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Wildcat football team beats Terrace —

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Shoppers line up at the grand opening of the Oak Harbor Pay 'n Save Wednesday, waiting to purchase some of the opening day specials. The Pay 'n Save opening, which coincided with a

number of grand openings by other stores in the Island Plaza, attracted large numbers of shoppers.

O'Connell

Grand opening at Island Plaza big success

With a gigantic pair of stainless steel scissors, the ceremonial ribbon was cut and the new Oak Harbor Pay 'n Save Store opened Wednesday morning.

North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce President Marge Qualls did the cutting. She was assisted by Allison Davis, Fourth of July Queen, and Dorothy McKerney, the wife of Pay 'n Save Division Manager Art McKerney.

The Pay 'n Save brass was on hand to witness the ribbon cutting, including Pay 'n Save President M. Lamont Bean.

Senior Vice President of Operations Tom Lawrenson, Director of Training Dale Collette and others.

The opening was well-publicized and a large crowd was on hand. After the ribbon-cutting, the store was opened for business, and housewives, sensing great bargains just beyond the sliding glass doors, rushed in.

Pay 'n Save employees in green and blue uniforms met them at the door, passing out Almond Roca candy bars wrapped in gold foil. "Welcome to Pay 'n

Save," said Pay 'n Save employee Linda Madsen. "Would you like a bar of Almond Roca?"

The housewives had to overcome one more obstacle before they could get at the opening day bargains: white, pink and red carnations from the Whidbey Playhouse. These welcome obstacles were handed out by volunteers from the Whidbey Playhouse.

Having reached the main part of the store, the housewives could now examine all of the opening day bargains. With a

baby on one arm and a pocketbook on the other they swept up and down the aisles.

Soon baskets were loaded. After being filled to overflowing, the few husbands who straggled along were put to use. They were to carry what couldn't fit in the basket.

Every department had its bargains. Cameras, cosmetics, pharmacy all attracted opening day customers. While shoppers rushed from bargain to bargain, the public address system called out the outstanding deals. "Free bottle of aspirin just for saying hello to

the pharmacist."

Customers were clearly pleased at the range of the selection. Shopping baskets contained house plants, record albums, oil filters, hair shampoo, fly-rods, camera tripods, salted almonds, long underwear, toothpaste, diapers and many other products.

While mayhem prevailed on the floor, the Pay 'n Save brass celebrated the store's opening in back. All were delighted at the numbers and enthusiasm of the opening day crowd.

"We're exceptionally pleased with the

turnout," said Tom Lawrenson of Pay 'n Save. "We're high hopes for the Oak Harbor store. The location is good and the workmanship of the building looks good."

There was much food on hand, including cakes, pies, brownies, salads and casseroles.

Pay 'n Save President M. Lamont Bean said, "We're delighted to be here in Oak Harbor. We're happy with the number of people that showed up for the grand opening. We hope to can serve them well and justify their faith in us."

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Whidbey Today

Welcome aboard, would you please, WHIDBEY TODAY.

Volume 1, No. 1 of Whidbey Press, Inc.'s latest publication will henceforth be delivered every Monday to 16,500 households and business addresses (including yours) from Deception Pass on south to Oak Harbor, San de Fuca, Coupeville, Greenbank, Freeland, Whidbey City, Langley, Clinton and rural or suburban waypoints.

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WHIDBEY TODAY, not to be confused with a Mount Vernon facsimile also distributed on Monday, is published on Whidbey Island at the Oak Harbor-based printing plant of the Whidbey News-Times, Whidbey Island Record and the official Navy publication, The Crosswind.

WHIDBEY TODAY will not be a duplication of news appearing in the weekly publications, Whidbey News-Times and the Whidbey Island Record. The latter, with offices in Langley,

serves a readership from Greenbank south. The News-Times is distributed throughout north and central Whidbey.

A major service offered by WHIDBEY TODAY is an expanded advertising opportunity for island business firms seeking full-coverage delivery to Whidbey addresses.

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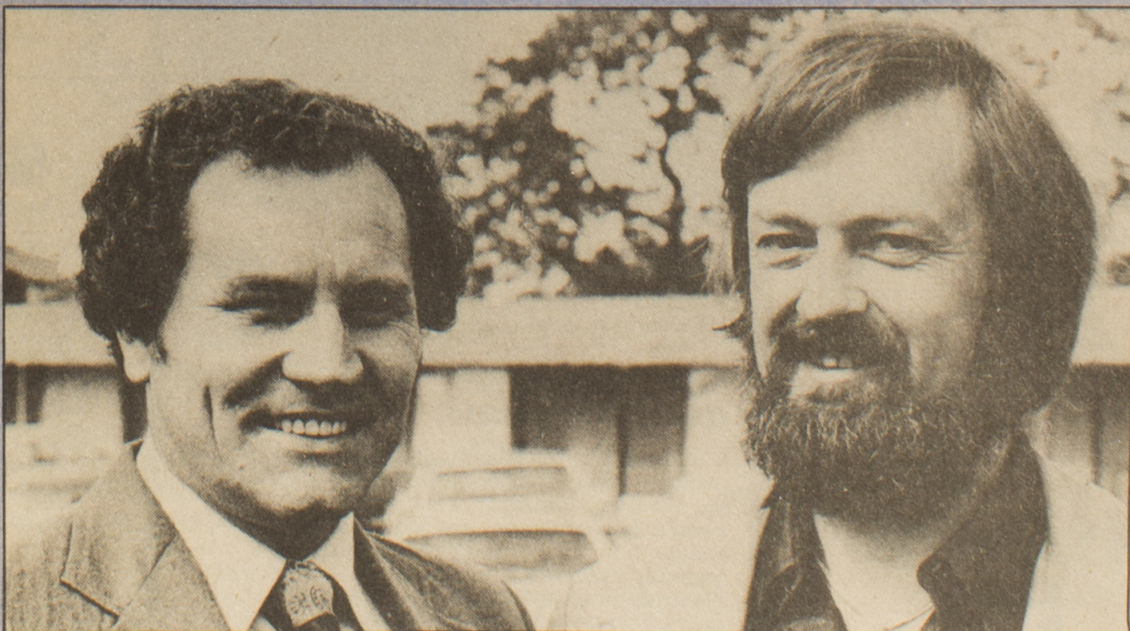
Plans for WHIDBEY TODAY were originated by local newspaper management in July, with initial publication set for Nov. 3. Fast-breaking developments in the business community prompted a change of date to Sept. 29.

A special set of deadlines is being set up for WHIDBEY TODAY which goes to press Friday afternoon for Monday distribution by mail or carrier. They will be published in next Monday's edition for advertisers and club publicists.

Letters to the editor, as well as reader contributions or suggestions are welcomed.

Thus it is that another Whidbey Press publication is launched. We solicit your reaction. We welcome you to our expanded readership.

