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## The Burchell

**Ancestral Walls** Sally Hayton-Keeva

House spent the last half century the two men and filed for divorce. slowly collapsing into ruins. Only a this house with a past once stood.

dows curtained with ivy, its gables the action was cancelled and on the painted green with moss, this old same day, the two Straubs and their farmhouse showed little of its former spouses sold the claim to Thomas W. beauty. Only birds took refuge in what Calhoun for \$2,000. Neither Eliza remained of its rooms, and the "pres- Jane nor Jane Eliza appear on the ence" felt by more than one visitor records again. walked the ruined halls alone.

a 316-acre Donation Land Claim. It plicated in one murder on Whidbey was designed to be a two-story, six- Island and later gunned down two bedroom house, but the top floor was men and a woman on Blakely Island, never finished, due in part to the un- killing one and wounding the others. timely demise of its builder, Grove

died enroute to the West, remarried becoming the only person to be another woman by the coincidental hanged in San Juan County. Although

she married a most disreputable man posse of vigilantes. Somewhat crypis certainly known, though not the tically, Cook wrote about this misnumber of murders he is alleged to

## House

have committed.

Richard Straub and Jane Eliza lived in the still unfinished farmhouse for a couple of years before Straub tried to hoodwink his wife into sell-Just as people have a "past," so do ing some of her land to his brother. Understandably annoyed, she Built around 1880, the Burchell brought legal action for fraud against

Jimmie Jean Cook, in her book "A chimney remains on the hilltop where Particular Friend, Penn's Cove,' wrote, "This judgement was filed In the final years, its glassless win- March 29, 1887 but by April 22nd,

This would not seem especially The Burchell House began life on chilling if Straub had not been im-

While Jane Eliza faded swiftly and mysteriously from the scene, her hus-Terry, whose wife, Eliza Jane, had band entered the historical record by name of Jane Eliza. he claimed he had not received a fair Eliza Jane's death is remembered, trial, he perhaps escaped a worse fate out Jane Eliza send is a mystery. That in Fileday Harbor at the hands of a he claimed he had not received a fair



Richard Straub, a man accused of fraud, sued for divorce, and hung for murder, was one of Burchell House's more disreputable inhabitants.

Sally Hayton-Keeva Photo

that Straub was punished by some sort of inexorable justice — that he had indeed killed a man on Whidbey Island but had not been pursued on that charge and that he indeed was not proven guilty of the Blakely Island murder but was nevertheless

hanged for it." Whether or not be murdered someone on Whidbey seems lost in the mists of time and, perhaps, bureaucratic misfiling. Whatever the truth,

adventure, "There are those who feel he leaves the scene with a certain amount of notoriety, tarring the old farmhouse on the hill with a black,

> Thomas Calhoun sold the house to Elizabeth Herrett, and in time it passed through the hands of various well-behaved people including those of Clarence Burchell. According to the Building Inventory prepared by Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, "Mr. Burchell lived from room to room as the house deteriorated around him.

> In 1976, Burchell (weary, perhaps, of dodging roof shingles) sold the house to Herbert Pickard, who in tunr passed it on to his daughter Janice, who still owns the property today.

If the early years of the farmhouse were less than tranquil, its last years were happier. Jan Pickard and her friends threw parties in the dark, disintegrating rooms, remarking upon the mysterious "presence" in the shadows.

Once there was a six-acre orchard surrounding the house and a lake glittrees no longer remain and the lake somehow disappeared. For many years the house remained standing, a sort of sentry on the hill, but at last it too gave in to the ravages of time. Only the chimney stands as a reminder there used to be a house where hope in the future flourished and a murderer once walked the halls.

## Veterans' Memorial site to be dedicated by Island Art for Veterans, a non-

noon on Friday, Nov. 8 on the Me- Oak Harbor High School's Naval Center streets in Coupeville.

Five bronzed plaques will be on display along with samples of commemorative bricks which will become the floor of the surrounding plaza. Actual construction of the Memorial wall and plaza will commence

Speakers at the Nov. 8 ceremony will include Nancy conard, Mayor of Coupeville, and Mike Shelton, Chair-

Everyone is invited to the Veter- Commissioners. The 30-minute Vetans' Day dedication ceremony for the erans' Day program will kick off new Veterans' Memorial to be con- promptly at noon with the firing of a structed on the Island County Court- Civil War type cannon, followed by a flyover by modern jet aircraft from The ceremony is scheduled for Whidbey Island Naval Air Station. morial site at the corner of Sixth and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps will present the colors and the Coupeville High School Band will play the National Anthem. Army, Navy and Air Force recruiting personnel will parade the POW-MIA flag accompanied musically by the An-O-Chords. Those who arrive early will enjoy the music of the Shifty Sailors, who begin singing at

This joint site dedication and Vetman of the Island County Board of erans' Day observance is sponsored

profit organization which has spent the last two years raising funds for the Memorial, which is co-sponsored by the Town of Coupeville and the Island County Commissioners.

Following the ceremony nationally recognized sculptor John Sisco will be on hand to discuss his creation of the bronze plaques which depict United States servicemen and women. Guests will be invited to view the plaques.

Refreshments will be served by Soroptimist International of Coupeville.

This will be the final opportunity to purchase a commemorative brick to be placed in the plaza. For more information visit the Web site www.islandartforveterans.org or call program coordinator Jack McPherson at (360) 678-6543.

## Carillion is memorial gift

If you live in Coupeville and have in Coupeville. been hearing music in the air, it's memory of his wife Ketta, the carillon is dedicated to cherished friends year, at 12 noon and 6 p.m.

Kathleen Anderson, the long-time probably coming from the carillon church organist, reports that the bells newly installed in the tower of the have been programmed to chime on Coupeville United Methodist Church. the hour during the day from 9 a.m. Donated by Phil Pearce in loving to 8 p.m., and to play hymns appropriate to the season throughout the

## Iown budget's healthy

2001 fiscal year with a General Fund for a generator. balance of \$514,494, which was \$197,317 more than budgeted.

Mayor Nancy Conardsaid the increase resulted from three factors: overall revenues exceeded the budegt by 6 percent; some line items in the budget were "underspent," and not all purchases budgeted were completed.

Conard and town Clerk-Treasurer Linda Marsh said they continue to budget revenues and expenditures conservatively, and for the past several years this has resulted in an increase in the cash balance.

The Town Council unanimously apporved a budget amendment for 2002 Tuesday evening.

