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Love in the time of sea captains

By Karen Rothboeck

Nearly 150 years ago, romance was alive and well on Whidbey Island. In fact, it may be important to revise images of corseted, cosseted young women in stuffy Victorian parlors awaiting calls from their suitors.

At least one vivacious young lady had traveled the seas, been courted by the sheriff of Santa Clara County, found a written proposal of marriage from a ship's mate under her pillow, and consented to marry a sea captain all by the tender age of 17. And two days after her marriage, she and her new husband traveled over wintry seas to Sitka, Alaska, where a load of ice needed to be picked up for transport back to San Francisco.

Calista Kinney Lovejoy was no stranger to life at sea. She was born to Olive Doane Kinney and Simeon Bartlett Kinney on Sept. 11, 1837. Her father was a ship's captain and often gone from home for extended periods. "My happiest days in childhood were when my Father came home from sea," Calista said in an oral history transcribed by a family member.

She recalled an idyllic childhood, where she and her sister Almira Antoinette (Myzie) would sing and dance to entertain her father's company when he was home. Her mother, though, suffered from frail health and died of a fever in 1851. Her father, who was at sea at the time, made a decision that would set Calista on a path of travel and adventure: "A week before she died Mother called Jennie (Calista's older sister) to her and gave my sister and I to her charge. Bob, the baby, was given to



Calista Anna Lakeman Kinney.

Photo courtesy of Jane Jones

her. Left alone, we waited for word from Father. He decided never to return to the Atlantic and arranged for us to come to him."

On Oct. 12, 1852, Calista's married sister, Jennie, departed from Boston with the younger children on a trip around the Horn on a three-masted full rigged ship that carried

nearly 100 passengers. Five months later, on Feb. 19, 1853, the young Kinneys disembarked in San Francisco. The Kinney children were reunited with their father, living sometimes in a home and sometimes on an anchored ship.

For three months Calista worked
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What places do you treasure within Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve?

Everyone is invited to attend two public comment meetings on the land protection needs and priorities of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. The Reserve Trust Board is in the process of drafting a Land Protection Strategy, and public input is a critical part of this effort.

Meetings will be held at the Coupeville Recreation Hall at 901 NW Alexander Street, Coupeville.

The first public comment meeting

will address the larger areas of the Reserve; the second will address the Coupeville portion.

The meetings will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18 and Wednesday, Feb. 26.

People unable to attend may provide written comments. Comments should be submitted by March 7 to:

Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
P.O. Box 774

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Comments may also be e-mailed to EBLA_Administration@nps.gov.

For more information on the public comment meetings and the land protection strategy, please contact the Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve staff at (360) 678-6084.

U.S. Rep. Jennifer Dunn named vice chair of homeland security panel

House Speaker Dennis Hastert has appointed Washington Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn as Vice Chair of the newly created Select Committee on Homeland Security.

"One of the most important roles of our government is to ensure the safety of Americans," Dunn said. "As the Justice Department increased its terrorist threat assessment last week, we were reminded of how important it is to remain focused on the protection of our citizens. This new committee will work hand in hand with the Department of Homeland Security to bring our national security and anti-terrorism

Speed limit on Parker Road changed

The Coupeville Town Council this week voted to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph along a stretch of Parker Road right inside town limits.

The change takes effect today.

Only two people from the audience of four spoke at the Feb. 11 public hearing, and they favored the 25 mph limit.

"I don't want to see any more deer killed," said neighborhood resident David Day.

The council received an e-mail from neighborhood resident Will Jones asking the town to retain the 35 mph as a transition speed between the 40 mph on the county portion of the road outside town limits and the 25 mph limit in town.

"If you want to extend the 25 mph to the city limits, I think this would be a speed trap unless you add more

signs and add speed bumps..." Jones said. "It is an easier transition to go from 40 mph to 35 mph and then down to 25 mph."

The council was responding to a petition signed by several Parker Road residents.

Town Marshal Lenny Marlborough said he favored the lower speed limit because the area has been developing, and more people are driving onto Parker from their driveways or road from a new subdivision — and the stopping time of a vehicle is significantly greater in the extra 10 mph difference. It takes a car traveling at 35 mph twice as long to stop as it takes a car traveling at 25 mph to stop, he said.

Marlborough also noted the presence of numerous deer in the neighborhood, adding that he himself had struck two of them with his vehicle.