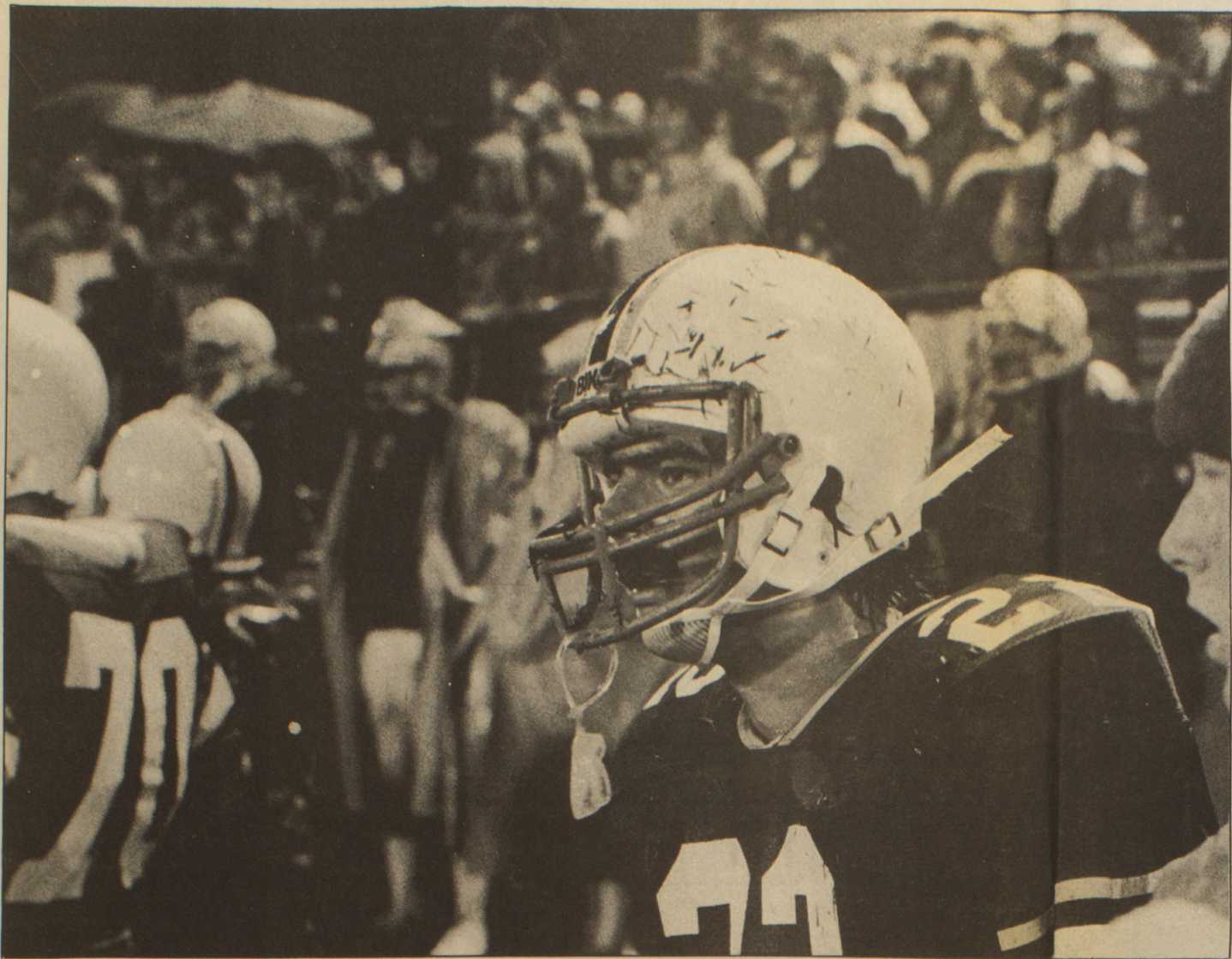
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New chamber officers

New officers for the North Whidbey Chamber of Commerce's 1980-81 year are Gary Costner, left, and Homer Nottingham, right. They were elected following balloting which ended Sept. 22. Costner and Nottingham

will take office as of Oct. 1. A special installation luncheon will be held for the new officers and board members Oct. 23 at the Empire Room of the King's Table.



Snohomish next

Wildcat Jas Kirk made the big offensive plays Thursday night as Oak Harbor beat Terrace, 17-14. Wingback Kirk caught two passes for 78 yards setting up a touchdown and a field goal. Tough Snohomish comes to Oak Harbor Friday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. for a league game.

Wildcats outrun high-flying Hawks, 17-14

by Steve Potter

In a football game of big plays, Oak Harbor's Wildcats prevailed over the Mountlake Terrace Hawks, 17-14.

The Wildcats, 2-1 overall and 1-0 in East Division play, won the Thursday, Sept. 25 Wesco contest by hanging onto the ball for the last three minutes.

That final OHHS drive kept the ball away from the potent Hawk offense, which passed for 220 yards.

Trailing 17-6, Terrace scored last on a 28-yard bomb to split end Davon Drake on a fly pattern down the right sideline.

It was Drake's second touchdown catch from Hawk quarterback Mark Cordova. Drake hauled in a second-quarter pass on the same fly pattern from 39 yards out.

Drake, a 6-2 senior speedster, was the big-play man for Terrace with six catches for 140 yards.

After the its second TD, the Hawks threw for a two-point conversion to cut the lead to 17-14 with just under three minutes left in the game.

In the OHHS scoring column, the Wildcats got on the board in the first quarter after an early Terrace fumble inside its 25.

Sophomore runner Chris Isaacson rammed into the endzone from 19 yards out, but the extra point kick sailed wide making it, 6-0.

OHHS kicker Tim Shelley atoned with a 25-yard field goal in the second quarter which was set up by a Marc Beaudet to Jas Kirk pass of 57 yards.

With a 9-6 lead, the Wildcats struck again early in the fourth period with a 60-yard drive highlighted by another Beaudet to Kirk pass of 21 yards on

fourth-and-eight.

Scoring his second TD, Isaacson took it in from five yards out over the left side of the line.

Isaacson's two-point conversion run made it 17-6 with nine minutes remaining in the game.

Tough Snohomish comes to Oak Harbor Friday, Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. for a key Wesco East Division game.

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Terrace 0 6 0 8 - 14

OHHS - C.Isaacson 19-yard run (kick wide).

OHHS - T.Shelley 25-yard field goal.

MTHS - D.Drake 39-yard pass from M.Cordova (kick failed).

OHHS - C.Isaacson 5-yard run (Isaacson run).

MTHS - D.Drake 28-yard pass from M.Cordova (Cordova pass to LaCasse).