The year-end amendment allows several expenditures planned for last year, but not completed, to be carried

Those include \$15,000 expenses for the state auditor, \$1,700 for park signs, \$6,500 for tennis court improvements, \$6,000 for new tables and chairs in the Recreation Hall, \$1,495 for garbage cans and doggie bags — the bags people should be carrying when walking their dogs, to

The Town of Coupevilleended the pick up their droppings; and \$13,000

Another major allocation approved this week by the council was \$10,000 for the parks and recreation

#### Watch for mail from assessor

fice will mail 57,000 Real and Personal Property Revaluation Notices today, Oct. 25. Taxpayers will have 30 days following the mailing to review their individual valuations with the Assessor's appraisal staff. Filing for a hearing before the County Board of Equalization (BOE) must also be made within the same 30-day period.

Due to the limited time for individual reviews with the appraisers, appointments are not possible. The Assessor's Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Taxpayers will be seen in 20 minute intervals beginning at 8:20 a.m. until 4:20 p.m. Camano Island to meet with appraisers on Camano Island during the 30 day period. Please call the Island County Annex at (360) 629-4522 and ask to have your name placed on the list for Camano interviews. If questions regarding value are not answered by a phone call or during an interview, taxpayers should file for a hearing before the BOE

When you come to the office to meet with the appraiser, remember to bring your revaluation notice with you. Many questions can be answered quickly while others may take some time but still can be answered before a formal Board of Equalization hearing.

The Assessor's office encourages taxpayers with unresolved issues of value to file for a hearing before the BOE in order to protect their appeal rights. As stated earlier, filing for a BOE hearing must be made within the 30 days following mailing of the revaluation notice.

The value on the 2002 notice is the market value which will be used to calculate your property tax for the year 2003. It is not possible to know what the actual tax will be until all the various taxing districts, state and local, have finalized their budgets and the levy process completed.

Tax statements for the year 2003 will be mailed by the Island County Treasurer, but not before February 15, 2003.



#### DEATHS

The following deaths occured in Island County:

John Bryant, 37, Port Townsend, died on or about Sept. 27, 2002. Patricia Marion, 72, Oak Harbor,

died Oct. 5, 2002 Virginia Grant, 78, Oak Harbor, died Oct. 10, 2002

McCutcheon, Angela Coupeville, died Oct. 11, 2002.

James O'Malley, 41, Oak Harbor, died Oct. 13, 2002

William Metzger, 81, Camano Island, died Oct. 13, 2002.

Jenny Andreassen, 92, Freeland, died Oct. 14, 2002.

Kenneth Mullins, 79, Oak Harbor, died Oct. 16, 2002.

#### BIRTHS

The following births took place at Whidbey General Hospital:

Harley Jeremiah Johnson, a boy, 7 lbs 1 oz, was born Oct. 5, 2002 to Jesse Johnson and Brandy Shorthill of Oak Harbor.

Helen Beryl Sinclair, a girl, 5 lbs 4 oz, was born Oct. 7, 2002 to Todd and Taleena Sinclair of Greenbank. Mackenzie Renee Mami-Hodges, a girl, 7 lbs 15 Oz, was born Oct. 9, 2002 to Chad Hodges and Natalie Mami of Oak Harbor.

Kaleena Jeuel Cohn, a girl, 7 lbs 13 oz, was born Oct. 12, 2002 to Ruel and Valarie Cohn of Everett.

Nathanial Clayton Hall, a boy, 6 lbs 8 oz, was born Oct. 12, 20-02 to Ronald Hall and Ramona Swain of

#### POLICE BLOTTER

Wednesday, Oct. 9

12:30 p.m. Caller on S. Main Street received a bad check.

4:07 p.m. Threatening message was left on an answering machine on NE 6th Street.

5:04 p.m. Caller reported a five-gallon bucket of salt that has washed ashore on the beach on NW Front Street. Reporting party requests law enforcement be advised for information just in case any suspicious reports are made.

Thursday, Oct. 10

dral Drive.

12:44 p.m. Woman arrested on S. Main Street, on a warrant.

2:10 p.m. Report of a prowler on SW Terry Road.

#### Friday, Oct. 11

9:50 a.m. Medical call, accidental overdose on methamphetamine. Subject states no one else is in the residence. Subject took the meth six hours ago.

10:56 a.m. 911 Hang-up on NE 6th Street. Recalled and spoke with the switchboard operator who advised it came from the parks department in the main building.

3:10 p.m. Occupied disabled vehicle northbound lane of Highway 20 and Jacobs Road.

12:04 p.m. Audible alarm on Cathe- 6:02 p.m. Report that a vehicle just ran into a store on N. Main Street. No injuries.

7:11 p.m. Reporting party on S. Main Street requests a phone call to report her checkbook stolen.

#### Saturday, Oct. 12

8:38 a.m. Caller reported hearing shots fired from the new development near her residence on NE Parker

to confront the subjects.

10:58 p.m. Stop sign broken off on N. Main and NE 3rd Streets. Officer is putting up a temporary sign but it needs to be replaced tomorrow.

11:36 p.m. Officer out with an occupied disabled vehicle on Highway 20 and Cedar Hollow Lane.

Sunday, Oct. 13

6:08 a.m. Audible front motion alarm on SR 20.

9:09 a.m. Reporting party on NW Front Street reports possible fraud by a customer that occurred yesterday. 10:51 a.m. 911 Hang-up on N. Main Street. Open line, no background noise from the coin phone.

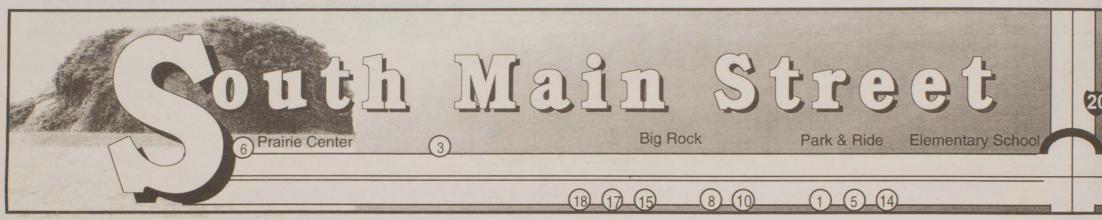
3:23 p.m. Reporting party on SW Terry Road requests a phone call regarding her six-year-old daughter not wanting to go home after visitations. 3:30 p.m. Reporting party on SW Terry Road requests a phone call reference harassing hang-up phone calls from his ex-wife.

