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ON TRACK

with Jim Freeman



Last weekend's sunshine after our Chicago-style rain-storm reminded me of something I wish I had forgotten.

With all the bright light from the sun, my age appears in high-definition.

It is so much easier to look older when sleeping, in low-definition.

March in

Of the 12 months, March is the only one with a phrase, "In like a lion, out like a lamb."

Because the phrase is less than positive to a guy like me who is already cold, I appreciate March for different reasons.

March means baseball is coming.

March means nature is blooming.

March means the yard needs mowing.

March on, one speed Honda, march on.

Jupiter Coffee

Whenever the word "Jupiter" appears before me, I think of the planet and the locomotive.

According to Wikipedia, "the planet Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun and the largest in the solar system. It is a gas giant with a mass one-thousandth that of the sun, but two-and-a-half times that of all the other planets in the solar system combined. Jupiter is one of the brightest objects visible to the naked eye in the night sky, and has been known to ancient civilizations since before recorded history. It is named after the Roman god Jupiter. When viewed from Earth, Jupiter can be bright enough for its reflected light to cast shadows, and is on average the third-brightest natural object in the night sky after the moon and Venus."

The locomotive *Jupiter* was the hero of the Central Pacific railroad's arrival at Promontory Summit, Utah Territory, May 10, 1869, to link the Pacific with the Atlantic by rail.

When I saw the word *Jupiter* in front of the word *coffee* last weekend in Freeland, I figured I must have hit the third leg of a Jupiter trifecta.

Seeing a neon open sign, I walked into the sweet smell of pastries and coffee.

Thank you, Jupiter.

Jupiter Coffee is located in the same central location as its caffeinated predecessors, 1504 Coffee and Timbaktu, next to the *Whidbey Weekly* stand and Chevron's Short Stop.

South Whidbey High School's class of 1989 grad Laura Wills and her husband, Bryce, opened Jupiter Coffee, with a full assortment of espresso, art, and pastries, at 7 a.m. last Saturday.

For me, it was like going home again. Having enjoyed the community created space and its patrons from the mornings with Michelle and Kent and Larry and Jessica and Simon at 1504 and Chris at Timbaktu, it is wonderful to see two more locals share their creativity for us to enjoy.

Laura is the daughter of longtime locals Mary and Richard Solt. Bryce is the son of longtime locals Loren and Bev Wills. What a treat to start one's day with smiling faces and good coffee.

Presently, the hours of operation are 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. weekends and 6 a.m. until 9 a.m. weekdays. Caffe Vita coffee and home-made goodies are served.

The photo book of memories in the Jupiter Coffee bookcase was a real bonus to see, showcasing the many joy-filled customers of the last three plus decades.

I'm still smiling after seeing their faces. If you need identification verification, Linda Zoll knows all.

Puzzle fun

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* has a monthly

puzzle. *Whidbey Weekly* readers ought to slam dunk this one.

I am composed of 4 letters.
My first's in a fish, but not in an owl.
My second's in shad, but not in a fowl.
My third's in a crab, but not in a quail.
My fourth's in a mackerel, but not in its tail.
My whole is a thing that it pays to hoe well.

Got it? Me neither. The answer follows.

Answer

Thanks to www.almanac.com for stretching my mind beyond its daytime capacity.

The answer to the above puzzle—Farm.

Trail Addendum

In our Feb. 6 issue, I applauded Maribeth Crandell's book, *Hiking Close to Home*. However, due to omissions in the available online source material, I was unaware this excellent overview of local hiking trails is also available at Oak Harbor's premiere bookstore, Wind & Tide Books.

Wind and Tide has been serving customers from around the world since 1967. As noted on the store's web site, www.windandtide-books.net/, "Wind and Tide has served as Oak Harbor's bookstore since 1967. In 2011, Karen Mueller purchased the shop and began to revamp the shop and its stock. We love having people come in to tell us stories about how they remember the shop from when they were children. Karen herself remembers coming into the shop the year it opened and falling in love with the smell of new books."

Voted in the top 89 names of independent bookstores by a blog spot called *The WhyNot100*, http://thewhynot100.blogspot.com/2014/11/89-best-indie-bookstore-names.html, Wind and Tide Books has even more notoriety.

Due to the efforts of Wind and Tide's Karen Mueller and area merchants in 2013, a mural was created by local artists to beautify a portion of Oak Harbor.

Stop by Wind and Tide to thank Karen for her lobbying efforts, and to enjoy browsing through her collection of wonderful books.

Fun quote

"When you lose your power to laugh, you lose your power to think."
~Clarence Darrow

Culinary delights

Monday, March 2, at 6 p.m., four top South Whidbey chefs are cooperatively cooking to create a delicious, informative and entertaining dining experience. This evening of culinary delights featuring the creativity of chefs Gordon Stewart, Sieb Jurriaans (and Prima Bistro co-owner Jenn), Lisa Carvey, and Wayne Carter will benefit the South Whidbey Schools Foundation.

What a treat to share an evening with these incredible chefs from Blueberry Hill, Blooms 5511 Bistro, The Braeburn, and Prima Bistro.

The dinner is limited to 45 patrons and will be held at Gordon's on Blueberry Hill in Freeland.

There will be appetizers from each of the chefs as well as a wine pairing while patrons arrive and mingle. Patrons will enjoy four small entrees: a vegetarian dish (The Braeburn), followed by a fish dish (Gordon's), then a pasta dish (Blooms), and finally a meat dish (Prima Bistro). There will be different wines for each entree.

Finally, there will be a dessert plate with portions of each dessert made by the chefs which will be paired with a port, or ice wine.

Reservations are \$150 a person and can be made online at this Brown Paper Tickets link: https://bpt.me/4481424. An \$8.49 administrative BPT fee will be added.

It will be my pleasure to emcee the evening, giving me an opportunity to interview the chefs about their creations and inspirations. Just in case, I'm bringing lots of floss.

Mangiamo!

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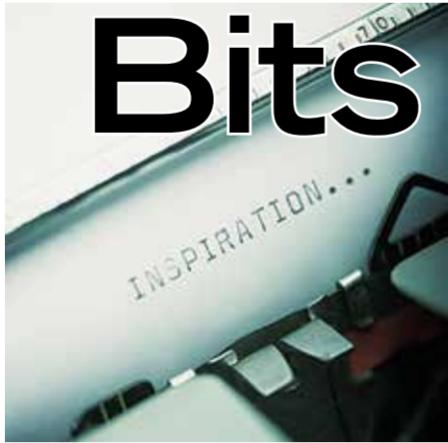
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Bits & Pieces

South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers Dishes Spaghetti to Kick Off 27th Year

More than 400 guests arrived for the annual Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer Kickoff event Valentine's Day hosted by South Whidbey Hearts & Hammers.

Fifty volunteers took their places at 4:30PM in the fellowship hall at Langley United Methodist Church Friday, ready to greet and serve some hungry Hearts & Hammers supporters. They served up spaghetti with meat sauce, spaghetti with vegan sauce, gluten-free spaghetti, garlic bread and three kinds of salads, all for donations to support neighbors helping neighbors.

The Hearts & Hammers board would like to give a big, grateful shout-out to everyone in the community - volunteers, businesses, purveyors and friends - who donated goods and services, which made the evening a huge success for the cause.

Each year the nonprofit Hearts & Hammers holds a kickoff spaghetti dinner event in February to raise funds and get folks signed up for the first Saturday in May workday, when about 350 volunteers will help rehab approximately 30 homes on South Whidbey for those who are in need.

This year's workday event will be from 7:30AM to 4:30PM Saturday, May 2. If you haven't had a chance to sign up and are interested in joining this 27-year-old community service organization, which hangs its hammer on the brilliant idea of neighbors helping neighbors, please visit www.heartsandhammers.com/volunteer/ and sign up today.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

2020 Young Musicians Award Winner



Island Consort is pleased to announce its 2020 Young Musicians Award winner. Each year, Island Consort awards a \$500 grant to a young musician on Whidbey pursuing classical performance studies. This year's winner is Katherine (Katie) Zundel, a junior at South Whidbey High School.

Katie plays the flute and baritone saxophone in the SWHS jazz band, pep band and wind ensemble, all under the direction of Chris Harshman. He describes Katie as "one of the finest students he has known in 30 years of teaching—informed, disciplined, focused, who also displays remarkable maturity in her ability to understand and apply musical concepts." For six years she has studied privately with saxophonist Neil Welch. Welch describes his student as "a passionate and expressive musician, musically gifted and academically-driven that displays strong potential as a future performer."

Music is "one of the most treasured parts" of Katie's life, and she intends to continue her musical studies in college. She intends to apply her award to purchasing her own baritone saxophone, as she is currently using a

school instrument. Island Consort could not be happier in granting Katie the 2020 award.

[Submitted by Sheila F. Weidendorf, Director, Island Consort]

Coupeville Soroptimist "Live Your Dream" Scholarship Recipient



Amber Bove, recipient of this year's Coupeville Soroptimist "Live Your Dream" scholarship, is preparing to graduate Evergreen Beauty College. The Soroptimist members, along with Amber's seven children, laude her achievement. With grace and poise Amber explained that Benye Weber, chairwoman of Coupeville Soroptimist Live Your Dream committee, has "changed the course of her life, the lives of her children and the lives of many generations to come!" Soroptimist Making Dreams Come True!