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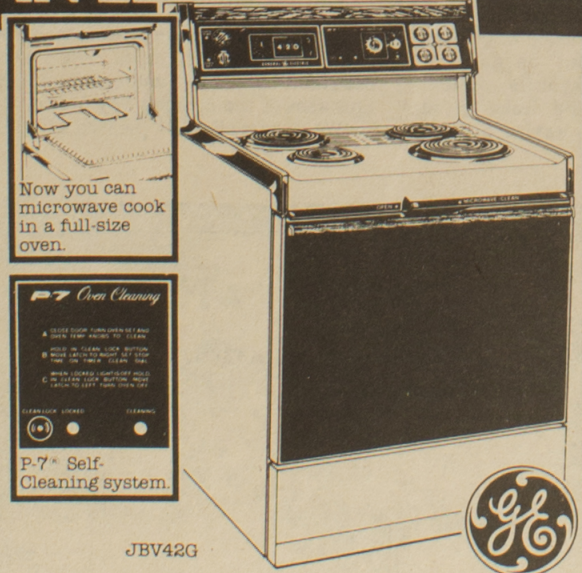
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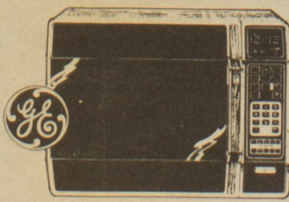
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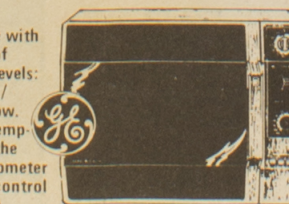
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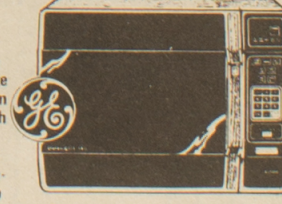
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Casey cross country run Oct. 4

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The 17th annual Casey Cross Country Meet takes place starting at 11 a.m. with the men's 10,000-meter run followed by the women's 5,000-meter run at 12:30 p.m.

More than 600 harriers ran in last year's two races and Camp Casey spokesman Bob Drovdahl said he expects that many again in 1980.

The competition will be keen with cross country athletes from major colleges through the Northwest present. The universities of Washington,

Oregon and Idaho along with Washington State and Oregon State universities are expected to send their male and female runners.

However, the meet is also open to local participants at a nominal fee of \$1.

The men's race is broken into the open division and another division for community college and freshmen runners.

The women's race has an open division and a separate division for girls, 14 years old and under.

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Hal Ramaley: keeper of Oak Harbor gardens

by Nick O'Connell

Daffodils are useless. So are red tulips, yellow pansies, and even the most royal purple petunias.

None of these flowers would survive a cost-benefit analysis: you can't eat them, smoke them, harvest them, climb them or process them.

Under this kind of scrutiny, any flower, even when cut, bunched and arranged in a bouquet, would fare as well as a random roadside weed.

So why do we continue cultivating them?

"Because they're beautiful," says Hal Ramaley unequivocally. "They make the city more attractive. They're my contribution to Oak Harbor."

Hal Ramaley is the Flower Man of Oak Harbor. He is responsible for the delicate colors that flash in the corner of your eye as you drive around Oak Harbor.

On SR-20, amid the forest of telephone poles and street signs, the blank expanses of cement roads and black asphalt parking lots, Ramaley has planted petunias.

The flowers add light and color to an area lacking both. In early summer the tulips line SR-20 with vivid red. You drive down the road and seem to be making a grand entry into Oak Harbor.

SR-20 is just one of the places Ramaley has planted flowers. He has put several flower pots in front of city hall, two at the Payless store, one at the Doughnut Factory, and at many other locations around town.

"I try to put them in strategic locations," Ramaley said. "Places that



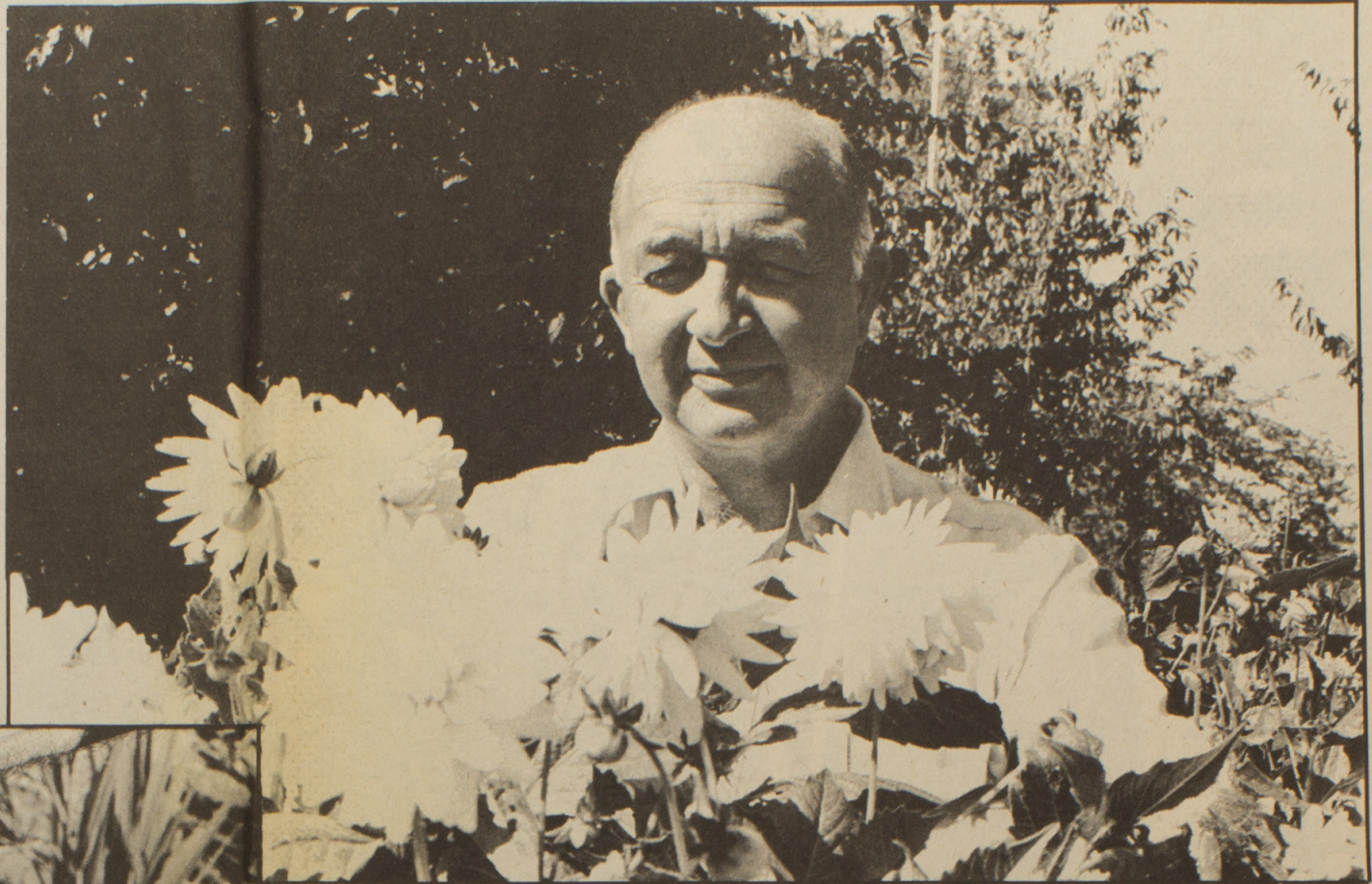
Hal Ramaley holds seed pods from the Mexican Shellflower.

need to be beautified."

