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Coupeville students score high in reading



Mary Kay Doody Photo

Tony Ceci, 12, reads a book about reptiles in the stacks of the Coupeville Library. With him is his mother, Julie Ceci.

By Mary Kay Doody

Coupeville students have improved their reading skills over the past four years, according to recently released test scores.

The Coupeville School District was one of the first to subject its children to the reputedly difficult Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

Superintendent Suzanne Bond and the Coupeville School Board had the schools participate voluntarily, before the test became mandatory for schools statewide.

Results released last Wednesday show Coupeville seventh graders handily surpassed the state average of 39.8 on the reading section of the

WASL this year. The Coupeville students in grade 7 scored an average of 63.4.

Coupeville High School sophomores also scored well above the state average in the WASL reading test for grade 10. Tenth graders statewide scored an average of 62.4. Coupeville 10th graders scored an average of 85.5.

The WASL is administered only to students in grades 4, 7 and 10.

Coupeville's fourth graders scored an average of 65.5. The state average was 66.1.

For Coupeville students' WASL scores in all four areas, reading, listening, writing and math, see the table at the top of page 8.

Director quits Arts Center

By Mary Kay Doody

After less than a year at the helm of the Coupeville Arts Center, Judy Eakin resigned as executive director Sept. 7.

The center's board of directors last week appointed an interim management team for the center, where art classes continue, and scheduled a public meeting for 7 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Coupeville Recreation Hall to discuss the arts center's future.

Board president Nancie Wiseman said the arts center faces "critical financial concerns."

Eakin had tendered her resignation Aug. 13, to take effect Dec. 31 and allow plenty of time for search, hiring and training of her successor, to effect a smooth transition.

But, her departure date was moved up because, Wiseman said, "the finances became such that it was apparent we weren't going to ... pay her anymore."

Eakin, who was hired effective last Dec. 1, came to the Coupeville Arts Center from Seattle, where she had been working as director of the Pioneer Square Business Improvement Area.

With a Master of Fine Arts degree and 28 years of experience working in and around the arts in a variety of capacities, Eakin said in her letter of resignation, she believed she "was

making a difference."

But, she said in the letter dated Aug. 13, in addition to the hard work, long hours and never enough pay or benefits, in Coupeville she's felt the burden of negativity having to do with a number of people who had been involved with the center in both paid and volunteer positions.

Without naming anyone or being more specific, Eakin said in her resignation letter, "Despite the many positives and excellent progress that we have made, this ever-present and negative influence works against the current staff, divided the community and does irreparable harm to the Center."

Eakin, who lives in Oak Harbor, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Wiseman said the interim management team hopes everyone who cares about the future of the Coupeville Arts Center, especially donors and volunteers, will attend the Oct. 8 meeting.

The Coupeville Arts Center, on Birch Street, offers a year-round schedule of classes and workshops in such fields as fiber arts, photography, painting, three-dimensional media and youth art. For more than a decade it has drawn instructors and students from across North America and beyond.

Evacuees wanted for ferry drill

Washington State Ferries is searching for 50 hardy volunteers to assist in a vessel evacuation exercise scheduled for Monday, Oct. 15, in Port Townsend. The event will involve a ferry departing from the Port Townsend Terminal, bound for Keystone.

The exercise, which will last from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., is designed to evaluate the various shipboard and shoreside elements of command, control and communications between participating agencies.

They include the ferry system, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington State Patrol, Jefferson County Emergency Services, Jefferson County Emergency Services and the City of Port Townsend.

"This event has been scheduled for some time," said Director of Marine Operations Joe Nortz. "We like to test and improve our shipboard emergency plans, and drills help us do that. Washington residents have helped us on our drills before and we really appreciated their participation. We hope to have that same enthusiasm again."

The system is looking for 50 volunteers from Island County, Jefferson County, Kitsap County or other ferry service communities willing to depart the vessel through the use of a marine evacuation slide-inflatable buoyant apparatus system. No one will actually go into the water.

Interested volunteers should call 1-888-808-7977.

NAS Whidbey may get new control tower

Whidbey Island Naval Air Station will receive \$14 million for a new control tower, a new P-3 support facility and an aircrew water survival training facility as a result of beefed up military construction spending approved this week by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Washington State will receive \$239 million in federal support to rebuild barracks, build new training facilities and the new control tower at NAS Whidbey if the full Congress approves the bill.

"The men and women who serve in

our military are the guardians of the freedoms we enjoy," said Sen. Patty

'We must take care of those who take care of America.'

— U.S. Sen. Patty Murray

Murray, D-Wash. "It is essential that our men and women in uniform have modern facilities in which to train, and safe and clean housing in which to live. The quality of life for our servicemembers is critical to maintaining the finest mili-

tary in the world. We must take care of those who take care of America."

Murray serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

In addition to the control tower and other construction at NAS Whidbey, the committee approved projects for Everett, Bremerton and Bangor naval stations, McChord and Fairchild air force bases and the Washington National Guard.

They're all in the Military Construction Appropriations bill, one of 13 spending bills Congress must pass to fund the federal government.

WASL results show continued student progress

"Extraordinary transformations taking place in schools committed to ed reform."

Washington's students continue to demonstrate the skills necessary to succeed beyond the classroom according to the results of the 2001 Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL).

State School Superintendent Terry Bergeson said Washington's elementary and high school students continued to show progress in all four subject areas on the 2001 WASL. Middle school students improved in writing and listening, but saw declines in reading and math, Bergeson added.

"The great news is, the hard work of teachers, students and parents is paying off: Our students, on the whole, are growing in the kinds of skills they will need to succeed later in life as demonstrated by their work on the WASL," said Bergeson. "Overall, the results are exciting. However, I have to say we will need to see deep, meaningful and systemic change in our educational system if

we expect this trend to continue, and if we want to erase the achievement gap. Students of color, students with special needs and students who are learning English as a second language are not making the type of progress we want to see," she said.

"We're at a critical turning point in education reform," Bergeson continued. "Teachers and students are beginning to realize the power of learning goals, and the benefit of working collaboratively to achieve those goals. In schools where administrators, teachers, students and parents have captured this vision, we are seeing an extraordinary transformation in academic achievement."

"Student progress is continuing. It was strongest at the tenth grade level but more gradual at the fourth grade. And we're still struggling at the middle school levels, especially in reading and math," Bergeson acknowledged. "There must be a uni-

fied effort — between parents, teachers, students and communities — to prepare all students to live, learn and work in the 21st century. That will take a substantial change in the way we educate our children."

Among the overall 2001 WASL score release findings issued last week by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) are these:

- The number of students meeting standard in all subjects (reading, writing, listening and mathematics) improved for grades four and ten.

- Results for grade seven dropped slightly in the number of students meeting standards in reading and math, but increased in writing and listening.

- Strongest gains were made at the 10th grade in all content areas, especially writing

- Writing scores also improved for

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OBITUARY

Francis G.
'Fran'
Wachowiak

Francis G. "Fran" Wachowiak, 72, died Sept. 22, 2001 at his home in Freeland following a lengthy illness. He was born in Menominee, Michigan on Nov. 11, 1928 to George Alexander and Mary Josephine (Havlik) Wachowiak.

Mr. Wachowiak was raised in Menominee, where he graduated from high school. He enlisted in Michigan Agricultural and Technical College, Houghton, Mich. With the outbreak of the Korean War, he applied to a special Naval Flight Program established by Admiral Holloway.

Fran was the only applicant out of 150 individuals selected to attend Flight School in Pensacola, Florida on Oct. 9, 1954.

Mr. Wachowiak served as a naval aviator for 24 years, flying the Super Connie throughout much of Asia, the Martin P4M-1 Mercator, the Neptune P2V and the SNJ. For several years he was a test pilot and a training pilot. He was stationed in Florida, Hawaii, California, Minnesota and finally Washington State. His career covered the Ko-

rean and Vietnam wars. He retired from the U.S. Navy on June 30, 1970, at Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle, as a Lieutenant Commander.

The Wachowiaks moved to Whidbey Island in 1976, settling in Freeland. Fran soon became active in the Senior Center. He became Director of Nutrition Programs for Island County Senior Services, managing the Meals on Wheels program for over 16 years.

Mr. Wachowiak was a member of the South Whidbey Senior Center, The American Legion Post 141 of Langley, Wash. and the Retired Officers Association (TROA).

Mr. Wachowiak is survived by his wife Elaine Wachowiak of Freeland, Wash., four children and their spouses; Douglas and Jean Wachowiak of Atascadero, Calif., Barbara and Richard "Chip" White of Everett, Wash., Beverly and Wayne Lauerman of Snohomish, Wash. and Stephen Wachowiak of Kettle Falls, Wash. He is survived by one sister Mary Lois McAuliffe of Menominee, Mich. Four grandchildren and three great grandchildren also survive.

Cremation was held with private inurnment to follow at a later date. A memorial service will be announced for Fran Wachowiak at a later date. Memorials may be made to Friends of Home Health, P.O. Box 400, Coupeville, WA 98239. Arrangements are under direction of Burley Funeral Chapel, Oak Harbor.

BIRTHS

The following births took place at Whidbey General Hospital:

Cassidy Colleen Moody, a girl, 7 lbs 10 oz, born Sept. 10, 2001 to Jennifer Moody of Oak Harbor.

Sean Michal Toomey-Stout, a boy, 6 lbs 6 oz, born Sept. 15, 2001 to Lisa Toomey and Beth Stout of Greenbank.

Maya Renae Toomey-Stout, a girl, 5 lbs 14 oz, born Sept. 15, 2001 to Lisa Toomey and Beth Stout of Greenbank.

Jacob Robert Breeden, a boy, 7 lbs 12 oz, born Sept. 16, 2001 to Craig Breeden and Leslie Yingling-Breeden of Clinton.