[Submitted by Rita Bartell Drum]

The Heart of the Cross

The Heart of the Cross is a one-woman Passion play created by Olivia Woodford, Director of Bible Women Speak, which will be presented Thursday, March 12, at 6:45PM at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 185 N. Oak Harbor St., Oak Harbor.

Eloquently written and powerfully performed, this one-woman play brings to life the story of Jesus' death and Resurrection through the eyes of five gospel women. Since 1991, churches of all denominations throughout the U.S. have hosted Olivia Woodford, founder of Bible Women Speak, to perform this drama during the Lenten season.

The 75-minute play brings to life the spirit of Easter, through the love, faith, and triumph of the gospel women as they witness the last hours of Jesus' life. The play begins with women coming together to clean the house and prepare the food for the Last Supper. After hearing the news of Jesus' arrest, audiences stand with Veronica in the crowd to watch Jesus carry the cross; join John and the women at the foot of the cross; enter the tomb with Mother Mary to prepare him for burial; and are with Mary Magdalene when she mistakes Jesus for a simple gardener after he has risen. And finally, audiences bear witness with Martha the events of Pentecost when Jesus appears and defines the mission for the disciples.

The Heart of the Cross is one of six plays Woodford has created depicting gospel women. The plays portray the events of Jesus' life and death through the spiritual and personal journey the named and unnamed gospel women may have experienced in response to an encounter with Jesus.

Each of Woodford's plays bring scripture to life in a memorable and relevant way. Woodford illuminates the character's thoughts and responses to the events, allowing audiences to identify with and take the journey with the character. The performances transport the audience back to Israel, bringing to life the living conditions, customs and what it was like to be around Jesus, the disciples, and especially, the women of that time.

Olivia Woodford is a storyteller, theater artist, and member of Biblical Storytellers Int'l. Through her ministry, Bible Women Speak, she performs her one-woman plays to churches and schools of all denominations in the U.S. and internationally and facilitates retreats about gospel women, giving focus to the cultural and historical perspective of 1st century Israel. Olivia has a BFA in theater from Boston University and has performed in regional and off-Broadway. She is an artist

dedicated to bringing the sacred into people's lives.

For more information about Olivia and her ministry, visit BibleWomenSpeak.com or visit her Facebook page: Bible Women Speak.

[Submitted by Barb Dumit, St. Augustine Catholic Church]

Become a WSU Extension Master Gardener Volunteer

Are you a Camano or Whidbey Island gardener? Do you enjoy learning and sharing your knowledge with others? Maybe you have just moved to the area and want to get involved in the community? Then the WSU Extension Island County Master Gardener program may be just what you are looking for!

The Master Gardener program trains volunteers to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach research-based gardening and environmental stewardship practices to county residents, while at the same time learning and having fun working with other like-minded volunteers.

Applicants should have an enthusiasm for volunteer work, enjoy talking to people about gardening, and be life-long learners. You do not need extensive horticulture knowledge to be accepted into the class, just have a passion for learning about gardening and sharing this knowledge with others.

Training classes meet each Saturday, 9:00AM to noon from March 28 through June 13 at the Extension office in Coupeville and other locations in Island County. Classes combine lectures, field trips and online education. Trainees are expected to attend all class sessions and complete each week's online reading.

The cost for training is \$300, with a refund of up to \$200 available after meeting volunteer requirements. Access to the coursework is by computer so internet access, an email address and general ease with working on computers is required.

Applications can be picked up at the extension office or by emailing loren.imes@wsu.edu. Completed applications may be dropped off at the Extension office Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 4:30PM, or mailed to WSU Extension, 406 N Main St, Coupeville, WA 98239. The deadline for applications is March 20. Questions? Call Loren Imes at 360-639-6059.

[Submitted by Loren Imes, Coordinator, Master Gardener and Food Systems Programs]

Give Nature a Hand on Saturdays this Spring



Josephine Hadlock, left, and her mom Amy have fun planting trees at Trillium Community Forest on the 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King Day of Service Jan. 20

Springtime kicks off the season to get outdoors and give nature a helping hand at some really cool Whidbey Camano Land Trust protected properties. This year, the Land Trust is adding Saturday work parties so more people can experience the joy that comes from making our community and special part of the earth even better.

The first Saturday work party will be March 21 at Strawberry Point Preserve on North Whidbey, followed by April 11 at Possession Sound Preserve, located south of Clinton. May 16, the Land Trust will be at Saratoga Woods County Preserve near Langley. All three work parties are scheduled from 10:00AM to 1:00PM.

"Saturday work parties mean people who work, go to school, or just can't make weekday outings can still join the fun," said Taylor Schmuki, the Land Trust's stewardship assis-

tant. "We're hoping families with kids will come out to not only make a difference but also to connect with nature."

The Land Trust's 2020 work party schedule started with a big success. Seventeen volunteers of all ages came out to plant 120 young, native conifers at Trillium Community Forest to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service.

Come on out with friends and family to keep the momentum going. Volunteers at the three work parties will get a chance to remove invasive weeds choking out our native wildlife habitat, rid the areas of litter, and improve public trails.

Register at wclt.org/get-involved/volunteer/.

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is a nonprofit nature conservation organization that actively involves the community in protecting, restoring, and appreciating the important natural habitats and resource lands that support the diversity of life on our islands and in the waters of Puget Sound. For more information, visit www.wclt.org, email info@wclt.org, or call 360-222-3310.

[Submitted by Ron Newberry, Communications Manager, WCLT]

Langley Street Dance Call for Artists

Langley Main Street Releases Request for Proposals for Entertainment

The Langley Main Street Association (LMSA) is accepting submissions from bands/artists to provide entertainment for the annual Langley Street Dance to be held July 11.

The Street Dance will be held on Second Street in front of the old Langley Firehouse from 7:00 to 10:00PM. The time will be divided between two groups of entertainers. Each entertainment group will receive \$1,000 for their performances.

Applications including links to recent work must be submitted by March 20 for consideration. For complete RFP guidelines, go to www.LangleyMainStreet.org.

Event Information: Imagine a cool summer evening under the open skies with talented local bands providing tunes ranging from classic rock to R&B, funk to reggae, and everything in between. That is the Langley Street Dance held annually on Second Street in Langley, Wash. in front of the old Langley Firehouse in mid-July each year.

About LMSA: LMSA is a nonprofit organization that focuses on economic revitalization and historic preservation in Langley. Formed in 2010 and designated as a nonprofit organization in June of 2012, LMSA strives to preserve and sustain the small historic downtown character of Langley. LMSA is committed to historic preservation, lessening the burden on city government, and collaboration with like-minded entities.

For complete RFP guidelines, go to www.LangleyMainStreet.org.

[Submitted by Michaleen McGarry, Langley Main Street Association]

Local Business News

Neighborhood Amusements, LLC Announces Alumni Challenge Netted \$26,726

Huge Success at Saturday's Skate-A-Thon

James Croft, owner of Neighborhood Amusements, LLC., a locally owned family entertainment company, has committed to the purchase of the historic Oak Harbor Roller Barn. At Saturday night's Skate-A-Thon, \$26,726 was raised towards its purchase, primarily from Oak Harbor High School Alumni in a "Battle of the Classes" fundraising challenge. This push has met Croft's first capital fund-raising goal of \$40K on schedule.

January 24, Croft posted an alumni challenge on his Save the Roller Barn Facebook page. "I thought I'd try it out and see what happened. I posted that it only took \$1 to participate, and the graduating class with the highest total would earn a commemorative plaque on the wall of the Roller Barn's entry hallway.

"I was completely blown away," Croft continued. "On the first day, we brought in \$775, and it didn't stop."



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The challenge continued to play itself out on Facebook until its culmination Saturday night. An ongoing competition between Oak Harbor High School Classes of '94 and '95 was the rivalry to beat, and beaten it was.

"It was crazy, people were donating online at a furious pace. My phone was pinging constantly. Then I noticed I'd gotten a few calls from one number, so I answered. It was someone from the Class of '84 who asked what it would take to win. They donated well beyond the match to ensure the win, 'in memory of those we lost too soon.'"

The Class of '84 took the evening with a total of \$5,210 contributed. Runners up were Class of '95 with \$4,978 and Class of '94 with \$3,845.

"The outpouring from everyone was just amazing," Croft said. "Most of these folks don't even live around here anymore. It's a testament of how much the Roller Barn has meant to our town's youth in the past, which is why we want to keep it around for our youth in the future."

With the success of the Skate-A-Thon and Alumni Challenge, Croft is ready to meet the final goal of \$80K. The next event will be a silent auction Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00PM; the skating rink will be open.

About the Roller Barn

The historic Oak Harbor Roller Barn was built in 1912 by Otto Van Dyk. Known as the Neil Barn, this Dutch-style dairy barn was the largest barn west of the Mississippi. In 1950, Soren Rasmussen and Darrell Ellis converted the structure into a roller rink, which became the entertainment center of Oak Harbor into the 1990s. The Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor currently owns the property, which was put up for sale in January of 2019.