Ramaley charges nothing for the flowers. He simply asks the permission of the property owner, who usually agrees, and Ramaley buys the pot, bulbs and dirt himself. In many cases, the property owner or the city will pay

Ramaley for the pots and bulbs, but Ramaley doesn't insist on this. It's at the discretion of the property owner.

"I don't want to compete with any of the landscape companies in town," Ramaley explained. "If someone offers to pay for my bulbs that's fine, but I



Hal Ramaley poses with some of the flowers in Holland Gardens.

won't take anything for the labor. That's my contribution."

Ramaley has to maintain a sensitive balance. If he's paid something for the bulbs and the pots, it's easier for him to afford to plant more flowers. But he doesn't want this past time to become a job.

"If I started taking money for the flowers it would become a job," Ramaley said. "I would feel as if I had to do it and that would take the fun out of it."

"People tell me they can't understand why I put so much work into the gardens around town. But to me it's recreation. I enjoy it."

When not cultivating flowers, Ramaley is principal of Broadview Elementary. Sometimes he needs helpers and takes the elementary students along. "I like to get the kids involved," Ramaley said. "They like to help and they like the flowers."

Ramaley is a happy-go-lucky sort. Riding around town in his red pick-up, people welcome his good nature as much as his flowers.

On afternoons when the flowers need tending, he puts his tools and a container of water into the back of his pick-up and drives around town, stopping to water, fertilize and weed the flower beds.

He stops at the smaller pots and at City Beach and Holland Gardens. Ramaley designed and planted both of these gardens.

"The city wanted to put in a tool shed down at City Beach," Ramaley said. "Some people in town decided a windmill would look better. They raised \$10,000 to pay for it and I offered to plant gardens around it."

Six long flower beds now radiate around the windmill. Ramaley has planted the beds with red asters and Mexican Fire Bushes.

Holland Gardens is a garden on a grander scale. The land was a vacant lot before Ramaley convinced the city that it should be used for a garden.

Holland Gardens is now over 10 years old and the trees and shrubs are well-established. The garden contains both annual and perennial flowers.

Annuals must be replanted each year. These flowers are usually very colorful. Petunias are popular annuals.

Perennials last several seasons before they have to be replaced. These flowers have a bulb which grows into a new plant each spring. Tulips and daffodils are in these category.

Ramaley uses both annuals and perennials in the Holland Garden. Perennials like tulips often blossom first, annuals come later in the summer.

This blossoming, dying, blossoming of the flowers reminds people of the cycles in their own lives. For this reason many people buy the bulbs for a plot in memory of a deceased relative or friend.

In mid-winter, it's hard to believe that flowers will spring out of the hard frozen ground, just as it's hard to believe that a person's memory or spirit will survive after death.

But flowers come up again each spring and when they do people renew their faith in the eternal cycle of birth and death.

'You might try to lure ...'

Revitalization committee gives the results of its study

The results are in.

After gathering information, tabulating it, and then trying to put together a meaningful picture of Oak Harbor's growth in the next five years, the Oak Harbor Revitalization team from the University of Washington presented its results to the public.

At a meeting held at the Whidbey Federal Credit Union Thursday, Rich Unterman and Anna Rabago, planning consultants on contract with the University of Washington, gave presentations on the findings of the study group.

In what amounted to a community report card, the study team found that Oak Harbor could do a lot more to make use of its resources. One area mentioned

over and over in the meeting was the opportunity for tourist trade. With its waterside location and rural character, Unterman and Rabago argued that Oak Harbor could host a profitable tourist trade.

"Your location on the water would attract many tourists interested in boating and fishing," Rabago said. "You also might try to lure a water sports manufacturing company here."

Unterman and Rabago suggested a number of things that Oak Harbor could do to improve the tourist trade. "Most people drive through Oak Harbor on their way to Coupeville or Deception Pass," Rabago said. "They stop for a hamburger but you have to encourage them to stop for more."

Unterman and Rabago maintained that the tourist trade would benefit the town business's and also the liveability of the town. "A fine restaurant or other facility would appeal to the people in town as much as the tourists," Rabago said.

The Revitalization study concentrated on the central business district of Oak Harbor, the area bounded by SR-20, West Pioneer Way and Midway Boulevard.

The study concentrated on the economic life of Oak Harbor but it also

assessed Oak Harbor's visual image and its quality of life. "The study's purpose is to enhance the economic health and improve the visual image of the town," said Pat Shiner, chairman of the Revitalization committee. "The solutions we present are doable. They're not impossible solutions."

Many of the team's suggestions pertained to pedestrian and automobile traffic in Oak Harbor. Unterman suggested that new commercial growth be channeled into "mini-centers."

Shoppers could drive to one mini-center, park, and then do their shopping on foot, going from store to store. Parking once reduces the need for parking in town, cuts down on the car traffic and saves gas.

Unterman said the mini-center idea has worked well for other cities such as Bellevue, and he believes it would work for Oak Harbor. "The mini-centers will work but you have to get businesses to cluster in one area so people can walk between them easily," Unterman said.

"And you have to improve sidewalks and crosswalks so that shoppers feel safe walking from store to store."

In the welter of suggestion and solutions proposed by the committee, Oak Harbor citizen will have to decide which course is best for their town.

"We've provided them with a shopping list," Rabago said. "Now it's up to the people of Oak Harbor to decide what they want for their community. Once they decide, we'll find ways to get these things to them."

Ronald La Fond completes training

Ronald A. LaFond, son of retired Navy Commander and Mrs. John A. LaFond of 12367 120th N.W., Oak Harbor, recently completed a U.S. Air Force ROTC field training encampment at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif.

