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Commissioners ponder plants



Mary Kay Doody Photo

Island County planner Jeff Tate points to a map at Monday's hearing. Left to right, in foreground, are Seattle attorney Keith Dearborn, the county's planning consultant, and Phil Bakke, county planning director.

By Mary Kay Doody

Following two public hearings on precious plant protection, the Island County Commissioners decided Monday they'd rather resort to education and cooperation than regulation to make sure the native Blue Flag Iris continues to flourish in its San de Fuca soil on Grasser's Hill.

They continued their deliberations to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 5. Chairman Bill Thorn asked Planning Director Phil Bakke and Planner Jeff Tate to bring the board some recommendations on how best to educate the public and how the county might work with various volunteer and other groups to protect important plant species.

"I don't like the idea of regulating when we don't have to," said Thorn. "If this takes us beyond our Jan. 31 deadline, so be it."

Whidbey Environmental Action Coalition will probably be heading back to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board to appeal the county's ruling, spokesman Steve Erickson said following Monday evening's hearing in the county commissioners' Coupeville hearing room.

The Hearings Board had ordered the county to take some kind of action to protect species of local im-

portance. And WEAN wanted strict protection by regulation.

The county's plant consultants recommended protection of some 15 plant species. WEAN had asked for protection of more than 30 species.

Commissioner Mac McDowell said important plants are better protected voluntarily, because people enjoy having them on their property and will take care of them. With regulation, there might be more destruction of important plants.

"When you fill a wetland, it's obvious," said McDowell. "But when you mow a flower, it's not."

Oil wells will help schools

In response to strong interest to find new energy sources and requests to the agency, the Washington Department of Natural Resources' first offering of oil and gas leases in three years exceeded expectations.

Possibly leading to the first commercial oil production in Washington since the 1920s, last week's auction potentially will generate \$1.2 million, said Doug Sutherland in one of his first official duties as Washington's Commissioner of Public Lands.

"Timing is everything. In light of increasing energy rates and the push for possible local energy sources, these bids reflect the added interest," said Sutherland.

The revenue will add to the coffers that build public schools statewide, universities, other state institutions, and help fund some counties' services. An open auction was held to bid for the rights for exploration of oil or gas on 109,956 state trust land parcels.

Over the five-year oil and gas leases on the 230 parcels involving more than 111,000 acres of state trust lands, projected rents will add about \$687,500. If gas or oil production begins, the trust will receive 12.5 percent royalties on the gross earned each year.

"This is good news for schools and universities," said Sutherland. "The revenue will support building these much needed facilities and funding county programs in some locations. In many cases this is an 'added value' to trust lands already earning revenue in commercial forestry."

Most parcels are in Lewis, Cowlitz, Pierce, King, and Whatcom counties in western Washington, with some in Yakima, Kittitas, Benton and Grant counties in southeast Washington.

The bids grant the right to carry out oil or gas exploratory activities. Once a parcel is leased, the lessee will complete a plan of operation and will go through several additional phases which each have federal or state environmental and safety reviews. The public will have comment opportunities throughout.

Revenue for schools and other beneficiaries DNR manages about 5.6 million acres of state-owned forest, aquatic, agricultural and urban lands for long-term revenue to current and future trust beneficiaries, and benefits for all residents of the state.

Since 1970, DNR managed trust lands have produced more than \$4.55 billion in trust revenue, reducing the need for taxes to pay for public projects and services.

By law, state-owned trust lands are
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Council approves subdivision

By Mary Kay Doody

The Preliminary Plat of Lovejoy Ridge, a 3.2-acre, five-lot subdivision, won approval of the Coupeville Town Council Tuesday evening.

Developers Jack and Carmen McFadyen and Dan Miranda will have to pay the town \$300 per lot as a mitigation fee, to go toward construction of the Parker Road walkway, a footpath for public use.

They tried to convince councilmembers the charge was unreasonable, but the council agreed with town planner Larry Cort that the mitigation fee was appropriate and reasonable, and not without precedent. A similar fee was charged the developers of the Penn Cove View Plat last year.

"I'd prefer to have specific impact fees," said Councilman Frank Tippetts, "but in lieu of it...\$300(per lot) for mitigation is not unreasonable." Councilman Kermit Chamberlin

lamented the town's loss of the 1923 bungalow on the property, the Benson/Bowers house, which is slated for demolition. Such houses are, Chamberlin said, "an important part of the fabric of our town, just as I feel gravel on Leach Street is part of the fabric of our town."

However, Chamberlin noted, "nowhere has anyone chosen to step up and do something about it."

Earlier, Chamberlin agreed with Dunsmore, the developers' agent, that keeping Leach Street a gravel road would be more in keeping with the rural flavor of that neighborhood.

"Leach Street has been a gravel street forever," said Dunsmore. He said a well-packed gravel road would help retain the rural character of the neighborhood, and suggested they not be required to pave the street until some time in the future when more of the area is developed. They'd agree to participate in a Local Improvement Dis-

trict (LID) with future property owners to share the cost of paving later.

But planner Larry Cort said, "The drainage will work better if the street is paved."

"If the drainage across the road was adequate now we wouldn't have had to do anything," said Dunsmore.

In addition to paving the street, he and the developers will be putting in a surface water drainage system including five catch basins.

In all, the council attached 13 conditions to its approval.

Councilwoman Donna Keeler had excused herself from deliberations, citing a possible conflict of interest stemming from her friendship with the McFadyens. And Councilman Marshall Bronson was absent. Approval was by Chamberlin, Tippetts and Councilman Phil Williamson.

Anxious to get their new house
See LOVEJOY, page 3

The Blowers/Sewell Home

There is something about a seafaring town that attracts seafarers even after the wharf has been retired from active duty and the big ships sent to deeper harbors.

Walter Sewell, a veteran Seabee from World War II, world traveler and furniture restoration expert, came to Whidbey with his wife Peggy in 1958. Both had been working for the military in Kodiak, Alaska, where Walter was restoring old furniture, among other things, and Peggy had remained after her wartime responsibilities as personal secretary to the general in charge of land and air forces.

It was time, however, to head home, first to Seattle and then to Oak Harbor, where they lived in base housing while they hunted for a more permanent berth. They wanted an old house. Something wonderful. Cruising Coupeville one day in 1965, they found it. A trifle dowdy, showing its age and, what was worse, painted pea green, it was perfect. Dignified and beautifully-proportioned, the Blowers House was almost a hundred years old. The Sewells promptly bought it and dropped anchor. And though Peggy passed away last

year, her husband continues to cherish the home they quickly repainted and painstakingly restored.

Alvah Blowers, who built the house in 1874, was president of fledgling Island County Bank and

Ancestral Walls
by
Sally Hayton-Keeva

held a number of positions over the years in local government. In the indispensable book, "A Particular Friend, Penn's Cove," written by local historian Jimmie Jean Cook, Blowers is credited with having purchased the large corner lot for an eyebrow-raising fifty dollars. A prominent man in a prominent house, one can only imagine the meetings and parties held in the spacious parlor with its elegantly tall windows,

draped within and shuttered without.