Whidbey Telecom Upgrades Useless Bay to The BiG GiG® Fiber Network

Whidbey Telecom is excited to announce the Useless Bay Community is now a Whidbey Telecom fiberhood. Fiberhoods are part of the

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Useless Bay Community joins fiberhoods in Clinton, Langley and Freeland, including the Sandy Hook and Chipshot Heights neighborhoods. Whidbey Telecom currently offers three fiber internet packages featuring synchronous upload and download speeds of 1000 Mbps, 300 Mbps and 100 Mbps. Fiberhoods can be found on the Whidbey Telecom website at connect.whidbeytel.com.

"With fiber, our customers can stream videos, upload and download thousands of photos, or play online games with no lag or buffering," explains co-CEO Julia Henry. "We also ensure no data limits, so our customers have the best internet experience available. Homeowners may see a boost in their home's value just from having fiber internet installed."

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Thursday, February 27, 2:00-5:00PM

Island Herb, Freeland

Representatives from Green Revolution will be on site with product displays and information. Must be 21 or older. Island Herb is located at 5565 Vanbar 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.

Roaring 20's Party

Friday, February 28, 6:00-9:00PM

Oak Harbor Senior Center, 51 SE Jerome St. Tickets: \$20 each

Live music with The Seanotes, dancing and hors d'oeuvres included with ticket. Giggle juice available for purchase. 1920s fashion is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased at The Center or by calling 360-279-4580. Everyone 21+ is welcome.

Annual SJMEA Jazz Festival

Saturday, February 29, 8:00AM-4:00PM

Oak Harbor High School

The annual San Juan Music Educators Association (SJMEA) Jazz Festival will feature school jazz bands and choirs from around the region and beyond performing throughout the day for judges, peers and other attendees. As a special appearance, A'Town Big Band from Anacortes will perform during the judges' lunch break. Come for all or part of the day and hear Western Washington's greatest middle and high school jazz students as they perform for judges on our Oak Harbor stage.

Island County Republican Party 2020 Caucus

Saturday, February 29, 9:30AM

Oak Harbor Intermediate School
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

Join us on the first step of the Road to the White House. Give us your ideas about the 2020 Island County Republican platform. Find your caucus location and pre-register at www.wsrp.org/caucus.

Silent Auction

Saturday, February 29, 1:00-3:00PM

Roller Barn, Oak Harbor

Art, products, services, and much more. Free admission; open to all. To donate auction items, please contact kristidutton44@gmail.com. Auction preview will be posted on www.therollerbarn.com.

Leap Year Social Barn Dance

Saturday, February 29, 3:00-8:00PM

Dancing Fish Winery, Freeland
Free

Live music. Family Contra Dancing with caller Sherry Nevins & the Mossbacks from

3:00 to 5:00PM. Marimba groups performing from 5:00 to 8:00PM. Wine by the glass for purchase on site. Drop in anytime. Hosted by Whidbey Island Waldorf School. Donations to cover rental and equipment costs welcome at the door. Dancing Fish Winery is located at 1953 Newman Road.

Mardi Gras Dinner

Saturday, February 29, 5:30PM

VFW Post 7392, Oak Harbor

Come dressed up and ready to enjoy a Cajun dinner and Mardi Gras fun. There will be prizes, silent auction tables, music and dancing. All proceeds will go to help local veterans in our community. Dinner features Cajun-style chicken, shrimp, sausage, gumbo, dirty rice, salads, and King's cake. Immediately following dinner will be prize giveaways and closing the silent auction tables. There are some amazing items donated from local businesses. For tickets, please contact Scott Darnell at 360-661-2437 or VFW Post 7392 at 360-675-4048. Hosted by VFW Riders Chapter 1.

Fitness Dance Party

Sunday, March 1, 1:00-2:30PM

The Center, 51 SE Jerome St, Oak Harbor
\$10 Admission

Ninety minutes of instructor-led dance fun, raffles and prizes. There will be a blend of Whidbey Island instructors. Refit, Zumba, Commit, MixedFit, BollyX. A fundraiser for the Roller Barn. For more information, visit www.therollerbarn.com.

Open Mic Night

Thursday, March 5, 6:00-8:00PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Local songwriter Erik Christensen will be hosting an open mic for all who are interested. Songs, stories, poetry, etc., are all welcome. There will be a guitar provided, or feel free to bring your own instruments or just your voice to showcase your talent. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Winterjazz

Friday, March 6, 7:00PM

Nordic Hall, 63 Jacobs Rd, Coupeville
Admission: \$15

Come be amazed and inspired by the award winning jazz band of South Whidbey High School as they demonstrate the competitive skills that make them so sought after.

¡Fiesta Latina! Concert

Friday, March 6, 7:00PM

Sunday, March 8, 3:00PM

Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

¡Ay, caramba! Whidbey Island Orchestra takes you South of the Border with *Por Una Cabeza*, *Desafindo*, *Girl from Ipanema*, *Havana*, *Estrellita* and more. Featuring Talia Marcus on violin and guest David Locke on accordion. Special performance by Segovia-trained guitarist and composer Andre Feriante performing an original score. Dr. Cynthia Morrow, music director. Gabriela Garza, assistant conductor. Admission is free although donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. Reception with orchestra and refreshments follows the concerts.

Live Music: Original Jim

Friday, March 6, 7:30-9:30PM

Penn Cove Taproom, Oak Harbor

Original Jim is a unique 'Solo Band' musical project. A live looping musician who combines multiple instruments into layered arrangements in order to emulate the sound of a full ensemble. Utilizing his guitar, vocals and keyboard, a talent for multi-tasking in front of an audience and a fresh approach to the beat, Jim masters the mechanics of live-layering with toe tappin' rhythm, musicality and plenty of good tunes. Come watch this dynamic musician create his art live on stage. No cover.

For more information, call 360-682-2247 or visit www.penncovebrewing.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below

Cost: Free

Lit for Fun Book Group

Thursday, February 27, 9:00-11:00AM

Freeland Library

Join us for a discussion of Tony Hillerman's "The First Eagle," a mystery with a murdered Navajo tribal police officer, a missing biologist, a plague and a Navajo witch. For adults.

Live Music in the Library: The Art of Fugue

Friday, February 28, 1:00PM

Freeland Library

The musical form of fugue was considered the high point of craft in the Baroque and Classic eras. In this program, The Alder String Quartet performs examples from the masters. Reservations are at the door beginning one hour before the performance. Arrive early to reserve a seat, there are no online or phone reservations.

Stories with Sonie

Tuesday, March 3, 4:00PM

Coupeville Library

Read aloud to Sonie, a patient listener and certified therapy dog. Pre-readers and independent readers are welcome. Caregiver required. Supported by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

LEGO® in the Library

Tuesday, March 3, 4:00PM

Coupeville Library

Build your best with LEGO® in this drop-in session for creating by yourself or with a building buddy. Also try out a different STEM building toy each month. For ages 4 and up and their caregivers.

Whidbey Reads Presents - No Easy Answers: Insights into Gender Diversity in Childhood

Wednesday, March 4, 1:00-2:30PM

Clinton Community Hall, 6411 S Central Ave.

University of Washington Department of Psychology researchers Jennifer Rubin and Stats Atwood will present contemporary research about gender diverse children and outline avenues for future work.

Discover Your Wild Backyard

Wednesday, March 4, 2:00PM

Freeland Library

Come take a slideshow trail tour around western Snohomish County, Camano and Whidbey Islands with award-winning guidebook author Craig Romano. Everyone is welcome.

Used Book Sale

Saturday, March 7, 10:00AM-2:00PM

Freeland Library

Shop locally at Friends of the Freeland Library book sale. Large selection of great books for all ages at bargain prices. Proceeds benefit the Freeland Library.

MusselFest Book Sale

Saturday, March 7, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Sunday, March 8, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Coupeville Library

Mussel up and join us for the first book sale of the season - gently used donations of fiction, non-fiction, children's and more. All proceeds benefit Friends of the Coupeville Library.

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, March 1 - Communion - Pastor Wenzek: Be like the Savior. Services are followed by a light lunch. You are invited to join us for lunch and loving fellowship.

Prayer Group

Every Tuesday, 4:00-5:30PM

St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

Charismatic Prayer and Praise group. Everyone welcome. For more information, call B. Moore at 360-320-0937.

Filipino Christian Fellowship

Sundays, 2:00PM

Meets at Church on the Rock, 1780 SE 4th Ave., Oak Harbor.
www.ohcfellowship.com

Healing Rooms

Every Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM

5200 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland

The Healing Rooms are open to anyone desiring personal prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs. There is a team of Christians from several local churches dedicated to praying for healing the sick in our community. All ministry is private, confidential, and free. Teams are available to pray for individuals who drop by on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Ann at 425-263-2704, email healingwhidbey.com, or visit the International Association of Healing Rooms at healingrooms.com.

Concordia Lutheran Church

Sunday service, 9:30AM

Bible Study & Sunday School, 10:45AM

590 N. Oak Harbor Street

For more information, visit www.concordiaokharbor.org or call 360-675-2548.