Zachary Alan Christensen, 11 lbs, born Sept. 17, 2001 to Hans and Bonnie Christensen of Freeland.

Bella Marie See, 7 lbs 14 oz, born Sept. 17, 2001 to Ryan See and Jennifer Henderson of Oak Harbor.

DEATHS

The following deaths occurred in Island County:

Alice Gabel, 86, Oak Harbor, died Sept. 3, 2001.

Jimmie Rollylson, 65, Coupeville, died Sept. 10, 2001.

Walter Hoertkorn, 84, Greenbank, died Sept. 14, 2001.

Charles Hasert, 74, Camano Island, died Sept. 15, 2001.

Ruth Nikula, 82, Clinton, died Sept. 17, 2001.

Cyrille LeClaire, 83, Oak Harbor, died Sept. 18, 2001.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Coupeville Marshal's Office responded to the following:

Sunday, Sept. 16

10:27 a.m. Caller at South Main and Highway 20 reported a man who appears to be homeless, sitting behind a large piece of vegetation and an American flag just north of the intersection. Caller concerned the subject may have taken one of the flags placed by the Lions Club.

2:44 p.m. Caller reported a two-year-old and a six-year-old left alone at home on NE 6th Street while their mother is at the Tyee bar.

4:08 p.m. People reported driving on Highway 20 in a car with an open container of beer. Driver is a white female adult and the passenger is a white male adult.

4:38 p.m. Hospital reported a female subject left on foot. Before leaving, she was overheard saying she wanted to kill herself. Possibly heading toward Freeland.

Monday, Sept. 17

11:52 a.m. A juvenile turned herself

in on a warrant.

7:21 p.m. Male subject was reported driving a pickup truck erratically in the boat launch park. A few minutes later he was reported apparently passed out behind the wheel of the truck, parked with the engine running.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

10:05 a.m. Commercial burglary, North Main Street. An upstairs back door appears to have been kicked in. Nothing appears to have been taken.

2:07 p.m. Two-vehicle accident in parking lot on South Main Street.

10:19 p.m. Man arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI) on South Main Street, following a complaint that he pulled into a handicapped parking space, hitting another car and the handicapped parking sign.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

1:57 a.m. Hospital reported a patient from a motor vehicle accident is being combative.

10:35 a.m. Person locked out of vehicle, North Main Street.

2:07 p.m. Woman arrested on suspicion of driving with her license suspended or revoked, NE 3rd and North Main Street.

6:04 p.m. Burglar alarm, North Main Street.

8:14 p.m. Medical call, North Main

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POLICE

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Street. Man, 49, has possible alcohol poisoning. Lying on floor, incoherent. Not known how much alcohol was ingested.


Thursday, Sept. 20
12:47 a.m. Emergency alarm, a residence on NE 6th Street.
2:32 a.m. North Main Street resident complained that a male subject urinated on her bushes, then got into a Nissan Pathfinder and left.
2:07 p.m. Bad check complaint from South Main Street.
4:26 p.m. Woman on NW 6th Street reported out of control.
4:31 p.m. Two vehicles parked illegally in the handicapped spots in front of the multipurpose room at the elementary school. Two vehicles were cited.
5:53 p.m. Person locked out of a vehicle on South Main Street.
7:29 p.m. 9-1-1 hang-up call, SW Terry Road.

Friday, Sept. 21
5:07 p.m. Altercation between neighbors reported on South Main Street. One hit the other, trying to get her to leave.
6:28 p.m. Two-door Nissan or Toyota reported speeding on Highway 20 southbound from Monroe Landing Road, speeding and passing on the corners.

Saturday, Sept. 22
8 a.m. Officer requested by another agency to assist in moving an inmate.
10:03 a.m. Fire alarm on NW 1st


Street.
10:08 a.m. Man arrested on suspicion of burglary following a residential break-in reported on NE 3rd Street.
3:58 p.m. Man arrested in Fort Casey State Park on suspicion of driving with his license suspended or revoked.
6:22 p.m. Water reported bubbling up from the ground in front of a fire hydrant on NW Madrona Way. Town maintenance department was contacted.
9:28 p.m. Disorderly subject at the hospital is getting out of hand.
10:20 p.m. Possible DUI on South Main Street. Red truck with two male subjects in their 30s.
10:44 p.m. Citizen report of a scruffy male subject in an older brown truck stealing traffic cones in the area of the hospital.
11 p.m. Reporting party at hospital states a patient is acting up again. Officer requested to respond as soon as possible.
11:10 p.m. Noise complaint, NE Lindsay. Neighbors working on vehicles, have music turned up very loud.
Sunday, Sept. 23
8:19 p.m. Noise complaint regarding loud, offensive music coming from a vehicle at the post office.
10:23 p.m. Resident on North Main Street reported her 10-year-old son out of control, throwing things at her. He's in his room. He's also done property damage.

First Quarter




October 24th

Full Moon




October 2nd

Last Quarter



October 10th

New Moon



October 16th

WHIDBEY WEATHER SUMMARY Sept 17-Sept 23, 2001					
Location	Source: Island County WSU Cooperative Extension				
	High Temp	Low Temp	Rainfall (in.)	2001 to date	Last Year
Polnell Point	70	50	.10	12.15	11.91
NAS Whidbey	65	46	.06	10.57	11.47
West Beach	67	50	.15	10.27	11.98
Fort Casey	70	50	.11	11.14	10.33
Admirals Cove	74	45	.08	13.33	11.84
Teronda West	71	48	.07	13.205	11.84
Bay View(Ruwalt)	76	46	.10	17.68	N/A

Greenbank Farm board seeks public comment

Sunday Oct. 7, noon to 2 p.m., in the loft of the main barn at the Greenbank Farm, the Board of Directors of the Greenbank Farm Management Group will hold a public meeting to present the draft of the growth management amendment to be submitted to the Port of Coupeville. The amendment defines the uses envisioned for the farmland and buildings, based wholly on the strategic plan completed with extensive community input in July, 2000. The Port of Coupeville will review the final draft submitted by the Farm Board of Directors for submission to the Island County Planning Department. This must be done by Janu-

ary 31, 2002.
The Greenbank Artists Sale and Show, which includes book signing by local authors, will be on the main

floor of the barn Sunday, Oct. 2. Everyone is encouraged to visit the show and get a few autographs on the way to the public meeting.

Hospital to hold prostate cancer forum Saturday

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and Whidbey General Hospital is sponsoring a Prostate Cancer Forum on Saturday, Sept. 29. It will address risk factors, screening guidelines and controversies, what prostate cancer is and review some of the treatments. Cathy Goetsch, Nurse Practitioner, from Virginia Mason's Cancer Prevention/Hereditary Cancer Risk Community Clinical Oncology Program will be the speaker.

The National Cancer Institute is sponsoring a trial to evaluate our ability to prevent prostate cancer. It is called the SELECT trial. SELECT stands for the Selenium and Vitamin E Cancer Prevention Trial. The trial will enroll 32,400 men.

During Saturday's forum in Coupeville, Goetsch will also discuss the SELECT trial and address questions and concerns of those who might be interested in participating.

Recent studies suggest that both selenium and vitamin E may impact prostate cancer risk. You can help determine whether these findings are accurate by participating in the SELECT trial. Men who participate in

this study will take two nutrient supplements daily. Some men will take only selenium or vitamin E and some will take both. Others will take a placebo (inactive tablet). Participants will be evaluated twice a year over a period of seven to twelve years. To be eligible you need to be a male 55 or over (50 or older for African American men), never been diagnosed with prostate cancer, and have had no other cancer in the last five years.

In conjunction with the Sept. 28 presentation, Whidbey General Hospital will be conducting its annual prostate-screening exam with PSA blood test, from 12-4 p.m. The fee is \$20 and not covered by Medicare. Pre-registration is required and you must meet the following criteria in order to make an appointment. You must have no previous diagnosis of prostate cancer and be age 50-77, or be 45 or older, with a family history of prostate cancer, or African American. You can sign up for a PSA exam by calling WGH Community Relations at 321- or 678-7656 ext. 4005.

Hospital spokeswoman Trish Rose said the statistics support the need to take prostate cancer and screening seriously with it being the most common cancer among American men. In 2001, approximately 198,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. African American men are twice as likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer and 30 percent more likely to die from it. Overall, prostate cancer is the second-leading cause of cancer death among all American men. Finding it early is the key to survival.

If the cancer is found before it has spread outside the prostate, the five-year survival rate is 100 percent.

The chance of getting prostate cancer goes up with age. It is very important for the African American community to be aware of prostate cancer because they have the highest incidence rate in the world. Fam-

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Marine Resources panel changes meeting location

Join the Island County Marine Resources Committee at its new North Island meeting location at Heller Road Firehall at 2720 N. Heller Rd, Oak Harbor. The commission meets Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The Island County MRC, formed by federal legislation three years ago, has won about \$230,000 in grants to map Island County's eelgrass beds, its forage fish and its shoreline where bulkheads are. The panel is charged with protecting Puget Sound marine resources.

Examiner staffers honored

Sylvia Folkart and Dennis Connolly of *The Coupeville Examiner* received an award from the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association last week for their "Christmas in Coupeville" group of ads, published last December.

The ads took second place in the category of promotional advertising, within Group 1, community newspapers with circulation of


2,600 or lower.
"One of the prettier page concepts I've seen," the judge said of the two-page spread. "Ads were tastefully done and arranged... each advertiser stood out..."

Connolly is the newspaper's advertising manager, and Folkart is its artistic coordinator. They received the award Sept. 15 at the WNPA's annual convention in Tacoma.

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, October 2, 2001 7:00 p.m.

