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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



According to the *Old Farmer's Almanac*, the month of May has two origins. May is named for the Roman goddess *Maia*, who supervised the growth of plants. May is also from the Latin word *maiores* or "elders" as May was the month to

celebrate seniors.

Elder is a classier sounding word than *senior*, but it may require an offering.

Thought food

"A person who cannot stand correction, criticism, or improvement is not likely to grow very much." ~ Ernest C. Wilson, *An Open Mind*

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"Never bet against the Americans. We are the innovators." ~Eric Schmidt, former CEO of Google

"Confidence is the very basis of all achievement. There is a tremendous power in the conviction that we can do a thing.

The man who has great faith in himself is relieved from a great many uncertainties as to whether he is in his right place, from doubts as to his ability, and from fears regarding his future."

~Orison Swett Marden, *The Miracle of Right Thought*

"Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us worthy evidence of the fact."

~George Eliot

The Space Bar

With our social distancing protocols in practice, my career as a hands-on, mouth-open entertainer may soon be a fiction.

With no auction action anticipated, nor festivals to be celebrated, nor wedding ceremonies requiring the pastoral skills of an online graduate of the Universal Life Church (be ordained in three minutes or less), I have to come up with new ideas.

Looking down at this keyboard in search of letters, I have noticed the keys are a metaphor for the pandemic.

The keyboard has a Space Bar for distancing modifications.

The keyboard has a Shift key to remind us there may be a shift change ahead.

The keyboard has a CTRL key to remind us of what we have lost.

The keyboard has the ESC key which gives us hope.

F1-F12 covers every vulgar adjective I can muster to describe the last two months of confinement.

Quit whining, Freeman, hit the PGUP key. You are stuck on PGDN.

Why am I speaking to myself in second person when I am the only one at this keyboard?

HOMEPAUSE is a key at the top I am tired of using. It is time to hit the END BREAK key, but where would I go?

In that situation, I go right to BACK SPACE to remind myself why I walked into the room.

CAPS LOCK? This is the key to contact the NFL. Let us look at the possibilities of the biggest key, the SPACE BAR.

According to the naysayers on last Sunday's *Face the Nation* (any news show will work), the internet is now and forever our world.

The internet is no longer an option. The internet is now our survival tool, a communication necessity, and a social distancing satisfier.

THE SPACE BAR.

Can you dig it?

A place to go to socialize at a social distance.

Individual cells that look like jail cells, but more like Martha Stewart might have had.

The bars on the cells, where cell phone usage is free with unlimited data, would be connected by the same kind of thick plastic we see

wherever we go today. This assures safety in breathing.

All cells at The Space Bar would have individual heating and cooling controls.

The cell would be complete with essential accessories – wi-fi, computer, flat screen TV, DVD player, commode, bed, sink, and a Mr. Coffee.

Food and beverage could be served through an automat door. Bring back the automat at the SPACE BAR. A kids' cell area could offer PB&J with mac and cheese chasers.

The Space Bar – A place to go to satisfy your every need, with space.

No masks are required. Your isolation guarantees your safety in confinement.

Of course, like any new idea, I have to stare out the window a bit more before I start my GoSpaceMe campaign.

The hook right now for my first business card is *THE SPACE BAR – Where Laptops Meet Loneliness*.

Maybe the wording on this needs to be more amenable to the possibility of attracting former astronauts.

NASA's frequent flier astronaut Pinky Nelson could cut the ribbon at the opening. Pinky has a smile that is out of this world. In fact, his smile has been.

Web tips

Since the internet appears to be the source of all wisdom during our stay-at-homeness, I have to marvel at some of the suggestions. Someone once told me to believe none of what I heard and half of what I read.

This is a good time in our lives to expand that suggestion to suit our individual needs.

A friend of mine was told by her husband's barber that Vaseline worked just as well as wearing a mask.

The barber's suggestion – rub the petroleum jelly inside and around your nose for protection.

Another friend told me he shaves with a thin coat of peanut butter instead of Barbasol shaving cream.

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* reports peanut butter is good when smeared on garden tools as a winter preservative.

I could spend time verifying these alleged bits of household clarity, but, in doing so I might eat into my staring out the window time which becomes more valuable every time I clean the window.

As we say in Freeland – "Stay safe. Don't believe anyone about anything at anytime for any reason, unless you are talking to your Mother."

Corny saying of the week

Like many of you, watching our local and national news, weather, and sports folks speak from their kitchens, libraries, dining rooms, basements, and backyards, has humanized them for me. None of the fancy curved desk stuff with the big screen on the wall.

Weatherman Ben Dery of King 5 in Seattle has a daily motto or saying displayed on the wall behind him when he forecasts from his basement. I love these because the basement statements remind me of *Highlights for Children*, my fave magazine in any doctor's office.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

Mysteries solved

A tip of the conductor's hat to Stephen Stephenson for suggesting a cure to the overcooked and now unavailable Wendy's burger – 3 Sisters.

Added tippage to Bruce Bell for recommending his Grandma's cure for a stuck substance in the iron skillet cleaning – rock salt, rub a dub dub.

Surely worked on our snow capped streets in Oil City, Pa.

Also, kudos to Charlie who called to say that when he is "bored out of my gourd," he reads back columns of *On Track*, online.

"Yea, Freeman, your stuff is somewhere between weird and informative."

I wonder if I can get these categories printed on bookends.

To read past columns of *On Track* in the *Whidbey Weekly*, see our Digital Library at www.whidbeyweekly.com.

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Can you draw a logo?

The PBY-Naval Air Museum has a new name and needs a logo to go with it. The new name is

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum

See contest details at <https://pbymf.org/2020/03/25/complete-contest-rules/>

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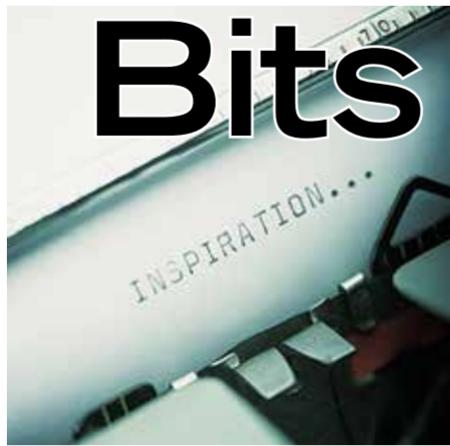
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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

2020 Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival Cancellation

The Board of Directors of the Coupeville Festival Association has announced the cancellation of the 2020 Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 2020 festival would have been the 56th consecutive festival. Believing the Arts and Crafts Festival should be a time of celebration, not anxiety, the Board did not enter into this decision lightly. Public health and safety has been and always will be a top priority. In addition to our guests, there is a responsibility to provide a safe experience for volunteers, vendors and the community.

The 2021 Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Aug. 7 and 8, 2021. Please join us at that time and until then, be safe.

Board of Directors
Coupeville Festival Association

Another Clean Audit for South Whidbey Fire/EMS

South Whidbey Fire/EMS passed its independent audits for financial and accountability practices. The reports can be found on the Washington State Auditor's website at www.sao.wa.gov/reports-data/audit-reports. The audit is required every two years, and this current report covers the fire district's practices from 2017-2018.