Library levy measure fails

Even though 55 percent of Island County voters in the Feb. 4 election approved of the Sno-Isle Regional Library levy measure, it failed district-wide, according to final unofficial results in both counties.

District-wide, 48.4 percent of the voters approved and 51.6 percent rejected the measure, which required a

simple majority vote to pass. The measure would have restored the previous levy rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

In Snohomish County 30,793 voters approved and 34,705 voters rejected the measure.

In Island County 7,772 voters approved and 6,382 voters rejected it.

The Underground Railroad

A network of paths through the woods and fields, river crossings, boats and ships, trains and wagons

On Saturday, Feb. 15, 1-2:30 pm, at the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville, museum Public Services/Programs Manager Ana Toussaint will present a lecture on the Underground Railroad in conjunction with Black History Month.

Toussaint will present information on the slaves, most of whom could not read, and their use of quilts as maps to learn about different escape routes.

Established to help African Americans who lived in the Slave States prior to and during the American Civil War, the Underground Railroad provided them the opportunity and as-

sistance for escaping slavery and finding freedom.

One of the most curious characteristics of the Underground Railroad was its lack of formal organization. No one knows exactly when it started, but there were certainly isolated cases of help given to runaways as early as the 1700s. By the early 19th century, there were organized flights to freedom. Much of the early help was provided by Quaker abolitionists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The lecture is included with museum admission. For more information, call the museum at 678-3310.

Washington's Birthday, or Presidents' Day?

Next Monday, Feb. 17, is Presidents' Day, and schools, banks, town, county, state and federal offices will be closed for the holiday. There will be no mail delivery.

Originally Presidents' Day observed the birthdays of George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).

The Monday Holiday Law (Public Law 90-363) moved the observance of Washington's birthday from Feb. 22 to the third Monday in February.

According to the Coupeville Library staff and "Chase's Calendar of Events," some of the special significance of the event was lost and added impetus has been given to the popular description of the holiday as Presidents' Day — often regarded as a day to honor all former presidents of the United States, though the federal holiday is still Washington's Birthday.

The newspaper office will be closed too.

OBITUARY

Iva M. 'Ivy' Palmer

Graveside funeral services for Ivy M. Palmer will be held Saturday, February 15, 2003 at 12:30 p.m. at Maple Leaf Cemetery, Oak Harbor. Memorial services will follow at 1 p.m. at Burley Funeral Chapel with Pastor David Lura officiating.

Iva Mae "Ivy" Palmer was born May 9, 1914 in Brenham, Texas to Henry and Joseola (Neville) Achilles. She died suddenly on February 8, 2003 at Whidbey General Hospital, Coupeville. Ivy spent most of her early life in San Antonio, Texas. She was married to Omer J. Lupien in 1933 and moved with his Army career. They retired in San Antonio in 1954.

Ivy worked as a bookkeeper for many years, working primarily with securities. Omer's health began to fail and she quit work to care for him until his death in 1966. In 1968, Ivy moved to Oak Harbor, where she worked at Harbor Air with her son, Wes Lupien.

She was married to Glenn Palmer in 1977 in Oak Harbor.

Ivy was a very active member of the Oak Harbor community, where she served as a charter member of the Help House Board of Directors, was a charter member of the Oak Harbor Senior Center and manager of the gift shop. She was also a life member of the Oak Leaf Rebekah Lodge #254 of Oak Harbor. She was a member of the Washington and Corpus Christi Alzheimer's Society.

Ivy was preceded in death by her first husband; Omer J. Lupien; her second husband Glenn Palmer; by one son Wesley G. Lupien of Oak Harbor; two daughters Pat Hudson and Sue McCommack, both of Corpus Christi, Texas. Her daughter-in-law, two sons-in-law, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren survive her. Glenn's son and two daughters and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive her.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Burley Funeral Chapel, Oak Harbor, Washington. This obituary may be seen on-line at <http://burley.plan4ever.com>.

BIRTHS

The Greenbank Birth Center announces the following births:

A warm welcome to **Callum Shea Cassee** born on Jan. 24, 2003 at the Greenbank Birth Center. Callum weighed 8 lbs 11 oz and was 20 3/4 inches long. He joins his adoring family in Freeland, parents Cait and Matt, brother Max and sister Miranda. Special thanks go to the "team" Kristi Saunsaucie, Jenny Levi and Cynthia Jaffe.