5:41 p.m. Report of unknown number of subjects breaking windows in the barn on NE Leach Street. Reporting party's boyfriend is enroute









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#### LEGAL NOTICES

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costs and feesthereafterdue, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 11/11/2002 (11 days before the sale date). and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor and Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire balance of principal and interest secured by the Deed of Trust, plus

costs, fees, and advances, if any made pursuant to the terms of the obligation and/ or Deed of Trust.

VI. A written notice of default was transmitted by the Benficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following address(es): (See attached list). DENNIS B HANNEM

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CAMANO ISLAND, WAS 98282 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on , proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 07/18/2002 Grantor and Borrower were personally served with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was was posted on a conspicuous place on the real property described in

paragraph I above, and the Trustee has ssion 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

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

any time prior to the sale

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

invalidating the Trustee's sale.

X. NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS - The purchaser at the Trustee's Sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day following the sale, as against the grantor under the deed of trust, including occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale of the purchaser has the right to evict occupants and tenants by summary proceedings under the unlawful detainer act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. DATED; August 17, 2002

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By: BISHAN KATUGAHA Its: Assistant Vice President Landsafe Title of Washington 2707 COLBY AVE., SUITE 1118 EVERETT, WA 98201 Phone: (800) 281-8219 Client: Countrywide Home Loans

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### Beach Watchers receive \$2,000 from Shell

Shell Puget Sound Refinery in Anacortes recently donated \$2,000 to the Washington State University Foundation in support of WSU Beach Watchers. The refinery has continuously supported the program since 1994.

During this time of severe budget cuts in Island County, the WSU Cooperative Extension programs are increasingly dependent on community support.

'We are immensely grateful for this donation because it will help us continue to educate island residents about our fragile ecosystems and water sources and how to care for them," said Don Meehan, WSU Extension Agent for Island County

WSU Beach Watchers is a Cooperative Extension program established in Island County in 1989. Its trained volunteers work to protect and preserve Puget Sound waters through education, research, and public awareness.

Their goal is to foster a stewardship ethic among the people who live, work, and play in this area.

Since 1990, 13 classes have graduated from WSU Beach Watchers training, which consists of 100 hours of instruction. To date, 220 Beach Watchers have volunteered more than

80,000 hours and currently average 10,000 hours per year, the equivalent of five full-time employees. This is an example of the way WSU Cooperative Extension utilizes trained volunteers to leverage their educational outreach to the community.

In addition to their service as educators at schools, community events, parks, and on state ferries, Beach Watcher volunteers are the critical work force behind an extensive beach monitoring program.

As part of this program, volunteers document characteristics of each beach and record the presence of plants and animals in the intertidal zone. Detailed information is collected and reviewed for any noteworthy changes from year to year. In the year 2002, 33 beaches were monitored: 24 on Whidbey Island, 8 on Camano Island and one at Rosario Beach on Fidalgo Island.

Tom Smith, Plant Manager, presented the check to Meehan

"Efforts to protect the environment are among our top priorities at our refinery,' Smith said. "The combination of services you provide educating the public and accumulating scientific baseline data on beaches is a wonderful contribution. My hat's off to you.

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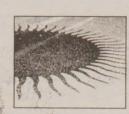
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## LETTERS

## Corporate misdeeds

Editor,

This morning I read that George W. Bush is urging Congress to give the Securities and Exchange Commission 27 percent less money than the new

Sarbanes-Oxley corporate cleanup law allows. "Corporate misdeeds will be found and will be

punished," Bush intoned as he signed the new law. But not if he can help it.

Merrill Lynch has more professionals in its legal and compliance department than the SEC has on its entire staff. The new law can't stop corporations from robbing investors if there's not money enough to enforce it.

The cost of health care coverage is rising 26 percent, pricing many families out of the market and causing employers to reduce their coverage for employees.

Coverage is so expensive because almost half of the cost of premiums is spent on administrative

costs, advertising, and profits. (Next time you have to lower your standard of living to pay your insurance premiums, you'll be glad to know you're helping the company's CEO pay for his newyacht.)

How does Bush propose to help seniors pay the obscene cost of prescription drugs? By having

taxpayers subsidize insurance companies to encourage them to offer affordable drug coverage.

(But if almost half of such subsidies pay for overhead and profits, does that make sense?) Certainly it does, using Republican Reasoning,

whose basic philosophy is that the best way to feedthe birds is to give more oats to the horses. Other examples of RR:

Keep the minimum wage low, since raising it would reduce corporate profits. (But keep CEO salaries high to attract the very best people, such as Ken Lay and Jeffrey Skilling.)

Cut taxes for the rich, since that encourages them to create more jobs. (Two million jobs have

been eliminated since Bush took office, but it's the principle that counts.)

Let taxpayers pay for cleaning up toxic waste. (Since polluters are not the ones who are getting sick and dying from those dumps, why should they bear the cost?)

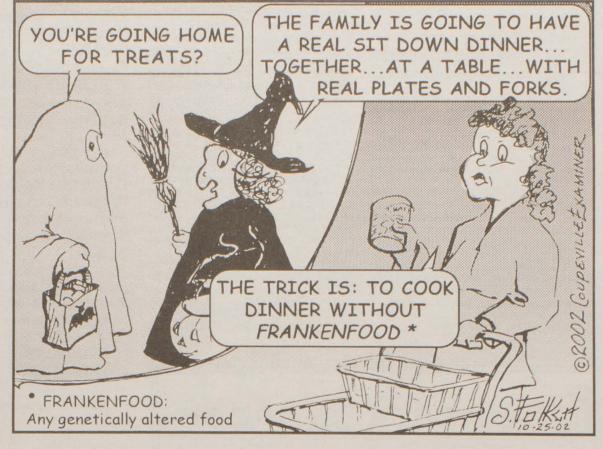
Cut government money for college tuitions. (Somebody's got to fill those minimum wage jobs.) We may not be able to keep Bush from leaving no child behind in Iraq, but giving him a

Democratic Congress in November is our best hope of keeping him from destroying America.

Ann Adams Oak Harbor

#### Berg's Record Editor,

Voters in the 10th Legislative District are fortunate to have an insightful and forward looking candidate for State Representative — Eron Berg. Raised and educated in Washington, Mr. Berg's record reflects his ongoing commitment to help-



ing solve the problems facing our communities.

If you want to send a representative to Olympia who will be an energetic and independent voice for our District, one who will make decisions based on what needs to be done rather than what is politically expedient, then — vote for Eron Berg. He will work for us.

> M. Elaine Burgess Coupeville

#### Sauter's kept county financially strong

I lived on Whidbey Island for many years and know how important it is to retain Maxine Sauter as Island County Treasurer.