"We have a history of clean audits," said Fire Chief Rusty Palmer. "It's important our taxpayers know we manage their tax dollars responsibly during times of economic uncertainty and always."

South Whidbey Fire/EMS is asking voters to consider a Fire Levy lid lift of 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value during the Aug. 4 Primary Election. Chief Palmer said the need for emergency services funding predates the pandemic by more than two years. If approved by voters, the lid lift will be used to hire up to eight additional full-time personnel to improve emergency response times, and replace aging apparatus (such as fire engines and medical vehicles).

A portion of the funds likely will go to backfill costs associated with COVID-19, as well. For example, the costs for hand sanitizer, disinfectant and personal protective equipment (PPE) for firefighters have increased. The fire district is also anticipating higher personnel costs due to overtime and temporary hires needed to respond to calls.

"We've always had volunteers responding to emergency calls. They are the backbone of our organization," said Chief Palmer. "Some of our people are out on medical leave, however, due to underlying medical conditions that put them at risk of catching the virus."

Prior to COVID-19, call volumes had increased 12 percent for the fire district since 2014. The agency has communicated with the public about its staffing struggles, specifically that it lost 30 percent of its emergency responders during the last recession. With another recession likely, Chief Palmer said the need to hire additional full-time firefighters is its first priority.

If the lid lift is approved by voters, the fire levy rate would change from 65 cents to 95 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value. (By

way of comparison, the fire levy rate for the fire district was \$1 in 1990.) The lid lift would last for six years and adjust based on the inflation rate, but could never exceed 95 cents per \$1,000.

The additional cost would be approximately \$10 per month for the owner of a \$400,000 home. If passed in 2020, the lid lift would start being collected in the spring of 2021.

More information about the fire levy lid lift can be found on the website at www.swfe.org under "Public Information." Community members with questions are encouraged to contact Chief Rusty Palmer at 360-321-1533 or chief@swfe.org.

[Submitted by Sherrye Wyatt]

Couch Options for Avid Puget Sound Boaters During Stay-Home

Deception Pass Sail and Power Squadron (DPSPS) recommends boaters beat the "lock-down blues" by tuning in to "America's Boating Channel LIVE," a weekly boating magazine show produced by the United States Power Squadrons that includes practical tips for coping – and thriving – during these difficult times. New episodes air each Wednesday afternoon at 4:00PM EDT on YouTube and America's Boating Channel and are also available on-demand.

According to DPSPS Commander Pat Waters, the America's Boating Channel LIVE can be found at <https://americasboatingchannel.com> and www.youtube.com/channel/UC1c_rFyt1fGqvdiSauAijAg and offers a wide variety of interesting and useful episodes, including navigation rules, FAQ, docking – doing it right, securing the boat, mooring and shoreline landing – to name a few.

"Even if you're a family new to boating, or interested in learning more about boating in the Puget Sound, this is a great place to start," Waters emphasized.

Waters stressed as soon as the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" restrictions are lifted, the DPSPS will again offer seminars about safe boating for kids, shrimping and crabbing in local waters, and even more advanced courses like piloting and boat handling.

"Follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/boatingeducation) or our website www.deceptionpassailandpowersquadron.com for more information, and to keep track of what is being offered," Waters said. The DPSPS is a great group for beginning boaters all the way up to experienced mariners."

DPSPS is a 44-year-old nonprofit organization. It is a member of the United States Power Squadrons, the world's largest boating education organization. DPSPS has over 75 members from Whidbey and Fidalgo Islands.

[Submitted by Jennifer Geller, DPSPS]

The New Norm at Island Transit

By Maribeth Crandell
Island Transit Mobility Specialist

I set out to catch the bus, then stopped. Do I have a face mask with me? I went back inside and grabbed my floral mask. At the bus stop, I watched another rider approach. He stood a good ten feet away. He also had a face mask around his neck. "Good morning," I said. "Are you a regular bus rider?" "Yes, I use the bus twice a week to get to work." A third rider approached. He also stopped ten feet away. When he saw us with our masks, he reached into his pack, pulled out a bandanna, folded it into a triangle and tied it around his face.

After a few minutes the bus pulled up and we climbed aboard through the back door. Everyone inside wore a face mask and sat with an empty seat between them. It wasn't crowded. Ridership has dropped off 80 percent since the virus struck and the Governor urged us to Stay Home, Stay Healthy.

Island Transit provides an essential service making sure people still have transportation to food, medicine, health care and essential jobs. Our paratransit program provides door to door service for disabled and seniors

who qualify. But both the bus and paratransit should be used only for essential travel during the pandemic. Signs on the bus urged us to *Prevent the Spread, Stay Home, and Don't ride the bus if you're sick*. The front of the bus was cordoned off to allow the bus operator enough physical distance from passengers. There was just one elderly woman with a walker in the front section but still six feet away. Anyone who needs to use the ramp can still access the bus through the front door.

Because ridership has dropped so drastically in the past two months, bus routes have been reduced, twice. I went online to check the route and schedule before leaving home. People can also call dispatch at 360-678-7771. The number is right on the bus stop sign. I was on the northbound Route 1. It turned left at Race Road to go by the Coupeville Ferry before going down Main Street by the Red Apple and the hospital. On my return trip I knew I'd have to get off the bus two miles from my house. But it was a nice day, a quiet road and I like to walk. A few other people used a bike to reach the bus that day.

When I got to Coupeville I was able to get to work by walking the bike path most of the way. At the office, we're all wearing colorful face masks made by wonderful volunteers. Some hallways are closed to try to keep staff safe. We're asked to take our temperature and check for symptoms before coming to work each day.

Island Transit has taken several steps to keep employees and riders safe. We encourage riders to wear a face mask, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before entering the bus. Use the rear door whenever possible. Sit six feet away from others including the bus operator. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve. And if you're sick, please stay home. Only make essential trips. Island Transit crews perform a deep clean and sanitize the buses and facilities daily. Bus operators have sanitizer and wipes on each bus to be used as needed. We're doing our best to keep our riders and employees safe and healthy, but we need your help to do so. Bring a face mask and hand sanitizer, and ride the bus for essential trips only. We're all in this together.

Local Business News

Penn Cove Brewing Co. Extends Tech Fundraiser for Coupeville Schools

Penn Cove Brewing Company (PCBC) is providing limited operations at the Coupeville Taproom with a drive-through pick up, where you can pre-order online or place orders for to-go of growler fills, growlers, cans and bottles, while supplies last.

Since April 2, PCBC has collected over \$2,000 in donations that will be used to help Coupeville School District (CSD) purchase needed computer hardware and connectivity for remote schooling access for all students during the mandated school shutdowns.

In the spirit of Craft, Community, and Collaboration, PCBC will continue accepting donations until the end of June, or when it is able to reopen.

One hundred percent of the donations collected go directly to the Coupeville School District.

Drop by for your favorite beers in growlers and support PCBC and CSD at the same time. Win-win!

Pre-orders for pick up drive-through at www.penncovebrewing.com or send an email to info@penncovebrewing.com (include your phone number). PCBC will call you to confirm the order details and then have your order ready for pick up the next day.