Jami Mitchell and Fabrice Van Putten are pleased to announce the home birth of their son, **Leonai Tolkien Mitchell Van Putten** in Langley, on Jan. 25, 2003. Leonai weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was 21 inches long. Midwife Cynthia Jaffe and Jenny Levi attended the birth.

Karey Smisek-Bachman and Jason Bachman are pleased to announce the home birth of their son, **Gavin Carl Bachman**, on Jan. 21, 2003. Gavin weighed 9 lbs 8 oz and was 24 inches long. He joins sister Lilia and brother Jacob, both home birth babies, at home in Oak Harbor.

POLICE BLOTTER

The Coupeville Marshal's Office responded to the following:

Monday, Jan. 27

12 a.m. Report of theft on S. Main St.

2:12 a.m. Two girls were arrested on S. Main St. on suspicion of possession of drug paraphernalia.

4:32 a.m. Woman, 84, on NE Eighth St., is having extreme abdominal pain.

8:09 a.m. Report of mail theft at Coupeville Elementary School.

2:13 p.m. Report of shoplifter on S. Main St.

3:21 p.m. Hospital emergency room requesting contact regarding reporting party advising he lost his cell phone somewhere between coming into the hospital and going to the emergency room. Subject is going to be transported, however emergency room is requesting contact regarding this.

9:28 p.m. One male adult was arrested on S. Main St. on suspicion of shoplifting beer.

9:52 p.m. Received information that an adult male is currently at his

mother's residence on SW Terry Road. Subject has numerous warrants and alerts on his name. Several units will be needed to take him into custody. The subject was arrested.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

10:53 a.m. Juvenile runaway reported on N. Main St. Reporting party is a school nurse from Anacortes who transported the subject to dermatology clinic for an appointment and he ran away from there. He was later returned to school.

11:33 a.m. A man on NE Sixth Street was arrested on a warrant.

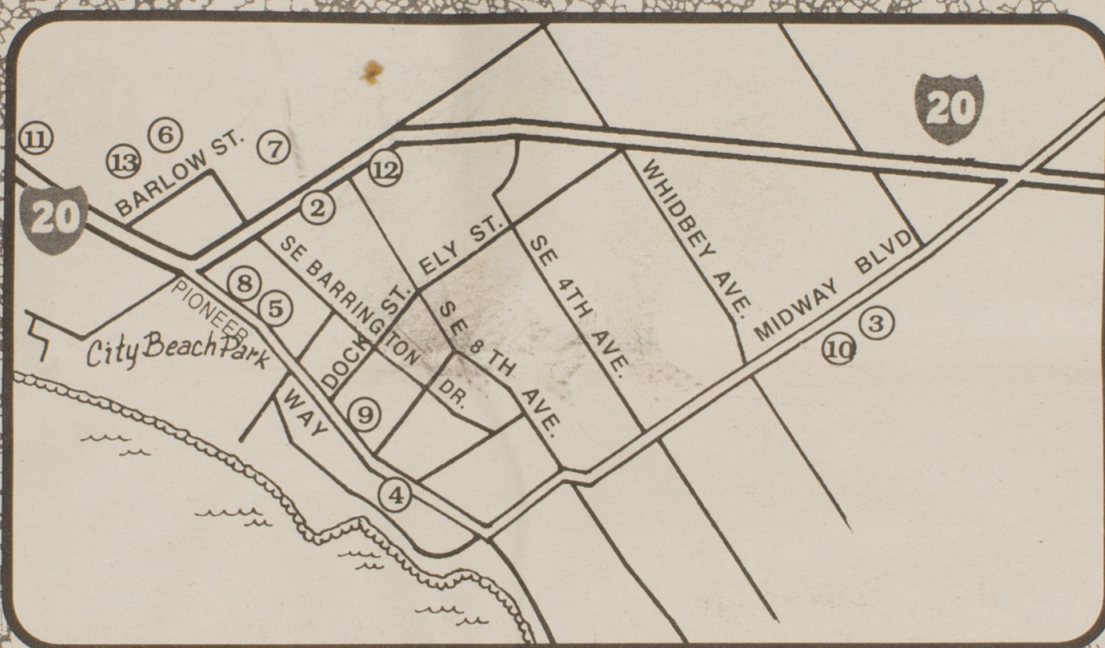
4:31 p.m. Two recklessly driven vehicles reported northbound on Highway 20 from Parker Road. First vehicle is a red 2-door coupe that attempted to pass a bus illegally. Second vehicle is a black small step-side pick-up that was tailgating the bus.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

7:36 p.m. A white female with blond hair was reported harassing the employees at a business on S. Main St. Subject has possibly been dropped off by a friend and left there.