She is the primary reason Island County has remained financially strong, earning more than \$22 million in interest income on tax investments in the last five years.

Because of these investments, Island County property taxes remain at one of the lowest levels in the state. Education and experience in financial investment and management is absolutely imperative in a county treasurer. Maxine has the experience, the education and the proven record.

Sarah Nortz Clyde Hill, Washington

#### Messy Domestic Issues

the administration must be gloating with satisfaction. For the past month the media has been focused ginia Woolf? proves that WICA can compete with almost entirely on going to war against Iraq, and the likes of the Internan Theatre and ACT in Sesuccessfully diverted from such messy domestic is-

Our plunging economy and stock market;

An unbelievable swing from a healthy

budget surplus to an enormous deficit; Growing disparity between the rich and

the poor; Flagrant disregard for campaign finance

Corporate fraud on an unprecedented scale;

Hundreds of thousands of jobs lost and retirement funds wiped out;

45 million Americans without medical ins

Savage dismantling of environmental protection laws;

Unmet transportation, infrastructure, and affordable housing needs;

Undiminished protection from terrorism. Wake up, America. We're being taken for a very

Diane Kendy Langley

#### WICA's 'Virginia Woolf' is drama at its best

Editor,

Many people on the island spent considerable amounts of time and money to achieve their dream of a theatre here in Langley. The result, of course, With Congressional elections just two weeks away, is WICA, the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.

The current production of Who's Afraid of Vir-

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Researching Your Job Market, a free class, 9 a.m. to noon at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20, Oak Harbor. Space limited, register at 675-5966

Registering and posting jobs on GO2WORK SOURCE.COM, a free class for employers, 6 to 8 p.m. at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20, Oak Harbor. Space limited, register at 675-5966

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Prairie Restoration Volunteer Workday, 9 a.m. to noon, meet at Au Sable Institute parking lot. Plant propagation, planting. Hot drinks and cookies provided. Steve, 678-5586 or sbyler@pioneernet.net.

■ Beach Litter Cleanup, meet 9 a.m. at Ebey Road End for approximately 2 hours. Lighthouse Environmental Programs will provide all equipment. 678-4100.

Island County Amateur Radio Club 9 a.m. coffee and donuts, 9:30 a.m. meeting at Race Road Fire Station, 1164 Race Road. All welcome. 675-0433.

Apple Day Celebration at Bayview Farm and Garden, 2780 Marshview Ave., Langley (off Hwy 525 at Bayview). Apple tasting, hot cider and treats all day. Apple cultivation workshop at 1 p.m. at the Bayview Cash Store with Gary Moulton, WSU Research Station to answer your questions. Press your own cider Oct. 26 and 27- reserve time on the press at 321-6789 (bring your own apples and containers). All sponsored by Bayview Farm and Garden. ■ Trap Shoot, 11:30 a.m. at Central Whidbey

Sportsmen's Association on Safari Road,

south of Coupeville, opposite the corner of Morris Road and Hwy. 20. Public is invited. 678-0960.

Mud and Manure Management, a class for horse owners and others, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland. Free, pre-registration required. Whidbey Island Conservation District, 678-4708 or whidbevcd@coupeville.net.

Final Flea Market of 2002 at Greenbank Farm. The 1904 Barn will have books, toys, clothing, household, tools, lawn equipment, holiday gifts, antiques and the unexpected this Saturday and Sunday. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

■ David Roth concert, 3 p.m. at Coupeville Performing Arts Center (at the high school) presented by Concerts on the Cove. Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 at door. 678-4684.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

■ Senior High Youth Group of the Coupeville Methodist Church, meeting 7 p.m. at the Church. All are welcome. Rey at 678-4256.

■ Whidbey Island Radio Control Society meets at 7:30 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 3037 Goldie Road in Oak Harbor, to enjoy and promote the sport of radio conrol model airplanes. Guests and new members welcome. 321-6505 or 679-9139.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

■ Whidbey Audubon Field Trip of the Penn Cove area. Meet 9 a.m. at the Salmon Wheel at the foot of Coupeville wharf, Front and Alexander Streets, for half-day trip. Leaders Diana, 221-8226 and Sylvia, 221-5822. Public is welcome

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

■ Registering and posting jobs on GO2WORK SOURCE.COM, a free class for employers, 1 to 3 p.m. at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20, Oak Harbor. Space limited, register at 675-5966.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

■ Living Hope Foursquare Church Harvest Festival, 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at Coupeville Elementary School. Kids' activities and games, food and raffle tickets for sale. Admission by donation. Requesting no scary costumes like ghosts or witches.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

■ Prairie Restoration Volunteer Workday, 9 a.m. to noon, meet at Au Sable Institute parking lot. Plant propagation, planting. Hot drinks and cookies provided. Steve, 678-5586 or sbyler@pioneernet.net. n Katie's Clowns, 2 p.m. at Greenbank Farm. Abenefit clown performance for Katie Richmond. Also at the farm: Clowning Through the 20th Century, an Exhibition of Clown Art, 36 pen and ink drawings of famous clows, on diplay before and after Katie's Clowns performance.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

■ Habitat for Humanity, meets 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Coupeville. All interested persons are wel-

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

■ Prairie Restoration Volunteer Workday, 2:30 to 5 p.m., meet at Au Sable Institute parking lot. Plant propagation, planting. Hot drinks and cookies provided. 678-5586 Steve. sbyler@pioneernet.net.

■ Whidbey Handknitters, meet 7 to 9 p.m. at Coupeville Yams on N. Main Street. All are welcomebring your knitting, 678-3681.

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## **Teresa** connects with her childhood

Smiling through the glass door, she looked vaguely familiar. "I'm ation and laughter between mother Teresa," she said. "We used to live here and I just wanted to stop by for a minute.

Of course, she was Vern and Peggy Faulconer 's daughter! I'd only seen Peggy twice, but I remembered her deep blue eyes and smile - Teresa has them both.

And for the next many hours, we talked about her memories of this house, of growing up in Teronda West and of attending Coupeville High School.

table, where he created plans for houses to build or remodel. Not so, Teresa said, "That was our sewing room and the table was where my mom and I cut out patterns." She said they each had a sewing machine and the cupboards were filled with fab-

As Teresa and I stood there, her words changed the feeling of the room from a serious life-sustaining work area to a room of joyful cre- class reunion to be voted as the per-



and daughter.

I asked her about the kitchen drawer with the breadboard. That, Teresa remembered well. "I've always loved to bake and every fall, I made dozens of pies on that board. Dwayne made it for mom.