As in all old houses, tragedy has been no stranger. The Blowers lost one child to illness and another drowned off the wharf near his father's Front Street store.

In the passage of time, a doctor lived and had his office there, and the upstairs and downstairs were used as two residences, with a kitchen of sorts installed in the front room above the entryway. The Sewells removed all evidence of that kitchen, as well as an enormously heavy sink from the south-facing sunroom. Walter recalls wondering if it would smash right through the floor if they dropped it — a calamity narrowly averted, he says.

The sunroom, filled with windows overlooking their large garden, became Peggy's favorite place of refuge. Especially with the windows open, the room was like a treehouse nestled against a corkscrew willow and a maple tree, their branches festive with birds and squirrels.

Bringing his skill as a painter and furniture restorer to his new home, Walter removed the buckled wallpaper.
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BIRTHS

The following birth took place at Whidbey General Hospital:

Madeline Joy Hilkey, a girl, 8 lbs 4 oz, born Jan. 17, 2001 to Emrie McCauslin and Travis Hilkey of Coupeville.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Coupeville Marshal's Office responded to the following:

Monday, Jan. 15
6:21 a.m. Barking dog complaint, Northeast Pennington Loop. Seems to be a continual problem.
2:33 p.m. Assist public. South Main Street resident wants to know how to dispose of some medical supplies.
2:34 p.m. Malicious mischief, High-

way 20 at Main Street. Male juvenile on top of overpass throwing things down at oncoming vehicles. Last seen wearing orange hat and orange shirt.

Tuesday, Jan. 16
6:52 a.m. Possible DUI (driving under the influence of intoxicants). Tan Chevy Blazer was going 25 mph all the way from Oak Harbor to Coupeville, and swerving.
10:29 a.m. Assist public. Request for law enforcement officer to be present

in Superior Court for a protection order hearing.
2:52 p.m. Parker Road resident reported a dead raccoon in her yard.
9:16 p.m. Silent intrusion alarm, North Main Street.
9:50 p.m. Barking dog complaint, Northeast Pennington Loop. Ongoing problem.
Wednesday, Jan. 17
5:59 a.m. Audible alarm, North Main Street.
11:17 a.m. Traffic hazard, Highway

20 and Sherman Road. Disabled motor home blocking traffic.
12:56 p.m. 9-1-1 hang-up call, pay phone on South Main Street.
5:53 p.m. 9-1-1 hang-up call, North Main Street.
6:03 p.m. Suspicious circumstance. Person reported a light going off and on every 30 seconds on First Street.
Thursday, Jan. 18
2:50 p.m. Woman arrested at North Main and First streets on suspicion
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POLICE

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of driving with her license suspended or revoked.

Friday, Jan. 19

11:53 a.m. Theft at Captain Coupe Park on Ninth Street. Someone stole the light assemblies out of the bathrooms.

11:55 a.m. Wanted person. Boy arrested on a warrant.

2:39 p.m. Boy arrested on suspicion of shoplifting on South Main Street.

3:45 p.m. Motor vehicle accident. Someone called regarding hitting a 13-year-old boy on North Main Street about 45 minutes ago. The boy left the scene before she could contact him. She wanted to file a report.

8:52 p.m. Three male subjects reported harassing someone at Prairie Center.

Saturday, Jan. 20

8:11 p.m. Female juvenile reported as a runaway. Her father later called, at 6:23 p.m. on Jan. 22, saying she'd returned home.

8:49 p.m. 9-1-1 hang-up call, Southwest Terry Road. Buttons being pushed, line disconnected. Busy when dispatcher called back.

9:06 p.m. Assist public. Customer on Northwest Front Street having difficulty with the security system in her Jeep Cherokee. She's unable to get the vehicle started.

Sunday, Jan. 21

3:17 a.m. Disorderly conduct. Disorderly subject at jail.

5:35 a.m. Audible alarm can be heard coming from the Country Store area.



The Blowers/Sewell house.

Sally Hayton-Keeva Photo

WALLS

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replaced the parlor wood floor and had bookcases built on either side of the fireplace for their well-traveled library. Peggy, naturally enough, turned to the antiques trade, keeping particularly beautiful pieces for her own home.

Sometimes the owner of an old house will "improve" it past recognition, smoothing away with sheetrock and stucco all of the dents and dings of time. Though the result may be cosmetically flawless, there is still something false about this kind of restoration. Walter and Peggy Sewell did not want to erase history's footprints from their home, only the damage. In so doing, the house retains its character, its unique, irreplaceable flavor, and its hundred and twenty-seven years of human warmth.

In the kitchen there hangs above the pantry door a cross-stitched square of burlap, sewn by Walter's grandmother. It fits perfectly the Sewell home and Walter Sewell himself, with his distinguished and kindly manner so appropriate to his setting.

It reads:

"A kitchen is a friendly place
Full of living's daily grace
And rich in dignity is he
Who shares its hospitality."

Wolves go into overtime, lose 43-50

By Christine Pocock

The stands were filled with fans as the girls' game came to a close. They were all eagerly awaiting the game against the Coupeville boys and the Loggers. The Darrington Loggers traveled to Coupeville to play the boys on Jan. 19. The game went into overtime and the Wolves lost 43-50.

Coupeville's starters were Ty Blouin, Brad Sherman, Noah Roehl, Pat Bennett, and Chris Good. For the Loggers, Carl Schillhammer, Derek Bryson, Andrew Grimmer, Jason Massingale and Bryce Boyd started.

The first quarter was a tough quarter, with great defense. The score was only 8-5, Coupeville. Coupeville's Roehl scored 4 points this quarter. Darrington had a 3-point basket from Grimmer.

The second quarter was much better for the teams, tying the game 20-

20 for the first half. Darrington scored 15 points this quarter, with three 3-point baskets from Schillhammer, Bryson and Ronnie McCoy. Coupeville scored 12 points, with 4 from Pat Bennett. The Wolves had 4 fouls this half and the Loggers had 5.

The third quarter was also a tough quarter for both teams. Darrington scored 8 points, half of them Boyd's. Coupeville scored 10 points this quarter, with 4 points from Blouin. The game score was 30-28, Coupeville.

The fourth quarter tied the game for Coupeville 41-41. The Loggers scored 13 points this quarter, with 6 points from Bryson. Coupeville scored 11 points, with 9 points from Good. There were 8 fouls made by Darrington and 13 by Coupeville.

During overtime, Coupeville only had 2 points, both foul shots made by Sean Callahan. Darrington made 9 points, with 4 points made by Boyd. The final score was 50-43.

The game's top scorer was Good, with 16 points. Darrington's top scorer was Boyd with 12 points. The free throw percentages were rather low this game, with 50 percent by Darrington and 35 percent by Coupeville.

Coupeville's next game is Friday Jan. 26 in Friday Harbor. The next home game is Jan. 30 against Orcas at 5:15 and 7 p.m.