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POLICE from Page 2

8:22 p.m. Commercial fire alarm tripped on NE Third Street.

Thursday, Jan. 30
2:32 a.m. Caller on NE Sixth Street reported hearing someone attempting to get into the residence through the glass patio door in the back of the house. Reporting party does not hear anything right now. She turned on all the lights and looked out.

10:29 a.m. Reporting party on Highway 20 at Welcher Road is behind a recklessly driven maroon step-side truck, passing on double yellow lines.
12:53 p.m. Report of a white Toyota tailgating and speeding. Vehicle has turned on S. Main St. from Highway 20.

6:15 p.m. Reporting party's house on Zylstra Road was burglarized while reporting party was at work. The front door is open, garage door is partially open, jewelry lying in driveway. Reporting party has not gone inside. Unsure if anyone is still in the residence. Coupeville PD as-

sisted Island County Sheriff's Office.
Friday, Jan. 31

8:43 a.m. Vandalism reported at Coupeville High School.

2:37 p.m. Caller on NE Center St. reported a vehicle parked in front of her property that is marked "no parking."

8:26 p.m. Report of a loud party on SW Terry Road. Reporting party advises this is an on-going problem and requests subjects be contacted.

10:52 p.m. Calling party on N. Main St requests contact regarding estranged husband ripping her phone out of the wall and putting a hole in her door. Subject has already left, however reporting party is concerned she will be responsible for the damage.

Saturday, Feb. 1
8:18 p.m. Possible DUI (driving under the influence) reported by cell phone caller on Highway 20 just outside of Coupeville.

Monday, Feb. 3
8:11 a.m. Motorist locked out of vehicle on S. Main St.
10:02 a.m. Man arrested on N. Main

St., on a warrant.
1:16 p.m. Officer requested to pick up a knife that a student had brought to school today. The student is no longer there.

2:47 p.m. Report of a group of Coupeville and Oak Harbor High School students who looked like they were going to get into an altercation. Last seen five minutes ago in parking lot on S. Main St. Reporting party chased them off; possibly check Main St. area. Four carloads, one vehicle is a Mazda RX7 souped-up with yellow primer paint on one side.

8:47 p.m. Attempting to overtake a vehicle on Highway 525 at Ledgewood Beach Road. Washington State Patrol advised for spikes to the Coupeville dump.

9:06 p.m. Assault Physical: Report that approximately 20 juveniles are fighting on S. Main St. Reporting party is unable to determine if there are any weapons. Two male juveniles were arrested for fighting.

10:02 p.m. Reporting party is behind a possible DUI northbound on High-

way 20 nearing Main Street. The vehicle is a green Ford Escort.

11:57 p.m. Reporting party advises he passed subject on Highway 20 at Miller Road driving a blue Datsun. After doing so, subject driving the Datsun has been flashing high beams on subject.

Tuesday, Feb. 4
9:15 p.m. Disorderly conduct report; a subject is in a residence on Tartan Way. She is intoxicated and disorderly. It is unknown what the subject is doing in the residence.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
8:58 a.m. Reporting party on S. Main St. reports the driver of a green Toyota SUV stole gas approximately five minutes ago and left, southbound on Main St.

11:17 a.m. Reporting party on N. Main St. requests an officer contact her regarding a restraining order she filed.

Thursday, Feb. 6
6:59 a.m. Reporting party on NE Kinney St. believes someone is in the back of the house; reported

hearing something being moved around. Reporting party and children are in the bedroom in the front part of the house.

8:46 a.m. Caller was advised by a customer that a group of subjects in the back lot on S. Main St. are smoking "something." Reporting party did not have any description.

11:50 a.m. 9-1-1 hang-up on NE Sixth St. Open line with loud music playing in the background.

12:10 p.m. Person locked out of vehicle at the high school.

2:24 p.m. Ambulance requested on N. Main St. for unknown medical problem.

4:01 p.m. Report of theft of beer on S. Main St. that occurred on Jan. 26.

10:16 p.m. Caller requested an officer check on the welfare of an 85-year-old woman who'd activated her Lifeline. She reportedly had no medical concerns but is hard of hearing, not answering the telephone when reporting party calls her to check on her.

