory use of the property, the city's attorney said that didn't apply to this project.

"There is no limitation set in mixed used," said Anna Thompson. "There is no need to focus on primary use, because this is a mixed use building. Mixed use doesn't care about percentages."

"We applied our developmental regulations and found this project in compliance with zoning standards in the Oak Harbor Municipal Code," Thompson continued. "It met the definition of a mixed use project."

In reference to the boundary line adjustment, Thompson said the city is obligated to process those requests, regardless of the project.

"The applicant met the criteria and the code and we ask the court to deny the petitioner's request," she said.

Judge Hancock took the case under advisement. A written decision on the matter could come any time in the next week.

# Whidbey celebrates women's right to vote

By **Kae Harris** Whidbey Weekly

An exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th amendment to the constitution – giving women the right to vote – will take place Friday at the Island County Historical Society Museum in Coupeville.

The free exhibit, dubbed a "birthday party," celebrates Women's Suffrage in Washington and is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Whidbey Island and the Island County Historical Society. The display will document the complete history of women's voting rights throughout the state of Washington.

Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the event will include a cake cutting ceremony where candles will be blown out, wishes made and proclamations announced. Furthermore, all elected officials in attendance will be honored on this nationwide day of action, in which each individual league across the country is planning its own events to mark and celebrate the formation of the League of Women Voters. Friday's event will also include a display documenting the history of the local league, which has been going strong for 52 years.

"The league is an incredibly powerful organization...[whose] intention is to shed light, not heat, on [any given] issue," said Mendy Maclean-Stone, centennial activity chair person and LWV board member for many years.

The league's slogan "Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy" embodies the spirit of its movement and the goals it aims to achieve through suffrage. As a whole, the vision is to empower people to participate in issues that affect them and to instill a desire to use their right to vote their conscience

with confidence, through education and information.

While the national league is a single unit which focuses attention on issues at the federal or national level, each league is a singular entity focusing on issues pertinent to that league. Each league's focus may operate at a different level, yet agreement is always found through fostering an environment of dialogue and debate and by establishing agreement through concurrence and consensus.

"We strive to be open to political debates to help people come to a better understanding of their [own personal] position," said Maclean-Stone. "If people have good information, they can make an informed decision that is right for them."

Women's suffrage and the suffrage movement began over a century ago and though the starting point for the movement was small at first, it burgeoned into a nationwide call to allow women the right to vote. The League of Women Voters is a grassroots, non-partisan organization that seeks to promote and preserve voting rights for all. It provides voter education and information on issues relating to public policy through several platforms, such as educational forums as well as candidate and issue forums. The LWV does not endorse any political parties or candidates.

As the league moves into its second century of voting rights, it is determined to not only reach out to people who have not yet thought about the league, but to also look back at its history at each level and acknowledge that while advocating for women's right to vote, it has been unfair to women of color. Part of its goal moving forward is to reach out actively and fully understand the errors of the past and further an atmosphere



Karin Bolstad Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island League of Women Voters

An exhibit at the Island County Historical Society Museum Friday celebrates both the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The celebration of women's suffrage will take place from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

of engagement in diversity, equity and inclusion. To aid in this, the League of Women Voters Washington has adopted a diversity, equity and inclusion policy which specifically addresses and rectifies this concern, enabling it to more accurately reflect the voting population.

"In democracy, we preserve everyone's voting rights," Maclean-Stone said.

Anyone interested in the event Friday and the history of the women's suffrage movement can attend and there is no fee, though

donations and contributions are welcome at the museum and LWV of Whidbey Island.

For those seeking answers to any questions they may have surrounding current voting rules and regulations or voter registration, the League of Women Voters Whidbey Island is providing volunteers to share any information pertinent to this matter at Friday's event. Voter registration forms will also be available for those who require them.

For more information, go to [www.whidbey.org](http://www.whidbey.org) or find them on Facebook.