LOVEJOY

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built on their own Lovejoy Ridge property, Carmen McFadyen said she and her husband are looking forward to having a home that'll be easily accessible to her mother, who's recovering from a stroke.

She said they're hoping for final plat approval by summer. On her way out of the hearing room, Carmen McFadyen exclaimed, "I'm going to have a house!"

SCHOOLS

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to be managed to produce income for schools, universities, prisons, state mental hospitals, community colleges, local services in many counties, and the state general fund; and to be managed for habitat, recreation and other benefits for all the people of Washington.

New Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	Last Quarter
February 23 rd	February 1 st	February 8 th	February 15 th

WHIDBEY WEATHER SUMMARY Jan 15- Jan 21, 2001

Source: Island County WSU Cooperative Extension

Location	High Temp		Rainfall (in.)	2000 to date		Last Year
	High	Low		to date	Last Year	
Polnell Point	48	32	.63	1.71	1.72	
NAS Whidbey	46	27	.65	1.32	1.61	
West Beach	50	32	.45	1.25	2.21	
Fort Casey	54	38	.58	1.58	1.44	
Admirals Cove	51	27	.77	2.23	2.49	
Teronda West	46	30	.58	1.71	2.50	
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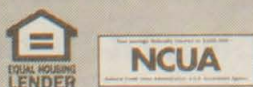
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LETTERS

Children benefit from music

Editor,

What a treasure our community has in Vern Olsen! As a Board member of Concerts on the Cove, he brings absolutely the finest musicians to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and the Pavilion in Town Park. We're so lucky that the other Board members of Concerts on the Cove tolerate his exuberance and massive energy!

My family and I so enjoyed the Local Composers' Concert last Saturday night. Kaj Olsen, and our Carrie and Andy are often some of the few children in the audience at concerts at the PAC sponsored by Concerts on the Cove. Sometimes we leave early, but usually the children want to stay and hear the last note played. They often remark on the lack of other children in the audience.

In an effort to encourage families to share in the magic of a live performance, Concerts on the Cove and the Coupeville Elementary School PTA are co-sponsoring a "family concert." Christian Swenson, a nationally-known performance artist, will be at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. Concerts on the Cove has very graciously lowered their ticket prices for this event to accommodate children and families. They are offering adult tickets for \$6, tickets for children over 5 for \$3, and a family ticket for just \$12.

Christian Swenson has an extensive background in dance, mime, voice and improvisation. He is known for his pioneering work in what he calls "Human Jazz," a global fusion of dance, drama and music for body and voice.

Swenson will be an artist in residence at Coupeville Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 2. The children and teachers will see him perform during a school assembly, and some will be able to work with the artist in small groups. We're hoping this interaction will encourage these children to bring their parents and siblings to Christian Swenson's Saturday evening performance at the Performing Arts Center. These events will give the children an opportunity to experience a live performance, discuss technique and inspiration with the actor, and then see the performer again! The beauty of improvisation is that each performance is unique. What a learning experience!

Why not bring the whole family for a wonderful evening of "inspired absurdity"?

Let's show Vern Olsen, Concerts on the Cove, and the Coupeville Elementary PTA how much we appreciate their efforts on our behalf!

Cindy Van Dyk
Coupeville

Don't tell anyone...

Editor,

Shh...Don't tell too many people, but there's at least one secret in Oak Harbor worth keeping. Careful now, don't tell, but it's called the John Vanderzicht Memorial Swimming Pool. (I won't tell you exactly where it is.)

The large main pool and shallow children's pool have been there for quite a few years. Recently, however, the two smaller hot tubs have been eliminated and in the place is one very large and luxurious hot tub that would probably hold all of the Coupevillians (in one seating!) who wanted to enjoy its soothing waters/bubbles. However, instead of trying to picture such an event, let me add that the showers are warm, the staff friendly, the price remains within reason and the main pool always seems to be at 80 degrees or warmer — all relevant factors for those of us who do not live here primarily because we love the cold, wet, windy, winter weather.

Finally — and this is the best part and my main reason for writing — at least during the day, there are often very few and, sometimes, no other people there! So, please don't tell anyone about this place. Don't go and use it and, that way, I can have it just the way I like it. Shh ...

Al Lunemann
Coupeville

Businessman's dream for Greenbank Farm

Editor,

People have been asking me why I want to be involved in the Greenbank Farm. It's simple: Family. Three years ago, the people of Island County said they wanted the Farm to be a vibrant, thriving gathering place for the community. I want that dream to be realized for my daughters as they grow up.



To help build that dream, I presented a proposal to the Port of Coupeville to manage the Farm. My proposal includes both a non-profit company and a for-profit company working in tandem to oversee the Farm.

The non-profit company, Whidbey History Preservation Society (WHIPS), is responsible for managing the retail shop, hosting the many community events, and the Loganberry Festival. WHIPS is the fundraising, and grant writing arm and implements the use of donations and grants. The Community Development Team (CDT) is the for-profit corporation that will perform the drudgework such as: fixing the well and making sure the plumbing and electrical work. Like a building superintendent, CDT will make sure things run correctly, fix problems, and ensure that the landlords (the Port & the People) are happy with how things are going.

It is important that we have two companies. The non-profit company will ensure the preservation of the Farm and manage and protect donations and grants. The for-profit company will contribute capital for start-up costs. Money is available immediately to fund projects pending for the past few years that will contribute to the integrity and commitment of the Community's vision of the Farm.

Someone asked why a "greedy corporation" should run the Farm. A "greedy corporation" should not run the farm. I do not consider myself a "greedy corporation". I am an experienced business leader and a member of the Greenbank community. I chose to take action when I saw the Farm at risk. I personally own 60% of CDT; the other 40% is held by a venture capital/business consulting firm I founded with some close friends.

Whidbey Island has a long history of generous people giving money to good causes and forming socially responsible companies that do good things. These companies, like CDT, invest money for the good of community.

The Community Development Team chooses to invest in the Greenbank Farm. The Farm is a worthy and attainable dream that won't make anyone rich, but it will provide a sizable tax write-off while doing meaningful work for our community.

There are a myriad of details which can't be addressed in this space. I'd like to tell you some of the pertinent facts:

The people of Island County have clearly articulated their vision and goals for the Greenbank Farm. The Community Development Team is a community-centered business answerable to the community and reviewed by the Port. The lease will state that CDT must honor the wishes of the community.

We will pay rent immediately upon signing the lease, and on a regular basis so the Port can pay off the Bond. We do not expect any money from the Port.

Both WHIPS and CDT will have Advisory Councils comprised of concerned members of the community and experienced professionals thus ensuring public input and direction for the executive teams of both companies. As soon as our proposal is accepted, we will look to the community to fill the Council and Board. The election process will not be done in secret nor in isolation. An effective Board and Council must be built from committed community members with specialized skills important to the team.

WHIPS will actively pursue additional funds for the Farm through grants and donations. These will support individual projects at the Farm.

Our solid business background and expertise will help people translate dreams into viable business plans. We will be there to assist when needed.