She talked about playing in Teronda West's empty lots with her siblings and friends; of waiting for her mom's lilac bushes and basket of gold tree to explode in all their glory. Of being in the drama class and choir I've always thought the fold-down at Coupeville High School and table in the library was Vern's idea watching her brothers play football and basketball, run in track and cross country and her sister Reneé as cheer leader and drill team member. And of her parents, faithful Booster Club members, attending every event. Not to forget TJ, the Faulconers' white wire-haired terrier, the beloved school mascot, all decked out in a CHS letter sweater.

Teresa graduated from CHS in 1979 and returned for the 10-year

son with the least expected career change.

She had attended business school just long enough to know it wasn't for her. Then she joined the Air Force and for 23 years has traveled all over the world as Air Force Civil Engineer technical sergeant. Her least favorite place to be was Saudi Arabia, she said, "It was like working in a sandy dryer at 130m degrees." Her favorite place to be was Korea, where she's been four times.

She and brothers Gary, Scott and Tim, all joined the Air Force at Mt. Vernon, all with the same recruiter. She's the only one who's making it her career, 13 years on active duty and 10 as a reservist.

Her siblings chose other careers. Dwayne works in Las Vegas; Dwight's an electrician in Everett; Gary, an architectural sheet metal artist, worked on Paul Allen's Experience Music Project and the Museum of Glass in Tacoma; Scott is in Idaho; Reneé lives in Lake Stevens; Timmy is in construction in Bothell and Teresa lives in Tacoma. If you've been around a long time, you probably knew them.

The first Christmas we lived here, Scott, who still lived on the island, delivered our firewood and I asked him how his mom had decorated the fireplace. It's all rock and fills the wall from floor to ceiling. He remembered and created a Christmas wonderland. Last year, he brought his wife Liz and their three children to show them his childhood home. Now, Teresa.

I understand.

We always drive out to the farm where I was born and through our old neighborhood in town when we visit

It's a connection thing.



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Don't miss these Happenings at Coupeville High School Performing Arts Center.

■ Today, Friday Oct. 25, CHS Homecoming Alumni Spaghetti Dinner, 5-6 p.m., \$4 for a great time with old friends.

Sunday, Oct. 27, singer-story teller David Roth at 3 p.m. Music for the soul by Concerts on the Cove.

■ Saturday, Nov. 2 "Bones" with students dancing and singing. A Cilla Whatcott and Liz Sherman presentation, \$6, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. Free performance Thursday, Oct. 30, 2:30 p.m. at Coupeville Library.

And at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, the Benefit Clown performance for little Katie Richmond at Greenbank Farm.

#### From LETTERS, page 4

The play by Edward Albee is brilliantly directed by Don Wilkins, who evokes stirring, intense performances by the four actors that must not be missed. This is drama at its best, and one leaves the theatre in awe of the emotions brought to light by just two women and two men portraying four characters one can feel for and get involved with.

The set design is a classic and the lighting brings it all to life.

Please, please do not miss this wonderful production. You only have this weekend.

> Michael Nutt Langley

#### Commissioners picked the right clerk

As former employees of the Island County Clerk's Office, we are shocked that more citizens have not come forward with remarks of discourteous public service. We are not speaking about any person in particular and remain friends with our former co-workers. But — good public service and having compassion was seldom practiced until Jane Koetje became clerk.

We were trained to help people quickly and efficiently. We were told many times that we were "too nice." It was a policy that the clerk's office would never make change or accept checks. Heaven forbid that you had a \$5 bill and owned \$4.50 for copies. Didn't matter how upset or stressed you were from court and that we had accepted cash all day, with which we could have made change to make things easier for you. You were flatly told that a store and bank were down the street and both would give you change. Heaven forbid that you be nice to someone and take the time to help someone who really needed comfort. We saw many times in which the employees went from being very rude to being hostile to each other and to the public. Even county employees said going to the dentist was easier than going to the clerk's office for anything.

We have spoken to many people since this campaign started. All have agreed that the clerk's office has completely changed. The employees are "allowed" to take the time needed to help the public with a smile on their face without the fear of doing something that is not in their job description. The women in the clerk's office work continuously with many deadlines. We have seen some fine workers leave that office because they could not stand the friction any longer.

Why have Jane's employees written in with outstanding remarks of her changes to the office? Read between the lines, people! They like her! She is organized, energetic, and a leader. As Island County citizens who like to be treated with decency when visiting a public office, why would we not want her to remain clerk? She is honest and has excellent qualifications and a remarkable record. Her employees are all rallying around her. Happy workers are productive workers.

We don't often agree with our commissioners' decisions. But, they did a good job this time!

It is a shame that Island County employees are too intimidated to let the public know what their opinion of the clerk's office has been up until Jane Koetje became clerk. Hats off to those who have written to support her efforts. If the clerk's office were being run as it was before before, it would be a cold day in hell that we would refer our worst enemy employment there. Island County employees know just what we are talking about.

Jane, you've got our vote!

Myrna Beasley Nancy Burns Oak Harbor



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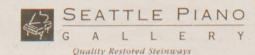
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Rey Pacheco, Youth Director

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679-1561 **Pastor Jerry Buss** Lynne Ogren, Youth and Family Ministry

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> Pastor Ozell Jackson 678-4778

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#### Walk across Coupeville Nov. 7

Everyone is invited to walk across town the first Thursday of each month, to take advantage of Coupeville's community wellness program dubbed "For the Health of

Those participating may get their blood pressure checked at Town Hall after doing the Thursday walks from one end of Main Street to the other.



Central Whidbey Fire and Rescue staff and volunteers have offered to measure blood pressures once a month for wellness program partici-

Here's what to do, come Thursday, Nov. 7, between 12 noon and 1 p.m.:

Sign in at Town Hall for random prizes, then walk from the beginning of North Main Street, at Front Street, due south, until you've come to Terry Road. Or start at Terry Road and walk due north until you've reached the "end" of North Main Street, at Front

To obtain a pedometer to keep track of the "10,000 paces a day" many are striving to step, call Cheryl Torres at 678-6222. They're \$15. For the Health of It" Coupeville Wellness T-shirts and sweatshirts are also available. Call Torres at 678-8060 for more information.

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#### Over 22 Million In Investment Revenues

The Treasurer is responsible for investing all county funds. Investments made by the Treasurer from 1996 to 2002 have resulted in revenues received in excess of 22 million dollars. 99.4% of all billed property taxes were collected in 2001 - that is a record! All records are available for review.