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# Film Shorts

Courtesy of Cascadia Weekly

By Carey Ross

**1917:** I really thought Sam Mendes' superlative WWI drama was going to take home a Best Picture Oscar, but it did win the one Academy Award it deserved: Best Cinematography for Roger Deakins' astonishing work to make a two-hour-long movie seem like a single unbroken take.  
★★★★★ (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):** Somehow this movie is actually decent and I will take this as proof Margot Robbie can do no wrong.  
★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

**Downhill:** If you've never seen the Swedish version of this film, "Force Majeure," you'll probably think this tale of family dysfunction (as rendered by Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Will Ferrell, doing their best) is just fine. If you have seen "Force Majeure," you might want to give this one a pass.  
★★ (R • 1 hr. 25 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 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 it's the best "Hansel & Gretel" of all time and this movie should just go home.  
★★ (PG-13)

**Fantasy Island:** This is an adaptation of the 1980s television show of the same name—except it takes place in the alternate horror universe of Blumhouse Productions. As if the original wasn't scary enough.  
★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 50 min.)

**Little Women:** This movie won one Oscar and it was for Best Costume Design which pretty much tells you what the largely white and male Academy values in movies made by women. (No offense to the costumes, which were lovely.)  
★★★★★ (PG • 2 hrs. 15 min.)

**Parasite:** After pulling off a stunning upset to become the first non-English-speaking Best Picture winner in Oscar history and

tying the record for the most wins in a single night, director Bong Joon-ho did what any of us would do: He made two of his four Oscars pretend to kiss and re-released his movie in black and white. Lord love him.  
★★★★★ (R • 2 hrs. 12 min.)

**The Photograph:** The estranged daughter of a famous photographer dies, a handsome journalist is assigned to write a piece about her life, the two fall for each other in what appears to be a fairly done-to-death love story, but since it stars LaKeith Stanfield and Issa Rae, it's probably better than it should be.  
★★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 46 min.)

**The Rhythm Section:** Blake Lively dons a very bad wig and seeks revenge after her family is 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.)

**Sonic the Hedgehog:** Raise your hand if you're only going to see this because you're curious about the \$5 million Paramount dumped into special effects to make Sonic look more like himself and less like a creepy blue humanoid with surprisingly lively fur.  
★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 39 min.)

**Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker:** Give it up for my main man Oscar Isaac (aka Poe Damron) for his savage "Oscar's not so white now" joke at the Academy Awards. Just when I thought my movie-star boyfriend could get no dreamier.  
★★★ (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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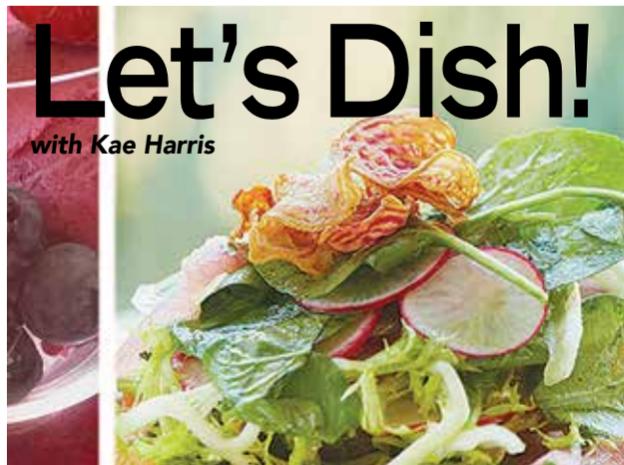
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### Ever Wondered About...?

I wanted to take a break from the basics of cooking this time and instead turn my attention to something a little more fun. I recently found myself eating something – as I usually find myself doing – and while engaging in the eating of my something (which happened to be a no-bake oatmeal cookie) I started to think about random foods. I thought things like “Who came up with these?” and “Why are they named xyz?” and then I figured I would write about it, just in case you too, my friends, hadn't heard some of these fun and interesting facts about well-known products.

I have compiled a list of things I wondered about over the years and they are as follows:

*Why is horseradish called horseradish?*

It's obviously not because it's made from horses, because you can't plant a horse and grow a radish. In fact, it seems the name was derived from a mispronunciation. According to horseradish.org, not only was the plant used as an aphrodisiac, it was turned into a muscle rub by the ancient Greeks, though that's not what I was wondering. In German, horseradish is called “meerretich” or “sea radish,” because it grows by the sea. Some people believe the English mispronounced the word “meer” and instead said “mare,” thus aptly earning its name – horseradish. Supposedly.