Limited drive-through hours are Thursdays through Sundays, 3:00 to 7:00PM.

Beer sales and pick up by customers age 21 and over only.

Gift certificates and new SWAG are also available for purchase.

Why Should You See a Financial Advisor?

The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from 6 feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

Taking emotions out of investing. During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As a result, they sell investments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery – and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning. But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

Maintaining perspective. When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement. By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated significantly. And if you've got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

Understanding the history of investing. The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause – a worldwide pandemic – is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000. However, market drops of 20 percent or more – generally referred to as bear markets – are not at all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

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CENSUS 2020

Get counted for the good of the community

By Kacie Jo Voeller Whidbey Weekly

From children to seniors, data from the 2020 Census will play a role in determining federal funding for programs and resources spanning the population of Island County in areas including education, healthcare and more. As of Tuesday, the census website, www.2020census.gov, lists the Island County self-response rate at 62.7 percent.

Dana Sawyers, a partnership specialist with the 2020 Census Bureau, said self-response is a key part of the census, and getting a larger percentage of the population to respond will help Island County receive adequate funding. The census is ongoing, with questionnaires sent out via mail, as well as online options for response (www.my2020census.gov/) or a toll free number (844-330-2020 for English; other languages available).



"What we are really promoting is self-response, (either) online or at the toll free phone number, or with the paper for people who receive their questionnaire in the mail, and to fill that out and send it in," she said.

Sawyers, a Whidbey Island resident, said with proper promotion, the hope is to limit the need for Nonresponse Follow Up (NRFU), where census takers go door-to-door to addresses that have not responded to the census in other ways. According to the census website, due to COVID-19, the timeline for this process has also been postponed to later in the year.

"It is conceivable we could get to a higher count with less of that nonresponse follow up being necessary," she said. "Especially with COVID-19, people are going to be potentially hesitant to go and open the door and talk to a stranger."

Areas of the county have seen growth in recent years with

new squadrons coming to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Sawyers said. She said it is important for the census to reflect this growth to ensure proper funding for schools and other federally-funded programs.

"It brought thousands more people, because when you bring a military member, typically they have a family tail, and that makes an impact on schools and infrastructure," she said.

Conor Laffey, communication officer for Oak Harbor Public Schools, said many federally-funded programs, including the National School Lunch Program and grant programs, are connected to the census. A number of families in the community, including military families, qualify to participate in Free and Reduced Lunch, he said.

"Undercounting our military population would result in fewer resources coming to our community," he said.

Laffey said a higher response rate is key to providing adequate funding for those who need it most.

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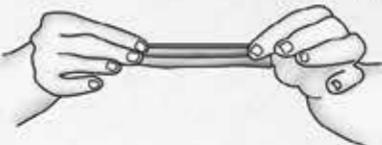


- Make a paper bridge!
- Find the hat that does not fit!
- Make 8 animals appear!

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FUN FACTS!

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Crickets hear through their knees.

Your ears work faster than your mouth (the way it should be)



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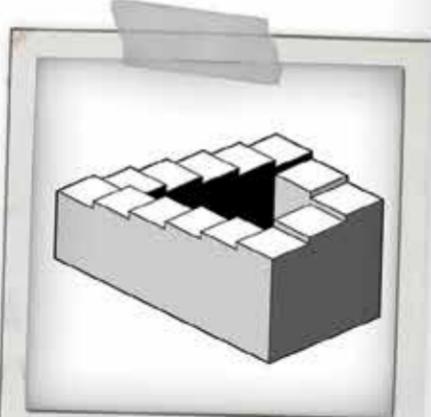


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Draw a line between the hats that match exactly!

Circle the one hat that doesn't fit.



Which step is the highest?



Q: You have 8 dollars in your pocket and you lose 3. What do you have in your pocket?
A: A hole.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 10

10:54 am, Fox Spit Rd.

Requesting call referencing recent problem of people trying to harass her goats in a field; last occurred yesterday, subjects were lighting fireworks off at them.

3:38 pm, Bismark Ln.

Reporting party advising ran into mobile home with her vehicle; no injuries, no airbag deployment. Reporting party advising subject who owns mobile home is having a breakdown. Reporting party advising female is not giving her name.

4:21 pm, E Squire Rd.

Requesting call; advising subjects at location cut down tree and it's now in reporting party's yard. Reporting party would like to know if she has to clean up the mess from the tree.

4:56 pm, Cougar Ln.

Advised by third party message left at real estate office that subjects at location were "racing and shooting guns, bullets flying everywhere." Reporting party did not have any information on caller.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

10:28 am, SR 525

Party found boxes on a walk; advising appears boxes may be left over from robbery, based on items inside. Call reporting party for description about where to find boxes.

1:23 pm, Scenic Heights Rd.

Reporting party says she can see three paddle boarders from her residence heading toward Penn Cove, wondering if they need help; reporting party could not articulate why, did not notice any type of gesturing or yelling.

8:05 pm, Humphrey Rd.

Caller advising landlord turned off his power again. Landlord also lives on site, but parties are separated. Same situation occurred last week.

SUNDAY APRIL 12

5:52 am, Mobius Loop

Caller immediately upon answering phone began asking why 911 or dispatch was an answering machine when he called. It was explained to caller how business line for Island County Sheriff's Office works after hours. Male continued to talk over

calltaker when asked to advise if there's an emergency or something to report.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

1:09 pm, Main St.

Requesting call, advising saw subject in store she knows for a fact is not in EMS; subject was wearing EMS jacket. Would like to know if that's legal.

3:44 pm, Columbia Beach Dr.

Reporting party advising about 12:45 today neighbor's dog ran out and bit her in the butt; advising no medical needed, reporting party called doctor, advised her to call law enforcement.

4:24 pm, Wahl Rd.

Reporting party is very concerned all the birds around his house are dying; advising thinks they might have "the virus;" says 30 birds dead in last month.

9:43 pm, Scenic Ave.

Reporting party states son ran out of house saying Jesus was coming.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

11:29 am, Columbia Beach Dr.

Reporting party advising there was an issue yesterday with female walking through yard and getting bit by dog; reporting party advising bite was already reported. Would like to know how to keep female out of their yard.

1:16 pm, NE 7th St.

Requesting to speak to P1 "his email isn't working and I'd just like to save everyone a lot of time and money from following me around," refused further information and hung up on calltaker, isn't answering.

5:44 pm, Fletcher Pl.

Requesting call; advising someone used his phone number this morning to make fraudulent phone call to someone else trying to sell something. States recipient of fraudulent call then called reporting party and threatened to slit reporting party's throat.

10:44 pm, Heller Rd.

Reporting party advising male subject on reporting party's back porch is yelling at himself and slamming things around. No weapons.

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



Due to the COVID-19 virus, we have had to cancel all future impact panels and community outreach activities through May, and later, if deemed necessary by Island County, the City of Oak Harbor, and Washington State. We will keep all of our Partners in Prevention, stakeholders, donors, volunteers and supporters notified when we are permitted to resume our panels and outreach.

The Impaired Driving Impact Panel of Island County (IDIPIIC), is a network of concerned individuals dedicated to deterring driving under the influence and underage drinking in our communities through education and awareness.