During the encampment, cadets

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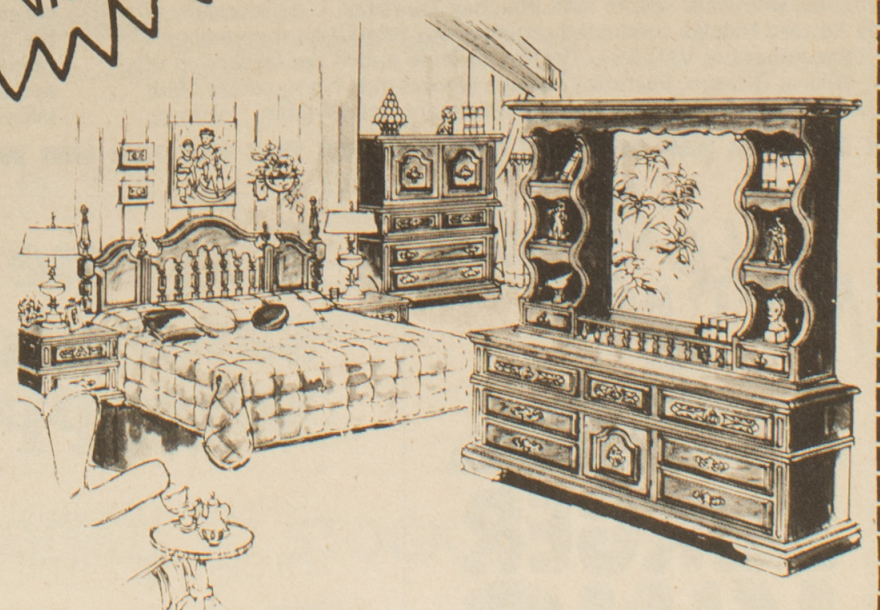
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Fourteen members of NAS Whidbey's VAQ-134 took part in a mass reenlistment presided over by U.S. Secretary of Navy George Hidalgo Sept. 25 at the Nor'Wester Club. They are (not in the order of their appearance in the above photograph) PR1 David L. Davenport; PRC Craven Ford; YN2 David J. Sovereign; AE1 William Karol; AT2 James E.

Sparks; AMH2 Kevin R. Snider; AZ2 Richard B. Shelby; AT2 Salvator A. Tedesco; AZ1 Jose C. Guizar; AMSC Al Shuman; AT2 Roger W. Horak; AK2 Primo C. Correa; MS3 Gustavo T. Ejanda and AN Robert V. Rogers, Jr.



During his whirlwind visit to NAS Whidbey Thursday, U.S. Secretary of Navy Edward Hidalgo conducted simultaneous reenlistment ceremonies for 14 members of VAQ-134. The squadron is under the leadership of Cdr. William Dickson. Secretary Hidalgo (above) puts his signature, with individual souvenir pens, to reenlistment certificates following

ceremonies at the Nor'Wester Club. The Secretary of the Navy arrived at the Whidbey air station at noon. In addition to presiding over the reenlistment, one of the largest in the history of the base, he had a lunch and briefing with ranking air station officers. He was off, then, to Hawaii following a short stop in Seattle.

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Kimberly Lukert completes school

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She joined the Navy in February, 1980.

Navy Seaman Kimberly A. Lukert, daughter of John P. and Juanita L. Concannon of Alder Lane, Oak Harbor, has completed Basic Cryptologic Technician (Administrative) School.

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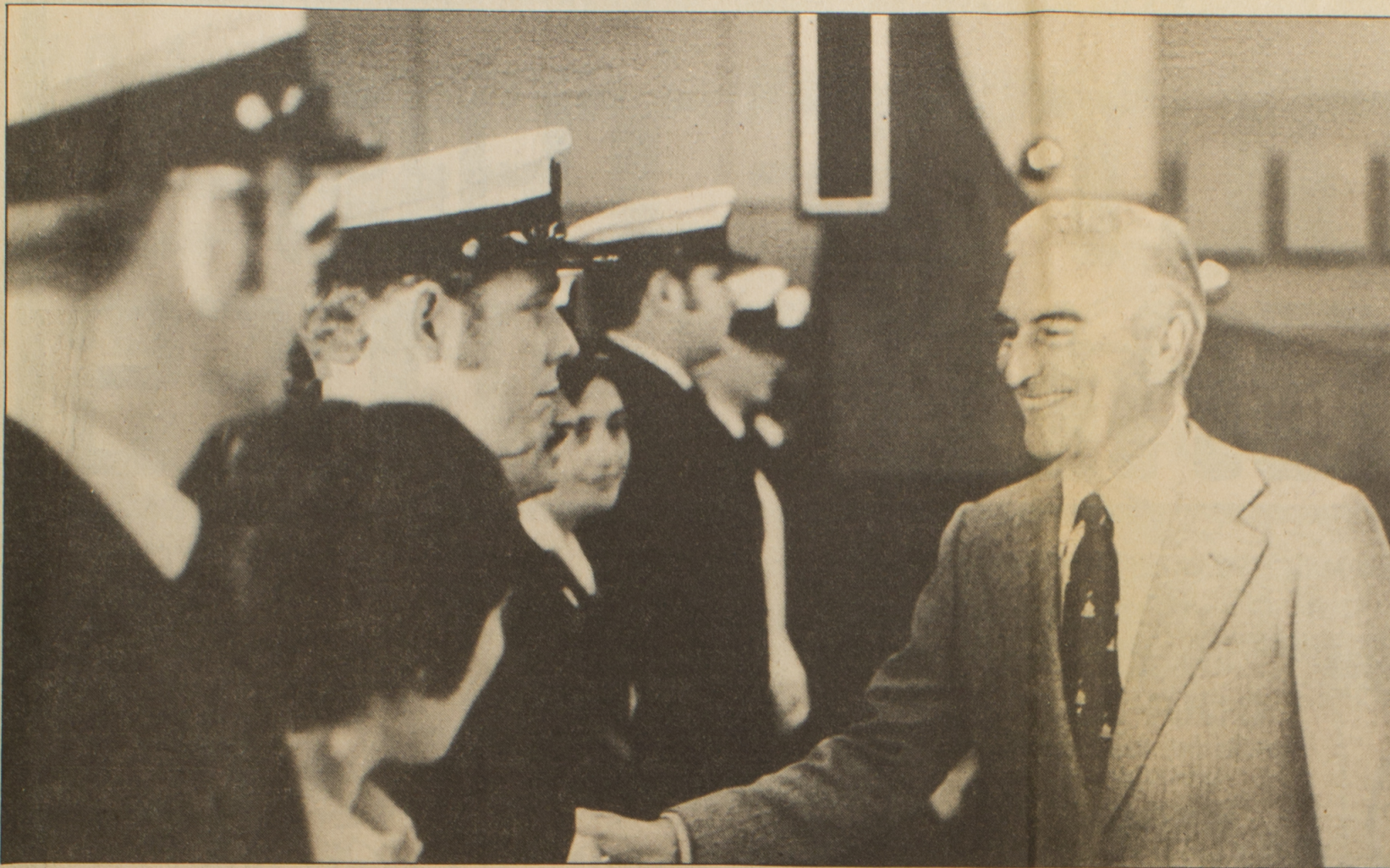
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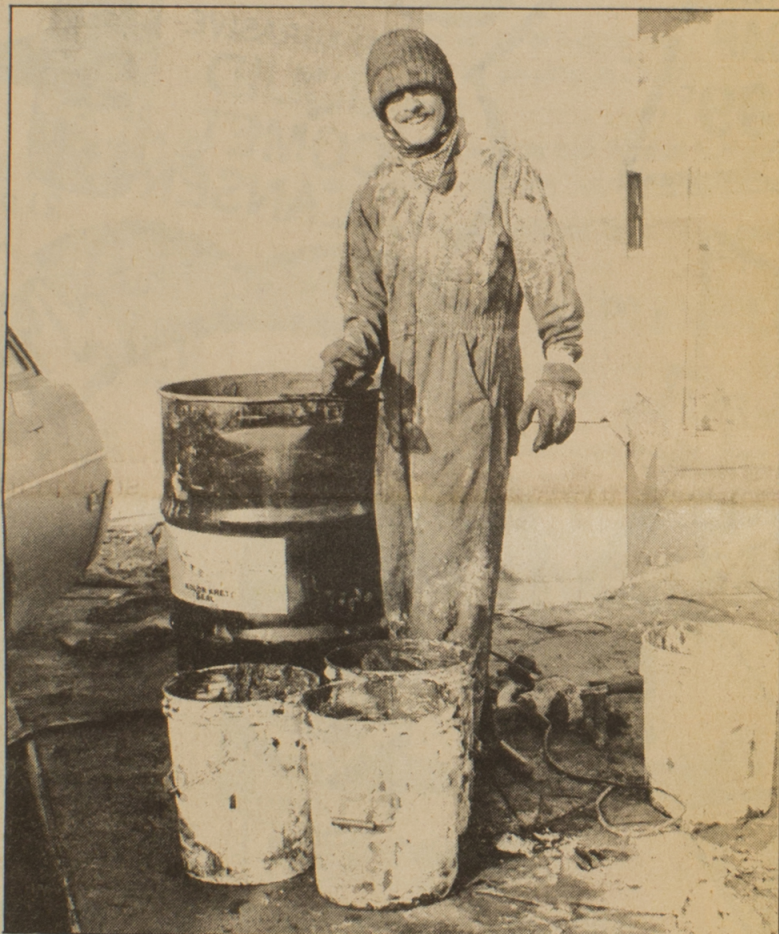