Island County Commissioners' Hearing Room 1 NE Sixth Street

I. Call To Order

II. Election of Chair and Co-Chair

III. Approval of minutes of August 7, 2001 and September 4, 2001

IV. New Business

A. Joint Planning Area Agreement Coupeville and Island County

V. Adjourn

GUEST COMMENTARY

Don't trample precious freedoms

By Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins

Last week's tragic and savage attacks on our nation's financial center and government — New York City's World Trade Center and the U.S. Pentagon — shocked and sickened America and the entire world community. They forced us, as a national community, to pause and reflect on our safety, security, and on the true strength of our commitment to a unified democracy.

The League of Women Voters joins our elected leaders and the nation in their resolve to defend our country from external attack. As we begin to rebuild and heal our country, we must take care not to ignore or trample the basic civil rights, liberties and freedoms so precious to all Americans. Let us stand together to protect and strengthen the American way of life and our democratic systems of good government that our adversaries would so like to

try to destroy.

As a people, we have resolved that we will never allow our democracy to be defeated by unseen enemies. Let us also resolve never to allow it to decay from within. Let us strike back at our attackers by demonstrating our national pride, deep patriotism and commitment to civic engagement and participation. Let us show the world that democracy is alive and well in America.

As Americans head to the polls this fall in communities across the country, many will be keenly aware of the role they play in selecting leaders, the preciousness of their right to vote, and the value of an accessible and transparent system. Primary elections in New York City (were) rescheduled for Sept. 25 and the League of Women Voters (was) there for citizens, helping things run smoothly — at polling places citywide.

Americans have responded to terrorists with heroism. We have come together as a country

and shown the world that strength lies within. Citizens have rededicated themselves to our nation in significant ways — standing in line to help those in need through donations of money, blood, food, clothing, and medical supplies.

There is something else Americans can do for their country. Participate in your government. Let your voice be heard by exercising your right to vote. Democracy, like the American spirit, cannot be broken by terrorism.

Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins is President of The League of Women Voters of the United States. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

LETTERS

Coupeville Arts Center endangered

Editor,

Many of you know that the director of the Arts Center has resigned. In addition, the Arts Center is facing critical financial concerns. The Board of Directors has appointed an interim management team for the center. The team includes Nancie Wiseman, Board President, Scot Harkins, Board Vice President, Janice Vaughan, Board Treasurer, Margaret Livermore, former Board member and past-president, Nancy Conard, Mayor of Coupeville.

This team is currently in the process of evaluating the financial options for the future of the Center. It is going to take a few weeks to make a responsible assessment.

A meeting of current and former board members of the Center was held last Thursday, to apprise them of the current situation and to seek their support. We think it is important to hold another meeting for any member of the community to attend. However, it would be most beneficial for the management team to finish their initial assessment so that we have a better understanding of the current situation and the future possibilities. We have scheduled a community meeting for Monday, October 8, 7 p.m. at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. By that time we believe we will have enough information to have a better idea of any options available. Some of you will have some good suggestions, too, and the meeting will provide an opportunity for that dialogue. If you are unable to attend the meeting but want to be kept up to date, please contact any of the team members. It would be helpful if you contact us by e-mail. We are sharing this information with everyone we can identify with an interest in the Arts Center. Please share this information with anyone you feel may wish to be included.

The Arts Center is an integral piece of our community, culturally and economically. We hope there will be a way for us to work together to see it continue.

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Ivy Vane Williams stands with her parents, Capt. Lynn and Bernice Vane, on the porch of the Judge Still house in 1946

Former resident sad Judge Still House might be demolished

Editor,

It was with great sadness I received the article from the Coupeville paper about the Still Home (possibly) being demolished (*Examiner* Sept. 14). That home means so much to me as I lived there for several years with my parents.

In 1935 my father Capt. Lynne Vane (old timers will remember him



and my mother very well) bought the house after he retired from the Army. He bought the house from Madam Engle.

Three of us Vane kids were still in school — and I was in the old high school, graduating in 1936.

Then my parents named the home "Wanderest" as after doing so much traveling in the Army they finally were able to settle down.

We had lived at Ft. Casey for nine years in the '20s — then went elsewhere, but when my dad retired we all wanted to come "home," which was Coupeville.

In 1942 my second son was born in that home — I didn't make it to Mrs. Harpole's Maternity Home (in back of the bank).

My niece, who sent me the article, is Jan Ford. She wrote of all the family fun we had even when she was a child.

My dad used to climb into the attic and open that window in front and put up the flag. Old Glory was always there.

Thank you for the article. I know it is an old home, but it belongs in the history books.

Ivy Vane Williams
Tacoma, Wash.

Volunteers wanted for beach cleanup

Editor,

Whidbey fisherfolk have enjoyed a fabulous and abundant humpie season. Unfortunately, fishing can be a messy business and our beaches are showing some wear and tear. Our beaches need a good fall cleaning!

On Saturday, Oct. 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, volunteers are needed to scour the beaches. To that end, we need supervisors.

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EDITORIAL

News: Noon Tuesday.
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Healing begins with moving ceremony

What a long, hard road we have traveled since Sept. 11. But we've traveled it the only way we could have made it, together. We've shared our shock, our black fear, our deep sorrow and buckets of tears. We continue to hug each other, pray together, and join voices to sing "God Bless America" — unless the words stick in our throats, then we just cry more tears and that's OK, too. Healing is a very slow process.

Fortunately, we live in a community that comes together not only in joy but also in sorrow. The call to gather was a welcome sound to us and obviously to many others. As we drove into Coupeville a little after noon that Friday, Sept. 14, just seeing little groups of people quietly walking toward Town Hall made it hard for me to swallow. They came from both Whidbey Island and Pacific Northwest banks, from Windermere Real Estate/Center Isle, Prairie Center Family Grocer, Coupeville Pharmacy — everywhere. It seemed the entire business district as well as residents had come for the ceremony.

The Colors were presented; Mayor Nancy Conard spoke then introduced Darrell Berg, retired United Methodist minister, who read "Doubletalk," written by Ireland's poet laureate, Seamus Heaney. "I felt Heaney's words were what was needed," the Rev. Berg said. He was right, it was perfect.

And then we sang. Or tried to. It's hard to sing when your throat isn't working right because your heart is breaking.

But we tried — for those on the East Coast and those from Whidbey Island who no longer walk the Earth.

Sunday, we stood in the South Whidbey High School auditorium and sang together again and this time a bit stronger. And then, for over an hour, we were spirited away by the Seattle Symphony playing "España," excerpts from "Carmen" and symphonic dances from "West Side



THIS & THAT
By Irene Mueller

Story." We could have been stone deaf and not missed a thing. Alastair Willis, a magnificent and energetic conductor moved expertly with every note. Wonderful.

Don't throw that junk mail away without looking at it very carefully. Last week, I opened two pieces of our mail that I would have ordinarily tossed into the recycle basket unopened. This time I didn't. Thank heaven. "Simply call us at . . . to cancel, one said and then the zinger, "if you want to keep the membership do nothing and we will charge you the one time enrollment fee of \$49.95 and \$9 a month thereafter."

Do nothing?
That's exactly what I would have done if I had tossed the envelope without reading the contents. \$49.95 is more money than I choose to spend on nothing.

"If you do not cancel prior to the end of the trial period, the second letter stated, "we will charge your credit card, as explained during your telephone order, for the annual membership fee of only \$99.95."

And there, my friends, is the rub. There was no telephone order — no contact of any kind.

Neither Gordie nor I would sign up for a program that gave us savings on cruises and airfare. Gordie doesn't fly anywhere, and I don't go far without him.

Neither company had called to solicit our enrollment in their program. But still, had I not opened the junk mail, our credit card billing would have included the \$49.95 and the \$99.95 charges. Once before we had a charge on our credit card bill that wasn't ours and that time, the charge was deleted without question and maybe these would have been too. Maybe.

I'd rather stop unwanted charges before they get on our bill. I called both companies, and no one argued

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A year in the life of a sandpiper

Part one of two articles

A rain squall passes over the shrubby tundra of Alaska's Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, the slanting rain spelling trouble for a clutch of recently hatched western sandpipers.

Wild Wings

by
Steve and Martha
Ellis

The adult female quickly shelters her brood from the passing storm. It's early June and hundreds of nearby sandpiper families are similarly affected.

For the next 10 days, the young "pipers" follow their parents along the edges of ponds, feeding on the superabundance of insects produced in the shallow waters. Twenty hours of daylight provide plenty of foraging time for the chicks.

The young have not yet acquired all the feathers needed for flight, making them vulnerable to attack. A fox appears, wending its way through the willows. The sparrow-sized young pipers freeze, trusting to their camouflage coloring. The brood of four would make a fine meal for the hungry predator. Sensing disaster, the adult male sandpiper goes into action. His tail is tipped up as he scurries through a patch of sedge, his markings and movements perfectly mimicking the activity of a small rodent, but the fox ignores this distraction. He has his eyes (or rather his nose) on bigger quarry: an unwary snowshoe hare browsing among the willows.

Sometimes danger threatens from on high. A jaeger, a gull-like predator, descends quickly and snatches a chick. It, too, has young to care for and it is very familiar with the sandpiper breeding areas.

In late June, a drastic change has occurred in the sandpiper family. After days of wing stretching, the young have mastered the art of flying. Soon the parents leave the family, each joining a flock of other

adults. Their southern migration has begun, a journey that will take them all the way to northern Peru. The three remaining juveniles, bereft of parental care, band together along a stream bank with scores of other orphans. For two weeks, this flock follows a rhythm of eating and resting, eating and resting.

By mid-July, the urge to migrate is strong and the flock unites with others along the Kuskokwim Delta. Frantic feeding precedes the big push south. Weight and strength are needed for the arduous migration.