Interesting, methinks. So, not only is horseradish a delight addition to a roast beef and cheddar cheese sandwich, it also made a fantastic back muscle rub before we had the other popular, non-radish versions we know and use today. Moving on.

*Is Twinkie cream actually cream?*

A lot of people, my kids included, seem to love Twinkies and to be sure, I'm not bashing them at all. The cakey exterior is quite a delightful

consistency – not dry at all. It isn't the exterior, though, that had me thinking, of course, and the reason I was thinking about what the Twinkie innards were made from was because I'm not the biggest fan of this part. I find Twinkie cream seems to leave a film on my palate. It's a personal preference though, I get it – look, my kids wolf one down, given the chance - but I just can't seem to enjoy the center of the Twinkie because it doesn't taste like cream. It's not, apparently. Twinkie cream is supposedly made from vegetable shortening, among other things. Regardless, if they're your thing, then good for you. I was just curious about the filling.

It's been a marathon of food facts here lately because every time I eat something my mind wanders and then wonders about certain related topics and eventually, I arrive at a question about a certain food item. What was the next thing I thought?

*Is a banana really a berry?*

In the botanical sense, yes. Funny enough, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries are not berries. In botanical terms, a berry is only a berry if it comes from one flower with one ovary and generally, have many seeds. While strawberries, blackberries and raspberries might be berries as we know them, they come from a single flower with more than one ovary and THIS renders them unofficial, non-berries. They are instead considered aggregate fruits. Kiwis and cucumbers actually, are also considered berries for the same rules bananas apparently follow in the world of botany. The classification system of fruit, I have since discovered, isn't just complex, it's chaotic! Kudos to the botanists out there with minds like steel traps and the ability to wrap their heads around the very complicated world of flora. I am not a botanist, clearly, which is why I found this subject quite fascinating. I digress.

Next - *does milk really help cool the heat of a hot pepper in your mouth?*

Apparently, yes. When I was a child, I used to grab the water and chug if I happened to eat something a little too spicy for my small palate. Big mistake, because the capsaicin found in chilies is oil based and won't dissolve in water; rather, the water will just swish it round the mouth more and distribute the heat more evenly. My research also suggested since capsaicin is oil soluble, a swish of olive oil around your mouth and spitting it out, could do some damage control if you eat something a bit too spicy, so I guess the oils or fats in milk work in much the same way.

And finally, *which food is the most popular and why?*

Okay, so this one is all just based on opinion and free thought, because I wondered which food was the most popular around the world generally and what makes it so. I came to the conclusion it must be cheese, because it's supposedly the most stolen food product worldwide and there's even a black market for cheese. Just saying. The U.S. has a list of cheeses banned for health reasons (i.e. the risk of the cheeses carrying harmful bacteria is too high so they're basically outlawed) which is why there seems to be a clandestine operation to sell those cheeses. Who knew? I didn't!

My dear readers, I've had so many questions surrounding all – and I mean ALL – aspects of the food world, and as much as I'd love to list them here, for sure I'd forget half of them at least, and then I obviously wouldn't even begin to have enough room to talk about them all in 10 articles, let alone a single one! What food related things have you wondered about? I'd be interested to know. As a quick side note and going back to what I mentioned at the beginning of this, I just want to say my no-bake oatmeal cookies I made last week were delicious. And then, I

wondered why; I think it's the cocoa that made it so scrumptious, honestly. A personal predilection for all things chocolatey? Probably. In any event, I am including the recipe for you all to try and I hope you find them as delicious as we all did in this house! Please send any and all comments, questions and certainly, recipes you'd like to share to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we can do just that and Dish!

### No-Bake Oatmeal Cookies

2 cups granulated sugar  
½ cup butter  
½ cup milk  
¼ cup cocoa powder, unsweetened  
½ cup creamy peanut butter  
1/8 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups quick cooking oats

Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper (I didn't have any so I used foil and it seemed to work for me) and set aside. In a large saucepan, stir in the sugar, milk, butter, cocoa powder and salt and bring to a boil. Allow to boil for one minute, then remove from heat. Stir in the vanilla and peanut butter and mix until well blended. Add in the oats and mix very well. Work quickly and drop the mixture by rounded tablespoons onto the prepared parchment (or foil) lined cookie sheets and allow to cool completely. Store in an airtight container and enjoy when you feel like a quick treat! They go great with milk, too, by the way!