Hearty congrats

It was a hearty congratulations from U.S. Secretary of Navy for AE1 William Karol following the latter's reenlistment at special ceremonies conducted at the Whidbey Naval Air Station at 12:15 p.m. Sept. 25. After the ritual, Secretary Hidalgo walked down a double line of reenlisting Navy men (all members of VAQ-134) to offer personal congratulations to each. Others from left to right are AMSC and Mrs. Al Shuman, Karol, AZ1 and Mrs. Jose C. Guizar, PR1 David L. Davenport, AT2 Kevin R. Snider and PR3 Craven Ford.

Dirty work

Some people wear white shirts on the job, while others would be crazy to. This man is finishing up some of the work at the new Island Plaza Shopping Center.



Men's basketball meeting Oct. 9

An organizational meeting to plan this year's men's basketball league in Oak Harbor will take place Thursday, Oct. 9. Last year's league president John Waldron is conducting the meeting beginning at 7 p.m. at the Whidbey Federal Credit Union.

Any teams which played last year and are planning to field a team this season should be represented at the meeting.

People who would like to organize new teams this year are encouraged to contact Waldron at 675-6614 during the day.

Individuals interested in playing on a team, but who do not know how to make contact with team representatives should also call Waldron.

Present at the meeting besides team reps will be someone from the school district to talk about available facilities and a referee to discuss his side of things.

Anyone who can not make the meeting should call Waldron in advance.

Waldron said he is hoping to have the league in action by mid-November.

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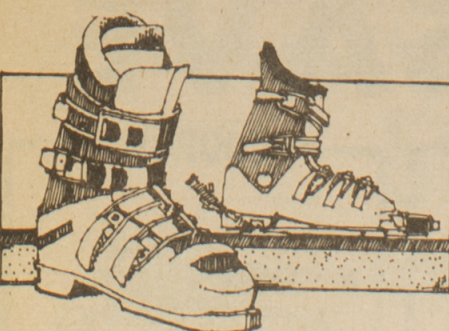
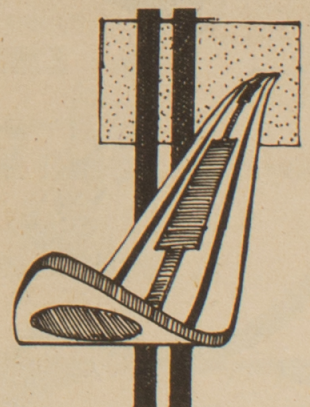
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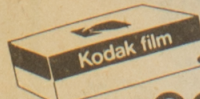
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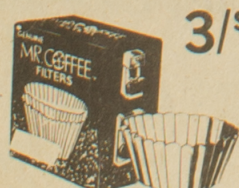
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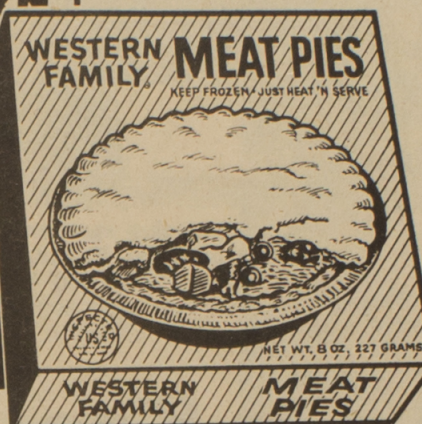
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Jury deliberating in Knott murder case

by Jessie Milligan

The six-man, six-woman jury began deliberations Friday on the fate of an Oak Harbor Navy wife charged with the premeditated shooting of her husband last summer.

The 29-year-old woman, Elizabeth Knott, portrayed as a battered wife during the case, had been charged with first degree murder in connection with a July 24 incident where she fired a snub-nosed .38 caliber revolver at her husband Bernard.

The fatal shooting incident ended at least eight years of a turbulent marriage in which Elizabeth repeatedly was beaten and abused and her children were mistreated by Bernard, according to testimony in Island County Superior Court.

Last week's testimony included Elizabeth saying she was so frightened of her husband that she lied to police in her taped statement the day after the shooting.

She claimed she was trying to "cover up" for Bernard because, after being taken into immediate custody, she had

not yet realized that Bernard had died from the wounds she inflicted.

