

At 91.9 FM KPTZ Port Townsend, I'm Diane Urbani de la Paz with local news and commentary for Friday, August 18.

The time has almost arrived for the all-day Uptown Street Fair on Saturday. The festivities are spread across Lawrence Street and Tyler Street in uptown Port Townsend. PT Artscape coordinates children's art activities starting at 10am. The live music will include jazz, blues, and soul with Ginnie Porter and George Radebaugh at 10am. Then comes Anne-O and her band with Beatles covers and blues at 11am. Kristin Myers sings sweet folk originals at noon. And the music rolls on until the last set at 4:15pm with Brother Townsend. Of course, another big event is the parade which will feature KPTZ volunteer sightings as well as artists decked out in their wearable art. That procession will start at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in uptown Port Townsend. You can peruse the whole schedule on the Port Townsend Main Street website (<https://ptmainstreet.org/uptown-street-fair/>).

The Cocoa Forge in Port Townsend, which closed its doors at the end of last year, just fired up again this week. A newsletter went out to Cocoa Forge fans saying that new chocolate has been made. This batch of Guatemalan dark and super-dark chocolate would go for a relatively high price, and 100% of the proceeds would go toward Maui fire relief. It would all be sold through the Cocoa Forge website, reopened just for this.

So it happened on Wednesday. Here is what the news update, via email, said Thursday morning: "The Maui Fundraiser last night was absolutely staggering." Nearly \$3,000 came in and the chocolate makers expect a bit more by the end of the day on Saturday. The entire batch sold out in 42 minutes. Here's another quote from the email: "Our little fundraiser may be just a drop in the wide Pacific Ocean for beloved and battered Maui, but it is a heartfelt and powerful drop." If you'd like to read more about the endeavor, the website is <https://www.thecocoaforge.com/#/>.

This Sunday, the Chimacum Farmers Market will music from Bilee Grace, a local performer. Grace says, "I am a genderless singer-songwriter, poet, tree lover, and street corner busker." You can hear for yourself at the market beside the Chimacum Corner Farmstand from 10 until 2 on Sunday (<https://www.bileegracemusic.com/>).

Also on Sunday, Fort Worden State Park will celebrate its 50th birthday. The party has live music, cake, plus nature and interpretive activities. All of this will go from 2 until 5 on Sunday at Fort Worden (<https://www.parks.wa.gov/calendar.aspx?PREVIEW=YES&EID=8063>). \

One fall day in downtown Port Townsend, Anna Nasset was creating a window display at her gallery, Artisans on Taylor. When a man appeared with a painting under his arm, she felt the briefest hesitation before opening her door – and her world – to the one who would become her stalker for nearly a decade. Over the coming years, Fraser Rotchford preyed on Nasset, harassing and stalking her until she sold her gallery, left town, and moved to Vermont. Rotchford was finally prosecuted and received a sentence of 10 years, the statutory maximum, and one of the longest sentences for a stalker in U.S. history.

Today, Anna Nasset is an activist and author. She will launch her debut memoir, *Now I Speak: From Stalked to Standing Up* this Monday in Port Townsend. Nasset will read from her book and engage the audience in a discussion during the event from 5 until 7 o'clock Monday evening. That's at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery at 701 Water Street. Nasset is also the founder of Stand Up Resources and teaches about the importance of recognizing stalking, getting help, and advocating for oneself and others. More information can be found at <https://www.standupresources.com/>.

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