How the young find their way along the ancient migration paths without any adult guidance is a mystery. The Alaskan coastline is rugged and misleading. The flock of inexperienced birds could easily find itself traveling the length of the Aleutian Islands, bound for the open waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Early August finds the young pipers on an island with a large brackish lake. The mud along the lakeshore is filled with invertebrates, an energy-rich food source. This diet helps replenish the weight and strength lost to the long migration flights. The young aren't alone here; there are groups of plovers, yellowlegs, dowitchers, and other shorebirds. Crockett's Lake becomes a two-month refueling stop before the southern migration continues. Our young sandpipers are now reunited with a flock of adults of their own species. The area, though rich in food, also harbors danger. An experienced peregrine falcon hunts the flock daily.

At this time, the adult sandpipers are gray-brown above and white below and have long, sharply pointed bills. The juveniles resemble the adults, but have some rufous edges on their backs and their bills are shorter. Crockett's Lake seems a little barren and lonely after their departure, but another invasion is coming. Soon there will be dunlin by the hundreds, filling the mudflats.

Next month, Part 2: The western sandpipers return to Crockett's Lake on their northward journey to the breeding grounds in western Alaska.

Sightings

Bob Merrick reports finding a

marbled godwit in Crockett's Lake. This mottled, buffy-brown shorebird is 16-20 inches long and has a long, slightly upturned bill. A few migrate down the coast, but they are somewhat more common through the interior.

We found a ruby-crowned kinglet in Ft. Ebey State Park, the first sighting of the fall. These tiny birds breed in the mountains and winter in the lowlands.

Close Focus: Dunlin

Dunlin are members of the sandpiper family. In winter, they are gray-brown above with a grayish breast and white belly. The bill is long and stout, drooping at the tip. At 8-9 inches, they are longer and plumper than western sandpipers.

These shorebirds stay in the breeding grounds of Alaska until cold weather sets in, when flocks in the hundreds find their way to Crockett's Lake mudflats. Unlike the western sandpipers, they'll often overwinter here. Their diet consists of insects, mollusks and marine worms. They move slowly through shallow water, probing with their long bills.

When a falcon appears, the entire flock takes to the air. In unison, hundreds of bodies twist and turn, alternating the dull back with the flashing white underside. We witnessed this spectacle when a merlin, a small falcon, came in low to attack the flock. The dunlin took flight, twisting, rising and falling, resembling a portion of the northern lights brought to earth. The startled falcon, unable to concentrate on a single target, spiraled upward and went elsewhere in search of a meal.

In the spring, the dunlin become rusty red above with a black patch across the belly. By the third week in May, they have left for the Alaskan breeding grounds.

Methodists host 'mission celebration' events

From Saturday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Oct. 7, the United Methodist Churches of the Puget Sound District will be staging a Mission Celebration Event. Various programs, fairs, speakers and special worship services will be held in the churches of the District.

Coupeville United Methodist Church will mark the opening of its celebration on Sunday, Sept. 30, with Heather Hanson as the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. worship service. Ms. Hanson is the General Board of Global Missions Western Jurisdiction Representative. A potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2 at noon, Bar-

bara Dadd Shaffer will speak on "Native Cultures, Alaska Mission, Russia Connection." This is the UMW Annual Fall Luncheon but the event is open to anyone who is interested.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3 from 5-7 p.m., Francine Tshisola will discuss the "Children at the Jamaa" Letu Orphanage at Lubumbashi, Congo. There will be a reception in the parlor following the presentation. Since receiving word a week ago that Mrs. Tshisola would be their guest, a group of church women has made 22 blankets to send back to the orphanage in the Congo with her.

All of these celebration events are open to the public.



Worship Guide

Coupeville United Methodist Church
Welcomes You To Our
Sunday Services
Winter Schedule

Early Service	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
All ages	
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.

Pastor Mary P. Boyd
608 N Main Street
678-4256

Coupeville Foursquare Church
105 N. Broadway, Coupeville

Sunday - Worship at 10 a.m.
Children's Church - Ages 3 to 3rd grade
Tuesday - Intercessory Prayer at 7 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Garrett Arnold 678-6692

Oak Harbor Lutheran Church
NW 2nd Ave. and Heller Road
2 blocks west of O.H. High School
Saturday Celebration.....5:30 p.m.

Sunday

Worship.....	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:15 a.m.
Worship.....	10:30 a.m.

Nursery available during worship and study
Pastor Jerry Buss 679-1561
Lynne Ogren, Youth and Family Ministry

Coupeville Community Bible Church

Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....	6:00 p.m.

Pastor Ozell Jackson
678-4778
502 NE Otis St. • Coupeville, WA 98239

GO TO THE MOVIES

BLUE FOX DRIVE-IN
Monroe Landing Road at Hwy. 20
Oak Harbor • 360-675-5667
Fri. Sep. 28 - Sun. Sep. 30
Open 7 p.m., movie at 7:30 p.m.
JURASSIC PARK III (PG-13)
AMERICAN PIE 2 (R)

THE CLYDE THEATRE
First Street • Langley
360-221-5525
Fri. & Sat. 7:00 and 9:15 p.m.
Sun. - Thu. 7:30 p.m.
Sep. 28 - Oct. 1
RUSH HOUR 2 (PG-13)
Oct. 2
HOLLYWOOD BEHIND THE SCENES (R)
Oct. 3 - 4
THE ANNIVERSARY PARTY (R)

PLAZA CINEMAS
1321 SW Barlow Street
Oak Harbor • 360-279-2226
Sep. 28 - Oct. 4
() Fri. & Sat. ONLY
DON'T SAY A WORD (R)
1:50 • 4:15 • 7:00 • (9:15)
ZOOLANDER (PG-13)
2:00 • 4:00 • 7:05 • (9:00)
THE MUSKETEER (PG-13)
1:45 • 4:10 • 7:10 • (9:20)

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Halloweenie Beanies

THE HONEY BEAR
23 FRONT STREET 678-6122

WASL

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Grade 4 Results

• This was the fifth year the WASL was administered to fourth-grade students.

• Reading scores improved from 65.8 percent last year to 66.1 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the five-year period WASL has been administered, the percent of students who met or exceeded reading standards increased by 18.2 percentage points.

• Math scores improved from 41.8 percent to 43.4 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the five-year period WASL has been administered, the percentage of students who met or exceeded math standards increased by 22 percentage points.

• Writing scores improved from 39.4 percent to 43.3 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year.

• Listening scores also jumped from 65.3 percent last year to 72.4 percent this year.

Grade 7 Results

• This was the fourth year the WASL was administered to seventh-grade students.

• Reading scores decreased from 41.5 percent last year to 39.8 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the four-year period WASL has been administered, the percent of students who met or exceeded reading standards increased by 1.4 percentage points.

• Math scores also saw a decline in seventh grade from 28.2 percent to 27.4 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the four-year period WASL has been administered, the percentage of students who met or exceeded math

standards increased by 7.3 percentage points.

• Writing scores improved from 42.6 percent to 48.5 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Writing scores have improved consistently each year since the assessment was first given in 1998.

• Listening scores increased at the seventh grade from 79.6 percent to 82.5 percentage of students meeting or exceeding standard.

Grade 10 Results

• This was the third year the WASL was administered to 10th grade students.

• Reading scores increased from 59.8 percent last year to 62.4 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the three-year period WASL has been administered, the percent of students who met or exceeded reading standards increased by 11 percentage points.

• Math scores increased from 35 percent to 38.9 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year. Over the three-year period WASL has been administered, the percent of students who met or exceeded math standards increased by 5.9 percentage points.

• Writing scores saw a substantial increase from 31.7 percent to 46.9 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year.

• Listening scores continue to increase from 77.8 percent last year to 84 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards this year.

Among the findings related to special student populations:

Race/Ethnicity

• Slight improvements in the percentage of fourth-grade students of color meeting standard in reading, writing and mathematics and listening

• Slight decreases in the percent of

seventh-grade Asian/Pacific Islanders, Black and Hispanic students meeting standard in math (same as white student trend)

• Noteworthy increases in the percent of all seventh-grade students of color meeting standard in writing

• Gains across all racial/ethnic groups in the percent of all tenth-grade students meeting the standard in all content areas.

Special Education Students

• All students in special education programs are now being assessed either through the WASL, the WASL with accommodations or through the Washington Alternative Assessment System (WAAS)

• More students in special education programs participated in the Washington assessment system

• More students in special education programs met the standard this year in the fourth and tenth grades across all content areas.

Bilingual Students

• More bilingual students met standard this year across all grades in writing and listening

• Slight drop noted in seventh grade reading and mathematics

• Data indicates Washington has two large groups of bilingual students:

1) Multilingual districts where students speak up to 72 different languages - predominantly in western Washington

2) Bilingual districts where one language (usually Spanish) is the main language among bilingual students - predominantly in eastern Washington

• OSPI is undertaking major changes in the bilingual education program to improve the English proficiency and academic achievement of these students, said Bergeson.

Five-point plan for improvement includes implementing a single lan-

guage proficiency assessment, increasing the number of bilingual education teachers, and developing bilingual education programs to handle districts with large bilingual populations and districts with large multilingual populations.

"Our goal is to help students in the bilingual education program make a smooth transition from their native language to English at the same time they are gaining academic concepts and skills," Bergeson said.

Gender

• **READING** - Girls continue to score higher than boys in all grades, ranging from 8.7 percentage points in grade 4 to 13.9 percentage points in grade 10. Scores for boys declined in reading in grades 4 and 7.

• **MATHEMATICS** - Girls and boys are achieving at the same levels across all grades. Gains were made in grades 4 and 10.

• **WRITING** - Girls' scores were markedly higher than boys' in all grades in writing.

Reading Goals

• 66.1 percent of students in Washington schools met standard in 2001, just shy of the statewide goal of 66.7 percent - a difference of 459 students.