Both companies of our team are ready to go

right now. Farm operations will continue without interruption.

Why should we manage the Greenbank Farm? Because we have the experience, the funding, and the commitment to make the dream happen.

Personally, I want to dance with my daughters in a real barn. I want them to have a place for their 4-H projects, a place to run, to laugh, to meet friends, new and old; a place to gather and celebrate as a community: The Greenbank Farm.

Franc Sawatzki
Greenbank

Far-reaching trade agreement gets little press

Editor,

Your readers may be very surprised that the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) — a far-reaching trade agreement currently being negotiated by 34 countries of the Americas — has received virtually no press coverage, especially since it would severely and negatively impact so many countries, their communities and the poor in our hemisphere.

This agreement will contain no safeguards to protect workers, human rights, social security, health and environmental standards, or the life of local communities that are often hurt by the transfer of their economic assets to impersonal, distant, uninvolved and uncaring multinational corporations.

For example, the proposed agreement would prohibit "performance requirements" whereby foreign investment must enhance the local economy and support local workers. The proposed treaty is part of a much larger international movement, whereby large corporations are in effect "taking over," buying politicians, and otherwise subverting government roles and protections, substituting a short-term, materialistic, disconnected, and uncaring ethos in place of government's necessary and valid concern for the common good, including the poor.

From my perspective, this is one of the most significant issues of our time, since it will impact our world for many, many years in very profound ways.

To give you a sense of the ways in which the FTAA would give multinational corporations an amazing degree of power over the lives of citizens, I will cite some examples from a very thoughtful and well researched Internet article by Maude Barlow, a Director with the International Forum on Globalization.

The FTAA's most fundamental purpose is to constrain all levels of government in their delivery of services and to facilitate access to government contracts by transnational corporations in areas such as health care, hospital care, home care, dental care, child care, elder care, education, museums, libraries, law, social assistance, architecture, energy, water services, environmental protection services, real estate, insurance, tourism, postal services, transportation, publishing and broadcasting. All public services at all levels of government will likely have to be opened up for competition from foreign, for-profit service corporations.

The agreement would disallow any local or national government from preferentially funding local service providers. For the first time in any international trade agreement, transnational service corporations will gain competitive rights to the full range of government service provisions and will have the right to sue any resistant government for financial compensation. The goal of this services/investment juggernaut is to reduce or destroy the ability of the governments of the hemisphere to provide

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Diversity

Some people make resolutions to begin the New Year. Not me. It's too easy to break them and then I feel guilty. Instead of resolutions, I choose a single word to reflect on during the year. My word for 2001 is "diversity."

Roaming the Reserve by Roxallanne Medley

Defined as "the fact or quality of being diverse" and further as "made up of distinct characteristics, qualities or elements," diversity may sound complex. It isn't. Reduced to its simplest terms, diversity eliminates "sameness."

Diversity makes life interesting. It honors, and even more encourages difference. It is multicultural and multilingual and accepts no bounds.

Diversity is jazz and classical music played on the same radio station. It is Barred Rock chickens and Rhode Island Reds; not just white leghorns. It is the unique, four-horned Jacob sheep as well as the common Southdown. More than Red Delicious apples, it is Bramleys and Orange Pippins. It is Cubist and Impressionist paintings in the same museum. It is the clean design of a Frank Lloyd Wright home alongside a fussy, Victorian style house.

Understanding of a word is heightened by looking at its opposite meaning or antonym. Let's look at what diversity does not mean. It does not mean conformity. It is not repetitive, nor does it reflect similarity. It avoids tedium and sameness. Diversity is not boring but when we lose sight of diversity, the world is dull and monotonous.

In the world of science, diversity takes on an expanded meaning. With the addition of the prefix "bio," diversity becomes biodiversity, which is measured as the number of species or subspecies of plants, animals and microorganisms existing in various places in the world. Biodiversity is the battle cry of many environmen-

talists who recognize that the loss of plant and animal species reduces the world to blandness.

In both the natural and human made world, ideas and lifestyles different from our own confront us every day. We do not have to like all of them; however, if we are to live in a world that discourages mediocrity, we must encourage and strive to maintain an environment that honors diversity.

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve is rich in diversity. What I value on the Reserve—open space, sheltering hedgerows and rolling prairie fields, is very different from what my best friend appreciates. She is attracted to the Victorian houses and false front buildings of Coupeville. History buffs value the Reserve for its historic structures — the battlements of Fort Casey, Admiralty Head lighthouse, the blockhouses. It doesn't matter what single aspect of the Reserve attracts us. The sum of all its parts determines its importance.

I believe we can best measure the value of the Reserve by the amount of diversity it offers. While it cannot be all things to all people, it does provide enough variety to satisfy most of us. We each want to protect a particular aspect of the Reserve that we love but we must agree to protect all of the Reserve, whether it's our favorite or not.

Coupeville is a significant area in the Reserve. Its structures are as diverse as its residents are. The town has a mix of architecture that appeals to a broad range of people. While some like ornate Victorian homes, others prefer the farmhouses. Both styles reflect the diversity of the people who settled and lived in the Reserve. To honor such diversity, we must retain, as well as maintain, the structures.

Unfortunately, Coupeville is going to lose one of its old houses. A typical bungalow style, characteristic of the 1920s, the house is a "contributing" property in the Reserve. It certainly is not beautiful; it needs a lot of repair. There are hundreds of bungalow style houses in Seattle but not on Whidbey. With its wide porch and
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THIS & THAT
By Irene Mueller

Friends are a wonderful gift. When you find the one who makes you feel special, whose interests and passions harmonize with yours, you've hit the jackpot. I'm not talking life partners here, that is a given. I'm talking about the other one. The one you can call anytime and he or she will come running. The one you can talk with about anything and know that not one word will be repeated.

Your best friend.
Alice Hagstrom and Hazel Berwick have that kind of relationship. If they aren't walking side by side, you know that if you see one, the other one is on the way. That's why Hazel spent so much time at Whidbey General Hospital last week. Alice, who calls Hazel her Guardian Angel, was a patient. She's home now with doctor's orders to do no housework. Oh Alice, how sad!

The women met about 15 years ago when the Berwicks moved to Ledgewood.

"Alice walked across the street," Hazel laughed. "She just said 'Hi, I'm your neighbor' and we've been friends ever since."

The Hagstroms had built their house while John was still working at Boeing and the minute he retired in 1979, they moved in.

Alice, a native Washingtonian, lived in Stony River, Alaska while her husband was a riverboat pilot for six years. They returned to Washington and lived in Wenatchee, Bainbridge Island and Seattle.

The mother of ten children, grand-

Best friends are truly golden

mother of 27 and great-grandmother to 14, Alice hasn't always had time for extra activities, but she's made up for it since coming to Whidbey Island. She was president of the Hospital Guild, president of the Greenbank Garden Club and she's on her second term as president of the Greenbank Progressive Club. Does she think that's an impressive record? No. "I just do a little bit of everything," Alice said. "If there's a job to do, I do it." She describes herself as a General Nuisance, but that's not what her friends think nor did the nurses at Whidbey General who treated her with tender care.

