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## Interview with Alexandra Morton, Green Candidate for North Island in BC's Election 2020

**Q:** *Why did you choose to run?*

**A:** We have less than a decade to save ourselves from the worst impacts of climate change. As a mother and a grandmother, it is my duty to lessen the impact of climate change on our descendants. The next few years are critical. The Green party is the party most aligned with my views about the steps we need to take right now.

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## COVER STORY continues

## Interview with North Island Green Candidate Alexandra Morton

### Q: Why do you think you will be a good MLA?

**A:** I have spent 30 years in relentless efforts to protect wild salmon, the backbone of this coast. I have learned what small communities need and have seen these communities devastated by provincial policies that favour an economy our communities are not part of. I have learned about the rights and interests of First Nations and how to confront corporations who are not interested in being good corporate citizens. I have learned to fight hard no matter how overwhelming the odds. I have honed my ability to listen. I am interested in working with North Island communities to find the best solutions and figure out how to achieve them.

### Q: What issues would you like to comment on?

- A:**
- The policies that are killing our salmon are also harming our communities.
  - I am reaching out to forestry workers to see how they feel about the current state of their industry.
  - Having lived off-grid most of my adult life, I know the enormous potential of clean energy sources.
  - This BC NDP government has increased subsidies to fossil fuel companies by 79% compared to the Christy Clark Liberal government. This has to change; we need to invest in clean energy.
  - The Covid-19 pandemic has made it clear that government must be much more involved in setting standards for care homes. We must protect our elders from neglect from for-profit care facilities.
  - I would work very closely with the First Nations emerging as powerful local governments and caretakers of our environment. Before standing as a candidate, I sought and received the blessings of many First Nations chiefs.
  - I would work closely with the tourism industry whose potential as an economic powerhouse for our local economies has yet to be fully realized.
  - We need to be aware that people are leaving cities and heading our way. As an MLA I want to participate in planning for this, so we benefit and are not overrun by this migration that is already underway. We need to solve the housing crisis.

Communities in poverty destroy the environment around them. We will never protect this world until our communities are sustainable and thriving. I deeply love the North Island. I will not change what I say based on whether or not it is popular. I plan to hold public Zoom meetings to hear your concerns. If you elect me, I will work for you 110%. My campaign office number is 250.285.2115. To donate or volunteer go to: [bcgreens.ca/alexandra\\_morton](http://bcgreens.ca/alexandra_morton)

— Interview by Bonnie Brownstein

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Note: For advance polls, do *not* go the district electoral office of Elections BC which is two doors away – but to the facility that will be set up in the Campbell River Commons.

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Elections BC recommends you request a Vote-by-mail package by October 17. After this date voters will not be able to request a vote-by-mail package online or by phone.

After October 17, however, you can still get a Vote-by-mail package from a district

electoral office. This Vote-by-mail package can be completed and dropped off at any voting place, district electoral office or participating Service BC office. The phone number of the district electoral office in Campbell River is 250.850.1700.

• **VOTE IN PERSON:** Advance polls are open October 15th to 21st in Campbell River – see Advance Polls section. Any voter can vote in advance polls; you don't need a special reason.

To find out the locations of the polling stations closest to you go to <https://wheretovote.elections.bc.ca>

For Quadra Island on October 24, voting will be at the Quadra Community Centre at 970 West Road. On Election Day you can vote at any district electoral office in BC up to 4pm. Campbell River's district electoral office is in the mall at 1444 Ironwood.

• **VOTE BY PHONE:** People with underlying health conditions, COVID-19, or other disabilities are able to vote by telephone. Call 1.800.661.8683 and ask if you are eligible to vote by phone.