#### Sound Accounting Practices

The Treasurer's office has been functioning flawlessly with perhaps the most stringent financial controls of any in the State. An extremely well managed accounting system that conforms to General Accounting Practices (GAP) is in place. In 16 years, EVERY PENNY has been accounted for, and ALL RECORDS have been accounted for in a very accurate and timely manner. Received the WA Municipal Treasurers Association's highest award for accounting principles & cash handling.

#### Extensive Educational Background

Graduate of New York University with a degree in Accounting and sound financial experience with major corporations gained during years on Wall Street. This knowledge has assisted in my implementing a positive daily cash flow control and investment system, which is the major aspect in keeping the county buoyant.

#### Department Cost Efficiencies

The Treasurer's office was also the only county department whose costs have gone down over the past years with no loss of services. One reason is that I have been and always will do a full time job.

#### Community Involvement

I have also been heavily involved in many community activities over the years, such as the Help House and United Way. I was one of the founders of WAIF, NOAH, the Wildlife Care Clinic, and Street Kids USA

## Re-Elect Maxine Sauter - Island County Treasurer

Ad paid for by Maxine Sauter

#### LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICEOFTRUSTEESSALE-JANSEN

File No. 258.21317/Jansen, Robert D. and Elena Northwest Trustee Services, LLC

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Nominee for its Successors and Assigns Grantee: Jansen, Robert D. and

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

I. On November 22, 2002, 10:00 a.m. outside the main the entrance Administration Building (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

Tax Parcel ID No.: 57165-02-00011-

Lot 11, Holmes Harbor Golf and Yacht Division No. 2, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Volume 8 of Plats, Page 38, records of Island County, Washington. Situated in Island County, Washington.

Commonly known as: 1305 Scarecrow Lane

Freeland, WA 98249 which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 09/18/01, recorded on 09/25/01, under Auditor's File No. 20 043855, records of Island

County, Washington, from Robert D. Jansen and Elena Jansen, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Stewart Title of Snohomish County, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Greenpoint Mortgage Funding Inc., as Beneficiary. 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 08/14/

A.Monthly Payments \$12,611.69 \$540.48 B.Late Charges \$0.00 C.Advances \$0.00 D. Other Arrears \$13,152.17 Total Arrearage Expenses Trustee's Trustee's Fee Attorney's Fees

Title Report

#### LEGAL NOTICES \$120.00

**Process Service** Statutory Mailings Recording Fees Publication

Total Costs \$1,664.18
Total Amount Due: \$14,816.35 Other potential defaults do not nvolve 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 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

OTHER

Nonpayment

**NECESSARY** TO CURE Deliver to Trustee written proof all taxes and

Default under any senior lien

Failure to insure property

against hazard

required by the Deed of Trust Cease and desist from committing waste, repair all damage to property and maintain property as required in Deed of Trust Unauthorized Revert title to permitted sale of property

(Due on Sale) vestee) IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$213,259.05, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 01/01/02, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as

are provided by statute. The above-described real

#### LEGAL NOTICES property will be sold to satisfy the

expense of sale and the obligation

or implied regarding title

possession, or encumbrances on

November 22, 2002. 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 11/

11/02 (11 days before the sale

date), to cause a discontinuance of

discontinued and terminated if at

any time before the close of the

Trustee's business on 11/11/02 (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 11/11/02

(11 days before the sale date), and

before the sale by the Borrower,

Grantor, any Guarantor or the

holder of any recorded junior lien

or encumbrance paying the entire

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

A written notice of default was

transmitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee to the Borrower and

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conspicuous place on the real

property described in paragraph 1

above, and the Trustee has

possession of proof of such service

at the following address(es):

NAME AND ADDRESS

1305 Scarecrow Lane

Freeland, WA 98249

Lynnwood, WA 98037

1305 Scarecrow Lane

Freeland, WA 98249

Elena Jansen

Elena Jansen

Robert D. Jansen

obligation and/or Deed of Trust.

The sale will be

the sale.

secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express Trustee that are not listed below must also be cured

ACTION

DEFAULT

Assessments

assessments against the property are paid current Deliver to Trustee written proof that all senior liens are paid current

and

defaults exist Deliver to Trustee written proof that the property is insured against hazard as

that no other

1106 Lynnwood, WA 98037 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 07/12/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 07/14/02 Grantor and Borrower were personally served with said written notice of default or the written notice of default was posted on a

> 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

#### LEGAL NOTICES due at any time prior to the sale.

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

property.

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.

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 tenansts. 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: August 14, 2002 Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee By Chris Ashcraft **Authorized Signature** PO BOX 4143 Bellevue, WA 98009-4143 Contact: Chris Ashcraft (425) 586-1900 This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that

purpose LEGAL NO. CEX-915 Published: THE COUPEVILLE EXAMINER October 25 and November 15,

#### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE HANNEM File No. 2002-7945

Grantors Landsafe Title of Washington COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, Grantee(s) DENNIS B HANNEM DENNIS B. HANNEM Notice of Trustee's Sale Pursuant to the Revised Code of

Washington 61.24, et seq. On November 22, 2002 at 10:00 AM inside the main lobby of the: Island County Courthouse, Annex (6th Street Entrance) 6th and Main, Coupeville, State of Washington the undersigned Trustee, LandSafe Title of Washington, (subject to any conditions imposed by the trustee to protect the lender and borrower)

#### LEGAL NOTICES

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 (ico) of Island, Glate

Tax Parcel ID no.: S6260-000-

000080 PLAT OF CAMANO HEIGHTS, DIVISION NO. 1 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN VOLUME 9 OF PLATS, PAGES 34, RECORDS OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON Commonly Known as: 612 WEST FIR LANE, CAMANO ISLAND, WA 98292

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 10/21/1998, under Auditor's File No. 98023335 and Deed of Trust re-recorded on under Auditor's File No. records of Island County, Washington from DENNIS B HANNEM, A SINGLE MAN, as grantor, to CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of COUNTRYWIDE HOME

LOANS, INC., as beneficiary. 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:

Monthly Payments \$9.011.00 \$257,44 B. Late Charges Beneficiary Advances \$907.00 D. Suspense Balance (\$.00)

\$0.00 E. Other Fees \$10,175.44 Total Arrears F. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)

\$675.00 Trustee's Fee Title Report \$584.82 \$43.15 Statutory Mailings Recording Fees \$500.00 Publication Posting Total Costs \$1,858.47