Born in Bainville, Montana, her friend Hazel was one of thousands of Midwesterners who moved to Seattle during WWII. And that's where she met Vern Berwick on Pearl Harbor Day. They were married in 1942 and moved to Whidbey Island where Vern was an engineer at the sea plane base. They only lived here a year when Vern joined the service then completed college, but they knew they'd come back. His jobs took him all over Montana then Utah with a stint in 1957 in Washington, D.C. living in Paul's Church, Virginia. "We had picnic lunches on the capital grounds," Hazel said. "Our four kids loved it."

In 1962, they moved to Juneau, Alaska and for 25 years, watched the little town grow into a booming metropolis. In 1987, Vern retired from his geological survey job and Hazel from the State of Alaska's Fisherman's Fund Group and they

came back to Whidbey. It took time to find the perfect place but no time to meet Alice, their new neighbor.

Hazel and Vern, who will celebrate their 59th anniversary in February, have ten grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great grand baby born Jan. 10.

Hazel and Alice have plenty to share - craft shows, shopping, lunch out, their families, their memories and their lives.

Best friends are truly golden.

Congratulations!
To Tean Voiland who celebrated her birthday Jan. 16. Tean's beautiful smile said it all — she's doing fine.

To Irene Gendron who celebrated her big day, Jan. 21 and to Irene and Ernie whose 46th wedding anniversary was the 22nd.

And to our newest Teronda West bride and groom, Don Matheson and Bunny McAmmond who were married at 5 p.m. on Dec. 16. Yes, during the power outage. "It didn't bother us at all," Bunny said. "We just turned on the generator, lit the fireplace and had a beautiful wedding." They'll be fine.

Welcome home to Mary Martha Piazzon who spent much of December in Arizona with her daughter Toni. "Don't get too comfortable," she wrote. "I will be back and things will return to abnormal."

True to her word, she's back and the world is a bit more tipsy. Thank goodness.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
■ The Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington will have the first meeting of the new year at 12 p.m. for dessert lunch, at the home of Lillian Huffstetter, 2206 W. Madrona Way, Coupeville. Call Claudia Libbey at 675-4384.
■ Winter hours at the Greenbank Farm are noon to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
■ Sound Waters, WSU/Beach Watchers-sponsored annual environmental education seminar, 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Coupeville Middle School. Call 679-7327.
■ Island County Amateur Radio Club meets at 9 a.m. at the Race Road Fire

Station. Coffee, donuts and chat at 9 a.m., meeting program at 9:30 a.m. with a hands-on demonstration of new digital communications modes, including PSK31. Amateur Radio License exams will be offered following the meeting. Call Terry at (360) 331-5367.
■ Norwegians and Scandinavians invited to attend the organizational meeting for a Sons of Norway Lodge, 1 p.m. at Bayview Senior Center on South Whidbey. Call Sid at 678-2907.
■ The Gathering of Artists, a family event exploring local Native American artistry, 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Skagit County Historical Museum, 501 S. 4th St., La Conner. Call (360) 466-3365.
■ Winter hours at the Greenbank Farm are noon to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
■ Boating safety class begins in Freeland, lasts eight weeks. Offered by Deception Pass Power Squadron. Call Glenn at (360) 331-2348.
■ Party for Jan Coffman, retiring after 34 years as an Island County government employee, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street. Everyone welcome.
■ Winter hours at the Greenbank Farm are noon to 4 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
■ Whidbey Audubon Field Trip. This half-day trip will visit Crockett Lake and Fort Casey, looking mainly at migrating waterfowl. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Keystone Ferry parking lot. Leader is Don Knoke, 678-3730. Public is welcome.
■ Adult ski bus departs 7 a.m. each Tuesday through Feb. 13 from Ken's Corner (intersection of Langley Road with Highway 525), \$26 per Tuesday; South Whidbey Parks and Recreation District, but one does not have to live in the district to ride the weekly ski bus. Call (360) 221-5484.

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Pastor Garrett Arnold 678-6692

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Sunday
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Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

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Coupeville Community Bible Church

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
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Coupeville beats Concrete, 71-44

Now 3-3 in league

By Christine Pocock

On Tuesday, the Wolves played Concrete, crushing them with 71 points to their 44. All the Wolves scored this game, which is the second time this season. The first time was at South Whidbey against the Falcons.

Starting for Concrete were Clinton Boerner, Clinton Ross, Adam Woodworth, Kevin McAdam and Joe Schooland. From Coupeville were Ty Blouin, Brad Sherman, Noah Roehl, Sean Callahan and Chris Good.

Coupeville scored 13 points in the first quarter. Sherman, Joe Kelley, and Erick Harada all scored 3 points this quarter. Concrete scored 7 points, with 3 from Ross. In the second quarter, Concrete won, with 15 points. Their lead shooter was Ross with 8 points. Coupeville made 13 points again, with Sherman as the lead shooter with 6 points. Coupeville had 9 fouls in the first half compared to Concrete's 3. The score for the first half was 26-22, Wolves.

The third quarter was great for Coupeville, with 18 points scored. Sherman again scored the most points, 8 in total. Concrete scored 8 points with lead shooter McAdam, making 4 points. The score then was 44-30, Coupeville.

The fourth quarter was even better for the Wolves. Concrete scored only 14 points, with lead shooter Ross making half of the points. Coupeville scored 27 points to win the game. Coupeville's lead scorers were Geoff Hageman and Good with 6 points each. Coupeville had 7 fouls this half and Concrete had 8. The Wolves won the game, 71-44.

The game's top scorer was Ross from Concrete with 18 points. Coupeville's Sherman made 17 points. The free throw percentage for Coupeville was a high 77 percent. Concrete had a 64 percent.

Concrete nominated Roehl for the sportsmanship award.

Coupeville's next game is Friday Jan. 26 in Friday Harbor. The next home game is Jan. 30 against Orcas at 5:15 and 7 p.m.



Lady Wolves are jumping high to sink one.

Christine Pocock Photo

Lady Wolves beat Darrington

By Christine Pocock

The Darrington Loggers came to Coupeville on Jan. 19. The Wolf girls won a good game. There was a lot of support from the fans, who had almost completely filled the stands by the end of the game.

Coupeville started off with Emily Young, Ashley Ellsworth-Bagby, Laura Young, Brianna King and Tracy Taylor. Darrington starters were Amy Jones, Amber Bryson, Michelle

Meece, Erin Nations and Lesly Koch.

In the first quarter, Coupeville scored 15 points. The Wolves' top shooter was King, who scored 11 points. The Loggers scored 8 points in the first quarter, with 3 points from Meece.

In the second quarter, Coupeville scored 13 points, with 4 from Erica Lamb. The Loggers scored 12 points. Their lead scorers were Jones and E. Nations with 4 points each. Coupeville's lead scorers were King again, with

Lady Wolves crush Concrete, 68-40

Now 4-3 in league

By Christine Pocock

On Jan. 23 Coupeville's Lady Wolves traveled to Concrete. They played a beautiful game, winning 68-40.