#### WHAT TO BRING FOR IN-PERSON VOTING

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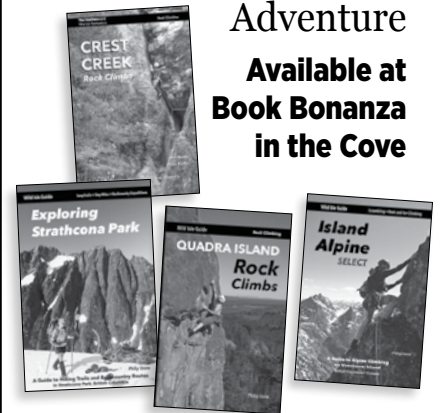
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### NEXT DEADLINE

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## ISLAND FORUM

### Ripped Off in Hyacinthe Creek

**QUADRA ISLAND SALMON ENHANCEMENT** has had tremendous support from the Quadra community over the years. We've been around as a society for almost forty years now, with many changes during that time. One ongoing project since 2005 has been the drought-proofing work in Hyacinthe Creek. The aim is to hold back reserves of water in Mud Lake, Reed Lake and a large wetland to use during the summer to help support a healthy coho fry population. We use 2-inch PVC waterline to siphon water downstream as needed.

Recently, I discovered that approximately one hundred feet of our waterline, along with a brass shutoff valve on the end, was cut off and removed from the creek below the large wetland. Two years ago we had a similar incident when someone stole a 75-foot length of line near the pullout on the Walcan Road at the same wetland. In that case, we assumed that someone had parked at the pullout, saw the pipe lying along the creek and lifted it. This time, the perpetrators either climbed down the steep bank or walked downstream about 35 meters to cut off the pipe and carry it out. It's heavy enough that it would have taken at least two people to manage that, and stuff it into the back of a truck.

I have filed a complaint with the RCMP. Walcan Road is a fairly busy road. If anyone remembers seeing any suspicious activity relevant to this incident, or has noticed someone with a new chunk of waterline and shutoff valve, please report your observations to the RCMP. It could have taken place anytime between mid-August and the end of September.

It's a few hundred dollars out of the society's coffers, but beyond that, it's disappointing that a long-standing and hard-working Quadra non-profit group has been ripped off. To replace the line, we must haul a heavy 200-foot roll of pipe from town and assemble several volunteers

to install and charge up the new line. It seems that even in paradise there are a few low-lives around.

– *Janis McLean*  
*Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society*

### Q Rec Contest Reminder!

#### OUR COLOURING CONTEST

is open to all ages. You can win a \$200 gift certificate to Inspirations!


Since we aren't able to hold our traditional large event fundraisers this year due to COVID, we're re-creating a classic Quadra Community Centre fundraiser and need your help. We need a bright, vibrant and creative new coloured version of the Colour Me Quadra coloring book cover. The colouring contest winner not only gets their coloured image on the cover, but they will receive a \$200 gift certificate to spend on art/office supplies at Inspirations!

Pick up your printed colouring sheet of the cover image at inspirations and hand them back in there by October 15th. Huge thanks to Lara at Inspirations for helping support this colouring contest and QCC fundraiser!

Once the contest winner's art is selected for the cover and books are reprinted, they will be on sale at Inspirations as a fundraiser for your Community Centre.

Also, if any individuals or businesses would like to sponsor this contest and fundraiser tax receipts can be issued for any amounts donated. Contact Quadra Community Centre for details. Many appreciations!

– *Rebecca Young*  
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**THE QUADRA FARMERS' MARKET** and Bazaar is continuing its online operation through till Christmas! At no additional cost, vendors can advertise their items and customers can connect and locate vendors through our social media platforms for the rest of the year. Many of our vendors are also live at the Artist Outlet in the new 'Solace' (formally Ravensong Gallery) so go check it out for beautiful handmade items and support your local community this Christmas season. To advertise contact Naomi at [quadramarket@gmail.com](mailto:quadramarket@gmail.com)



## What's Happening at QI Community Centre

### HELLO COMMUNITY!

After much time spent developing our approved COVID safety plans we are happy to announce that we are partially open again for some amended community activities!

We'd also like to update you that due to COVID our activities and events will look much different this year. As you have probably guessed, due to COVID and the restrictions on public gatherings, we will not be able to hold any larger public events or drop in type activities this year. So will not have: Halloween Fun Night & Trunk or Treat, our Christmas Craft Fair, the Community Kitchen Lunch program, Parents & Tots, Friday Flicks or Cultural Events. Most clubs and groups have also decided for public and volunteer safety to hold off resuming activities.