Teaching Through God's Word

Sundays, 9:00 & 11:00AM

Calvary Chapel, 3821 French Road, Clinton

For more information, visit ccwhidbey.com.

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM

5671 Crawford Road, Langley

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who questions your childhood faith or is looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. Visit their website: unityofwhidbey.org

Whidbey Quakers

Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Freeland

Whidbey Islands Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM

Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM

Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM

Christian Science Reading Room

Tuesday & Friday, 11:00AM-3:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit christianscience.com

Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Meetings & Organizations

Monthly BoHo Mixer

Thursday, February 27, 5:00-7:00PM

Bloom's Winery & Bistro, Freeland

Connect with fellow creatives. BoHo Mixers are informal, monthly meet ups at various restaurants, wineries and other venues. These events are self-catered/no-host, and members can drop in and out at any time during the mixer and stay after for dinner with your friends.

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





Jim Carroll Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Orchestra
Whidbey Island Orchestra, under the direction of Cynthia Morrow, will present ¡Fiesta Latina! March 6 and 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland.

Enjoy sounds from south of the border at ¡Fiesta Latina!

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Whidbey Island Orchestra is spicing things up and invites everyone to enjoy the party at its newest program, ¡Fiesta Latina!, to be performed at 7 p.m. Friday, March 6 and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Performances are always free, but donations are gladly accepted.

Under the direction of conductor Cynthia Morrow, these south of the border selections will feature a solo by WIO violinist Talia Marcus and a special appearance by guitarist Andre Feriante. According to Morrow, the all-ages community orchestra has grown and matured over the past several years into a full-fledged, 60-member, symphonic orchestra capable of taking on the challenge and diversity of many kinds of music, to the delight of Whidbey Island audiences.

"We've built a cohesive group that has proven itself capable of playing jazz, Broadway shows, holiday favorites, classic rock, romantic concertos, as well as the classical repertoire," said Morrow. "Every style has presented us with rhythmic and harmonic challenges and we've met these with determination and joy. Success builds on success, so we chose, somewhat bravely, to expose our orchestra to the hitherto untapped riches available in Latin music. It's been a blast!"



Jim Carroll Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Island Orchestra
Whidbey Island Orchestra is an all ages community orchestra. The group will perform Latin music selections at its ¡Fiesta Latina! Concerts to be held March 6 and 8.

From Argentina's tango to the bossa nova rhythms of Brazil, each Central and South American country and the Caribbean contributes to a rich tapestry of music to explore, said Morrow.

"Embracing the Latin culture through music opens us up to a world of dancing, celebration, and sophisticated rhythmic complexity," she said. "We are dancing in our seats as we play it and the orchestra loves it. Every week our rehearsals become more comfortable and more fun as we allow ourselves to be taken over by this passionate, exciting music."

The group is also able to call on the expertise of its assistant conductor, Gabriela Garza, who is completing her doctorate in conducting at the University of Washington.

"She is also a formidable Mexican percussionist, and we want to showcase her versatility as she leads us through various types of Latin music," explained Morrow. "She will be conducting a bossa nova, a samba, a tango, as well as two challenging pieces from the Latin classical repertoire, the 'Aria' from Villa-Lobos's Bachianas Brazileras with violinist Talia Toni Marcus as soloist, and Ginastera's 'Danza Final.'"

Joining WIO for these performances is Andre Feriante, a well known guitarist and composer on Whidbey Island and founder of the Whidbey Island Guitar Festival.

"We are thrilled to have him present a beautiful piece he's written for solo guitar and strings, 'Bohemian Boulevard,'" said Morrow. "The strings provide a muted, lush background for Andre's virtuoso guitar playing in this lovely and highly original concept work. In addition, he and Talia Marcus will perform a rhapsodic gypsy duet for violin and guitar, followed by a solo work for guitar. We are very fortunate to have this kind of talent available to us and know the audience will experience a singular treat when they hear him."

"Most of the music I play in shows is my own composition," said Feriante. "I have never had the chance to orchestrate my music for orchestra or strings, so this is a great opportunity to explore and expand the scope of my composing."

Usually a solo performer, Feriante said there is much beauty to be found playing in a larger group.

"The experience of playing solo and with a large group are very different," he said. "As a solo you have total freedom with tempo and even changing a chord or harmony. Playing with a group you have to stick to the score and follow the



Photo Courtesy of Andre Feriante
Guitarist and composer Andre Feriante will join Whidbey Island Orchestra at its ¡Fiesta Latina! program, sharing some of his original compositions.

conductor. The beautiful part of playing with an orchestra is the feeling of being a part of a larger collective and the dance of trust that happens, like you are a flock flying in unison."

Feriante, who has recently been exploring the healing power of music, said the collaboration with Whidbey Island Orchestra has been inspirational.

"It has been a learning experience scoring my music for other instruments, the string section (I had help from a friend of mine, composer Stephen Marshall Ward)," said Feriante. "I'm inspired now to continue and write a full concerto for guitar and orchestra."

"I know people will enjoy these concerts," he continued. "When I practiced with the orchestra...I could feel the passion for music and the joy from the players. Cynthia [Morrow] is a wonderful conductor. The spirit of the music can't help but bring fulfillment to the audience when the players are well rehearsed and love being there."

"In several of the pieces we're going to perform in this concert, everyone becomes part of the percussion section at one time or another," said Morrow. "Needless to say, this is great fun for all of us and will make the music come alive for our audiences."

For information about Whidbey Island Orchestra, visit whidbeyorchestras.org. To find out more about Andre Feriante and his music, go to andreferiante.com.





LZ Kiwi Take-Off

One of the earliest flights I took in Vietnam, I flew a mission as copilot for a Capt. Thompson in an H-34D helicopter. While on the mission, we were requested to proceed to Landing Zone (LZ) Kiwi in I Corps, to pick up some passengers and supplies. Once we had everything aboard, it became obvious we were over maximum gross weight. This was a fairly common situation, as it reduced the number of flights we had to make into enemy fire. The rub, of course, was you had to be able to take off and fly or it was of no use. The usual way to determine if you could make it was to simply apply maximum power and lift the helicopter into a hover. If you could easily hover, you were too light. If you could not extend the struts, you were too heavy. Helicopters need more power to hover than they do to fly. That being the case, you could get into the air by taxiing fast if you couldn't hover. But that requires enough distance to get the helicopter into "translational lift," or up to the speed at which less power is needed.

In this case, Thompson lifted the helicopter into about a one foot hover and decided that was okay. The LZ was comprised of a level area about 100 feet by 100 feet, covered with Marston matting, and one corner (the corner we had to fly over on our way out) was dug out of the ground about three feet. Beyond that was about 75 yards of an open area, sloping slightly away from us, beyond which was a row of concertina wire defining the near side of a mine field. Beyond the mine field was another row of concertina wire, just before a ravine about 20 feet deep.

After doing the power check and setting the copter down, Thompson asked if I was ready, to which I replied "Aye, Sir!" He then applied maximum power, upon which we rose about four feet into the air. He then pushed the stick forward, so we began to move forward. As we flew across the LZ on a diagonal toward the dug out portion, we started to sink, until we were about a foot off the ground and about 20 feet from the dug out corner. Obviously we were not going to clear the berm around the LZ, with dire consequences. I asked him what he was going to do, whereupon he said, "watch this....." and bottomed the collective, causing us to immediately drop to the ground and depress the struts all the way. As the struts reached maximum depression, he then lifted the collective. This had the effect of adding the rebound force of the struts to the maximum power of the helicopter engine and we leaped up and over the berm in the process.

That seemed like a pretty neat little trick, until I realized that we were now sinking again as we approached the concertina wire and the mine field. Again, we found ourselves about a foot off the ground, still sinking, and about 30 feet from the concertina wire and mine field. This time, careening into the concertina wire and mine field would be considerably more dire than the previous situation. Again, Thompson bottomed the collective, we dropped to the ground, the struts depressed, he lifted the collective as the struts rebounded, and we lurched back into the air, over the concertina wire, and over the mine field. By this time, the ground had begun to slope downward enough and we had gained enough translational lift that we were able to clear the second row of concertina wire, then dive into the ravine with enough speed and lift to fly out of there safely(?).

We welcome veterans' stories. These can be submitted to Clayton Canfield, president of the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center at cmcanfld@gmail.com. Please put "Veterans Corner story" in subject line. Maximum 800 words.

We at the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center in Langley would like all veterans to know about our services and location. We are located in the South Whidbey Community Center, which is in the old Langley Middle School. Our services can best be viewed on the website, www.whidbeyvrc.org. We also have a Facebook page. Our mission is to a) get all veterans the VA benefits they deserve, b) provide confidential free counseling to veterans and their families, c) provide a safe place for veterans to congregate with other veterans, and d) assist veterans with transportation to the Seattle VA.

The volunteers associated with the Whidbey Veterans Resource Center are constantly coming in contact with veterans of our military services. In discussing these situations, it has become clear a great many veterans either don't know they are eligible for benefits, or don't think they are veterans because they were not in combat. This is a complete misunderstanding; yes, there is a minimum amount of active duty time one needs in order to be eligible for benefits, but it is fairly short. Depending on a veteran's situation, it is normally 180 days. Almost anyone who has served on active duty in the military has served that much time.