Emily Young, Ashley Ellsworth-Bagby, Laura Young, Brianna King, and Tracy Taylor started the game for Coupeville on Tuesday. They began the game playing against Concrete's Amanda Massingale, Brianna Hoover, Heidi Holmquist, Alicia Harris, and Rachel Smith. The Wolves won the first quarter 10-8. King was the lead scorer this quarter, making 6 points. For Concrete, Holmquist, Harris, Smith, and Brenda Stewart all scored 2 points each.

The second quarter was just as close as the first quarter, except Concrete won the quarter by 2 points. Concrete made 20 points, with 6 points from Harris. Coupeville made 18 points, which tied the game at the half. The top shooter for Coupeville was King again, with 7 points. Coupeville had 8 fouls this half and Concrete had 9. The score for the first half was tied 28-28.

The third quarter was a complete turn around from the first half. It was also very similar to many of the Wolves' past games against Concrete. Concrete scored 3 points this quarter and the lead scorer was Massingale with 2 points. Coupeville, on the other hand, made 27 points. The lead scorer for the Wolves was King again, with

8 points. Right behind King was Ellsworth-Bagby, who had 7 points this quarter. The third quarter score was 55-31, Wolves.

The fourth quarter was a little more even for both teams. Concrete made 9 points, with 4 points by Hoover. Coupeville scored 13 points, L. Young making 8 of those points. In the second half, Coupeville and Concrete both had 7 fouls. Coupeville won the game, crushing Concrete, 68-40.

Coupeville had four 3-point baskets this game. The game's lead scorer was King from Coupeville with 21 points. Concrete's lead scorer was Smith with 9 points, followed closely behind by Harris with 8 points.

The Lady Wolves' next game is Friday, Jan. 26 at Friday Harbor. The next home game is Jan. 30 at 5:15 and 7 p.m. against Orcas.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - SELLERS

File No. 1999-8990

Grantors:
LandSafe Title of Washington
COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC.

Grantee(s):
KELLY R. SELLERS

Notice of Trustee's Sale
Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.

On February 23, 2001 at 10:00 AM inside the main lobby of the: Island County Courthouse, Annex (6th Street Entrance)

6th and Main, Coupeville, State of Washington, the undersigned Trustee (subject to any conditions imposed by the trustee to protect the lender and borrower) will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the county(ies) of Island, State of Washington:

Tax Parcel ID no.: S7680-008-02007-0

LOT 7, BLOCK 2, PLAT OF PATTON'S HIDE-AWAY DIVISION NUMBER 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 6 OF PLATS, PAGE 82, RECORDS OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON. SITUATED IN ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/10/97, recorded on 9/15/97, under Auditor's File No. 97015019 and Deed of Trust re-recorded on ____, under Auditor's File No. ____, records of Island County, Washington from KELLY R. SELLERS, A SINGLE WOMAN, as grantor, to BISHOP & LYNCH OF KING COUNTY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of WMC

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MORTGAGE CORP., as beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by WMC MORTGAGE CORP. to COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., under an Assignment/ Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 98007418.

ii. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any court by reason of the Grantor's or Borrower's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

iii. The Beneficiary alleges default of the Deed of Trust for failure to pay the following amounts now in arrears and/or other defaults:

A. Monthly Payments	\$24,444.00
B. Late Charges	\$1,032.08
C. Beneficiary Advances	\$2,024.55
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F. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)	
Trustee's Fee	\$550.00
Title Report	\$739.80
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Publication	\$383.39
Posting	\$95.00
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(Advanced by beneficiary)	
Total Amount Due:	\$27,500.63

Other potential defaults do not involve payment of the Beneficiary. If applicable, each of these defaults must also be cured. Listed below are categories of common defaults, which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary. Opposite each such listed default is a brief description of the action/documentation necessary to cure the default. The list does not exhaust all possible other defaults; any defaults identified by Beneficiary or Trustee that are not listed below must also be cured.

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OTHER DEFAULT
Nonpayment of Taxes/ Assessments

Default under any senior lien

Failure to insure property against hazard

Waste
Unauthorized sale of property (Due on Sale)

iv. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$157,734.02, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 6/1/99 and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

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v. The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on 02/23/01. The default(s) referred to in paragraph iii, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, or other defaults must be cured by 02/12/01 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the close of the Trustee's business on 02/12/01 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph iii, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 02/12/01 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, and Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire balance of principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust.

vi. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es):
KELLY R SELLERS
1344 N NORTHVIEW RD
OAK HARBOR, WA 98277
by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 11/15/99, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 11/18/99 Grantor and Borrower were personally served with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted on a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph i above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service

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or posting.
vii. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all foreclosure costs and trustee's fees due at any time prior to the sale.

viii. The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their right, title and interest in the above-described property.

ix. Anyone having any objections to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's sale.

x. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale of the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the lawful detainer act, Chapter 59.12 RCW.

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LEGAL NOTICE: TOWN OF COUPEVILLE ORDINANCE 605

Permit for Work in Town Right-of-Way

Ordinance 605 establishes a permit process for construction within town right-of-way and easements. Passed January 23, 2001. Full text will be mailed upon request.

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Help Wanted

Clerk-Treasurer wanted for the Town of Coupeville. Salary range \$45,000 - \$51,000 per year, plus excellent benefits program. B.A. in accounting (or equivalent experience) required. Minimum 5 years of progressively responsible experience in municipal finance and administration. Application materials are available at Coupeville Town Hall or by writing to Town of Coupeville, Clerk-Treasurer Application, P.O. Box 725, Coupeville, WA 98239 (360-678-4461). Closes February 12, 2001. The Town is an EEO, ADA Employer.

Gardener wanted at RoseHip Farm & Garden. Garden maintenance, nursery sales and more. 30 hrs. per week. Starts soon. Call 678-3577.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - SMITH

Reference Number(s) of Documents assigned or released: 93007288, which was assigned under Auditor's File No. 95012705
Grantor: DCBL, INC., Successor Trustee
Grantee: The Public/Billy Joe Smith and Kathleen A. Smith, husband and wife
Assessor's Property Tax Parcel/Account Number(s): S7107-00-00022-0
WE ARE A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Trustee will on March 2, 2001 at 12:00 Noon, at the front entrance of the Island County Courthouse located at 6th & Main, in the City of Coupeville, State of Washington, sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable, in the form of cash, or cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Island, State of Washington, to-wit:

LOT 22, PLAT OF HEATHERWOOD HEIGHTS, DIVISION NO. 1, ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 13 OF PLATS, PAGES 71 AND 72, RECORDS OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON. (commonly known as 6847 675th Avenue West, Oak Harbor, WA 98277) which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated April 22, 1993, recorded April 22, 1993, under Auditor's File No. 93007288, records of Island County, Washington, from Billie Joe Smith and Kathleen A. Smith, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company of Island County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of The Mortgage Authority, Inc. as beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by The Mortgage Authority, Inc. through successive assignments, the last being to Bank of America Mortgage under an Assignment recorded under Auditor's File No. 95012705. The sale will be made without any warranty concerning the title to, or the condition of the property.