• 171 school districts (68 percent) met or exceeded the state reading goal, 81 districts (32 percent) did not, and 44 districts were exempt from the reporting requirement because they had fewer than 10 students

• 640 schools (63 percent) met or exceeded the state reading goal, 381 schools (37 percent) did not, and 65 schools were exempted from the reporting requirement. Fewer than 585 students were affected by school and district exemptions.

In looking to the new school year, Bergeson outlined a series of challenges and action items to improve

student learning. Highlights include:

1) A targeted initiative to support middle/junior high school students

2) Implementation of a \$15 million federal grant to improve early reading in struggling schools

3) Implementation of a \$5 million federal grant to improve learning for students with disabilities

4) Doubling the highly-effective Math Helping Corps

5) Launch electronic planning tool that will revolutionize school improvement planning

"OSPI will take a leadership role in each of these challenges to ensure the desired outcome," added Bergeson. "But we must come to understand that improved student learning is a shared responsibility. Our educators cannot - and should not - bear this burden alone. The kind of change we're focused on requires all of us to do our part to help ALL children succeed. Thanks a million for your ongoing commitment to our kids."

For more information about the 2001 WASL score results, visit the OSPI Web page at www.k12.wa.us.

IRENE

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—the minute I said I had not ordered the program, I was given a cancellation number.

We have to pay more attention!



The Coupeville Arts Center, a vital part of our community, culturally and economically needs your attention. Join past and present board members at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8 at the recreation hall, learn the current status of the Center and share your ideas on future possibilities. See you there?

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

■ **Preschool Storytime**, for children 2 1/2 to 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Coupeville Library.

■ **Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington**, no host lunch, 11:30 a.m. at Christophers Front Street Cafe in Coupeville. Business meeting will follow lunch at Island County Historical Museum. 360-675-4384.

■ **On Golden Pond**, 8 p.m. at Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor. Call 360-679-2237 for tickets.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

■ **Pancake Breakfast** at the Masonic Lodge, Main Street in Coupeville. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5, children under 12 years \$3.

■ **Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association Bowling Pin Shoot**, 9 a.m., at the range south of Coupeville on Safari Road. Public is welcome. For more information call 360-678-5008.

■ **Coupeville Farmers Market**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, preserves and crafts. 8th and N.Main Streets.

■ **WICA's Annual Gala Dinner Auction**, 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Useless Bay Country Club. Call for tickets to box office, 221-8268 or 800-638-7631.

■ **On Golden Pond**, 8 p.m. at Whidbey Playhouse, Oak Harbor. Call 360-679-2237 for tickets.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

■ **Sunday Market** at the Greenbank Farm, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Produce, crafts, hot food.

■ **People for Puget Sound Tenth Anniversary Celebration**, 2 to 5 p.m. at Coupeville Recreation Hall, corner of Coveland and Alexander Sts, Coupeville. RSVP to 360-336-1931 or to northsound@puget-sound.org.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

■ **Learn Basic Computers, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

■ **Sports Medicine**: Robert Martin, physical therapist, will answer your questions and have handouts and exercise tips. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

■ **Marine Resources Committee meeting**, 4 to 6 p.m. at NEW LOCATION, Heller Road Fire Hall, 2720 Heller Road, Oak Harbor. Public is welcome. For more information call Don Meehan at 360-679-7327 or visit website at www.islandcountymrc.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

■ **Greenbank Garden Club meeting**, 11 a.m. (later than usual) business meeting, 11:45 program with Nicole Luce on growing hops and making beer, followed by an Oktoberfest celebration. Greenbank Community Hall, Bakken Road one block off Hwy. 525 in Greenbank. The public is invited and new members are welcome. 678-5453.

■ **Lymphedema and treatment options**: Amy Hauser, physical therapist, will answer your questions about a new program and its benefits. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

■ **Water Resource Advisory Committee meeting**, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Taylor Road Firehouse (between Crescent Harbor and Silver Lake Roads) in Oak Harbor.

■ **Friends of the Coupeville Library**, annual meeting, 6 p.m. at the Library.

■ **Nancy Pearl Book Reviews**, 7 p.m. at the Coupeville Library. Nancy Pearl is executive director of the Washington Center for the Book and KUOW book reviewer.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

■ **Preschool Storytime**, for children 2 1/2 to 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Coupeville Library.

■ **DjangoFest Northwest**, the music and spirit of Django Reinhardt and Gypsy Jazz, 8 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at door, \$12 students. Call WICA at 221-8268 or 800-638-7631.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

■ **Pancake Breakfast** at the Masonic Lodge, Main Street in Coupeville. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5, children under 12 years \$3.

■ **Coupeville Farmers Market**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, preserves

and crafts. 8th and N.Main Streets.

■ **Artists and Authors at the Greenbank Farm**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art show and sale, art demonstrations, and book sales and signings with local authors. Free admission. Runs through Sunday, Oct. 7.

■ **DjangoFest Northwest**, the music and spirit of Django Reinhardt and Gypsy Jazz, 8 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at door, \$12 students. Call WICA at 221-8268 or 800-638-7631.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

■ **Artists and Authors at the Greenbank Farm**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Art show and sale, art demonstrations, and book sales and signings with local authors on the floor of the main barn. Free admission.

■ **Sunday Market** at the Greenbank Farm, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Produce, crafts, hot food.

■ **Board of Directors of the Greenbank Farm: Public Meeting**, noon to 2 p.m. in the loft of the main barn. Presentation of the draft growth management amendment defining uses for the land and buildings, for submission to the Port of Coupeville.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

■ **Job Skills Identification, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

■ **Oak Harbor Garden Club meeting**, 9:45 a.m. in IOOF Hall, 721 SE Barrington Avenue, Oak Harbor. Morning program is "Creative and Traditional Mass Arrangements." Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by "Foundation Do's and Don'ts" with Roger Ragusa of Wells Nursery. New members welcome. 679-9139 or 679-2101.

■ **Ergonomics**: Phillip Groening, OTR/L, will answer your questions about repetitive strain injuries. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

■ **Effective Resumes, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

■ **Interviewing Techniques, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

■ **Fall Prevention and the Inner Ear**: Gary Piazzon, physical therapist, will answer your questions and have handouts. See if you can pass his Balance Test. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

■ **Whidbey Audubon all-island meeting**, Nic Hallett on "Birders' Tools: How to Choose the Right Binoculars." 7 p.m. coffee and conversation, 7:20 meeting at the Race Road Fire Hall, south of Coupeville. Public is welcome.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

■ **Researching Your Job Market, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

■ **Pancake Breakfast** at the Masonic Lodge, Main Street in Coupeville. 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5, children under 12 years \$3.

■ **Harvest Fest at the Coupeville Farmers Market**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fresh produce, flowers, plants, baked goods, preserves, crafts, activities for kids. 8th and N.Main Streets.

■ **Beach Cleanup**, 10 a.m. to noon, Deception Pass, Ala Spit, Joseph Whidbey State Park, Ebey's Landing, Keystone Spit at Fort Casey, Lagoon Point, Bush Point and others. Litter bags supplied. 360-678-4100.

■ **Native American Tales of Water and Woods**, Tom Dailey storytelling and puppetry for all ages, 3 p.m. at the Coupeville Library.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

■ **Quilters on the Rock meeting**, 7 p.m. in the community room at the Coupeville Methodist Church.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

■ **Learn Basic Computers, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

■ **Pediatric Therapy**: Amy Martin, PT and Ann Hardy, OTR/L, will answer your questions about helping your child develop motor skills. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

■ **Intermediate Microsoft Word, Module 1, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 8:30 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

■ **Marine Resources Committee meeting**, 4 to 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland. Public is welcome. For more information call Don Meehan at 360-679-7327 or visit website at www.islandcountymrc.org.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

■ **Urinary Incontinence**: Jennifer Hampsher, PT and Michelle Beesley, RN, will answer your questions about the PFD program. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Rehabilitation Services Department at Whidbey General Hospital. Free.

■ **Agricultural Best Management Practices presentation**, 7 - 9 p.m. at South Whidbey Intermediate School, Community Room, 5380 S. Maxwellton Rd., Langley. Explanation of new ordinance relating to properties in the Rural Agriculture Zone and Commercial Agriculture Zone when critical areas (lakes, creeks, ponds) are on or near the property.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

■ **Northwest Book Fest Bus Trip**, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., \$25, to the largest literary festival in the PNW. Reserve through Coupeville Community Education at 678-6222 or the Coupeville Library, 678-4911.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

■ **Job Skills Identification, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

■ **Effective Resumes, free class at WorkSource Whidbey**, 9 a.m. to noon. 31975 State Route 20, Suite 3, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-5966 to register.



Vern Olson leads others in patriotic song at the September 14 service of prayer and remembrance in concert with the rest of the nation.

Linda Marsh Photos

LETTERS

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A supervisor will show up at an assigned beach about 9:45 and give out big bags (that we will supply), and gloves (which will need to be returned). We will provide all equipment and we will pick up all the filled and unused bags and dirty gloves and dispose of all the collected litter. At 12:30, the supervisor will be free to go. We will give a quick lesson to anyone interested concerning the need for beach litter pickup and its impact on the environment.

We are hoping for a good turnout. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this endeavor. Please call Cheryl May at 678-4100 if you are interested in any of the beaches listed or if you know of a specific fishing beach, that is open to the public, that may need our help.

Beaches to be cleaned are at Deception Pass, Ala Spit, Joseph Whidbey State Park, Ebey's Landing, Keystone Spit at Ft. Casey, Lagoon

Point and Bush Point.