Many veterans think they do not need or qualify for benefits, so do not enroll with VA Healthcare. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon that a veteran dies or becomes mentally unable to provide the information VA needs to enroll by the time they run out of money, leaving their caregivers unable to obtain VA assistance. This is a situation where VA Healthcare can become a lifeline for a veteran. Therefore it is imperative that all veterans plan well ahead and enroll with VA Healthcare.

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- Helping facilitate VA benefits
- Free Professional Counseling
 - Free Van Shuttle to VA
 - Educating families

Need help?
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www.whidbeyvrc.org



SATURDAY, FEB. 1

6:27 am, Reservation Rd.

Advising group of five brown cows with white under bellies on Reservation Rd. near Hersig Rd. Another caller advising of small group of cows loose in area.

8:54 pm, SW Erie St.

Reporting disorderly subject jumping on top of a car in parking lot.

3:07 pm, Whispering Cedar Dr.

Caller advising wife just received threatening text message; says they have caller's address and pictures of guns and heads in boxes.

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

12:29 am, SW 6th Ave.

Caller advising subjects throwing cans of soda at his residence.

5:36 am, SR 20

Caller at Park n' Ride, states male is walking around with large stick; approached caller at window and is staring at her.

9:37 am, NW Longview Dr.

Reporting party advising his wife left pair of running shoes on porch and male subject in hoodie walked up and took a shoe.

4:53 pm, Smugglers Cove Rd.

Reporting two horses loose in caller's yard; both horses wearing blankets.

5:46 pm, E Fakkema Rd.

Reporting party in police department lobby to report 92-year-old mother missing; states spoke to Skagit Hospital where subject was taken Jan. 19; hospital does not have any record of reporting party's mother being there.

9:17 pm, S Main St.

Open wireless line; subjects laughing in background, female subject said "You called 9-1-1 dude." Line disconnected.

9:38 pm, SR 20

Caller advising male subject running across street swinging a golf club.

MONDAY, FEB. 3

11:32 am, Freeland Ave.

Reporting party states a sticky note on vehicle said "Watch your back." States step-dad has been threatening him.

1:41 pm, NW Dory Dr.

Reporting party advising he was accosted in his neighborhood by a silver Toyota truck, driven by female demanding to see reporting party's mail. Female accused him of stealing neighbor's mail.

2:07 pm, Sunset Dr.

Reporting party advising kids walking home from school, saw a white van and were scared to walk by it. Neither child can explain why it made them so scared.

2:22 pm, Forest Knoll Ln.

Caller advising truck is sitting in middle of the road with unconscious male inside; caller unable to stop.

4:58 pm, Honeymoon Lake Dr.

Reporting party was told 20 minutes ago by neighbor someone was using binoculars to look into reporting party's house. States no one out there now.

TUESDAY, FEB. 4

2:01 am, Sw Erie St.

Advising male subject in men's bathroom has been in there for over an hour now.

Reporting party states employees have been trying to get subject out and he is not responding to them.

12 pm, SE Barrington Dr.

Female on line advising she was paying her water bill at city hall when she saw a little girl trying to cross the street.

12:46 pm, Hacienda Dr.

Requesting call referencing strange post card reporting party received in mail from a jail; reporting party advising post card said "We'll pray for you."

1:46 pm, SW Barrington Dr.

Reporting party advising male walking in middle of the road; reporting party had to swerve to avoid hitting him.

2:01 pm, SW Erie St.

Advising white male in middle of road kicking at cars; kicked caller's vehicle. Subject now in Walmart parking lot.

2:32 pm, SR 20

Caller advising male subject in road on SR 20 acting crazy.

4:28 pm, SW Erie St.

Caller advising male at location is yelling at cars going by and yelling and cussing.

5:38 pm, Houston Rd.

Reporting party advising plants were stolen from location; stolen over last two months, 112 in total. Requesting call.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

11:12 am, SE 8th Ave.

Caller advising male subject stopped her vehicle and when subject saw passengers with her, he walked away.

11:16 am, SE Barrington Dr.

Reporting party advising subject living in Oak Harbor has been demanding money from people and trying to obtain account numbers.

8:16 pm, Main St.

Caller advising male at bus stop is "yelling like a wounded animal;" is very loud. Unknown description, cannot see him.

8:17 pm, SE Cabot Dr.

Reporting party advising employee driving aggressively in parking lot.

10:45 pm, Amberwood Ln.

Reporting party advising two horses loose in Amberwood just off Coachman Ln. States they are in driveway of a home a few houses away from her.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

6:50 am, Cougar Ln.

Advising water rising, trapping reporting party in his house; 4-8 feet deep.

9:25 am, SW Fairhaven Dr.

Reporting party advising daughter grabbed steering wheel and jerked it, wouldn't let go.

1:52 pm, NE Haller St.

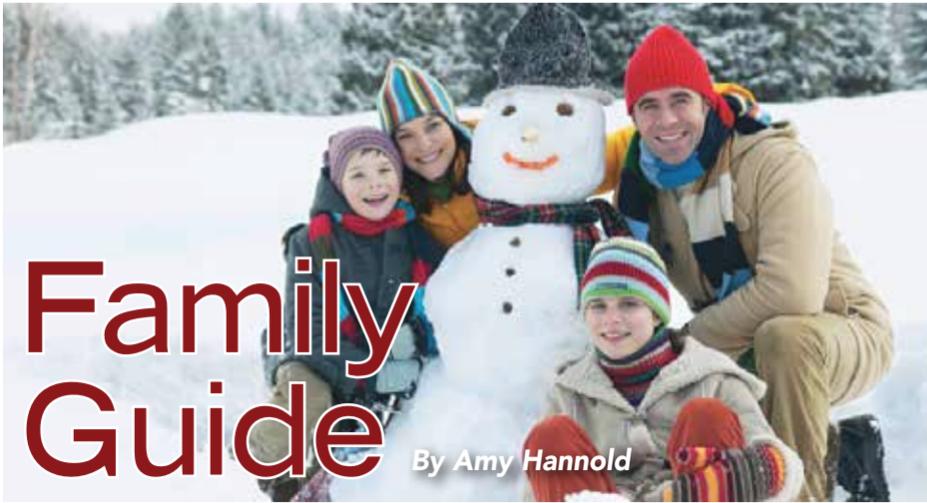
Caller advising is county employee and there was a "rubbing of bumpers." Non-blocking.

9:48 pm, NE 3rd Ave.

Party advising ex-boyfriend calling and texting there is a "demon attached to her roommate" and that her roommate is going to kill her.

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





Family Guide

By Amy Hannold

Les Miserables: Whidbey Children's Theatre presents this epic, grand and uplifting story of heroes and redemption. The award-winning musical packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world. Containing some of the most iconic songs in Broadway musical history, it will run March 13 - 29, tickets at wctmagic.org.

Are Your Seats Safe?: Caregivers transporting children in vehicles are encouraged to have their car seat/booster seat installation and use checked by a nationally certified Child Passenger Technician in Oak Harbor, at the Oak Harbor Fire Station, any time from 3 to 5 p.m., the first Tuesday of March, May, July, September and November. Car seat checks are free.

Reserve a time slot by emailing Car-SeatsNW@gmail.com with your requested appointment time as well as the ages of your children. Drop-ins welcome. Bring your vehicle owner's manual and the car seat's manual to the safety check. Private appointments are available, contact Safe Kids Northwest for a certified car seat technician. SafeKidsNorthwest.org

Mussels for Your Mind: Books will be for sale during the Penn Cove MusselFest at the Coupeville Library, Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Weekly book sales, as part of the Coupeville Farmer's Market, begin April 4, when the market opens for the 2020 season.

Orchid Show and Sale: Mount Baker Orchid Society holds its annual Show and Sale at Skagit Valley Gardens, (18923 Peter Johnson Road in Mount Vernon), Saturday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 7, accredited judges of the American Orchid Society will be judging show plants. Orchids will be on sale by orchid vendors and MBOS members. Members of the public may bring both their questions and plants, and repotting is available for a donation. Classes about care, feeding and reblooming orchids will be held both Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and an "orchid doctor" will be available to answer questions. The event is free and open to the public. Orchid-society.net/mt-baker

A Flea Market for Creatives: The Whidbey Island Art & Craft Supply Flea Market will be held at the South Whidbey Community Center Saturday, March 7, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Find the supplies for your spring projects, or rent a table to sell what you're not using. Whidbeyartswap@yahoo.com

We Should Hang Out: Moms! Gather your friends for a night of relatable, hilarious comedy and music, just for you. Whidbey Island Center for the Arts hosts comedian Amy Barnes Thursday, March 12, for a "Mom's Night Out" event. Engineer-turned-comedian, Amy tours nationally, and has numerous national TV appearances and writing credits from Comedy Central to *National Lampoon*. She is also a wife, dance mom, PTA President, and a Court-Appointed Special Advocate for children. Tickets are \$22 and available at wicaonline.org. Visit Amyis-funny.com to meet Amy and keep yourself in stitches until the big night!