However, we do now have some activities on offer currently. Many yoga classes have resumed as well as some support programs. Here's a list of what is currently happening each week: **MONDAYS:** 10am Yoga with Josephine, 1:30 pm Caregivers Support (every other Monday, next one October 19th). **TUESDAYS:** 1pm Quadra Circle Mosaics, 5pm Yoga with Trinity, 7pm Folk Dancing. **WEDNESDAYS:** 10am Gentle Yoga with Trinity. **THURSDAYS:** 9:30am Yoga with Brenda, 11:30am Quadra Circle Somatics,

5pm Yoga with Trinity. **FRIDAYS:** 3pm Smart Recovery. **SUNDAYS:** 9am Somatic Yoga with Rob Selmanovic.

Attendance numbers are restricted and **ALL ACTIVITIES ARE BY PREREGISTRATION ONLY.** As usual access to the facility is by advanced booking. Everyone using the facility must sanitize their hands before entering, wear a mask and keep 2 meters distance at all times. NO person that is showing any symptoms of COVID - 19 is permitted in the building. This includes anyone that has had symptoms of COVID - 19 in the last 14 days. Symptoms include: fever, chills, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or new muscle aches. Anyone who has arrived from outside of Canada that has not self-isolated for 14 days is not permitted in the building.

For more info on registering for an activity or any other info please call QCC at 285-3243 or email us at: [info@quadrarec.bc.ca](mailto:info@quadrarec.bc.ca)

Many thanks for all of your support, community, and may you stay well.

-Rebecca Young  
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## Let's Write a Story Together!

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR** as many people as possible to participate in the writing of our island story!

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Please email your sentences to: [quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com), message it to our Quadra Literacy Facebook page, call it in to Tracy's house at 250.285.3362 or write it down on paper and drop it off at Inspirations or to the library during Takeout Services hours. Please write the date and time when you submitted your work.

The first sentence starts like this: "There was a fabulous island that was once the home of Wrangler the Wild One and his friends." Take it from there, Quadra!

This story will be pieced together on October 20, 2020 and shared on our Facebook page and in local news sources. PLEASE state whether or not you would like to have your name (first or full name) included in the list of authors.

-Tracy Sinclair  
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## At the Legion

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## Old Growth Trees, a Ten Year Update

**TEN YEARS AGO** I began (and continue to) locate old growth trees on Quadra Island. An old growth tree is accepted by the Ministry of Forests and environmental groups as 250 years or older. I've developed a diameter to age chart based on counting dozens of tree stumps. In a broad statement, trees with a diameter at breast height of 1 metre / 3.3 metre circumference or larger, get measured.

Aware of my earlier reports, woodlot owners correctly disagreed with my diameter to age measurements. They pointed out that the number of growth rings counted by diameter at breast height will vary greatly depending on whether the tree is in a valley bottom or on a steep slope. Also needing to be taken into account is the elevation and north/south orientation of the forest. Trees at the

lower elevation (500m to sea level on a flat slope) would be faster growing than those at 1000m on a 70% slope of stone/gravel soil.

I've counted trees with 1cm growth rings at low elevations with good moisture and fertile soils as being 200 years old. The same species of tree at 750m above sea level could be double that age, about 400 years. The diameter difference could vary from 1m DBH (diameter at breast height) down to .75m DBH at an upper elevation.

### Interesting Findings About Coastal Trees

One hundred and thirty years ago Moses Ireland, one of the area's earliest timber cruisers, determined that Quadra and surrounding islands were home to some of the tallest, straightest, widest forests on the Pacific Coast. Discovery Island trees were No.1 A grade: straight, tight grained and construction grade strong.

Over the past decade, I've come to conclude in my citizen science field hours that there are a few reasons why Old Growth trees were not harvested here in the past 100 years. Rebecca Spit trees are full of canker and heart rot. This is evidenced by the number of bumps on the trunks of the trees and the frequent weeping of sap from the trunks, pooling at the base of the tree. Other trees were not harvested because they had a spiral twist in their trunks. Other trees had a bend just a few metres above the forest floor, before becoming straight and growing skyward. Some trees had many limbs starting perhaps 5 to 10m up the trunk. In a good number of cases, the trees were growing along a steep slope with a creek 20m below. If they were cut and fell into the small gully, it would have cost more in labour to get them out. It was more profitable in all cases to let them grow rather than pay to cut them.