In previous incidents in the troubled marriage, Bernard had told her he would kill her if she reported domestic violence to the police, Elizabeth said.

In her statement to Oak Harbor Police Detective Timothy Sterkel she said her husband had been sitting in a chair at the time of the incident.

She later elaborated in court, telling the jurors and visiting Skagit County judge Harry Follman that Bernard was coming toward her and threatening her when she shot him.

Testimony also included statements by Elizabeth's 11-year-old daughter, other family members, a friend, an expert witness on battered women, investigators and psychiatrists. Elizabeth's six-year-old daughter was not called to testify.

Throughout the trial, the state, represented by Island County Deputy Prosecutor David Jamieson, attempted to show the shooting was premeditated after Elizabeth bought and transported a gun back to Oak Harbor from her

month's vacation in Kentucky, during which time she heard in a phone call her husband was seeing another woman.

Defense attorney William Daniel, however, claimed the shooting was justifiable homicide in self-defense after Bernard threatened to beat Elizabeth following an argument where the couple flung comments about Bernard, in Elizabeth's absence, bringing their six-year-old daughter Kwan to the home of his white girlfriend in Mount Vernon.

In her tearful testimony Wednesday, Elizabeth said the girlfriend was not the cause of the black couple's argument.

Rather, the sparks flew over Bernard allegedly allowing their daughter Kwan to witness the two together in her Mount Vernon home.

According to her testimony, Bernard was up out of the chair coming toward her and threatening to beat her when she got the gun from the kitchen counter where she had placed it shortly before, aimed it and told him, "It is loaded, stay back."

The threats of a beating continued, she

said.

"I don't know how many times I fired, I pulled the trigger, I just kept pulling it till it wouldn't go anymore. I guess I didn't really know what I was doing," she said.

"When I was shooting, like I say, I was crying. When I looked, he was gone and the door was open," she said.

Elizabeth said the only wound she saw was blood on his face when she followed him into a neighbor's apartment where he had staggered after being hit by at least three bullets.

Dr. Richard B. Jarvis, Seattle physician, surgeon and court-appointed psychiatrist testified, "The bulk of the evidence would be most consistent with an impulsive and not a planned killing," although also saying she had the mental capacity for premeditation.

Karil Klingveil, Seattle social worker with battered women, testified, "I think she desperately feared him," adding, "Without a doubt, she was a battered woman."



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Tickets for the event which is scheduled for Oak Harbor high school gymnasium, scene of the touring band's triumph here in 1978, go on sale this week at outlets throughout the area.

Admission is \$3.00 per person (including adults and children). Because of an anticipated turnout of more than 2,000 people, advance ticket purchase is advised.

The Marine Band performed before an audience of 2,300 in its appearance here during Navy Week observances two years ago.

Chairing the event are Herb Pickard and Orlan Dean, of the Oak Harbor Area concert.

Tickets can be purchased at Island Savings and Loan outlets in Oak Harbor, Freeland, Clinton, Anacortes and Mount Vernon, Pioneer Way, NAS Whidbey and Midway Boulevard branches of Olympic Bank, Whidbey Island Bank

in Oak Harbor and Coupeville, Oak Harbor high school and the Whidbey Federal Credit Union.

Tickets will also be available at the Navy Exchange and other on-base outlets to be announced later.

The Marine Band performance will once again be a highlight of annual Navy Week. It is the same musical organization that has performed at various White House functions and has appeared in concert throughout the United States and the world. It is also known as "The President's Own"

because of its heavy schedule of White House appearances.

Concert selections include a range of popular, classical and patriotic music. The organization is America's oldest and foremost military symphonic band.

Director is Lt. Col. John R. Bourgeois, from New Orleans, La.

Members of the Marine Barracks and MARTD will assist in preparing the gymnasium for the concert and will provide ushers for the occasion in full-dress uniform.

Wife pleads innocent

Maria Archer, 32, pleaded innocent Friday in Island County Superior Court to a charge of conspiring to murder her husband, but Judge Harry Folmon refused to release her from the county jail, despite her attorney's concern that privileged information might be leaked to Roland A. Pitre, Jr., who has agreed to testify against her, and is being held in the same jail.

County Prosecutor David Thiele, "vehemently" denied "the the Sheriff's Department is somehow eavesdropping" on conversation between Archer and her attorney, Martin Lind of Mount Vernon, although "certainly when non-attorney visitors come, the law does allow those conversations to be monitored, for security reasons."

Thiele won his motion to keep Archer in jail on \$100,000 bond because "she is of Bolivia extraction, and she could easily flee the country and hide in South America" before her trial that is expected to be set for November.

Pitre, arrested on suspicion of murder, after the July 12 fatal shooting of Navy Lieutenant Commander Dennis A. Archer in his Oak Harbor home, recently pleaded guilty of conspiring to commit murder, and turned state's witness saying he and Maria were in love, and had decided to have her husband killed by his friend Steve Guidry.

Guidry, also being held in the county jail, is expected to plead innocent to first degree murder, according to his attorney.

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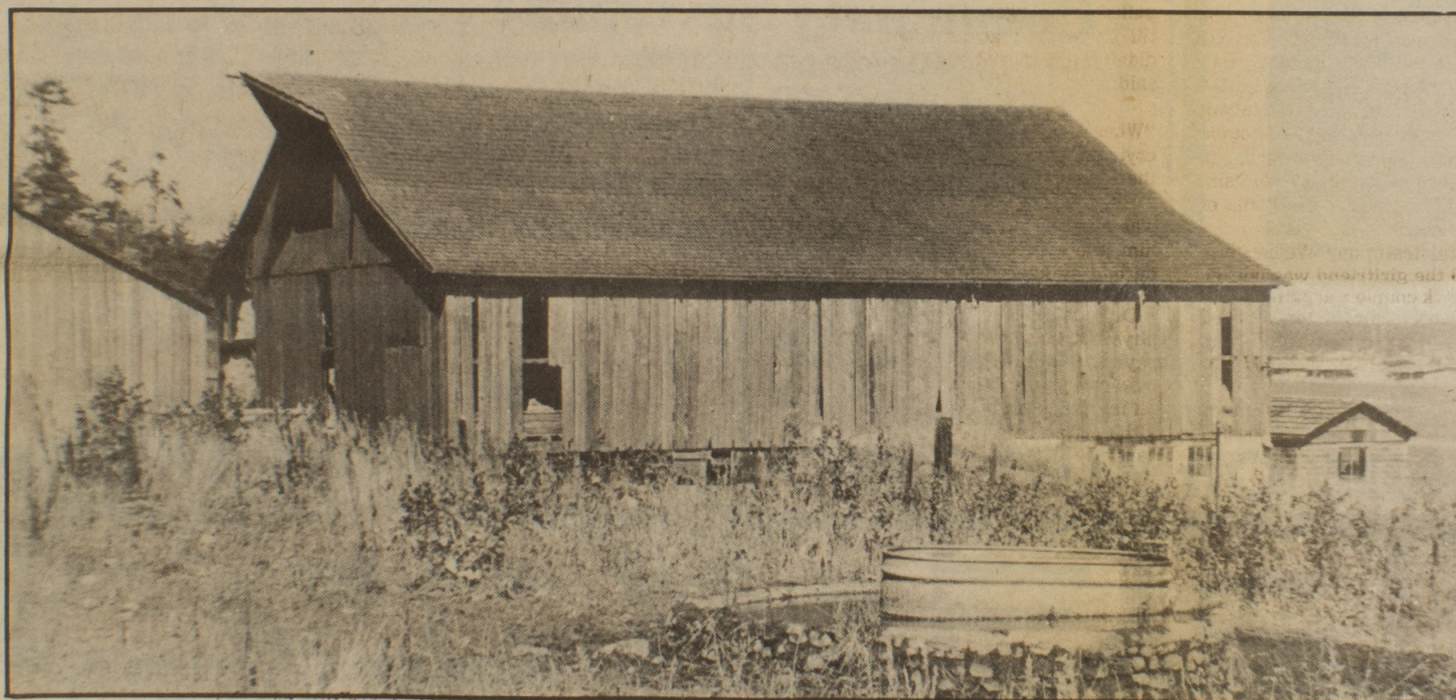
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Man acquitted in rape case