Shamrock Splash: Enjoy an evening of "midnight glow" swimming, Irish music, treats, games and prizes Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Pool. Tickets are \$4 for ages 5 and older, \$2 for ages 1-4. OakHarborPool.com

A Parade for St. Patrick's Day: Wear your green and head to downtown Oak Harbor for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Tuesday, March 17, 4 p.m. Following the parade there will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the American Legion, \$10 a plate. Children are welcome to the dinner.

Spring Craft Bazaar: The Oak Harbor High School Band Boosters will host a Spring Craft Fair Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring handmade crafts and more! Shop for gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduating class of 2020, plus spring and summer decorating. This is a fundraiser for the Oak Harbor Band Boosters. All booth proceeds will go to the Band Boosters. Vendors are invited, send an email to ohhsbb@gmail.com for an application. 8' x 8' booths and a limited amount of 4' x 8' tables will be available. Save \$10 by sending in your application before March 1.

Self-Defense Awareness Education: A self-defense awareness training session, designed for teens and women, will be held at the Pacific NorthWest Art School Friday, March 20, 2-4 p.m. The class is designed to empower and educate women in our community about how to be more aware of their surroundings, steps to take to be proactive in their day-to-day safety, and how to deflect and assess threats to their personal safety. There is a \$10 fee per-person, register at Pacificnorthwestartschool.org.

Babysitter Safety Class: Youth, ages 13 to 18 years old, who are interested in providing babysitting services can receive free training Saturday, March 21 at the Coupeville Library. In this free workshop, sponsored by WhidbeyHealth Emergency Medical Services, students will learn everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting. Seating is limited, please preregister. Sno-isle.org/events

Boat Safety for Kids: Through hands-on activities, kids will learn the importance of life jackets, how to save someone who has fallen overboard and how to tie nautical knots. Taught by the Deception Pass Power and Sail Squadron, this class is for children ages 5 to 10 with their adult/parent caregiver. The free class will be held Saturday, March 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club. Reserve your seat with an email to chipw1945@gmail.com. A similar course will be taught at the Oak Harbor Library Friday, April 10, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., for ages 6 to 16, with a caregiver.

Bids for Kids Dinner and Auction: Enjoy a catered dinner as you bid on live and silent auction items including art, gifts, experiences, concert tickets and more. Tickets for the March 28 event are \$85. Proceeds benefit before and after school programs at the Oak Harbor Boys and Girls Club: 360-240-9273.

Coupons for Our Community: The Whidbey Coupon Club needs your coupon inserts. Coupons are given to coupon users throughout Whidbey Island, some are sent to overseas military families. Bring your coupon inserts to the Whidbey Party Store, Windermere Oak Harbor, The Center in Oak Harbor or the Good Cheer Stores or Food Bank. Nwcouponclub@comcast.net

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Whidbey Weekly File Photo
Island County Superior Court Judge Alan Hancock has overturned a decision by the Oak Harbor City Council to approve an application to build a 51-unit affordable housing complex on Pioneer Way in Oak Harbor. The council approved the project in a 4 to 3 vote Aug. 20, 2019.

Judge rules Oak Harbor affordable housing project unlawful

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

The Oak Harbor Main Street Association has won its appeal asking for the reversal of an Oak Harbor City Council decision allowing an affordable housing project to be built along Pioneer Way downtown.

In a decision handed down last week in Island County Superior Court, Judge Alan Hancock concluded the city's approval of a housing project application by the Low Income Housing Institute was not legal.

"After due consideration, the court concludes that the city's approval of LIHI's proposed project was contrary to law, and a clearly erroneous application of law to the

facts," Hancock wrote. "Specifically, the court concludes that the project violates the city's zoning ordinance."

LIHI's proposal called for a 51-unit complex to be built along Pioneer Way. The plan for the approximately 40,000 square foot building included 1,000 square feet of retail space. Opponents of the proposed project argued that having just 2.5 percent of the overall project as retail space didn't meet the definition of a mixed use building as outlined by the city's municipal code and zoning regulations.

OHMSA filed a Land Use Petition Act (LUPA) appeal, and an attorney for the nonprofit

organization argued the city had approved the project site plan and a boundary line adjustment in error.

Ultimately, Judge Hancock agreed, even writing the hearing examiner, Michael Bobbink, was in error when he issued his Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law in his June 25, 2019 recommendation that the City Council approve the BLA and LIHI's application.

"Rather than entering his own independent findings and conclusions, the examiner simply adopted the Department Staff Report analysis, which did not set forth findings of fact and conclusions of law, in its entirety," said Hancock. "Significantly, the examiner did not address the issue of whether the project was consistent with the purpose and intent of the Commercial Business District (CBD) zone in which the project is located, or whether the project complies with the zoning regulations pertaining to the CBD."

While residential development is allowed in CBD-1 or CBD-2, OHMSA argued that is not the case in the CBD, which includes Pioneer Way.

"In the present case, the city expressly provided that dwelling units may be the primary use of the site in the CBD-1 and CBD-2 zones," Hancock wrote. "It omitted any mention of dwelling units as a primary use in the CBD. By any reasonable interpretation of the ordinance, the city did not intend that dwelling units could be the primary use in the CBD zone. There is no doubt that dwelling units are the primary use of the project. The 51 dwelling units of the proposed project would occupy 97.5 percent of an approximately 40,000 building. [sic]

"The ordinance clearly provides that dwelling units cannot be the primary use in the CBD,

as opposed to the CBD-1 and CBD-2 subdistricts. Yet the primary use of the proposed project is, in fact, dwelling units, and the project is located in the CBD zone. It is therefore unlawful," Hancock concluded.

Whidbey Weekly reached out to OHMSA for reaction to the ruling but did not receive a response. Robin Amadon, LIHI's housing development director, said the organization has no comment at this time. Steve Powers, director of Developmental Services for the City of Oak Harbor said the city is determining its next steps.

"The City has no reaction at this time," he said. "We are in the process of determining what options are available to us."

In the meantime, the city adopted a moratorium last August pertaining to certain development applications in the CBD.

"The purpose of the moratorium is to provide the staff, Planning Commission, City Council, the Oak Harbor Main Street Association, and the broader community an opportunity to review the CBD zoning, particularly with respect to mixed-use projects," Powers said.

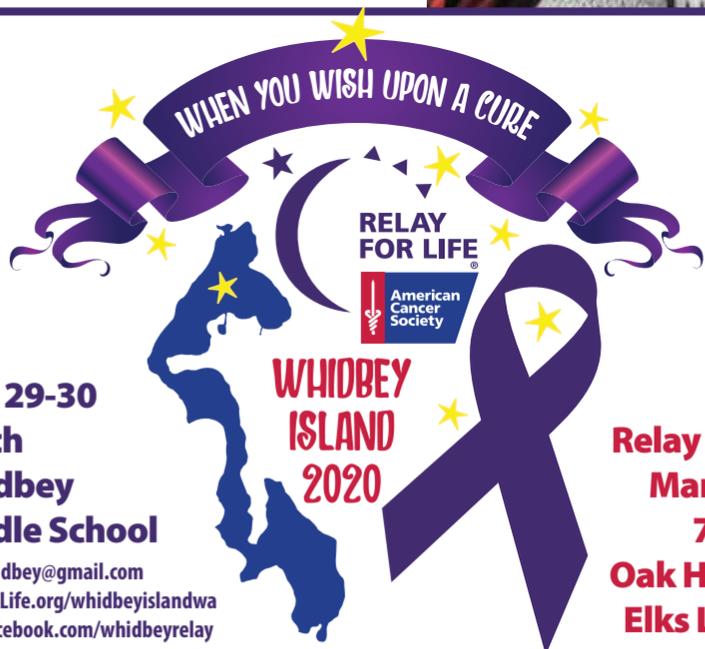
As to how the judge's decision could impact future affordable housing projects, Powers said there was no way to address that with any specificity.

"From a general viewpoint, affordable housing projects could potentially occur in any zoning district that allows residential development," he said. "The ruling for this particular project only applies to the CBD. I cannot speculate as to how others may view this decision."

The last new construction in Oak Harbor's CBD occurred in 2005, the last significant expansion project in the CBD was in 2016.

It's about being a community that takes up the fight!

Jadean & Miranda Hoppock are local cancer survivors. Jadean was 7 months old when she was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. Relay for Life was really supportive, they even got Jadean a special survivor onesie! Jadean really loves the Relay for Life community and how much they celebrate her. Miranda got involved with Relay for Life while Jadean went through cancer and then became a survivor as well - 3 times! Miranda has survived cervical cancer, uterian cancer & breast cancer. The "Look Good, Feel Good" program was really amazing as she went through treatment. Relay for Life and the information they provide, having survivors to talk to, lean on and coffee with was a huge resource for Miranda and her family. To find out how to be a part of our local Relay for Life you can find out more at RelayForLife.org/whidbeyislandwa.