Sarah Schmidt, Program Coordinator
Island County/WSU Beach Watchers

A whole new meaning for 911

Editor,

In the wake of the horrific terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., the numbers 911 take on a whole new meaning. Generally, we think of 911 as a number to call in an emergency. But now, we will remember 9-11 or September 11, 2001 the same way we remember December 7, 1941, the day Pearl Harbor was attacked. As I watched the television coverage of the destruction at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, I thought back to the commencement ceremonies we had attended when our sons and daughters graduated from high school and college.

I remembered thinking that, while I was very proud of what our children had accomplished, I also was very thankful they were not facing a

world at war. Theirs was the first generation in recent memory that was free from the specter of military conscription and armed conflict. My grandfathers and great uncles had faced World War I during their teens and early twenties. Some went to war; others worked in essential industries like the Montana copper mines.

A generation later, my dad and uncles enlisted right after their high school graduation to fight in World War II.

In the late '60s, as my college classmates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, I did basic training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, not knowing whether I'd be shipped off to Vietnam. So, as I watched our kids accept their diplomas, I was very grateful that they could start their careers and families under a veil of peace and prosperity.

That all changed on 9-11-01. The enemy who perpetrated the attack on September 11 is unlike any we have seen before. They have no military installations, no uniforms, no sophisticated weapons — and they are difficult to find and bring to justice.

In the back of our minds, we all knew the potential was there for such a devastating terrorist attack, but we hoped and prayed it would never happen. But happen it did.

While 911 will always be an emergency number, 9-11 — September 11, 2001 — should mark the beginning of our resolve to wipe out terrorism and make the world a safer place for our kids.

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Introduction, Mayor Nancy Conard

Invocation, Rev. Darrel Berg

God of goodness, truth and beauty, You are also the God of love, power and justice. Violence, death, fear and rage have gripped the world again. We are stunned, grief stricken and outraged. We pray for the comfort of those who are bereaved because of the loss of family members and friends, for those whose lives have been scarred by what they have seen.

We pray for the President of our country and for his advisors and all the leaders of the world, that they may be given wisdom and good judgment. We pray that we will not resort to the means our enemies have chosen, but will struggle to find ways to be instruments of your peace. Give us the patience to allow the equalizers of history to do their work as the yeast works in the dough to make the bread of justice rise. May no response of ours visit prejudice on any religious, ethnic or national group.

These are our prayers on this the 4th day after the Apocalyptic event that ended forever our innocence, our invulnerability and our insulation from the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, and we offer them in the name of the Prince of Peace. AMEN

Passages from the Poets

During these feverish moments when our reflexes are ready for retaliation, it is well for us to remember what the poets have said to us. One of them is Seamus Heaney, the poet laureate of Ireland. His poem is entitled "Doubletake"

Human beings suffer, they torture one another.

They get hurt and they get hard.

No poem play or song,

Can fully right a wrong,

Inflicted or endured.

The innocent in jails,

Beat on their bars together.

The hunger striker's father,

Stands in the graveyard dumb.

The police widow in veils,

Faints at the funeral home.

History says don't hope

On this side of the grave.

But then, a once in a lifetime

Tidal wave of justice can rise up,

And hope and history rhyme.

So hope for the great sea-change,

On the far side of revenge.

Believe that further shore

Is reachable from here.

Believe in miracles and cures and healing wells.

Call miracles self healing,

Utter self revealing,

Doubletake of feeling.

If there's fire on the mountain,

Or lightning or storm,

And a god speaks from the sky.

That means someone is hearing,

The outcry and the birth cry of new life at its term

What is that great sea-change on the far side of revenge? It is Peace on earth and good will toward men. It is that once in a lifetime, tidal wave of justice, which can rise up, so that hope and history rhyme. So that is what we believe in, that is what we hope for, that great sea-change on the far side of revenge. That is the further shore that is reachable from here, if we believe in it, in spite of all immediate evidence to the contrary.

The sound of the sirens is the sound of a wailing wall that is rising all across our country, the voice of Rachel, weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted. Because they are not, the lives of those who are buried beneath five stories of rubble in Manhattan and the lives of those lost in the Pentagon and those in the fields of Pennsylvania, those rescue workers who gave their lives in the effort to save those who had lost theirs. The sound of the sirens will be followed by a moment of silence to be concluded by the ringing of the church bells. Vern Olson will then lead us in singing "God Bless America," and "America the Beautiful," to be followed by the benediction.

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	----- COUPEVILLE -----				
	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01
Grade 4					
Reading	53.5	61.2	58.2	73.4	65.7
Listening	67.3	79.8	59.3	67.0	78.2
Writing	37.6	16.7	16.5	36.6	37.9
Math	17.8	27.4	20.9	39.8	34.5
Grade 7					
Reading	NT	64.3	40.8	54.8	63.4
Listening	NT	96.4	95.8	93.3	91.5
Writing	NT	35.7	44.2	52.9	74.4
Math	NT	36.9	20.0	37.5	33.8
Grade 10					
Reading	NT	NT	51.6	70.5	85.5
Listening	NT	NT	65.3	88.4	94.7
Writing	NT	NT	40.4	34.7	65.8
Math	NT	NT	34.0	52.1	60.5

NT = test was not taken.
NA = information was not available.
BOLD = improvement over previous year.

NOTE: The 2000-2001 state WASL results were not available as this newsletter went to press. They can be accessed when released by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/edprofile/>.

Drought update:
final review of the 2001 drought

Following is the Department of Ecology's (Ecology) final weekly report, dated Sept. 25, about the status of drought conditions in Washington, assistance provided by state agencies, and what citizens can do to conserve and share water.

Status of drought conditions

Washington continues to be in a state of "drought emergency" that Ecology declared on March 14. That declaration will remain in effect through Dec. 31, 2001.

Meanwhile, Oct. 1 is the beginning of a new water year. The water year of Oct. 1, 2000, through Sept. 30, 2001, was among the lowest water years on record, for all rivers in Washington. It was the lowest water year ever recorded for the Wenatchee River.

"We are through the most difficult months of this year's drought, with the agricultural-irrigation season behind us," said Doug McChesney, Ecology's drought coordinator. "Now we are waiting to see what the coming months hold for replenishing our water supplies for people to drink, generating electricity and for other uses."

Washington requires a great deal of water in the fall and winter months to generate electricity. McChesney said there is no indication that the weather in the coming fall and winter months will be unusual. He said he hopes to get enough water to supply the state's drinking water and electrical needs in the next several months.

McChesney added that it is too early to predict whether the drought will continue into 2002.

The droughts of 1977 and 2001 compared

The 1977 drought was the worst on record, but in some respects the 2001 drought comes close to surpassing the 1977 drought. Following are some data about how the drought affected Washington state by late September 1977 compared to late September 2001.

In 1977, total precipitation received at most locations from October 1976 through September 1977 ranged from 50 to 75 percent of normal levels, and in parts of Eastern Washington as low as 42 to 45 percent of normal. By the end of September 1977, water supplies in streams returned to near normal in Eastern Washington and well above average in Western Washington, but flows declined in early October due to dry weather.

2001: Since October 2000 through mid-September 2001, precipitation has been 56-74 percent of normal. Water levels remain below normal for most Eastern Washington rivers. The Yakima River basin was slightly above record lows set in 1994. This year, some water-right holders received only 37 percent of their normal water supplies, which allowed other water-right holders to get their needed supply. Fifty thousand acre-feet or less of water will be in storage in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's five reservoirs, compared with 300,000 acre-feet at the

end of the 2000-irrigation season.

In 1977, a \$410 million loss to the gross state product was estimated over a two-year period. Forecasters predicted that the aluminum industry would be hit the hardest, with major losses in agriculture and service industries, including a \$5 million loss in the ski industry.

2001: Because of drought conditions, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency is recommending that producers consult with their local crop insurance agent by Oct. 1 regarding federally subsidized multiple-peril crop insurance for acreage affected by the continuing drought. Dry soil conditions have impeded the planting of winter wheat in some counties, and livestock producers are running low on pastures.

Meanwhile, the Roza Irrigation District began shutting down Monday, Sept. 24, nearly a month earlier than normal.

In 1977, 13,000 jobs were expected to be lost because of layoffs in the aluminum and agricultural industries.

2001: 2,000-3,000 aluminum smelter workers lost their jobs at the Kaiser and Vanalco plants. Economic uncertainty, energy supplies and the drought contributed to the job losses.

In 1977, 1,319 forest fires had burned 10,800 acres. The Washington Department of Natural Resources fire-fighting activities involved more than 7,000-person hours and cost

more than \$1.5 million.

2001: As of Sept. 19, Washington's federal, state and private forests had 1,162 fires that burned 223,857 acres.

In August and September 1977, water levels at the Goldendale and Spokane trout hatcheries were down. Fish had difficulties passing through Kendall Creek, a tributary to the north fork of the Nooksack River.

2001: The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is currently installing an aerator at the North Toutle hatchery on the Green River and a water re-use pump at the Puyallup hatchery to address low-flow problems caused by the drought. Those modifications, financed with state drought-relief funds, should be the last in a series of drought-related measures taken at a dozen state hatcheries this summer, said Chuck Johnson, WDFW hatcheries operations manager.

"The steps we're taking at North Toutle, Puyallup and other hatcheries should see us through until the rain starts falling," Johnson said. "In some cases, we had to move fish to other facilities to protect them from high temperatures and disease, but right now we feel that the situation is pretty much in hand."

In 1977, Ecology issued 517 temporary ground-water permits to help farmers and communities drill more wells.

2001: Ecology issued 172 temporary emergency water-right permits and changes of existing water rights.

Conservation tips for this week

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator to avoid turning faucets on and off and wasting water.

Clean gutters with rags and a bucket of water, not a running hose.

History Mystery



Island County Historical Society Museum Photo

Do you recognize this child? The Island County Historical Society Museum has many photographs from the collections of island families, and would appreciate any information you might have about the people in the photos. The ICHS Museum can be reached at 360-678-3310.