Articles about logging from 100 years ago say that better than 50% of the volume of the trees cut never made it to market. When a tree trunk began showing branches, they immediately lost A grade value. Their value was as fuel to fire up the steam donkeys. These machines powered the cable hauls taking logs off the slopes and down to the landing. It was the Granite Bay Fire of 1927, caused by the explosion of a steam donkey, that burned flat so much of North Quadra Island down to Heriot Bay.

Starting in the mid 1990s the Quadra Island Woodlot Owners met for hundreds of hours with the Quadra Sierra Club, the Forest

Watch Group, and members of the Quadra Trails Committee to write up a Community Forest Plan. It was included in the Ministry of Forests report Special Management Zone 19 (SMZ 19). This agreement is still in place, and accepted by the Provincial government / Ministry of Forests / Woodlot Licensing office.

In 10 years I have personally measured 273 trees. Only in recent months have I learned of a forest-centered aerial survey being conducted over Quadra in the past three years. A drone traversed more than 400km of flight lines. More on these findings will be made public in the coming months.

### Call for Support

These original 273 trees were given an identification tag which has proven to be totally inadequate, as they have lost their paint / felt ink notations in a few seasons.

In 2020, I acquired professional 'etch-able' metal tags. A ballpoint pen can leave an etch into the metal plate. As such, notations should be visible for decades, the same as old time Mineral Survey tags were written then nailed onto claim posts.

I'm looking for hikers / mountain bikers / private property residents to join in a new tree and old tree tagging project. I have 300 tags available. If you have a GPS device, I would like these coordinates written into the new tags and again into the existing Ancient Tree spreadsheet.

—Rod Burns

## Seeing is Believing

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## CR's Rising Seas Project Wins National Environmental Award

### CAMPBELL RIVER, BC HAS RECEIVED

national recognition for its Campbell River Rising Seas project from the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA). The City has been presented with the 2020 CAMA Environment Award, in the 20,001 to 100,000 population category, during a Virtual Awards of Excellence Ceremony.

"CAMA is pleased to recognize Campbell River for its proactive action plan," said Jake Rudolph, president of CAMA and Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Nanaimo, BC. "This project will help the city face the daunting challenges presented by a rising sea level."

The Rising Seas project led to Council's recent adoption of its first ever Sea Level Rise Action Plan. This project took a broad view of flood risk posed by future sea level rise and engaged the public in choosing appropriate responses that also promote shoreline values such as ecology, access, and views. Public outreach, youth engagement, and dialogue with First Nations have been key project components.

The City hired coastal engineers to perform technical analyses, modelling extreme marine and weather conditions before factoring in future sea level rises. This resulted in a set of

flood construction levels being defined for the entirety of the urbanized coastline, on which a future flood bylaw will be based. Analysis then went further and evaluated different feasible flood mitigation measures in various locations.

A design firm was also retained to produce public engagement materials. The City created a significant process to present options to the community and evaluate preferred future approaches according to public values, ensuring community buy-in.

By implementing the action items in the plan, the City can work toward protecting as many human and natural assets as possible, and the community benefits from being prepared and informed.

To find out more about Campbell River's award, as well as the other 2020 CAMA Awards of Excellence winners, visit [www.camacm.ca/awards](http://www.camacm.ca/awards) and look for the award recipients link.

## MP Blaney: Pesticides in forestry and a green new deal

**NORTH ISLAND-POWELL RIVER MP** Rachel Blaney has tabled two petitions from her constituents on environmental issues.

The first petition was addressed to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change and pledged support for a made-in-Canada

"Green New Deal." NDP MP Peter Julian introduced a motion in the first session of the current Parliament which Blaney seconded calling for a Green New Deal. The motion wasn't voted upon prior to parliament being prorogued in the summer, but has recently been reinstated for the current session. The petition was signed by people from all across the riding.

The second petition focused on the use of herbicides in the forestry industry and is addressed to the Minister of Health. In it, the petitioners from Powell River and the qathet Regional District raised concerns about the impact on biodiversity, water sources, climate change and wildfires. Blaney, along with Nicholas Simons, have worked closely with local residents who wanted the issue raised with senior levels of government.

"I really want to thank those who do the work to put these together, with a special acknowledgement to Pesticide Free Powell River," said Blaney. "I hope the Federal Minister of Health will heed their concerns and make the necessary policy changes."