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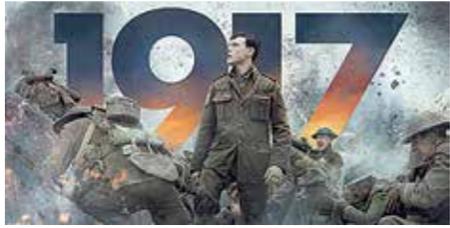
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Film Shorts

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 it as proof Margot Robbie can do no wrong.
★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 49 min.)

Brahms: The Boy II: Good, bad or in between, movies about lifelike dolls (I almost said "evil lifelike dolls," but that's a given) are never not creepy.
★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 26 min.)

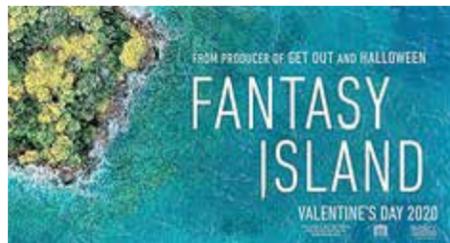
The Call of the Wild: An adaptation of the beloved Jack London novel starring Harrison Ford and a former Kansas shelter dog named Buckley, who is a very good boy.
★★★ (PG • 1 hr. 50 min.)



Dolittle: Robert Downey Jr. plays the man who can talk to animals (is it because of his

accent of unknown origins? Is that why they can understand him?) and reunites with fellow Avenger Tom Holland (now a dog instead of a spider) to fight Thanos one last time (or save a princess, same same).
★ (PG • 1 hr. 46 min.)

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.)



Fantasy Island: Weird that a horror adaptation of the 1980s television show might not be good. No one could've predicted it.
★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 50 min.)

Impractical Jokers: The Movie: After spending an inordinate amount of time Googling around, I'm still only vaguely aware of the television show this movie is based on and even less knowledgeable about the comedy troupe, the Tenderloins, responsible for it. In this case, I think it's safe to say, if you know, you know.
★★ (PG-13 • 1 hr. 32 min.)

The Invisible Man: There is no way a horror reimagining of H.G. Wells' classic novel should be any good, but with Elisabeth Moss as the star and a thematically clever take on the tale, this is a tense, engrossing ride. No one saw it coming. Kind of like the Invisible Man.
★★★★ (R • 1 hr. 50 min.)

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

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.)

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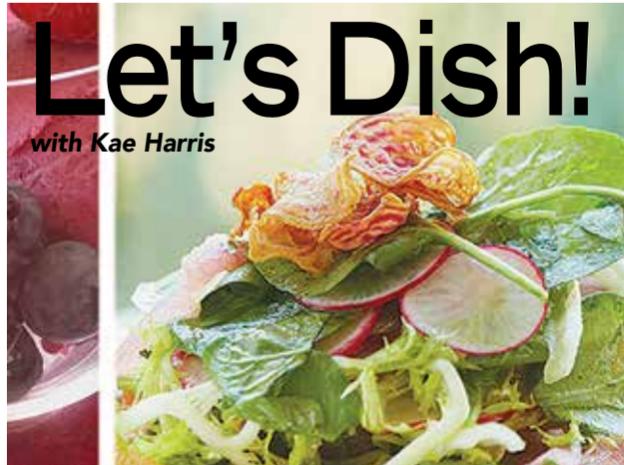
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STEAM – IT'S NOT JUST GOOD FOR YOUR PORES

In the last article, I segued off the beginner's path of "how-to" and I was hoping to touch on that a little more this week. We discussed cooking techniques and how to do the very basics because it's good to have some working knowledge of the fundamentals. Now, where did we leave off? Sautéing, right? Okay, this brings me to steaming, and I'll just say I had some delicious steamed broccoli last night. I know for some people, steamed broccoli doesn't sound all that appetizing but it is almost as yummy as candy to me. Almost.

Steaming is a method of cooking that involves using moist heat to render food cooked to perfection (if done properly) and leaves it tasting fantastic. When food is steamed, it's cooked at a higher temperature than we might normally use when braising food, or stewing it. It means we use water and increase the temperature past the boiling point (212°F) and we create steam in the process. There is no agitation of the food when we steam it – it isn't moved around by little water bubbles. It merely maintains a sedentary stance and becomes tasty. Steaming also helps food retain its nutrient content, as no vitamins or minerals are leached out of it like when we boil it, for example. This is great – delicious food, cooked properly AND we get the nutrients to go along with it. Win-win.

What's even better is steaming takes a relatively short amount of time, which is great, for I am an impatient person. Additionally, it uses very few utensils and tools in order to achieve culinary works of art when we employ the power of steam and command it to do our bidding. Literally, steaming can be as uncomplicated as making use of a pot and steamer basket on a stove top. By adding

a small amount of water to the pot and suspending the steamer basket with the food to be cooked over the water and heating the water past boiling point creates steam, which then circulates around the inside of the pot, thereby cooking said food quickly. Magic! Or rather, science. Either way, amazing things happen when we steam food.

Other than broccoli, one of my favorite things to eat (not counting the countless other favorite things I have mentioned over the years) are steamed buns. Though, I think I have talked about how much I enjoy sio pao. I am equally partial to steamed dumplings and while finicky for unskilled fingers, such as mine, making them pays off in such a big way. The flavor of steamed dumplings always seems to be concentrated and bursting with a certain something I can't quite put my finger on. Maybe it's the aforementioned magic.

Either way, it brings me to the actual dumplings. What are these morsels of tastiness and from where and whence do they hail? Apparently, dumplings aren't anything new or novel. They're not some avant garde method of catering to a hip new palate that just came about recently. In fact, some of the oldest recipes for steamed "dumplings" can be traced back to Apicius, an ancient Roman "cook book," if you will. Obviously, even the ancients required written directions for cooking and they clearly liked dumplings. What's interesting to note is cuisines around the world all use steaming to create a "bun" of some sort or another. Food historians seem to believe it was a way to stretch a small amount of ingredients just a little bit further. Adding veggies to a lesser portion of meat and then wrapping it up inside a pastry or dough means what you're eating goes a bit further and fills you for longer.

Food historians speculate dumplings were a creation dating back to the Han Dynasty in ancient China. Legend has it, a man by the name of Zhang Zhongjian returned to his village after a lengthy period of time away, only to find his friends and neighbors were suffering from frostbite - of the ears in particular - and in order to solve this problem, Zhang cooked up a batch of mutton, mixed with herbs and wrapped it all in dough scraps and fashioned them into little ear shapes. He then gave these to his friends and fellow villagers afflicted with frostbitten ears. Whether or not it cured the frostbite remains unknown, because you know, the thing about legends is they're hearsay, especially being some 1,800 years old or so. In any event, I do not recommend using this as a way to cure frostbite. In the event you should encounter frostbitten ears, you MUST seek medical attention. Goes without saying, really.

I've made steamed dumplings a few times actually and of the many things it did cure, it really made short work of hunger pangs and was heavy on the flavor, which in my book, is an absolute winner. I'm nowhere near as dexterous as those who make dumplings regularly, but the experience of turning raw ingredients into tiny, doughy, steamed masterpieces of taste was fun and something I will be doing again in the near future.

Dear readers, today I will include a recipe for steamed dumplings, a simple one of course. The basics of cooking should be just that to begin with – basic. I hope you try it and if you do, I hope even more you like the recipe as much as I do. Please send any and all comments, questions and recipes you might like to share to letsdish.whidbeyweekly@gmail.com and we'll do just that and Dish!

Momo

- 4 cups all purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups water, room temperature
- 2 ½ lbs ground chicken
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons minced garlic
- 4 tablespoons minced peeled ginger
- 2 tablespoons cumin, ground salt and pepper
- Nonstick cooking spray

Combine flour and water in a large bowl and form into a dough. Knead well until medium firmness and flexible. Cover and rest for an hour. In a separate bowl, mix together ground chicken, onions, garlic, ginger, cumin, salt and pepper (approximately a tablespoon salt and ½ a teaspoon pepper).

Making the wrappers: break off about ½ an ounce of dough, form into a ball, place on flat surface and roll out with rolling pin into a four-inch round. Repeat with the rest of the dough. Spray a steamer pan with nonstick cooking spray and then place a tablespoon of chicken mixture into the center of each dough round. Holding the dumpling in one hand, use the other thumb and index finger to pinch and fold the edges together to form a little 'sack.' Repeat. Place the momos into the prepared pan, fill the steamer pot halfway with water and bring to a boil. Set the pan atop the pot, cover with a tight-fitting lid and steam the momos for about 8 to 9 minutes, until cooked through completely. Serve with dipping sauce of your choosing (low sodium soy sauce is a great option) and enjoy!

www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/nepali-momo-463512 <https://www.history.com/news/delightful-delicious-dumplings>

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WHAT'S GOING ON CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Island County Master Gardener Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 6:00-8:00PM
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

Come join us to hear Doug Kelly present: Island County Groundwater, your drinking water. Doug will discuss the function of our aquifer/groundwater system, and how to find out information about the groundwater/aquifers in your particular area.

Daughters of the British Empire (DBE)

Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:30PM
Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander St.

Are you a woman who loves a good cup of tea? Do you enjoy learning about Commonwealth history and culture? Are you of British nationality or genealogical descent? Enjoy tea and goodies at a short informational presentation about DBE. Contact Jean at looffjean@gmail.com with any questions.