We provide three impact panels per month, two in Oak Harbor, and one in Freeland. We also provide impact panels on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island upon request. Our panels include driver's education students and their parents, court-ordered offenders, and the general public. Only court-ordered offenders pay a fee for the panel.

NAS Whidbey Island

There is no current engagement with NAS Whidbey Island due to the COVID-19 crisis. We are staying in touch with our Navy contacts via email.

Safe Ride Home

Our Partner in Prevention, Safe Ride Home, www.saferidehomewhidbeyisland.com, provides a free service to those who live on the south end of Whidbey Island. Its mission is to provide a pre-funded safe ride home for members of South Whidbey, Clinton to Coupeville, when they find themselves in an unsafe situation. This service is for emergency rides only!

Bars and restaurants are closed and taxi drivers are on limited service. People should not need a Safe Ride Home during the COVID-19 virus situation.

Safe Ride Home is looking to establish a chapter serving Oak Harbor and the surrounding area. If you are interested in this activity, please contact Safe Ride Home President, Brian Grimm, at 360-929-3277 or bjgrimm@gmail.com.

Oak Harbor Public Schools

Brian Mullen is the Prevention-Intervention Counselor for Oak Harbor High School, and he can be reached at: 360-279-5766 or bmullen@ohsd.net.

South Whidbey School District

Here is the latest from Colleen Chan: South Whidbey's prevention group, South Whidbey Squared, continues to meet weekly via Zoom. They are engaging their peers in a fun and relaxing Movie BINGO on Instagram (@southwhidbeysquared)! Student Assistance Professional (SAP), Colleen Chan, continues prevention for parents with monthly newsletters, available at https://sw.wednet.edu/community/cpwi/student_assistance_professional_newsletters.

Teen Marijuana Use

Washington State has legalized marijuana use for anyone over 21. Our concern is for teens who may want to experiment with marijuana before they are 21. To help educate teens, the Marijuana Prevention and Education Program (a part of WA State Department of Health) has a campaign called: You Can. Its website (www.youcanwa.org) gives information on basics, health effects, consequences, vaping, and inspiring teens. Both parents and teens can benefit from this site, and all sources for the information are listed.

SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration):
www.samhsa.gov

May 10 -16 has been designated as National Prevention Week by SAMHSA, the federal agency whose mission is to "reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities." Established in 1992, SAMHSA makes substance use and mental disorder information, services, and research more accessible to individuals and communities. If you click on the link, you will find it has focused on a specific health theme each day during the week. Free publications, tip sheets and resource centers are available for each of the 2020 daily themes.

Community Outreach

Social distancing is our most effective tool in slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Nichol and I continue to stay in touch with many of our Partners in Prevention, donors, volunteers, speakers and supporters via email and phone. All panels and presentations are on hold until social distancing rules and guidelines for our state change. We truly miss the community engagement activities because we know how much Island County residents want to maintain the safety, health and welfare of everyone.

Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC): wtsc.wa.gov

Submitted by Doug Dahl, Target Zero Manager for WTSC

Over the past few weeks we've had a big decrease in driving. And a big increase in cycling. If you're one of the folks who recently decided to dust off the bike in the garage and go for a ride, now is a good time to refresh your bike safety knowledge. Beyond wearing a helmet, here are some biking basics:

- Ride with the flow of traffic (very important)
- Obey traffic laws (bikes on the road have the same rules as cars)
- Be predictable, stay alert, and enjoy the best place on the planet to ride a bike.

In closing, our IDIPIIC funding just covers our expenses and the cost of two part-time contractors. Even though we are not able to activate our community outreach and involvement in person, Nichol and I continue to maintain our community connections via email and phone from home. Our annual fundraising efforts which begin at this time of year, have been postponed. But any donation to IDIPIIC, and any donations on behalf of our co-sponsor, Safe Ride Home, can be mailed to: IDIPIIC, PO Box 358, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Every monetary donation will receive a thank you letter as proof of your generosity, and acknowledgment on our website (if requested). Both IDIPIIC and Safe Ride Home are 501c3 nonprofit organizations, registered in the State of Washington.

If you have any questions, please contact me at idiPIC@idipic.org.

On behalf of myself and Nichol Rayne, thank you for caring about our community on Whidbey island and your support for safer roads.

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U.S. Pacific Fleet Reaffirms Confidence in USS Theodore Roosevelt

From U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

Two days after returning from Guam, the U.S. Pacific Fleet's senior leaders stressed their appreciation and confidence in the multi-service, multi-agency response to the Navy's COVID-stricken aircraft carrier.

"After being able to get to Guam and seeing the operation in action, Fleet (Master Chief James Honea) and I were enormously impressed, having watched the Sailors fight through this adversary to get back on their ship," said Fleet Commander Adm. John C. Aquilino. "I'm more proud than ever having seen firsthand what our Sailors have had to do."

Both leaders, separately self-quarantining now that they're back in Hawaii, spent the weekend on Guam visiting USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), as well as various commands, Guam's leaders, and some of the roughly 5,000 Sailors who were manning the ship, quarantined, or in isolation while their nearly 1,100-foot, 97,000-ton carrier went through a massive, aggressive cleaning.

The multiple stops left the men confident with the spirit of the Sailors and those taking care of them.

"The joint team – the Marine Corps, Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard – all came together to support shipmates in need," Aquilino said. "They maintained the quality of health, quality of care, and quality of life for the TR crew across multiple locations on the island. An operation such as this has not been executed in my 36 years of doing this business."

The Pacific Fleet Master Chief agreed.

"The magnitude and complexity of the support operations that they're running over there are very well detailed and well-orchestrated," Honea said. "It was developed without any kind of script or playbook to go by."

Aquilino credited Guam's governor and "the people and patriots of Guam," who he and Honea said donated care packages consisting of personal items, snacks, and comfort

items. They also appreciated the contributions of the USO through the base Chaplain.

Other support included Wi-Fi, phones for Sailors to call family back home, laundry services, and transportation. It's the kind of care one would expect from family.

"We reinforced with the Sailors that we're family," Honea said. "We thanked them for their endurance and their strength of will and character to face this virus and to get back to sea."

Thousands of Sailors returned to USS Theodore Roosevelt as the aircraft carrier prepares to return to sea.

"The Sailors are extremely eager to get back to sea," Honea said. "This is a tough team that you wouldn't want to take on. Don't underestimate them."

Some of TR's Sailors themselves demonstrated some of that resilience and talked about adjusting and, as Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Jose Morris put it, "getting back into the groove."

While a few admitted that social distancing or wearing masks every day might take getting used to, they shrugged it off as part of life.

"We don't know (a lot) about this virus," said Morris, from Oak Harbor, Wash.. "It's a new world that we live in that we have to adjust to."

On board the carrier, Yeoman 2nd Class Amber Bennett, from Fayetteville, N.C., said she's "being deliberately, overly paranoid" and has "a big thing of sanitizer" in her office that she ensures everyone uses before conducting business.

"I stay back away from the counter while I'm helping people, and we don't let more than one customer in the office at a time," said Bennett, who has five years of service.

Morris, who has been in the Navy for 19 years, is looking forward to returning to the flight deck.