Total Amount Due: \$12,033.91 Other potential defaults do not involve payment of the Beneficiary. If applicable, each of these defaults must also be cured. Listed below are categories of common defaults, which do not involve payment of money to the Beneficiary. Opposite each such listed default is a brief description of the action/ documentation necessary to cure the default. The list does not exhaust all possible other defaults: any defaults identified by Beneficiary or Trustee that are not listed below must also be cured. OTHER ACTION DEFAULT NECESSARY

TO CURE

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Nonpayment Trustee written proof

of Taxes/

that all taxes and assessments against the property are paid

current

Trustee

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Deliver to

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Default under any senior lien

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waste, repair all damage to property and maintain property as required in Deed of Trust Revert title to

Unauthorized sale of property (Due on Sale) IV. The sum owing on the obligation

secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$113,981.27, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 11/01/2001 and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of the 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 11/22/2002. 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 11/ 11/2002 (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 11/11/2002 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A FRAN-CHISE FOR AN EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM SUBMIT-TED BY WILDWOOD VIEW ACRES WATER ASSOCIATION LOCATED IN THE PLAT OF WILD-WOOD VIEW ACRES SITUATED IN SEC.5, TWP. 30N, RGE 2E. W.M., ISLAND COUNTY, WASH-

NORICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the Board of County Commissioners of Island County, Washington, that they have set October 28th, 2002, at the hour of 2:20 p.m. at their usual meeting place in the Law and Justice Facility in Coupeville, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter of granting said franchise.

All interested persons may appear at said hearing in person, or by their duly appointed representative, and be heard for or against the granting of said franchise.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2002. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMIS-SIONERS

ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON PERSONS REQUIRING AUXIL-IARY AIDS/SERVICES SHOULD CALL ISLAND COUNTY HUMAN 679-7372 RESOURCES. 45227372, OR 321-5111 EXT, 7372 (USE WHICHEVER NUMBER IS APPLICABLE FOR THE AREA) AT EAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE

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October 25, 2002.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COUPEVILLEPLANNINGCOMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Coupeville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday, November 5, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., in the Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street, Coupeville, WA, to consider the following legislative matters:

Year 2002 Draft Amendments to the Coupeville Comprehensive Plan (Amend the Future Land Use Map/ Official Zoning Map Update Land Use Inventory Information)

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting and provide comments in person, or to submit written comments in advance of the public hearing. Written comments should be sent to the Coupeville Planning Department, P.O. Box 725, Coupeville, WA, 98239 by 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2002. If you have questions about these proposed amendments, please contact Larry Cort, Town Planner, at 678-4461. LEGAL NO. CEX-944

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — SMALLS File No. 7037.26275/Smalls, Betty

Grantors: Northwest Trustee Ser-

vices, LLC Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation

Grantee: Smalls, Betty Jo Ann Notice of Trustee's Sale

Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq. I. On November 1, 2002, at 10:00

a.m. outside the main entran™ce of the County Administration Building (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.: R13326-144-

Situate in the County of Island, State of Washington: That portion of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 33

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North, Range 1 E.W.M., described as follows; Beginning at a Point on the East line of Old Secondary State Highway 1-D where it intersects the South line of said Subdivision; thence East along the South line of said Subdivision, a distance of 208 feet; thence North a distance of 208.71 feet; thence West, parallel to the South line of said Subdivision to the East line of Old Secondary State Highway 1-D1; thence Southerly along said East line to the Point of Beginning. Except the South 30 feet thereof conveyed to Island County for road purposes by Deed recorded under Auditor's File No. 122221, records of Island County, Washing-

Commonly known as: 2910 North Oak Harbor Road

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 01/22/99, recorded on 02/01/99, under Auditor's File No. 99 002578, records of Island County, Washington, from Betty Jo Ann Smalls, a single person, as Grantor, to T.D. Service Company, Washington, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Western Sunrise aka Crossland Mortgage Corp., as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by Crossland Mortgage Corporation to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, under an Assignment/Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 99022055

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 07/23/

A.Monthly Payments \$10,785.00 B.Late Charges \$662.60 \$1,949.09 Advances D.Other Arrears \$0.00 Total Arrearage \$13,396.69
E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemiza-

Trustee's Fee \$675.00 Attorneys' Fees Title Report \$500.09 \$536 \$120.00 Process Service Statutory Mailings \$102.00 Recording Fees \$30.00 Publication \$0.00

Total Costs \$1,463.09 Total Amount Due: \$14,859.78 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 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

OTHER ACTION DEFAULTNECESSARY

TO CURE Deliver Trustee of Taxes/ written proof that

Assessments all taxes and assessments against the property are paid current

Default under Deliver Trustee any senior lien written proof

paid current and that no other defaults exist Failure to Deliver to Trustee insure property written proof

all senior liens are

that against hazard the property is insured against hazard as required by the

Deed of Trust Cease and desist Waste from committing waste, repair all damage to property

of Trust Revert title to Unauthorized sale of property permitted (Due on Sale)

required in Deed

and maintain

property as

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$94,089.67, together with interest as provided in

#### LEGAL NOTICES

the note or other instrument secured from 04/01/01, 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 prop-

erty 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 November 1 2002. The default(s) referred to in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances costs and fees thereafte due, must be cured by 10/21/02 (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 10/21/ 02 (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 10/ 21/02 (11 days before the sale date), and before the sale by the Borrower, Grantor, any Guarantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance paying the entire 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

A written notice of default was trans-

mitted by the Beneficiary or Trustee

to the Borrower and Grantor

at the following address(es):

2910 North Oak Harbor Road

NAME AND ADDRESS

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Betty Jo Ann Smalls

John Doe Smalls, spouse of Betty Jo Ann Smalls 2910 North Oak Harbor Road Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Betty Jo Ann Smalls P.O. Box 16502 Savannah, GA 31416-3202 Betty Jo Ann Smalls P.O. Box 16502 Savannah, GA 31416-3202 John Doe Smalls spouse of Betty Jo Ann Smalls P.O. Box 16502 Savannah, GA 31416-3202 Betty Jo Ann Smalls 11400 White Bluff Road, #25 Savannah, GA 31419 John Doe Smalls spouse of Betty Jo Ann Smalls 11400 White Bluff Road, #25 Savannah, GA 31419 Barbara B. Braziiel 6555 Abercorn Street, #105 Savannah, GA 31405 Sylvia Ford Brown, Trustee P.O. Box 10556 Savannah, GA 31412 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 06/10/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 06/12/02 Grantor and Borrower were personally default or the written notice of de- and 29, 2002. fault 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. 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.