The government is expected to table a response to each petition within 45 days.

"Petitions are one of the ways I can help people in the riding be heard in Ottawa" said Blaney, "It gives me an opportunity to stand up in the House of Commons and raise those concerns, prompts the government to respond, and if other MPs are hearing similar things in their ridings we can work together towards real solutions for people."

Constituents with an idea or issue they are particularly concerned about are always welcome to present them as a petition. For more information or assistance with drafting and formatting, contact [Rachel.blaney@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Rachel.blaney@parl.gc.ca)

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## Please Don't Let COVID-Cats Have Kittens!

**WITH SO MANY FAMILIES** adopting pets during the COVID-19 pandemic, Quadra Cat Rescue is putting out an urgent plea to remind people to spay and neuter early – before pets have a chance to reproduce.

“Traditional fundraising methods are currently unavailable, so we have even less money to help pay for surgeries,” says Janet Massey, one of the rescue volunteers. “Because cats can reproduce so quickly, it’s very important that people make arrangements to spay and neuter early – by six months of age – so that, together, we continue to work toward reducing the number of homeless cats and kittens on Quadra.”

She points out that it’s been approximately six months since the pandemic started a wave of pet adoptions, and that kittens adopted earlier this year could be ready to reproduce by now.

“If pet owners don’t act quickly, we could be dealing with a major overpopulation problem again, and that would be devastating, for the cats, and for the rescue volunteers, after all the hours and hours and hours of work to deal with almost 1000 cats and kittens since 2009,” she says.

“One unfixed pair of cats and their offspring can add up to 500 kittens – within just three years,” adds volunteer Valerie van Veen. “Even a few kittens left unfixed can have multiple births (two litters a year with an average of five kittens per litter), which would set us back years.”

Fundraising at events like the Saturday Market, the Fall Fair and running the concession during performances at the Community Centre won’t likely be available for a long time yet, which will leave even less money to help manage a population boom.

“It’s not reasonable to expect the same level of donations when so many people are struggling with financial difficulties due to the pandemic as well. As a community, we simply can’t afford to go backward,” van Veen says, adding: “We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support and funding we have received this year so we can continue our work.”

This year, the SPCA provided a \$700 grant, and Area Director Jim Abram arranged for \$1500. Together, the funding provides basic vet care for approximately 11 cats or kittens.



“We’ll keep doing what we can to help the island’s homeless cats and kittens, including trying to continue to subsidize the cost of fixing local pet cats and kittens, but we expect to be short on funds for some time,” van Veen sums up. “We’re putting out an urgent plea for everyone to do what they can to slow the overpopulation problem. Please help us make sure kittens get fixed as soon as possible, including any kittens offered ‘free to a good home’.”

In 2019, Quadra Cat Rescue:

- arranged 55 spay and neuters
- adopted out 15 kittens
- transported 32 kittens to a partner adoption organization in Victoria
- took nine older cats into foster care
- paid for extensive emergency care for two cats

- arranged to feed and look after eight poorly socialized pet cats left on their own after their owner died

- Quadra Cat Rescue continues to support approximately 17 fixed community cats in five colonies.

How you can help:

- Volunteer or donate through PayPal, Coastal Community Credit Union or TruValue Spirit Board Points

- Adopt an already-fixed adult cat from Quadra Cat Rescue to free up foster space

*Media contact: Valerie van Veen, Quadra Cat Rescue volunteer 250.285.2329*




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### The Debate

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What could he say to someone so uncouth.  
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The vindictive invective his true colours reveal,  
His bigotry and bias he just can't conceal.  
Nothing can be gained by such boorish behaviour  
From a man who claims he is America's saviour.  
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This debate was a debacle, a national disgrace,  
The pulpit of a president who does not know his place.  
Now infected with covid, he can no longer deny,  
He played down a pandemic and refused to comply.  
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## Drop! Cover! Hold On!

**YOU MAY BE SPENDING** more time at home these days than you'd like, so what better time to tackle that thing you may have been putting off? Getting prepared for an earthquake!

We live in a seismically-active area here on the west coast, and while we're not at risk of significant damage from a tsunami, we do need to prepare for the effects of a potentially catastrophic earthquake.