(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Dartanon Delagarza/Released)

U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Adm. John C. Aquilino, right, and U.S. Pacific Fleet Fleet Master Chief, James Honea, speak to the emergency communication center team in the library aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71), May 2. Theodore Roosevelt's essential watch standers and cleaning team conducted a crew swap starting April 29, turning over a clean ship to a COVID-negative crew after completion of their off-ship quarantine or isolation.

"It's hard to explain," he said. "It gives you a sense of purpose of why you're in the military."

Still, getting some 5,000 people underway must be done with caution, Aquilino said.

"The Sailors on that ship have helped our Navy and this nation learn about this virus," he said. "There is still more to learn. I'm confident that all those Sailors will get rid of this virus and we'll put them back to sea only when they're healthy."

Both Aquilino and Honea stressed the positive impressions every TR Sailor left on them despite the dangers and strains, both physical and mental, of a threat they weren't expecting.

"The Sailors on TR are the most experienced veterans in fighting this virus," Honea said. "The leadership team there are developing a good plan to continue to deal with this virus when they go back out to sea and operate."

Moreover, he said, the Sailors "can continue to lean on each other and have confidence in one another, and I know that they can overcome this. They've proven that already."

Get more information about the Navy from US Navy facebook or twitter.

For more news from U.S. Pacific Fleet, visit www.navy.mil/local/cpf/.

NAS Whidbey Island SAR Conducts Three Life Saving Local Missions

Search and Rescue (SAR) teams from Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island rescued three skiers in two rescues over the weekend in the Cascade Mountains and a medical evacuation from Forks Monday.

For the first rescue, a SAR team responded to a call just after 7 p.m. Saturday evening, May 9, to rescue a skier with a severe knee injury near Mount Baker and Coleman Glacier. After landing to assess and prepare the patient for transport it was determined a hoist was the best way to bring the patient aboard the helicopter to avoid carrying the subject over rough terrain. The

SAR team landed at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle around 9 p.m. where they transferred the patient to higher care.

The next day, May 10, NAS Whidbey Island's SAR team received a request to rescue a 25-year-old skier with a broken leg, and the victim's non-injured companion off Mount Stuart at approximately 7,000 ft. Once over the scene just past 2 p.m., the SAR crew noticed two bright orange Xs. The skiers had crisscrossed their skies as distress markers on the southern slope of the mountain where they were situated high in a steep chute, which caused unstable

wind conditions. The SAR crew inserted two crewmembers near the skiers while the pilots landed the helicopter nearby to conserve fuel. Due to the steep terrain and injured skier's considerable pain, preparing the subject for transport took just over an hour. By approximately 4 p.m. the skiers were successfully hoisted aboard the helicopter and transported to Harborview Medical Center following a quick refuel stop at Pangborn Memorial Airport in Wenatchee.

Monday, NAS Whidbey's SAR team was called in the late morning to pick up a female patient who needed to be trans-

ported from Forks Hospital to Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle. By noon the SAR team landed at Forks Hospital where the patient was transferred from an ambulance to the helicopter. They transported the patient to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, landing at approximately 1:20 p.m., where a waiting ambulance then took her to Virginia Mason Hospital.

NAS Whidbey Island SAR has conducted 13 total missions throughout Washington State this year, including four rescues, two searches and seven medical evacuations.

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Phased reopening draws complaints, raises concerns

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Just a week into the first part of Gov. Jay Inslee's four-phased approach to reopening the state's businesses, confusion and consternation seem to be in the driver's seat.

While a majority of people seem to support the plan to reopen the economy slowly and safely, there has been some confusion over how businesses were "sorted" into the four different categories. On Whidbey Island, one of the focal points has been the question of why it's alright to offer drive-in religious services but not allow the local drive-in theater to open.

A petition to allow the Blue Fox Drive-In Theater in Oak Harbor to open is circulating online. A post on the theater's Facebook page encourages people to sign the petition and contact the governor to allow the business to open immediately.

"The bottom line is if we do not get to reopen soon, we will be forced to close," the post reads. "We had a terrible winter and now being forced to close during our busiest time of year is catastrophic. We need everyone to sign our petition, write our governor. Allow the Blue Fox Drive-In and all Washington drive-ins to open."

The criteria outlined by Gov. Inslee in regard to drive-in spiritual services is very specific. Vehicle occupants must be from the same household, no one is allowed to get out of the vehicle at any time, doors, windows and sunroofs need to be closed unless there is at least six feet of space between vehicles and no food or drink can be offered or served at the venue.

Based on that criteria, Blue Fox is not allowed to operate at this time, but there could be a break on the horizon.

"It is possible we could consider drive-in movie theaters in Phase 2," said Mike Falk, deputy communications director for Gov. Inslee. "No decision has been made. As our plan mentions, the list provided in the phases is not exclusive."

It is that ambiguity and the uncertain timeline between each phase of the reopening that is

causing some of the confusion. Island County Commissioners, who planned to discuss sending a letter to the governor at Tuesday's regular meeting, said they feel the plan doesn't necessarily fit the unique business landscape that is Whidbey Island.

"Individually, commissioners have been communicating with the Governor's office throughout this crisis," said Commissioner Helen Price Johnson. "We are now all thinking it is time we communicate with one voice about Island County's circumstances"

Under the "Safe Start" plan, counties with populations of less than 75,000 which have not had a new case of COVID-19 for three weeks can apply for a variance to move to Phase II earlier than the rest of the state. Island County meets all criteria but the new case requirement. Still, Price Johnson said the fact there is a variance offered at all means there could be a willingness to work with counties to address the needs of small businesses.

"The Governor's variance application process for smaller counties demonstrates to me that he understands local dynamics do influence risk with this virus," she said. "Island County has a story to tell about that also. With so many very small businesses here, they are not receiving the assistance from most of the federal recovery programs. We need to help our communities through this crisis and keep people safe. This also means preserving the very fabric of our island communities through our locally owned businesses and nonprofits."

"I think the decisions and plan [for reopening the state] were an initial attempt to cap a pandemic," said Commissioner Janet St. Clair. "Now we can use the fact that those efforts were effective to be more strategic in our advocacy and guidance."

"I would like to advocate for an approach that addresses some of the items in Phase 2 and Phase 3 and request modifications to the plan, including moving up [new] construction with full guideline requirements...as existing construction, moving retail (including art galleries in this item) to reopening with retail



Photo Courtesy of Blue Fox Drive-In

Owners of the Blue Fox Drive-In Theater in Oak Harbor say the entertainment venue may be forced to close permanently if it is not allowed to reopen soon, a situation many small businesses in Island County, across the state and around the nation face in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

guidance and the same for office-based service businesses," St. Clair continued. "This is a precise approach I hope balances economic impact against public health risks."

Blue Fox owners hope the efforts will come in time to save the business from a permanent closure.

"We are a small, family business that has been operating under the same owners since 1988," owners posted on Facebook. "As drive-in owners, you hope and pray for good weather and good family movies; and summer never seems to last long enough."

"We feel that we CAN offer a safe environment as a drive-in movie theater and had previously been granted a waiver by the governor's office to be in operation until the statewide stay at home mandate was issued. Unfortunately, at this time we have been unable to get any clarification from the governor's office on when drive-in theaters can reopen."