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

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 tenansts. 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.

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DATED: July 23, 2002 Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee

By Rebecca A. Baker Authorized Signature PO BOX 4143 Bellevue, WA 98009-4143 Contact: Becky Baker (425) 586-1900 This is an attempt to collect a debt

and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. LEGAL NO. CEX-908 Published: THE COUPEVILLE EX-AMINER

October 4 and 25, 2002

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ISLAND

TAMSINE J. KIRBY, a single woman Plaintiff,

KATHLEEN A. NORRIS aka KATHLEEN B. NORRIS a single woman and also all other persons or parties, unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein.

Defendants NO. 02-2-00725-7 SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO THE SAID DEFENDANTS

KATHLEEN A. NORRIS, KATHLEEN B. NORRIS, and all other persons or parties, unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein.

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 25th day of October, 2002, and the above entitled court, and answer the Complaint of the Plaintiff Tamsine J. Kirby, a single woman, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff, Dale K. Roundy, at his office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the Complaint, which has been filed with the Clerk of said

The object of this action is to quiet title to real estate in Island County, Washington described as follows Lot 10, Block 1, PLAT OF LOST LAKE GROVE, DIVISION NO. 4 according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 9 of Plats, pages 13 and 14, records of Island Couty,

Washington. Situate in the County of Island, State of Washington

Dated this 21ST day of October (Signed) Dale K. Roundy, WSBA

Attorney for Plaintiff Dale K. Roundy Attorney at Law P.O. Box 1500 506 N. Main Street Coupeville, WA 982390 LEGAL NO. CEX-943 Published: THE COUPEVILLE EX-

served with said written notice of October 25, November 1, 8, 15, 22



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## Five frightening flicks for Halloween viewing

You want scary?

Try eating three times your body weight in candy in one six-hour period while mainlining early-80's Saturday morning cartoons. Let's just say the resulting stomachache makes the thought of kidney stones coming out sideways at 2 a.m. seem like a lark.

Of course, for many, Halloween is about more than a candy corn, Red Vines and Junior Mints-fueled orgy of munching, a veritable marathon of Mini Snickers-induced intestinal trauma in the making.

I don't know any of these people. I jut assume there must be a few out

The rest of us are prepared to take one to the gut, if necessary. And, if there are no cartoons handy, one must turn to the other Halloween standby, the scary movie, to supplement the annual calorie overdose.

The trick, though, is to move past the usual suspects, like "Friday the 13th" or "Nightmare on Elm Street" and find some new things that go bump in the VCR.

Five to get you started:



"My Bloody Valentine"- As if coal mining wasn't dangerous enough. now we've got a psycho with a pickax on the loose in the tunnels. A Canadian-made slice-and-dice fest which proves our neighbors to the North know how to do that ol' cinematic creep show.

"Jeepers Creepers"- One of the most unsettling horror films in recent times, about a bogeyman chasing siblings down the dark, deserted highways which slash across the heartland. Sure, it gets kind of silly in the latter stages, when everything is explained, but the opening half hour builds an amazing amount of tension without showing too much.

"Return of the Living Dead"-Bizzare 1985 sequel to the horror classic, which features the entire state of Kentucky being nuked after zombies overrun Derby town. Plus, it's the only film to featire zombie wiener dogs I know about, and that's got to be worth a few bonus points.

'Black Christmas"- Predating John Carpenter's "Halloween," this is the original slasher movie, about a

heavy-breathing phone caller who begins to pick off the inhabitants of a Canadian sorority house. Future stars Margot Kidder and Olivia Hussey are amoung the potential targets.

Features one of the creepiest shots of a human eye ever seen, plus a better than average twist at the end, which begs for a sequel which never

"Crossroads"- If you haven't seen plastic songbird Britney Spears attempt to be seen as a "serious" actress, then you haven't seen the true face of terror yet.

Never again will I pick on straight to-video hack Michael Dudikoff, who, unlike, Spears, at least has more than one facial expression. Prepare to scream, then scream some more, and that's just during the opening

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- Adam Sandler is "Mr. Deeds,
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- Cons get a "Lucky Break,"
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Mike Diamanti serves up his Island Coffee blends at a recent wedding at the Jenne Farm.

#### Island Coffee Ltd. brings fresh flavor to local java lovers

Did you know that it's better to store coffee in the cupboard rather than the freezer? Mike Diamanti knows.

In fact, over the years Diamanti has made a study of coffee and recently, he's turned his interest into a business called Island Coffee, Ltd. and Island Coffee Mobile Espresso Cart.

Word of his aromatic, freshly roasted blends has been percolating up from places like Whidbey Pies Cafe at the Greenbank Farm, and Great Times, The Oystercatcher, Rosie's and the Harbor Store in Coupeville - places where Diamanti's blends are either served or sold. And the word by the way, is good.

Kudos have also come whenever Diamanti has parked his custom-made mobile espresso cart at Island functions like the Loganberry Festival in Greenbank, and the Trade Fair in Coupeville.

Diamanti thinks his coffee is catching on for a couple of reasons. One, his coffee is roasted locally and is usually roasted on the day he picks it up. Diamanti does this because he feels that too often, older beans are sold to an unwary public. The other reason Diamanti thinks his coffee is causing a stir is

because he takes precautions to preserve his product. 'Coffee is sensitive to light, moisture and exposure to the air,"

Diamanti says. "And they all degrade its quality. Moisture, by the way, is one of the reasons Diamanti advises against storing coffee in the freezer or fridge. Seems that moisture

fluctuates a lot in those cold boxes. Diamanti further protects his coffee by double-bagging it and storing it in a cool, dark place where the climate is pretty constant. He also rotates the stock often.

Diamanti's passion for coffee came later in life, he said, admitting he grew up drinking, "weak, terrible, drip coffee," in Minneapolis. Then, when he first visited a Northwest espresso bar he finally discovered coffee could be delicious.

Years passed, a painting career called and Diamanti settled for being a discriminating coffee drinker.

That is until a chance friendship with a coffee roaster in Mukilteo, followed by an opportunity to inaugurate and supply coffee for the new Whidbey Pies Cafe at Greenbank Farm inspired Diamanti to start Island Coffee Ltd.

If you like coffee, you should be able to get it the way you want it," Diamanti asserts.

Remember that if you see Diamanti and his mobile espresso cart at one of the local holiday celebrations coming up. Or just stop by Great Times, The Harbor Store, or Whidbey Pies Cafe, buy a bag for yourself, and savor the flavors that inspired Mike Diamanti to make his interest, his business.

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