www.livescience.com/why-are-bananas-considered-berries  
https://horseradish.org  
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### WHAT'S GOING ON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

#### Telephone Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-7:00PM

Rep. Norma Smith will be hosting a telephone town hall meeting. Residents of the 10th District can call 360-776-3571 to participate. Participants can ask Rep. Smith questions or just listen in on the community conversation. Rep. Smith can be contacted at Norma.Smith@leg.wa.gov and 360-786-7884. Learn more at <http://normasmith.houserepublicans.wa.gov/>. The 60-day legislative session is scheduled to end March 12.

#### South Whidbey Garden Club

Friday, February 21, 9:00AM-12:00PM

St. Peter's Church, Clinton

Presentation: “Gentle Yoga” with Sarah Birger. Public is welcome.

#### PBY Museum's Annual Community Luncheon

Wednesday, February 26, 11:30AM

Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, 155 NE Ernst St.

This is the forum in which we bring the community up to date on the museum's progress and recognize volunteers for their service. This is a no host buffet luncheon. Call 360-240-9500 as reservations are encouraged to get your seat.

For a list of continuous Meetings and Organizations, visit [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)

#### Classes, Seminars and Workshops

##### 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](mailto: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.

##### NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Friday, February 14, 6:00-9:00PM

Saturday, February 15, 9:00AM-5:00PM

NWSA Range, 886 Gun Club Rd, Oak Harbor

Cost: \$35

This course introduces students to the knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for owning and using a pistol safely. The pistol handling and shooting portion is completed at the

NWSA range where students will learn about safe gun handling, pistol shooting fundamentals, and pistol shooting activities. The Basics of Pistol Course will also help prepare the student for participation in other NRA courses. This class includes shooting on the NWSA Pistol Range. Students can register online at [rainstructors.org](http://rainstructors.org). For questions or to register, call NRA instructor John Hellmann at 360-675-8397 or email [NWSA.Training@gmail.com](mailto:NWSA.Training@gmail.com)

##### DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, February 15, 1:00-3:00PM

Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 12:45PM. 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.idipic.org](http://www.idipic.org).

##### Welcome to Medicare

Tuesday, February 18, 12:00PM

Oak Harbor Center, 51 SE Jerome St.

Turning 65? New to Medicare? Join the State-wide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) for a free workshop. Any questions about Medicare plans available to Whidbey Island residents will be answered. Topics will include when and how to enroll, benefits and costs, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Coordination with Tricare for Life or Retiree Plans, Prescription Coverage, Low-income Assistance; plus how to change plans during this General Enrollment Period. Spend the lunch hour with SHIBA - snacks and refreshments will be served.

##### Make a Mosaic Dish

Tuesday, February 18, 1:00PM

Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor \$25

Learn the basics of mosaics as you create a small mosaic dish for display or to use as a jewelry tray. For more information, call 360-682-2468.

##### Is an Electric Car in Your Future?

Friday, February 21, 6:30PM

Unity of Whidbey, 5671 Crawford Rd., Langley

Free event, donations accepted

Have you been considering an electric vehicle (EV) but wish you had more information? Transportation and tech consultant Tony Billera will present information and considerations on currently available EV as well as used EV options. Learn about: charging an EV, mileage range, savings in fuel and maintenance costs, effect on CO2 emissions through both EV manufacture and operation. A panel of local EV drivers ages teen to retirement will follow the presentation to answer your questions on transitioning to an EV. Presentation begins at 7:00PM.

##### 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](http://concordiaoakharbor.org) to sign up. Presented by Concordia Community Academy.





# CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)



Memory can be so conveniently selective. How else can campaigning politicians repeat every promise they made to you four years ago, after having forgotten them all immediately after election day? You are better, of course. You can make a promise and keep it. But how good are you? Do you recall all your promises and keep them with impeccable integrity? No? You may have a future as a politician.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



People who have money are always studying money. Maybe that's why they have so much of it. Look around you to see how NOT to handle money. Bad examples abound. Study them. If you're too sensitive, too highly evolved, to dabble in crass materialism (read poor), be sly. Use peripheral vision. And if you spy someone watching your bad example? Don't be paranoid. You may have found a friend.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



There's much to be said about trade-ins. Kicking tires, savoring the new smell, road testing a newer model. It's all fun and exciting. Unless you are the old model being traded off, that is. That's no fun at all. Cars--and people--should be handled with consideration and care. Keep that in mind this week as you do what you have to do. Few things are sadder than a car with issues around abandonment and betrayal.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Peak performance comes often at the hand of a stern disciplinarian. How can an army march, except to the cadence of a drill instructor? Where would be the orchestra, minus the baton of its conductor? And you. Who's the necessary nag in your life? Give them a hearty thanks! But for them, you'd be marching off key and out of step. So praise them. Buy chocolates. Send flowers. And pity's sake, stop calling them a nag! Lemonade, anyone?

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



How goes that exercise regimen? Love handles still fighting your belt loops in their race for space? Why is that? Could it be that you're waging physical war in a battle that's just as much mental? Sun Tzu in The Art of War said, "If the mind is willing, the flesh could go on and on without many things." Presumably, even granny's cherry cheesecake. So steel your mind. Gird your will. And put down that fork.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the other side, yes. But was that crossing a quest for meaning and purpose in life? Ninety-six of a hundred independent farmers surveyed concurred that it's so. (Four others sought a satsang with Swami Fowlananda for answers. They have not reported back.) Have you crossed the road, lately? Other than to fetch

the mail? Do consider it. Ninety-six farmers and a chicken can't be wrong.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



Remember youthful growth spurts? Those times when suddenly your clothes became too small and it seemed you outgrew shoes overnight? Relationships go through similar times. You're in one now. Maybe you've noticed the sleeves of your brother and sister relations are hitting at your elbows. You've grown, and it's time to behave in ways more adult. Hard to do in an election year, but no more food fights, OK?

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



So you're talking, but no one is listening. You've tried being more engaging. Your dog perks up, but not your friends. That great book you read? No interest. The bombshell documentary? Yawn. Sadly, what your friends crave, you're unable to give. You've outgrown them. You're still a worthy person. You'll soon find new friends. Until then, there's one who loves you still. Who hangs on your every word. A clue? Ask your perky friend.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



From the crossword puzzle of life, a four-letter word for heavy: GURU. Burn it into your brain. To be guru is to be heavy. Heavy in spiritual knowledge, in the case of the guru Yogananda. And you? You're a guru of street smarts, heavy in life experience and rapidly getting heavier. Isn't this grand? A way of being heavy that won't overload your sofa cushions or balloon your dress size. Your hat size maybe. Happy gains!

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Socrates said that to know thyself is the beginning of wisdom. Ben Franklin said that three things are extremely hard: steel, diamonds, and to know oneself. You know where this is going. Ya wanna be wise, ya gotta work. But wait. Franklin also said, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise. So there you have it. The key to your week, and indeed, to wisdom? A good alarm clock! Breakfast at six.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Sir Barnett Cocks wrote that a committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled. An example may be the swan. Precommittee, the symbol of love and beauty. Postcommittee, a laughing stock called the ostrich. Is there a committee at work in your neighborhood? A cul-de-sac in your future? It's worth investigating. The swan you save in this election year might be your own.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