For those interested in signing the online petition to allow Blue Fox to open, go to change.org and search "Exception for Drive-In Movie Theaters." Whidbey Weekly did reach out to the owners of Blue Fox but did not receive responses in time to meet our press deadline.

OTHER SAFETY MEASURES

As Island County moves forward with "Safe Start" measures, some communities on Whidbey are cracking down on safety precautions.

Langley Mayor Tim Callison issued a proclamation last week ordering face masks must be worn within the central business core for

the foreseeable future. The boundaries are from 4th Street to Seawall Park and Park Avenue to Wharf Street. Callison's proclamation applies to residents and visitors alike but does not apply to those traveling through the business district in or on a vehicle or within private residences.

At this point no such recommendation has come before Island County Commissioners and there are no current plans in Oak Harbor to make face masks mandatory.

"The Governor's orders do not include mandatory face coverings," said Sabrina Combs, public information officer for the City of Oak Harbor. "The City will continue to monitor this issue and take action if it is deemed appropriate. At this time, local businesses can make their own decisions. People [should] come prepared with a mask on their person or in their vehicle in case a business requires it."

Here are some basic guidelines about how to wear a face mask properly, as provided by King County, which is now directing all its residents to wear face coverings in most public settings:

- Masks should cover nose and mouth at all times
- Wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before putting on a face mask and after removing it
- Change face covering when it gets moist
- Wash face coverings after each use

Find Gov. Inslee's full "Safe Start" plan at: www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA_4May20_1pm.pdf

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"The more accurate the census is for our community, the more it drives federal dollars to support programs that will benefit our students and families," he said.

Helen Price Johnson, commissioner for Island County District One, said some parts of the county were currently at less than a 50 percent response rate.

"The risk of an undercount is estimated at \$2,000 per person in missed funding to support vital services in our community," she said. "That means our local veterans, seniors, newborns, and school children will not have the levels of federal support they deserve for food, shelter and healthcare."

Due to the rural nature of Island County, Price Johnson said there are certain challenges to getting an accurate response for the area.



Photo Courtesy of Oak Harbor Public Schools
Oak Harbor Public Schools (students pictured here), as well as the Coupeville and South Whidbey School Districts, receive federal funds based on data collected from the U.S. census. Federal funds help facilitate programs including National School Lunch and more.

"Many Island County residents live in rural areas, and use P.O. Boxes, which do not receive a mailed census form," she said. "Postcards went out, but many may have tossed it out without reading it. So I fear that many people just are not aware of the urgency of this action. Also, there are big broadband deserts across our islands, limiting access to the census website."

Price Johnson said the data from this census will have a direct impact on the county's future.

"I encourage everyone in Island County to be counted!" she said. "It will make a difference for so many things we rely upon for the next 10 years."

In addition to education, information from the census also impacts vital areas such as healthcare. Jennifer Reed, finance director for WhidbeyHealth, said WhidbeyHealth does not participate in the federal and state funded Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) or other child services because the system does not have pediatric programs. However, other health programs influenced by the census are important for some Island County residents.

"Programs such as the Rural Health Program utilize decennial census data to define non-urbanized areas and medically underserved community populations," she said.

Cheryn Weiser, executive director of Island Senior Resources, said federal funding plays a key role in the organization, which will be 44 percent government-funded in 2020.

"The allocation of federal funding from the census is based on overall population, not senior population," Weiser said. "We have an extremely high percentage of seniors in the



county (nearly 30 percent) so dollars received need to be spread to serve a higher percentage of the county population. This makes completing the census critical to maximize funding available to serve seniors."

Weiser said Island Senior Resources programs, including Meals on Wheels, Aging and Disability Resources, Family and Caregiver Support, Medical Transportation/Volunteer Services, SHIBA/Medicare advising, and others are supported to some extent by federal funding.

"Our mission is to provide resources for seniors, adults with disabilities and those who care for them," she said. "We are able to do that, in part, due to federal funding. One thing community members can do to help maximize funding for these essential services is to fill out the census. We need everyone to be counted. The other primary way we fund our work is through generous support from the island communities we serve."

At present, the deadline to respond online, by phone or by mail has been extended to Oct. 31. For more information, visit www.2020census.gov.



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One Bad Mother

Cinema's bad girls

By Carey Ross



Now that Mother's Day has come and gone, the bouquets have been delivered, the social media posts have been made—I bought my mother a giant tower of Godiva chocolates because life in lockdown demands such things—I think it's time to pay tribute to some of cinema's bad girls: the mean moms of the movies. I'm not talking about the sad moms or the ones who tried their best against a stacked deck. Instead I'm referring to the truly diabolical ones who have become iconic simply because their evil onscreen acts have stood the test of time.

Mommie Dearest: The true story depicted in this 1981 film is based on the real lives of Joan Crawford, her daughter, Christina, and son, Christopher. It is further true the abuse Joan inflicted on her adopted offspring was awful and certainly no laughing matter. However, it is also true the movie based on Christina's autobiography bears resemblance to reality in title only. An over-the-top portrayal of one Hollywood legend (Crawford) by another (Faye Dunaway) has vaulted this deeply campy movie into the realm of cult classics with the caveat that the only person involved with the whole affair worthy of any awards was the makeup artist in charge of drawing on Dunaway-as-Crawford's overly energetic eyebrows. Fun fact: When I was a mouthy teenager and my mom would ground me, I would occasionally toss a "No wire hangers!" over my shoulder on my way to my room and yet am somehow still alive to tell the tale. Thanks, mom. You're the best.

Carrie: Horror is replete with "nurturing" that's not going to earn anyone a #1 Mom mug—see also "Psycho" and "Friday the 13th"—but for me, the memorable mother will always be found in "Carrie." I really feel like everyone focuses on the high-school torture aspect of this Stephen King/Brian De Palma horror classic—and in a movie that is bookended by tampon throwing and a pig's blood shower, I can understand why. But in the pantheon of mean movie moms, few are in the same league as Piper Laurie as Margaret White. For most of the movie, she wields a Bible to enact her reign of terror on her telekinetic offspring Carrie (unforgettably portrayed by Sissy Spacek). But as the movie

reaches its apex, she trades the testaments for a knife—which is a pretty extreme way to parent a girl who just wanted to go to her prom. Both Spacek and Laurie earned Oscar nods for their performances, a rarity for horror movies.



I, Tonya: The overbearing mother is a common cinematic trope, with movies from "The Manchurian Candidate" to "Throw Momma from the Train" making excellent use of it (can anyone who has seen the latter ever forget Anne Ramsey yelling "Oweeeeeennnn" at Danny DeVito?). A more modern entry into the canon is "I, Tonya," the masterful 2018 black comedy depicting the life and infamy of Tonya Harding with absurdity and surprising depth in equal measure. In a film rife with scene-stealing performances, no one walked away with more of the movie than Allison Janney as Harding's chain-smoking, oxygen-huffing, put-a-bird-on-it mother LaVona. This is the part when I'd normally make good use of one of the many one-liners Janney uttered during the course of her Oscar-winning performance, but LaVona's foul mouth makes nearly all of her quotes not safe for publication.