Nancy Pearl
to speak here

Nancy Pearl, of KUOW fame, will appear as guest speaker at the Coupeville Library next Thursday, Oct. 5.

Her presentation, "Nancy Pearl Book Reviews," begins at 7 p.m.

It's open to the public and admission is free.

Pearl is executive director of the Washington Center for the Book at the Seattle Public Library.

The mission of the Washington Center for the Book is to promote and celebrate the written word and to develop a "community of the book" in the state of Washington. Nancy also regularly reviews fiction and non-fiction for local and national publications. In 1998, Library Journal named her Fiction Reviewer of the Year. She has also authored a book "Now Read This: A Guide to Mainstream Fiction, 1978-1998."



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The blockhouses

The architecture of war is in our midst even as the architecture of peace surrounds us with farmhouses and shops and schools. Blockhouses are a reminder that the shadow of war has fallen over us before and that useful action was chosen in that time of darkness

neer fortress of choice, both because material for construction was close at hand but also because the blockhouse was a fairly effective refuge from hostile forces.

Log architecture — buildings constructed of horizontally laid timbers notched and fitted together at the corners — is considered a distinctly American style of building, though Swedish, Finnish and German immigrants brought the architectural style to this country.

On an autumn day in 1855, roused to action by news of "uprisings" on the mainland, settlers met at the home of John Crockett and decided to build



The Davis blockhouse overlooks Ebey's Prairie from the ridge above Sunnyside Cemetery.

Sally Hayton-Keeva Photos



The Alexander blockhouse sits next to the Island County Historical Society Museum on Alexander Street in Coupeville.

a blockhouse for their mutual protection. By the end of the second day

the building was nearly completed. Later, additional blockhouses were

built and a stockade placed around them creating an effective fortress against attack.

At the same time, John Alexander built a blockhouse which offered protection to settlers living on the inner shores of the island. It was surrounded by a double stockade of sharpened posts about 10 feet high. There were gun slits in the ground floor walls and in the overhanging second story, typical of all the blockhouses, providing clear fields of fire on all sides.

The Davis Blockhouse stands at the edge of Sunnyside Cemetery, built by the brother of Rebecca Ebey, wife of Col. Isaac Ebey, who was later beheaded by members of a Canadian tribe. In this blockhouse are the remains of a stone fireplace built by Chinese laborers who lived in the building for a short time.

Jacob Ebey, father of the unfortu-

nate Isaac, later built a stockade with blockhouses at each corner.

The one that remains later served as Winfield Ebey's law office, the first such office on Whidbey Island. This blockhouse and the Crockett blockhouse are on private property.

The Crockett, Davis, Ebey and Alexander blockhouses are the only ones remaining from the original 11. None of them were ever used for the purpose for which they had been built, although there is anecdotal evidence that some families sought refuge in them during brief periods of unease.

Especially since so many blockhouses have disappeared from the American scene, it is notable that these four have been preserved from destruction by vandals, time and weather. The local chapter of the Daughters of the Pioneers of Washington, among other organizations, spearheaded successful efforts to save these venerable and interesting structures. (A fifth was loaned to the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909 where it was reportedly used as a cafe before being moved to Tacoma's Point Defiance Park.)

For a time the Alexander Blockhouse, situated next to the Island County Museum, was itself a mini-museum filled with pioneer artifacts on display. Due to theft it was closed to visitors for a number of years. Reopened, it provides a fascinating glimpse into the minds and the lives of our pioneer ancestors who faced the prospect of war with courage, cooperation and vision.

Primitive and rustic as they are, blockhouses still stand witness to a time that is gone and a human invincibility that is timeless.

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ily history also plays a part. Men with a close family member who has had prostate cancer are twice as likely to get prostate cancer themselves. Men with two close relatives who've had prostate cancer are five times as likely to have prostate cancer.

The main point to be aware of is that prostate cancer has no detectable early warning signs, said Rose. Men who wait until troubling symptoms appear before seeing a health care provider or getting tested are putting themselves at serious risk. By the time prostate cancer produces detectable symptoms, such as difficulty urinating, trouble having or keeping an erection (impotence), blood in the urine, swollen lymph nodes in the groin area, and pain in the pelvis, spine, hips or ribs, there is a good chance

it is at a more advanced stage with fewer treatment options.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) believes men should be tested annually beginning at age 50, with both a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test and a digital rectal exam (DRE). There are some controversies yet in the medical community about screening guidelines and it is important to understand that there is ongoing discussion about this. The ACS recommends that African American men and men with a family history of prostate cancer should begin testing at age 45. If the test is abnormal, the physician will likely recommend a biopsy to determine the presence of cancer.

There are more treatment options for prostate cancer today than ever before. They include surgery, hormone therapy, brachytherapy, and external beam radiation, to name a few.

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In order to make this happen we need your support and involvement. This year we are having a **GIFT RALLY** to raise the necessary dollars to make these experiences possible. There are several advantages to this type of rally. First, your contribution is tax deductible. Second, there is nothing to sell except the idea that our children deserve the best education we can offer them. Finally, the school gets 100% of the profit with no extra expense for products many of us do not need.

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

In order for us to fund the many activities at Coupeville Elementary School, we have set a goal to raise \$15,000.00. Future fundraisers will depend on your participation in helping to reach our goals.

Here's What You Do!

1. Decide what amount you can reasonably afford to give.
2. Ask others if they would like to contribute to your child's school gift rally.
3. Place amount in envelope and write the names of donators on the outside of the envelope, along with their address, and the amount they gave. (Receipts will be sent to those who make contributions)
4. Make checks payable to CES PTA.
5. Be sure the amount in the envelope matches the amount collected and return to the PTA box or teacher by October 8th, 2001.

Here's The Prize!

The class that brings in the largest amount of contributions will receive a party with treat bags, super sundaes, pizza and a special surprise.

Do islanders want a co-op for farmers, growers?

The Greenbank Farm has been leading an effort on Whidbey Island to form a farmers or growers cooperative.

As a result of a grant written by a Greenbank Farm volunteer, Harold Hertlein, of Coupeville, to the NW Cooperative Development Center, two local women have been hired to develop a survey tool, identify Whidbey Island growers, conduct interviews and prepare a final report to the cooperative organizing group.

Coupeville residents Val Arnold and Judy Lynn were chosen as the surveyor team from a field of 20 candidates.

The farm's executive director Laura Blankenship said both women are longtime residents of Whidbey Island with deep roots in the community and agriculture. They're working immediately with the cooperative organizing group to

develop a survey tool that will provide information about such things as what is being grown on the island, growers' level of interest in a cooperative, and the needs growers identify that may be served by the formation of a co-op.

A cooperative is owned by its members, to provide benefits to its member-owners. Agricultural co-ops have been formed to serve many purposes, including common marketing, volume seed purchases,

purchase of shared equipment, and cooperative distribution systems. The initial phase in the formation of a cooperative is fact finding.

Is there a need? Is there interest? That is what Lynn and Arnold will be finding out in the next two months. Those interested in joining the organizing group or wishing to be interviewed as a part of the survey, contact Blankenship at the Greenbank Farm, 678-7171 or director@greenbankfarm.co.

'Act of war' clause will not stand

"Our hearts go out to the victims, their families, friends and the whole nation in this time of tragic loss," state Insurance Commissioner Mike

Kreidler said last Thursday. Calling the Sept. 11th tragedy an "act of war" reflects the passion and determination of our country, not the

legal reality of last week's destruction. Most insurers have already assured insurance regulators that they will not use the "act of war" exclusion language in their policies to put up barriers to paying claims.

Kreidler said he and other regulators across the nation intend to hold them to this pledge.

"The insurance industry wrote approximately \$1 trillion in policies last year," said Kreidler. "Claims to be paid out from last week's events are expected to be between \$30-40 billion. Companies will pay out the most money in insurance history, but that's what they're in the business to do."

Kreidler said he wants to assure consumers that insurance companies doing business in Washington state and across the nation have the resources to cover the claims that will follow the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"We have reviewed the financial health of the companies in our state and are confident they will meet their obligations," he said. "We will continue to work with the National Association of Insurance Commission-

ers to monitor the solvency of the insurance industry nationwide."

The courts have generally held that "acts of terrorism" are not considered "acts of war." War can only be conducted between sovereign governments. Acts by a radical political group, without the vestige of sovereignty can't be excluded under Washington insurance code.

Club launches fundraiser

Coupeville Middle/High School Booster Club is currently offering the popular two-for-one and 50-percent discount "Entertainment 2002" coupon book. The Puget Sound/San Juan edition costs \$30, and the Greater Seattle/Eastside edition, \$40.

The coupon books will be available for purchase at local school sporting events, Stuurmans' Insurance, Edward Jones office or by calling Rhonda Larson at 678-4957 or Judy Good at 678-4399 thru Oct. 14.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — Osorio

File No. 7508.20052/Osorio, Josue J. Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC Mortgage Electronics Registration Systems Grantee: Osorio, Josue J. Notice of Trustee's Sale Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.

I. On October 5, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. inside the main lobby of the Island County Courthouse Annex (6th Street Entrance) 6th and Main in the City of Coupeville, State of Washington, the undersigned Trustee (subject to any conditions imposed by the trustee to protect 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.: S7575-00-08030-0 Lot 30, Block 8, Plat of Northgate Terrace, Division No. 1, as per Plat recorded in Volume 11 of Plats, Page 23 through 25, records of Island County, Washington.