Greenbank Garden Club

Thursday, March 5, 9:30AM
Greenbank Progressive Club

Social time followed by a brief meeting starting promptly at 10:00AM. Our guest speaker is Eric Studebaker of Venture Out Nursery. He will be speaking about Japanese Maples and companion plants and will bring plants to sell. New members and guests always welcome.

Whidbey Weavers Guild

Thursday, March 5, 10:00AM-2:00PM
Pacific Rim Institute, Coupeville

Bring a brown bag lunch and your own beverage cup. At 1:00PM, Laurie Duxbury, a weaver from Northern Albermarle County, Va., will present a program about overshot pattern weaving. Laurie will discuss the traditional methods of treadling overshot, color theory as it applies to overshot weaving, and the possibilities for adapting traditional overshot techniques to contemporary textile designs.

Flying Fingers

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

A pleasant monthly chat/signing group for deaf, hard-of-hearing and anyone interested in seeing signing in a conversational situation. Refreshments shared, room donation not mandatory, celebrate birthdays and holidays. If you are bringing children, leave a message so preparations may be made ahead of gathering. Call 360-221-0383 or email sisoleil973@yahoo.com. Meetings held in Fireside Room, follow signage.

Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island

Monday, March 9, 12:45PM
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

New members and guests are always welcome. The meeting will start with sign-in and greetings, followed at 1:00PM by our program "Irish Research - Comparing Ancestry

and Find My Past," presented by Steven Morrison with emphasis on the counties of Sligo and Mayo.

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

Classes, Seminars and Workshops

Painting and Drawing with Marie Thornton

Thursday, February 27, 1:00PM
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor \$35

Drawing, watercolor or acrylic painting - your choice. Explore your inner creativity while you learn. For more information, call 360-682-2468.

Mosaic Mirror

Saturday, February 29, 1:00PM
Whimsies, 830 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor \$40

Learn the basics of mosaics while you create a beautiful 6" x 6" completed project. For more information, call 360-682-2468.

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Thursday, March 5, 7:00-9:00PM
Oak Harbor Library meeting room

No pre-registration required. Seating at 6:45PM. No late admittance allowed. Open to all and required by local driving schools for

driver's education students and parents. For more information, call 360-672-8219 or visit www.idipic.org

MEDICARE Workshop - Getting It Right!

Friday, March 6, 10:00AM
Oak Harbor Center, 51 SE Jerome St.

If you neglected to enroll in Medicare when first eligible, and you do not qualify for Special Enrollment, now is your chance to Get It Right! For people in this situation wanting Medicare to take effect in 2020, March 31 is the deadline.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan that is not working for you, you can switch to a new MA plan or Original Medicare between now and March 31.

If your Part D prescription plan is not what you expected, you may be able to switch plans at this time. Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) can help you Get It Right! Bring a list of your medications with you.

DUI/Underage Drinking Prevention Panel

Saturday, March 7, 1:00-3:00PM
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

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





CHICKEN LITTLE & THE ASTROLOGER

By Wesley Hallock

ARIES (March 21-April 19)



You bargain hunters. The location map in every shopping mall firmly states: YOU ARE HERE. Enough information for minds watered by shallow wells. You may desire more. Who

takes such interest in you and your whereabouts? Are you less alone in private than you thought? Divinity students have their answer, CIA recruits have another. Where is the bargain, when the hunter becomes the hunted? Can it be that it is you?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)



Teamwork makes the dream work. Know the words, but can't dance to the beat? Good news! Nobody's asking you to dance, not this week. To work as a team, someone must make the dream more real than the excuses. Must get the team moving as one. That someone is your team leader. Your job is to listen and follow his or her lead. All their rah-rah, sis-boom-bah, let's do the Hokey Pokey? That's what it's all about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)



Look around you. Who is the second smartest person in the room? The one who has made the most mistakes. Who is the smartest? The one who learns the most from the second smartest. Any doubts on what your own task this week might be? Hint: Life is like a pack of marathoners, all trying desperately not to place third. If you're lagging, it's not too late to sit up and pay attention. Ready, set, go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)



How long to cook a goose? A survey of popular chefs agrees with Martha Stewart that it depends on whose goose is being cooked. Five months in prison orange did the job for Martha. You may prefer a different recipe. Does a leisurely klatch in the company of friends, with a special seat for the guest of honor, sound better? We thought so. Just slather on the humor and turn up the heat. Happy roasting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)



Trivia quiz: Source the catchphrase, "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today." A) World of Warcraft. B) Popeye. C) Both. If you said C, you're a well-rounded soul.

All others, you suffer tunnel vision. Expand your view. That famous phrase spans multiple generations, with lessons for today. Some that you may soon encounter: scam artistry, credit worthiness, and elegant ways of mooching hamburgers. Ketchup with that?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Washed up on Whidbey's shore, a grammatical disaster, an idiom wrecked on the shoals of political correctness: "Them that pays the piper calls the tune." Rushing past the touchy issue of gender-inclusive pronouns, we hasten on tip-toes to the point: You can have it your way this week, provided you foot the bill.

Delving into the nuances of the original idiom would entail another gender dance. So forget it. Phew.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)



"In heaven," wrote Nietzsche, "all the interesting people are missing." Whether his passing gave Mr. N occasion to rethink his quip, we cannot say. His words likely reveal more about

him than about heaven. We can say with confidence, however, that your chances of meeting some interesting people this week are high. When you do, references to Mr. N., at least in this context, are probably best omitted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)



Special Of The Week: Humble Pie, made from crow, and likely a bit gamey. Our way of saying, someone's about to eat their words. Please note: You are most probably the server of this

unsavory entree, not the unfortunate gourmand being served. How will you deliver? With a "told ya so" that echoes for days? Or mercifully and quick, moving soon to a fresher topic? Don't forget, the table may one day be turned. Breath mints, anyone?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Quantum entanglement, what Einstein called "spooky action at a distance," means a change of speed or direction in particle A registers instantaneously as an equivalent change within

entangled particle B, regardless of the distance between them. What does this mean to you? Only that the good news you're to deliver this week might arrive before your tweet. Don't let that stop you. You might enjoy the retweets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



What would you do if you could save time in a bottle? Jim Croce reckoned that he'd "save every day 'til eternity passes away." Add some Tabasco and you'd have hot times, indeed.

Whatever your relationship with time, save a little this week for the children in your life. They won't ask much that you're not already prepared to give, so it's a win-win. There's no expiration date, so you're good whenever. Store at room temperature.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb 18)



The hottest stock in the market is not in the Fortune 500. It's you. As with any hot tip, keep this news to yourself. Getting a big ego will definitely crash your rating. The trick is to know your

own value and spread yourself around in ways that also uplift OTHER people. Done right, this means warm fuzzies for all. And do take care of yourself. Eat right, exercise, etc. You're a hot commodity, remember?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)



"Talk softly and carry a big stick," was Teddy Roosevelt's slant on foreign policy. You can go Teddy one better. Your words, well-chosen and properly delivered, head off any

need of a stick. Your nurturing intent and pure heart will always carry the day. But let's not disparage the kicker to Teddy's diplomacy. You never know when a stick will come in handy. If nothing else, it's good for roasting marshmallows.

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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

Grid for a crossword puzzle with numbered squares from 1 to 68.

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Indicates number of days
6. When you hope to get there
9. Hairstyle
13. Black (Spanish)
14. Expresses pleasure
15. Away from wind
16. Tech pros organization
17. Wile E. Coyote is familiar with it
18. Clean
19. Saints' signal caller
21. A way to hunt
22. Poetries
23. Automobile
24. Secondary school (abbr.)
25. Indicates before
28. Male parent
29. Short-billed rails
31. It pays to keep yours
33. On occasion
36. David __, US playwright
38. Slang for cigarette
39. Vaccine developer
41. Returned to health
44. Toni Morrison novel
45. Period between eclipses
46. Veterans battleground
48. Gang

CLUES DOWN

- 49. A radio band
51. Jaws of a voracious animal
52. Elaborate garments
54. Chinese province
56. Checks
60. Horizontal passage
61. Steep hillsides
62. Fertility god
63. Dried-up
64. Signs a name
65. __ Winger, actress
66. German river
67. Gov't lawyers
68. Take something somewhere

- 20. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. City of Lights
23. A place to sleep
25. Advanced degree (abbr.)
26. The back
27. Furniture-makers Charles and "Ray"
29. Songs to a lover
30. Gland secretion
32. 10 meters
34. Disfigure
35. Stores grain
37. Sacred book of Judaism
40. Catch
42. Promise
43. Challenges
47. Russian space station
49. Banking giant
50. Served as an omen
52. Drenches
53. Type of sword
55. Minor planet
56. Messenger ribonucleic acid
57. Japanese ankle sock
58. Obtain in return for services
59. Waste matter
61. A proposal to buy at a specified price
65. Unit of loudness

Answers on page 15

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Table with 7 columns (Thurs, Feb. 27 to Wed, March 4) and 2 rows (North Isle and South Isle) showing temperature ranges and weather conditions like 'Showers Possible' or 'Rain Possible'.



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By Kae Harris

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