Island Angler

THE LORE OF SPORTFISHING

By Tracy Loescher



TIME TO FISH, AND VOLUNTEER

It was a big sigh of relief to know we were going to be able to fish sooner than later; like other creative decisions in Olympia, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's decision to not open halibut and shrimp May 5 leaves me at a loss and asking why? But I'm not surprised. The term "new normal" with social distancing and protective face masks will most likely be with us until a successful vaccine lets us get back to the "old normal," but at least we can get back on the water and fish!

Until July, when the Puget Sound salmon season opens, Mr. Lingcod and Cabazon have center stage; and most saltwater anglers will be searching for these guys for some fresh fish-n-chips. I've had one opening day report of quite a few big rockfish being released and a few keeper size lingcod coming in at Coronet Bay. Most of the fish were hooked in Marine Area 7. With lingcod season only open 45 days out of the year, finding a keeper ling is generally pretty easy – however, keep in mind as the season presses on, the close-by, easily accessible islands and rock piles will get hammered pretty quick and hard, so be prepared to travel a bit further out in search of a keeper as the season draws to a close.

Lingcod are very territorial and will stay in a single area for much of their adult lives, and may only leave that area if they are caught by an angler or displaced by a larger, more aggressive lingcod. The good thing about being caught and removed from their rocky home, there is always a smaller ling just waiting to move in to take its place. My family and I love lingcod season; these toothy beasts are not the most beautiful fish to look at but more than make up for it in taste. These delicious fish can be cooked in many ways - pan seared with a light oil or butter, seasoned and baked in the oven or on the BBQ, even quickly cooked to a golden brown in a wood-fired oven if you have experience cooking in these high heat wonders. Lingcod make fantastic fish-n-chips; their flesh is tender, but is still tight enough to sink your teeth into. A couple of generous fried portions of lingcod along with a handful of fresh cut French fries will have you asking "I wonder what everyone else is eating?"

Most recreational fishermen are great stewards of the fish resources in our state. Something we can all do to help out the fish is to volunteer on a project geared toward fish enhancement. I realize it could be much later in the year before we can get together in large groups where we can work side-by-side, but I also think this could be the perfect time to do some searching and see

just what is out there for us. Volunteer work can shed light on just how things get done outdoors and let us see our tax dollars at work. The WDFW website provides a calendar of events, including both fish and animal projects, throughout the state. There are also many privately sponsored enhancement projects in need of volunteers.

The easiest way to get involved is by contacting the many fishing clubs in our area. Here is a quick list of clubs and organizations to check with:

- The Puget Sound Anglers (PSA): pugetsoundanglers.org
- (The Fidalgo-San Juan Island chapter meets in Anacortes)
- Coastal Conservation Association (CCA): ccawashington.org
- Whidbey Island Fly Fishing Club: wiffc.com
- North Whidbey Sportsmen's Association: north-whidbeysportsmen.org
- Central Whidbey Sportsman's Association: cwsaonline.org
- Holms Harbor Rod & Gun Club: hrodandgun.com
- Wildcat Steelhead club (Skagit County): wildcatsteelheadclub.org

Clubs and organizations like these are well established and are generally plugged into upcoming events and opportunities that make a positive difference in outdoor recreation. A great example of helping out is the Oak Harbor Lions Club. For the past few years they have brought their big BBQ out to Heart Lake near Anacortes on the first Saturday in June for the kids fishing derby. These guys happily grill up hotdogs for all of the young anglers and help create memories that will last a lifetime.

One of the best things we can do as parents and friends is introduce our children to fishing and let them experience and understand where the fish they eat comes from and how they have the right to fish and to treat each catch with respect. There are people who have called fishing a "blood sport;" I often wonder if these same individuals have the same thoughts when they swat a mosquito on their arm?

Continue to stay smart and use common sense while out fishing this spring and summer; be patient with each other and the essential personnel trying to do their jobs. We will all get through this crazy time and will soon be back on track. Stay safe and GOOD LUCK out there!

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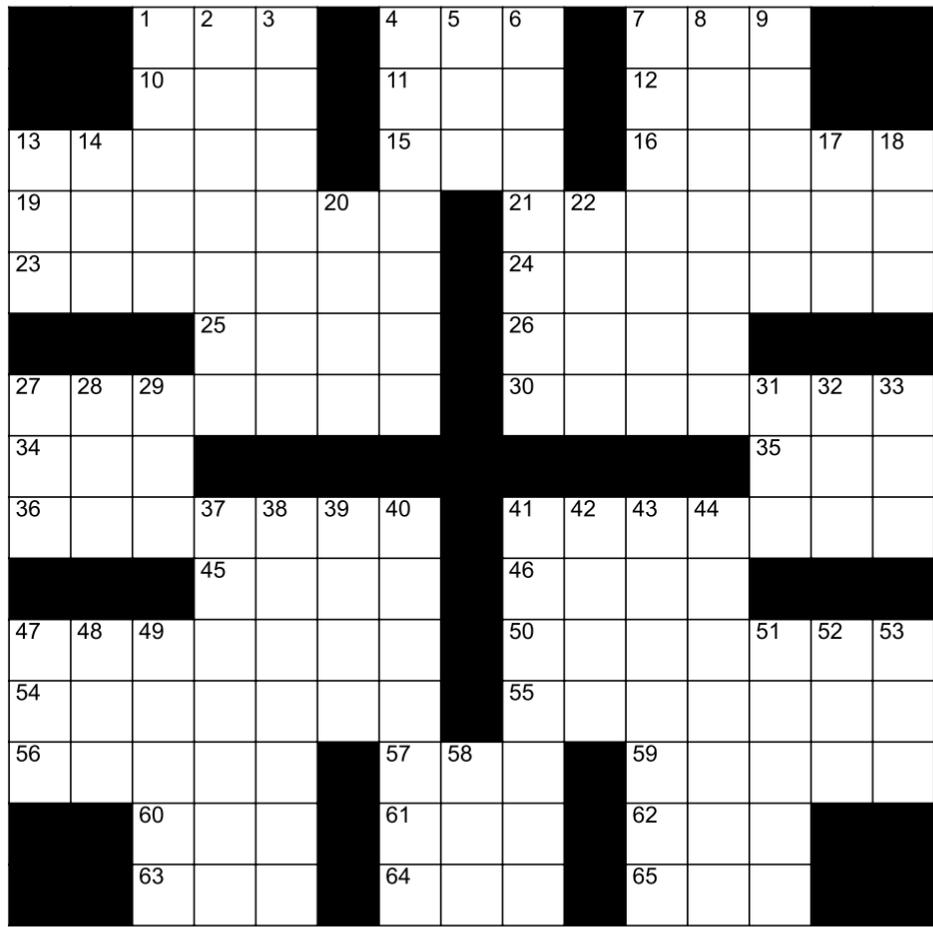
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- 12. Biochemical abbreviation
- 13. Make somebody laugh
- 15. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 16. City in NE Morocco
- 19. Colorless gas
- 21. NE football player
- 23. A snake is one
- 24. Small spot
- 25. Inform
- 26. Republic of Ireland
- 27. Large statues
- 30. Documents about an individual
- 34. Helps little firms
- 35. Namibia's former name
- 36. Large insects
- 41. Thirsty
- 45. A well-defined track or path
- 46. One who utilizes
- 47. Plant-eating mam-