Each year on October 15th at 10:15am, millions of people worldwide practice how to 'Drop, Cover, and Hold On' – the immediate steps to take if you feel the earth shake.

Between now and October 15th, the Quadra Island Emergency Program will provide more information about how to stay safe before, during, and after an earthquake. They'll also tell you how to enter a Shakeout contest for awesome prizes just by sharing how you prepared for an earthquake!

Watch the DI, the BirdsEye, and the Emergency Program Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/quadraislandemergencyprogram>) for details.

Important planning steps for an earthquake include:

- Check your home for things that could be a hazard in the event of any earthquake. Know how to shut off power, water, propane.
- Be prepared with sufficient food, water and medical supplies to survive at least 7 days (preferably more) without outside help. Think about how you'll manage without power.
- Have a plan to deal with different scenarios when an earthquake might occur: workdays when families might be separated; when you're away from home running errands; in the middle of the night when you're in bed.

Visit <https://www.shakeoutbc.ca> to learn more about keeping you and your family safe!



## QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

**AS WE ARE WORKING** toward a winter schedule, here are the upcoming trips:










**14 OCT, WEDNESDAY** Hiking to Rousseau Ridge

**21 OCT, WEDNESDAY** Hiking the Elk Falls Loop

**28 OCT, WEDNESDAY** Hiking to Big Trees

Details for these outings are available at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2020/> For more information about the Club visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org/> or email [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)

## HOW TO SAFELY USE A NON-MEDICAL MASK OR FACE COVERING

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|---|--|---|---|
|    | <b>DO</b> wear a non-medical mask or face covering to protect others.  |    | <b>DO</b> ensure the mask is made of at least two layers of tightly woven fabric. |
|    | <b>DO</b> inspect the mask for tears or holes.   |    | <b>DO</b> ensure the mask or face covering is clean and dry.                      |
|   | <b>DO</b> wash your hands or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching the mask or face covering. |   | <b>DO</b> use the ear loops or ties to put on and remove the mask.                |
|  | <b>DO</b> ensure your nose and mouth are fully covered.  |  | <b>DO</b> replace and launder your mask whenever it becomes damp or dirty.        |
|  | <b>DO</b> wash your mask with hot, soapy water and let it dry completely before wearing it again.                  |  | <b>DO</b> store reusable masks in a clean paper bag until you wear it again.      |
|  | <b>DO</b> discard masks that cannot be washed in a plastic-lined garbage bin after use.                            |   |   |

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*\*Read more in this issue of the DI\**



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DATE	TIME PDT	M.	FT.
<b>09</b> Friday	05:16	1.5	4.9
	13:13	4.4	14.4
	18:57	3.6	11.8
	22:17	3.8	12.5
<b>10</b> Saturday	06:17	1.5	4.9
	14:24	4.4	14.4
	20:40	3.5	11.5
	23:43	3.7	12.1
<b>11</b> Sunday	07:27	1.6	5.2
	15:20	4.5	14.8
	21:41	3.3	10.8
<b>12</b> Monday	01:35	3.7	12.1
	08:36	1.6	5.2
	16:03	4.6	15.1
	22:23	3.1	10.2
<b>13</b> Tuesday	02:57	3.8	12.5
	09:35	1.6	5.2
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	22:58	2.7	8.9
<b>14</b> Wed.	04:05	4	13.1
	10:26	1.7	5.6
	17:09	4.8	15.7
	23:31	2.3	7.5
<b>15</b> Thursday	05:08	4.2	13.8
	11:14	1.9	6.2
	17:37	4.8	15.7
<b>16</b> Friday	00:05	1.9	6.2
	06:08	4.5	14.8
	11:59	2.2	7.2
	18:04	4.8	15.7
<b>17</b> Saturday	00:40	1.5	4.9
	07:04	4.7	15.4
	12:46	2.5	8.2
	18:32	4.8	15.7
<b>18</b> Sunday	01:17	1.2	3.9
	07:59	4.8	15.7
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	19:02	4.7	15.4
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	19:34	4.6	15.1
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	20:11	4.5	14.8
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<b>22</b> Thursday	04:18	1	3.3
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	17:59	3.6	11.8
	21:42	4	13.1
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