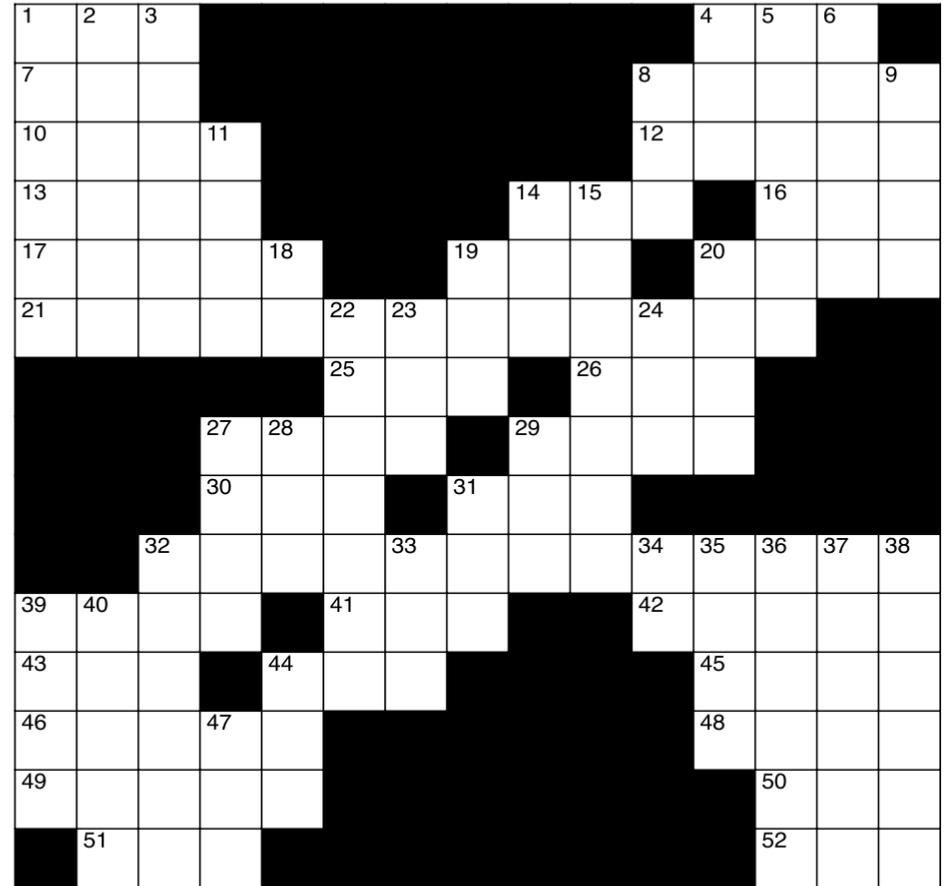
In the words of novelist John Gardner, life is the art of drawing without an eraser. For best results, Gardner seemed to say, define your purpose early and stay within the lines. But it's your canvas. Your rules. Do you enjoy coloring outside the lines? Or is yours a paint-by-number life? Fads come and fads go, but in the final showing, yours is the opinion that counts. What sort of critic will you be?

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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. Expression of disgust
- 4. A place to unwind
- 7. A type of cooking range
- 8. Grasp tightly
- 10. Sea eagles
- 12. Carb dish
- 13. Late-night host
- 14. Revolutions per minute
- 16. Indicates odd or erroneous
- 17. FDR's military chief of staff
- 19. Swiss river
- 20. Norwegian district and river
- 21. A form of motivation
- 25. Car mechanics group
- 26. Once a must-have home theater accessory
- 27. Broken branch
- 29. Apple and pumpkin are two
- 30. Skeletal muscle
- 31. Small Eurasian deer
- 32. Tight-lipped fellow
- 39. Comes after a cut

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Spanish dish
- 2. Concurs
- 3. \_\_\_ and her sisters
- 4. Patti Hearst's captors
- 5. Used to refer to cited works
- 6. A state of excited movement
- 8. Advertising term (abbr.)
- 9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 11. New York art district
- 14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- 15. Pre-release viewing
- 18. Northwestern Canadian territory

- (abbr.)
- 19. Consumed
- 20. Falters
- 22. Radioactive form of an element
- 23. Catch a wrongdoer
- 24. Breeze through
- 27. Thick piece of something
- 28. Yellowish-brown color
- 29. "The Raven" poet
- 31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)
- 32. Creating
- 33. Supervises flying
- 34. Northwestern state
- 35. Was obligated to repay
- 36. Diverging in lines from a common center
- 37. Bleak
- 38. We all have them
- 39. Hit with the palm of one's hand
- 40. Sea that's part of the western Pacific
- 44. Political action committee
- 47. Famed Spanish soldier El \_\_\_

Answers on page 15

## YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

| Thurs, Feb. 13                                | Fri, Feb. 14                         | Sat, Feb. 15                                | Sun, Feb. 16                                | Mon, Feb. 17                                | Tues, Feb. 18                                       | Wed, Feb. 19                               |
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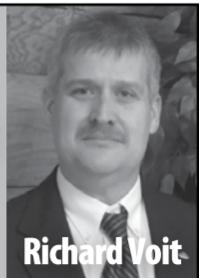
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