- mals
- 50. Not in tip-top shape
- 54. Alternate names
- 55. A part of a broadcast serial
- 56. City in central Italy
- 57. LOTR actor McKellen
- 59. Trees provide it
- 60. Men's fashion accessory
- 61. Type of screen
- 62. Snakelike fish
- 63. Possesses
- 64. When you aim to get there
- 65. Tooth caregiver

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Hit heavily
- 2. Italian rice dish
- 3. Some are cocktail
- 4. A citizen of Israel
- 5. Read-only memory
- 6. Passed by
- 7. Northern diving ducks
- 8. References
- 9. Iranian language
- 13. Swiss river
- 14. Woman (French)
- 17. Gov't department (abbr.)
- 18. Consumed

- 20. Ailments
- 22. Balkan Jewish appetizer
- 27. Reciprocal of a sine
- 28. Skywalker mentor --Wan
- 29. Resinous secretion of insects
- 31. Similar
- 32. Female sheep
- 33. Cool!
- 37. Borders the Adriatic Sea
- 38. Flowers
- 39. It's sometimes upped
- 40. Immobile
- 41. Female body parts
- 42. Common request
- 43. Made a second thrust
- 44. Fell into deep sleep
- 47. Subway resident
- 48. Brew
- 49. The event of being born
- 51. Aspirations
- 52. Doctor of Education
- 53. Punk musician -- Dee Ramone
- 58. A subdivision of a play

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, May 14	Fri, May 15	Sat, May 16	Sun, May 17	Mon, May 18	Tues, May 19	Wed, May 20
North Isle H-61°/L-49° Showers Possible	North Isle H-63°/L-48° Mixed clouds and Sun	North Isle H-65°/L-52° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-61°/L-51° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-64°/L-51° Chance of Rain	North Isle H-65°/L-49° Partly Sunny	North Isle H-65°/L-49° Mixed Clouds and Sun
South Isle H-60°/L-47° Showers Possible	South Isle H-63°/L-48° Clouds and Sunshine	South Isle H-64°/L-52° Rain Possible	South Isle H-60°/L-47° Rain Possible	South Isle H-65°/L-51° Rain Possible	South Isle H-66°/L-50° Partly Sunny	South Isle H-68°/L-50° Mostly Cloudy



CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



How far will you go in defending your honor? Forget Twitter wars. Andrew Jackson challenged more than 100 insulting foes to duel. He killed only one, after first taking a bullet that he would carry inside him the rest of his life. Dueling is no longer legal, but the Frontier spirit in many lives on. Consider that when choosing your 280 characters. The tweet you don't send is the tweet you don't regret.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



What's your mental flexibility quotient? We define that as your ability to push your boundaries by moving past limiting beliefs. Or in simple terms, does what you see conflict with what you know? Something has to give. You may have to stretch what you know to include something else. So limber up. The mind-bending demands of these challenging times rivals the show at Cirque du Soleil.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Who can see the world through your eyes better than you? It's not a trick question. The answer, of course, is no one. In an ideal world, this should mean that decisions affecting you are made by you. Since that is too often not the case, it's worth considering--who is making your decisions, and why? To whom did you give the authority? Did you retain a voice? Are you happy with the results? Answers before solutions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



Only one opinion counts, and it's not yours? We understand. It's not easy being the family pet. But seriously, now. You're not the only one wondering why you seem to have so little control over your future. Divorce court used to be the answer. These days, solutions are apparently not so simple. In the short term, what's the best you can do? Be gracious to those who oppose you. They're having a hard time, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Here you are, again. An army of one, standing alone against a pack of naysayers to defend what you believe. If you're mostly silent in your battle, can't say that we blame you. The only ones who can change naysayer's minds is them. In the fabled contest of the sun against the wind to see which of them could make a man remove his coat, who won? The sun, by beaming softly and warmly. Get it? 'Nuf said.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Knee deep in trials and tribulations, where lies the high ground? It's not much, but here's a rock to stand on: Stop looking for short-cuts. We're engaged in a battle of process, and short-cuts only prolong it. To know where we're going, we must know where we've been, and that takes a lot of compass reading. Some of the bearings called out won't make

sense. Follow them anyway, and report back what you find. You're a scout, now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



A tad late, perhaps, an artful lesson in table etiquette from Charles Buxton: "The rule in carving applies as well to criticism; never cut with a knife what you can cut with a spoon." Had this rule curbed your sharp tongue, might you have avoided your current predicament? Don't dwell on it. Place a metaphoric napkin over the stain and move on. Proper decorum, next time you carve into other's affairs? Soup spoon first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



So. You have an image of The Way It Is, and you're clutching it for dear life. Closed around it like a clam. Not that you're unwilling to share. Dishing out pearls of wisdom might well be your thing. Except, what if it's not wisdom you're dispensing? Is your beautiful pearl really an anchor that's keeping you rooted? Be careful of tossing aside facts that don't fit your model. There's lots to learn in these crazy times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Wealth, Scrooge McDuck-style, meant a daily swim in the money bin. Remember the cartoons? The piled cash and coin whose depth was measured in feet? The same important factor that was key to McDuck's fantastic wealth is now important to you: Thrift. How far can you stretch what you have? Those schooled in the ways of money already know the answer. All others, calculate. And no diving in the shallow end.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Given one bowl, thirty minutes and ten ingredients, what could you cook up? Tuscan-style beef and lentil soup? Gluten-free lasagna? Kitchen minimalists work these wonders and more. Fact is, life in general, not just the kitchen, presently invites this minimalist approach. That can be a downer or an inspiring challenge. Which will it be for you? Life, like meals, is what you make it. Anyone for a no-bake Chai cheesecake?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



Remember when the road to good health began with fresh air and sunshine? When deals were closed with a smile and a handshake? "The times, they are a-changin'," thank you, Bob Dylan. Identities and allegiances are shifting, making it difficult to know good from bad, right from wrong, friend from foe. Now you're faced with a lot of sifting and sorting. Dare we say, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



In the auction place of ideas, is there anyone whose wares have caught your eye? Time to get behind them. And though you may become the object of much ridicule and derision, don't be dissuaded. The lone voice gradually becomes a harmony, then builds to a chorus line, through the backing of people like you. People who pounce when the auctioneer starts the bidding: "All right sir, here we go, bid on it, bid on it, who'll bid on it..."

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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.



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College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to spend constructive volunteer hours at the PBY-Naval Air Museum.

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Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email wamothermentors@gmail.com or call 360-321-1484.

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Pam's Prayer Corner

In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, we are going to be running a weekly section called

Pam's Prayer Corner. This is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith.

The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul.

Email info@whidbeyweekly.com or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for Jenelle in Portland, Ore. In late April, the 35-year-old had a sudden seizure, went into cardiac arrest and was placed on life support. After 15 days, Jenelle has been discharged from the hospital and has returned home to begin physical therapy. Her nearly full recovery in a short amount of time is being called miraculous by Jenelle's doctors.

Lord, we thank you that nothing is impossible with you. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and blessing. You alone are worthy of our praise, and we offer our thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen.

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