II
No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust is now

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pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of the Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust.

III.
The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows:

I) Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears:
Monthly payments:
Delinquent monthly payments from December 1, 1999 through January 1, 2001
14 Payment(s) at \$1,076.05 \$15,064.70

Late Charges:
Past Due Late Charges 0.00
TOTAL \$15,064.70

ii) Default
None
Description of Action Required to Cure and Documentation Necessary to Show Cure
None

IV.
The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal \$112,445.21 together with interest from November 1, 1999 as provided in the note or other instrument, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V.
The above described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on March 2, 2001. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, or other defaults, must be cured by February 19, 2001 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before February 19, 2001 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, or other defaults, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after February 19, 2001 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor, or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus costs, fees, and advances, if any, made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/or Deed of Trust, and curing all other defaults.

VI.
A written notice of default was transmitted by the beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es):
NAME AND ADDRESS
Billy Joe Smith
6847 675th Ave. W
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Kathleen A. Smith
6847 675th Ave. W
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Occupants of the Premises
6847 675th Ave. W
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Billy Joe Smith
1641 SW Ponsteen Drive
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Kathleen A. Smith
1641 SW Ponsteen Drive
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

by both first class and certified mail on October 5, 1998, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and the Borrower and Grantor were personally served on October 8, 1998, with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and the Trustee has possession of proof of such service or posting.

VII.
The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, a statement of all costs and fees due at any time prior to the sale.

VIII.
The effect of the sale will be to deprive the Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under the Grantor of all their interest in the above-described property.

IX.
Anyone having any objections to this sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale pursuant to RCW 61.24.130. Failure to bring such a lawsuit may result in a waiver of any proper grounds for invalidating the Trustee's

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sale.
X.
NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the Grantor under the deed of trust (the owner) and anyone having an interest junior to the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the Unlawful Detainer Act, Chapter 59.12 RCW.
DATED: January 8, 2001
DCBL, INC., Successor Trustee
By: Michael A. Padilla
Assistant Secretary
Address: BISHOP, LYNCH & WHITE, P.S.
720 Olive Way, #1301
Seattle, WA 98101-1801
Telephone: (206) 622-7527

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DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: The project proposes to replace an existing Washington State Department of Transportation maintenance facility located two miles north. This facility is a ten acre site, it will accommodate the functional and operational requirements of current highway maintenance practices. The proposal includes construction of a 2860 square foot maintenance shop, fuel pad, pre-wash pad, outside parking for 10 vehicles, deicer containment pad, septic system installation, stormwater facilities, and security fencing.

Proponent: Washington State Department of Transportation.

Location of Proposal, including street address, if any: The project is located on SR 20, at approximately milepost 18, just west of the auxiliary navy airstrip in Island County, Washington. This project lies in Section 11, Township 31 North, Range 1 East, W.M. See attached vicinity map.

Lead Agency: Washington State Department of Transportation.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date of signature by responsible official. **Comments must be submitted by February 2, 2001.** Comments may be sent to Tony H. Basha at the address below.

Responsible Official: Kojo Fordjour
Position/Title: **Environmental Services Supervisor**
Phone: (206) 440-4960
Address: 15700 Dayton Avenue North, Seattle WA 98133-9710
Date: 1/18/01 (Signed) Kojo Fordjour

LEGAL NO. CEX-611
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ISLAND

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY E. STRUTHERS, Deceased.

No. 01-4-00004-9-9
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS
RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim

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against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: January 26, 2001

Personal Representative:
Stephanie D. Struthers
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Dale K. Roundy
Address for Mailing or Service: 506 N. Main Street
Post Office Box 1500
Coupeville, WA 98239

(Signed) Stephanie D. Struthers
(Signed) Dale K. Roundy, WSBA #5802
Attorney for Personal Representative

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE MATTER OF REPEALING CHAPTER 8.24 ISLAND COUNTY CODE, COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH PLANNING

On February 21, 2001 at 5:05 p.m., the Island County Board of Health will hold a public hearing at the Island County Courthouse Annex Basement Meeting Room, N.E. 6th and Main Street, Coupeville, Washington, to consider adoption of Ordinance No. C-106-00. A summary of the Proposed Ordinance follows. The proposed ordinance would repeal chapter 8.24 of the Island County Code, Comprehensive Health Planning, as that chapter is outdated and no longer a valid or viable section of the Island County Code. The full text of the proposed Ordinance will be mailed upon request made to the undersigned.

Interested persons may appear at the public hearing and give testimony for or against adoption of the proposed Ordinance. Persons requiring auxiliary aids/services should call Island County Human Resources at 679-7372, 629-4522, ext. 7372, or 321-5111, ext. 7372 (use whichever number is applicable for the area) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
ROGER CASE, M.D.
ISLAND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD
Post Office Box 5000
Coupeville, WA 98239-5000

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TOWN OF COUPEVILLE ORDINANCE 611

Amending Ordinance 539 to require permits for fires less than 4 feet in diameter and height. Ordinance 611 amends Ordinance 539 to require no-fee permits for fires less than 4 feet in diameter and height. Passed January 23, 2001. Full text will be mailed upon request.

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'Gone' has thin plot, but smokin' action

Nothing makes my heart drop faster than a movie car chase.

With rare exceptions, such as Steve McQueen blasting up and down the hills of San Francisco in "Bullitt" or Harrison Ford hanging onto the grill of a speeding truck in "Raiders of the Lost Ark," car chases in the movies are mindless, repetitive and ultimately numbing.

You can only see so many shots of two cars racing down an obviously closed-off street before the yawn begins to form. Oh, look, a fruit cart. I wonder if they'll manage to hit it. Yep, and in slow motion, too...

Which is why the original 1974 version of "Gone in 60 Seconds" is still such a kick in the pants. Written, directed and starring doomed grease monkey/movie mogul H.B. Halicki, and damn proud of the fact 90-some cars were wrecked in the film's frantic final 40 minutes, it

makes the recent Nicolas Cage remake seem like even more of a gaseous waste of time.



REEL TIME

By David Svien

Halicki, who was killed when he mistimed a jump while making a later smash-and-crash epic, was part of a bold band of guys whose low-budget, in-your-face fare played in the drive-in theater circuit during the '70s.

Like much of the genre, the plot is thin (thieves steal cars, get chased by

cops), the acting nothing to polish an Oscar over, and the clothing combinations look like they were selected by Ray Charles.

But baby, this thing smokes. With cameras mounted in the cars, no stunt doubles and a minimum of warning to pedestrians in the area, the epic-length tire-shredder which caps this pedal-to-the-floor orgy of squealing tires and burning rubber is something to behold.

Cars fly into each other with reckless abandon, drivers who have never heard of seatbelts bounce off of steering wheels and Halicki guns his yellow Mustang down the sidewalk, scattering onlookers who genuinely don't seem to be prepared to see a flying blob of mustard-colored metal coming their way.