Tears of relief welled in Tony Preston's eyes Wednesday, when he heard the "not guilty" verdict handed down by a jury of eight women and four men in Island County Superior Court.

Waiting out the jury's deliberations in the county jail, Preston knew he faced up to 10 years in prison if he were to be convicted of raping a Freeland woman on a roadside near Deception Pass.

The jury was out for only two hours following a two-day trial, before jury foreman Jim Anderst announced its unanimous acquittal of the 24-year-old Oak Harbor man on charges of second-degree rape and assault in connection with a June 6 incident in Deception Loop Road.

The jury heard 10 state's witnesses testify, including the 21-year-old mother of two children, who described a night of fear, saying Preston had threatened to kill her when she screamed. The woman,

who was hitch-hiking from the town of Alger, to Whidbey Island, following a dispute with her husband, testified that Preston had offered her a ride to Oak Harbor, but pulled off on a dark road south of Deception Pass, and raped her.

Preston testified that the woman had seduced him.

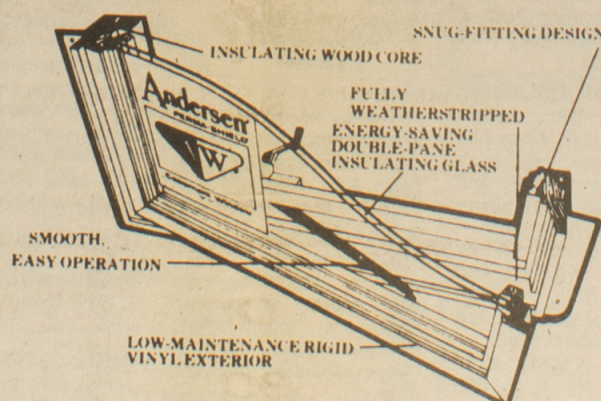
"I guess there are only two people who will ever know what the truth is," said Preston's defense attorney, Jacqueline Shafer, of Langley.

Her closing argument Wednesday afternoon was geared to implant at least a dozen "areas where you might find reasonable doubt" in the jurors' minds.

"The trying of rape is heinous. But what a tragedy it would be to send an innocent person to prison. Better a hundred guilty men to free than send an innocent one to jail — that's what our system is about," said Shafer.

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Whidbey Press news staff wins awards

Members of the newsrooms of the Whidbey News-Times and Whidbey Island Record were named winners of nine awards given out at the 1980 Better Newspaper Contest in Richland, Wa. last week.

The contest is sponsored annually by the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association and included entries from more than eighty community newspapers throughout the state.

In its circulation category (3,501 to 8,000) the Whidbey News-Times placed third in General Excellence. It was the fourth time in five years the Whidbey Press publication serving North and Central Whidbey has been thusly

recognized.

Top prize went to the Port Townsend Leader and second to the Mercer Island Reporter.

It was the second harvest of awards for the News-Times and Whidbey Island Record this year. In Sigma Delta Chi competitions, with categories for both dailies and weeklies, the two island-based and published newspapers took eight awards, including a first place for General Excellence.

Steve Potter, WN-T sports editor received second and third place certificates, one for a sports feature and the other for a sports story.

The feature was entitled "Original Wolf," the recollections

of Ed Kennedy, who was a member of the first Coupeville high school basketball team earlier in the century.

The judges wrote: "Nostalgia can back-fire. This one did not. Commentary was interesting and highly readable."

Potter's second award involved "Powder Puff" competitions. The judge's reaction was: "Good reporting about a sports activity that is seldom covered but important to the participants. I'm sure it was appreciated by local readers since it was a lead story and not buried in two paragraphs at the bottom of the page. Refreshing change of pace."

Dave Pinkham was also singled

out for a story entitled "Bulldozers roll" and spotlighting developments at Ebey's Prairie. "A rather complex issue was both well researched and written. An issue that could be emotional was presented in a fair, unbiased manner. Headline appropriate," the judge commented.

The story was entered in the news category which includes education, environment, business and economics and consumer affairs.

Second place in news features (Modes of living, arts, religion and history) was won by Nick O'Connell. It described a sailor and his jail experience.

"Well and sensitively handled.

To the point. The writer did not get carried away and made a presentation that was informative and incisive," the judge wrote.

Cathy Dillon also "scored" in the hard news division (covering politics, government and social issues). It was singled out as a "well back-grounded story on need for juvenile detention facility."

The Whidbey Island Record won a third in editorials, a third in news features and a first in hard news — education, environment, business and economics and consumer affairs division.

The blue ribbon winner was an account of problems facing the Nichols Brothers in their efforts to continue operations of their boat-

building concern at Freeland.

Of that the judges commented: "This is obviously one of the best researched and most completely covered stories in the state as well as being one of the most important. It is hard news plus emotion in the effect it will have on the community. It is well written and has no editorial opinion although it definitely shows community spirit. This is an outstanding example of good reporting."

At the meeting John Webber completed three years as a member of the WNPA Services Board (he was vice president prior to expiration of his term) and Wallie Funk was named to the WNPA Board of Directors for an eighth year.

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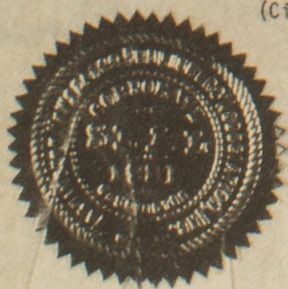
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