Commonly known as: 4345 Childrens Avenue Oak Harbor, WA 98277 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 04/21/99, recorded on 04/26/99, under Auditor's File No. 99 009870, records of Island County, Washington, from Josue J. Osorio, as his separate property, as Grantor, to First American/Oak Harbor, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Amerigroup Mortgage Corporation a division of Mortgage Investors Corporation, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by White Mountains Services Corporation, fka Source One Mortgage Services Corporation, fka Firemans Fund Mortgage Corporation, fka Manufacturers Hanover Mortgage Corporation, fka Citizens Mortgage Corporation to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., under an Assignment/ Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 20012990.

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: Amount due to reinstate by 06/26/01 A. Monthly Payments \$4,970.00 B. Late Charges \$170.38 C. Advances \$0.00 D. Other Arrears \$0.00 Total Arrearage \$5,140.38 E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization) Trustee's Fee \$550.00 Attorneys' Fees \$0.00 Title Report \$595.65 Process Service \$120.00 Photocopies \$20.00 Statutory Mailings \$72.00 Recording Fees \$30.00 Toll Calls \$15.00 Publication \$0.00 Inspection Fees \$0.00 Other \$0.00 Total Costs \$1,402.65 Total Amount Due: \$6,543.03

Other potential defaults do not involve payment to the Beneficiary. If applicable, each of these defaults must also be cured. Listed below are categories of common defaults

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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. OTHER ACTION

DEFAUL

NECESSARY

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 \$90,051.21, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 11/01/00, 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 10/05/01. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances costs and fees thereafter due, must be cured by 09/24/01 (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 09/24/01 (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 09/24/01 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior

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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): NAME AND ADDRESS

Josue J. Osorio 4345 Childrens Avenue Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Jane Doe Osorio, spouse of Josue J. Osorio 4345 Childrens Avenue Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Josue J. Osorio PSC 819 Box 115 FPO, AE 09645-2100 Jane Doe Osorio, spouse of Josue J. Osorio PSC 819 Box 115 FPO, AE 09645-2100 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 05/25/01, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 05/26/01 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 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 objection 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 the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the unlawful detainer act, Chapter 59.12 RCW.

DATED: June 26, 2001 Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee By Kathy Taggart Authorized Signature PO BOX 4143 Bellevue, WA 98009-4143 Contact: Kathy Taggart (425) 586-1900

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — Miller

File No. 7023.23622/Miller, Kenneth R. and Lori J. Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc. Grantee: Miller, Kenneth R. and Lori J. Notice of Trustee's Sale Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.

I. On October 5, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. inside the main lobby of the Island County Courthouse Annex (6th Street Entrance) 6th and Main in the City of Coupeville, State of Washington, the undersigned Trustee (subject to any conditions imposed by the trustee to protect 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.: S7685-00-05009-0 Lot 9, Block 5, Plat of Patton's Hillcrest Village, Division No. 1, according to Plat recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, Page 4 inclusive, records of Island County, Washington.

Commonly known as: 1351 West Orchard Loop Oak Harbor, WA 98277 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 02/06/98, recorded on 02/10/98, under Auditor's File No. 98 002577, records of Island County, Washington, from Kenneth R. Miller and Lori J. Miller, husband and wife, as Grantor, to First American Title, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Interwest Bank, a Washington corporation, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by Interwest Bank to Norwest Mortgage, Inc. nka Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., under an Assignment/Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 98024088.

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: Amount due to reinstate by 06/26/01 A. Monthly Payments \$5,228.58 B. Late Charges \$244.02 C. Advances \$68.00 D. Other Fees \$80.00 Total Arrearage \$5,570.60 E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization) Trustee's Fee \$550.00 Attorneys' Fees \$0.00 Title Report \$622.73 Process Service \$120.00 Photocopies \$20.00 Statutory Mailings \$72.00 Recording Fees \$30.00 Toll Calls \$15.00 Publication \$0.00 Inspection Fees \$0.00 Other \$0.00 Total Costs \$1,429.73 Total Amount Due: \$7,000.33

Other potential defaults do not involve payment to 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

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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. OTHER ACTION

DEFAUL

NECESSARY

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 \$109,698.37, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 12/01/00, 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 10/05/01. The default(s) referred to 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 09/24/01 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien

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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): NAME AND ADDRESS

Kenneth R. Miller 1351 West Orchard Loop Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Lori J. Miller 1351 West Orchard Loop Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Kenneth R. Miller 12611 64th Avenue East Puyallup, WA 98373 Lori J. Miller 12611 64th Avenue East Puyallup, WA 98373 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 05/24/01, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 05/26/01 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 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.

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Joe Biller
District Secretary
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Defendant.
Case No. CVO1-545
SUMMONS (20 Days)
TO THE DEFENDANT(S): A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by FINANCIAL CLAIMS, INC., Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claim is stated in the written complaint, a copy of which is served you with this summons. In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the com-

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plaint by stating your defense in writing, and serve a copy upon the person signing this summons within 20 days after the service of this summons, excluding the day of service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment is one where Plaintiff is entitled to what it asks for because you have not responded. If you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned person, you are entitled to notice before a default judgment may be entered. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time. The object and demand of said complaint is an automobile accident, where the defendant, Sabrina Devrij-Bradley, was alleged to be negligent in operating a vehicle which collided

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with property owned by Plaintiff's insured, Pauline Briere Ollefers, and there was damage to the said vehicle in the amount of \$13,823.24. This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Civil Rules for Courts of Limited Jurisdiction of the State of Washington. DATED this 24th day of September, 2001.
SCHUMACHER & THERRIault, PLLC
By: Theodore M. Therriault
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'The Dish' has recipe for tasty slice-of-life comedy

I've always been a believer in the space program.

Conspiracy theorists be damned, I want to believe in men and women being brave enough to strap themselves to a rocket and blast off to touch the heavens. The astronauts are true heroes and those who pooh-pooh their efforts with lame ramblings about the moon missions being faked on a studio lot can keep their pathetic ravings to themselves.

Born in 1971, I am of a generation too late to witness Neil Armstrong and John Glenn in the prime of their glory, and of just the right age to forever be scarred by the single sad day when the Challenger was consumed in a fireball before our eyes.

We've grown too timid since that day and miss the passion which drove the Apollo missions. At a time when

we could be reaching for Mars, we dare not even touch the moon again, and we are a lesser nation for it.

We need to recapture the desire to



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By David Svien

reach high above us and the joy of breaking new ground depicted in the new Australian film "The Dish," which shines a different, yet no less thrilling, light on the moment when man stretched out and made contact with the moon.

Following a crew of eccentric locals, and one uptight NASA visitor, who are set to operate a giant satellite dish which will relay man's first steps on another surface, "The Dish" delivers wonderful laughs, then sweeps you away with the awe of the moment itself.

Despite being stuck smack dab in the middle of a cow pasture, the dish — which was fought for by a backslapping mayor who has staked his political future on his small town making good in the eyes of the world — is the direct link between the spacecraft and the millions of eyes awaiting the landing across the world.

So, of course, everything that can go wrong does.

The dish operators lose the signal, but can't tell NASA or risk looking like yokels. The generator fails.

Hurricane-caliber winds kick up, threatening to topple the dish. And the intensely proud locals chafe under the stare of Clark Kent-like Patrick Warbuton, NASA's man in the field, who reacts to each disaster in such a low-key manner you're not sure he's fully awake.

Add in an overly-hyper National Guardsman, a security guard fond of giving everyone code names while not keeping anyone out of the restricted area and a local band of high school kids trying to learn that new "James Hendrix song," and you have the recipe for a tasty slice-of-life comedy.

Top it off with the most powerful moment in televised history, a simple shot of a man stepping into the great unknown and taking humanity with him, and you have something even better.

New on Video

- Heath Ledger takes up jousting in "A Knight's Tale."
- Morgan Freeman investigates kidnappings in "Along Came a Spider."
- Whoopi Goldberg tries to survive her family in "Kingdom Come."
- vampires patrol the back roads in "The Forsaken."
- lives get jumbled in the Oscar-nominated "Amores Perros" and
- the lives of homeless are documented in "Dark Days."

Island Transit to reinstate bus service to Skagit County

A \$268,941 state grant will help Island Transit reestablish bus service between Oak Harbor and Mt. Vernon. That service was canceled in December 1999 due to loss of funding.

State Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee is expected to present Island Transit Director Martha Rose a check Sept. 28, from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Rural Mobility Grant.

The project's total cost will be \$578,226. Island Transit will pay the remaining \$309,285, which is ex-

pected to fund the project through June 2003.

Once service is reinstated, Island Transit plans to ask voters to approve a hike in the sales tax of one tenth of one percent to continue the service.

"The state grant is taxpayer money coming back to the community to provide an important service," said Secretary of Transportation Doug MacDonald. The grant presentation was set for Friday morning in Oak Harbor, during the Citizens Advisory Council meeting, 10 a.m. at the Best Western, 33175 Highway 20.

Larsen announces funding for 'drug and violence prevention

Congressman Rick Larsen last week announced that Northwest Educational Service District (ESD) 189 has been selected to receive \$612,966.00 under the Drug and Violence Prevention Coordinators for Middle Schools Program.

The funding will be provided over the next two school years as part of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program.

"Our children must have a safe and secure environment for learning," Larsen said. "We owe it to our kids to provide with safe and drug-free schools."

The Northwest ESD 189 will help the 35 school districts in their region ensure their middle schools are safe and drug-free. Specifically, the grant will enable schools to recruit, hire and train full-time drug prevention and school safety personnel; train teachers, staff and community leaders to provide a safe and drug-free environment and meet students' needs; work with parents and students to increase their involvement in drug prevention and school safety.

Larsen added, "Fear can have a

long-lasting effect on students and their ability to learn. In the long run, fear is far more costly than any prevention program. Our schools must be safe places for learning."

Northwest ESD 189 serves 35 school districts in Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. Northwest ESD 189 is one of nine educational service districts in Washington state that provides administrative and instructional support services to public school districts.



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