As Halicki's widow notes in the video's introduction, the cops we see are real cops playing themselves. The

paramedics are paramedics. And the assorted car thieves are demolition derby pros, car enthusiasts and men born with a foot permanently hot-wired to an accelerator.

As Halicki zooms down a stretch of freeway, weaving in and out of traffic like a berserk pinball, it's almost enough to give you motion sickness. Or make you want to go out and howl at the moon.

A thousand stunt drivers do a million car chases each year, and they all blend into a shapeless blur. H.B. Halicki, bless his insane, adrenaline-loving heart, made the art of tire-squealing dangerous and beautiful at the same time.

You may not know him by face or name, but you'll recognize his work by the big, fat hunk of tire tread he left behind. Smokey, and Hollywood, still haven't caught up with him.

New on Video

- Bruce Willis get in touch with "The Kid" inside himself.
- Jamie Foxx is used as "Bait" by the cops.
- Yahoo Serious pratfalls as "Mr. Accident."
- Stephen Dorff takes his movie camera on a rampage as "Cecil B. Demented."
- things get hairy when a chimp hits the ice in "MVP: Most Valuable Primate."
- Vincent D'Onofrio trips back to the '60s in "Steal This Movie" and
- we return to the shifting sands of "Dune" in a new four-hour version starring William Hurt.

DIVERSITY

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gently sloping roof, the house is unpretentious — perhaps like the family that built it. It is a reminder of a time when life was simpler.

There is much more to Coupeville than charming Victorian homes and false front shops. Coupeville's diverse collection of old houses reflects the differences of those who forged the history of the town. If we fail to value all of our houses, concentrating on only the most imposing and ornate, we all lose.

When bulldozers demolish the house, developers will gain five building lots and Coupeville will lose a bit of its diversity. It will be thoroughly documented and described; however, photos cannot capture its essence. As long as it stands, the old house is a reminder of our past. When it is gone, we will be poorer having lost another "real" connection with our history and the Reserve itself will lose some of its diversity. If we destroy the old houses that reflect Coupeville's history, we alter the images connecting us to the town's founding families.

Romanticizing a specific aspect of the Reserve (such as its Victorian homes) is detrimental to the Reserve as a whole. A complex and varied area, we must view the Reserve as a whole, as a place defined by its land, people and places.

The Reserve is more than beautiful vistas and rolling prairie land. It includes fields and farms, woods, cove, beaches and town. The way it is used is as diverse as its landscape. Cell towers rise above the firs in the forest. The county landfill sits in the middle of acres of wild rhododendrons. Animals and people, all with unique needs, make their home in the Reserve. It provides diverse views and experiences. If we take

away its variety of architectural styles, plants, animals and people, it will become a place defined by mediocrity. Even worse would be to allow conformity to supplant the Reserve's abundant diversity.

The Reserve is not stagnant. It is a living, evolving place. Changes in its appearance and use are essential for its continued vitality but even more critical to the future of the Reserve is valuing and protecting its diversity. Let's join together to eliminate "sameness." Adopt "diversity" as your word for 2001, look around and take note of how wonderful a place the Reserve is because of its diversity.

WOLVES

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ville had 10 fouls this half and the Loggers had 4. The first half score was 28-20, Wolves.

The third quarter was won by the Loggers with 12 points. Bryson and Koch scored 4 points each. The Wolves scored 10 points, with 4 from King.

In the fourth quarter, the Loggers won again, with 15 points. Meece made 6 points. Coupeville scored 13 points with 5 points from Ellsworth-Bagby. Team fouls were high for both teams, 9 from Coupeville and 10 from Darrington. Although Darrington won the second half, it wasn't enough to win the game. Coupeville won the game 51-47.

The game's top scorer was King with 22 points. Darrington's top scorers were Jones and Meece with 9 points each. All Lady Loggers scored this game.

TRADE

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publicly funded services (considered "monopolies" in the world of international trade). As in Chapter 11 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), corporations would have the right to sue for compensation for current and future profits that are lost because of government actions, no matter how legal these actions were or for what purpose they have been taken.

For example, S.D. Myers, an American PCB waste-disposal company, successfully used a Chapter 11 threat to force Canada to reverse its ban on PCB exports—a ban Canada undertook in compliance with the Basel Convention banning the transborder movement of hazardous waste—and successfully sued the Canadian government for \$50 million (US) in damages for business it lost while the short-lived ban was in place.

In addition, the agreement will greatly expand corporate power granted through the World Trade Organization (WTO), which has had a terrible impact on the right of the world's citizens to safe food. For example, Canada and the United States successfully used a WTO agreement to strike down a European ban on North American beef containing harmful, possibly cancer-causing hormones.

The European Union, deeply sensitive to lingering concerns about mad-cow disease, implemented a ban on the non-therapeutic use of hormones in its food industry, citing many studies linking them to illness. The WTO panel demanded "scientific certainty" that these hormones cause cancer or other adverse health affects, thus eviscerating the well accepted "precautionary principle" as a basis for food safety regulations.

The FTAA appears poised to promote a model of agriculture to

the hemisphere where food is not grown by farmers for domestic consumers, but by corporations for global markets, which will be given unprecedented power to force even dangerous and unhealthy products upon citizens.

It is likely that the provisions of NAFTA concerning water will be extended to the other countries of the hemisphere under the FTAA. These provisions will establish a continental water market when commercial water exports begin. A recent CIA report estimated that, by 2015, more than half the countries of the world, the poorest countries, will suffer from severe water shortages, leading to illness, death, civil unrest and war. The world's water problems will be only worsened by the commercialization of a free, natural resource and its siphoning off to other countries.

The stakes are extremely high. Following the failure in recent years of several similarly harmful free-trade agreements, including the treaty components that were to have been passed at the WTO meeting in Seattle in December 1999, multinational corporations are lobbying furiously for passage of this agreement, while talks have been cloaked in secrecy. Citizens who want a different kind of trade agreement have been excluded from the negotiations and will be shut out of the upcoming deliberations.

Based on a different set of fundamental assumptions, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights and strong environmental rules, many citizens would likely be prepared to enter into a process to develop closer ties with other countries in the Americas and around the world. However, it cannot

start with the FTAA. Moreover, current international trade agreements, like the WTO and NAFTA, must be revisited. Chapter 11 must be removed from NAFTA; water must be exempted; the energy provisions must be rewritten with an emphasis on conservation; culture must be truly exempted; and multinational organizations should be required to support local communities, rather than robbing them of their economic assets and destroying family and communal life.

Most important, the world of international trade can no longer be the exclusive domain of sheltered elites, trade bureaucrats and corporate power brokers. It is time for a new international trading system based on the foundations of democracy, sustainability, diversity and development, and much good work is being done on these alternatives.

I urge your readers to contact their elected representatives and ask them to vigorously oppose this very harmful, proposed trade agreement. The outcome will greatly determine the future well-being of the citizens of this hemisphere.

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