Steve, to my
Best Friend.
I Love You.
Deb



Fran,
You and your
cows
rock my world.
Love, Joyce

Kathy,
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for the 26th time
Al

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Guillermo,
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again
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Mimi,
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Craig

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loves
Maggie

P-
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Love,

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two true
Valentines,
John &
Dylan

To Tom,
My special
Valentine,
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HoHa

Love,
Esther

GUEST COMMENTARY

Reflections on Washington's birthday: Character counts

By J. David Breemer

On February 17, Americans will stay home from work in order to celebrate "Presidents Day." Once upon a time, in a different America, we marked, instead, the birth of George Washington on February 22. But now, the first president, commander of an army of American farm hands that defeated the might and power of Britain, is lumped together with the likes of Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

Why should this bother us? As long as we get a Monday off to engage in our preferred consumptive hobby (to help the economy, of course), who cares which president's name is on the calendar? Besides, for many Americans, there is nothing particularly special about Washington except that he was the First, and chronological supremacy is a superficial basis for patriotic reverence.

But in his own time, and for years after, Washington was the object of adulation for his feats during the Revolutionary War, not his ascendancy to the presidency. Washington's star rose because he managed, almost single-handedly, to unite and hold together a poorly fed, ill-trained, and bickering militia long enough to defeat the army of the British Empire. He did so despite lackluster

support from the Continental Congress, regional rivalries, traitorous subordinates and his own inexperience as a military commander. In all this, it was Washington's humble and determined character that triumphed. This character was shown when Washington personally led his men into battle, miraculously escaping death when others around him fell; when he slept alongside them in the snow during the dark winter of 1777; when he refused to quit even though his army was down to a few rounds per person; when he waived harsh punishment for citizens who initially sided with the British, thereby increasing sympathy for the colonial cause.

His masterful leadership showed in his patient dealing with ambitious lieutenants, and his willingness to change strategy, adopting hit-and-run tactics, after his forces proved superior in this manner of warfare. He rose even higher in the nation's estimation by insisting on attributing his successes to a divine power, rather than his own.

Washington wasn't much interested in self-aggrandizement. In fact, he took on the leadership of the Continental Army even though he thought his reputation would be ruined in what initially seemed a hopeless quest. And when victorious, he chose to return to the quiet Virginia countryside, resisting the lures of politics and power.

It seems to me that, out of all the presidents, Washington has the most to offer in these dangerous times. Faced with daunting threats to our security from tyrants and terrorists, we need leaders with the will to prevail — leaders who will not be deterred by the derision of ambitious competitors; who are confident enough to compromise on tangential issues in order to win support from allies and the public on the things that matter most; who can reach across partisan and philosophical divides to build strategic coalitions; and who are not above acknowledging their — and our — ultimate dependence on a higher power.

It gives me confidence that there is much similarity between the first "George W" and the current one. So, on February 17, I will be remembering Washington not as he appears on the one dollar bill, as a mere portrait of stoicism, but as the leader who won liberty for a besieged and divided people through commitment more to service than to self.

J. David Breemer is an attorney with Sacramento-based Pacific Legal Foundation. Founded in 1973, PLF is the oldest and largest public interest law firm dedicated to limited government.

LETTERS

Speaking of swimming pools...

Editor,

OK to dream, and dream big. A swimming pool for the Coupeville Elementary School? *The Coupeville Examiner's* article of Jan. 24, found on page seven was very interesting, but incomplete.

While it would be nice for the Coupeville Elementary School to have a swimming pool, what about the middle school and high school students as well?

The high school (out of state) that I went to was a four-year school, without a swimming pool for three of my four years, and built a new gym and pool in time for my last year. A million-dollar investment in 1949.

Until the pool was completed, our swim and diving teams had to go into the next county to use a pool for practice and meets.

While a swimming pool would be great for the Coupeville School District, at what expense to build and operate?

The Oak Harbor Vanderzicht Memorial Swimming Pool has always had trouble keeping their heads (pun) above water financially.

Go ahead and "Dream, Dream Big"; however, in the meantime I'd like to point out that the Coupeville Lions Club rents the Admirals' Cove Beach Club Pool for the first two complete weeks as soon as the elementary school lets out for the summer. Swim lessons are conducted well below the cost to the Lions, and the only fees collected go to the teens who assist in conducting the swim lessons, the instructor, and the lifeguard. Signups will be taken at the elementary school just prior to summer vacation. Watch for the announcement in *The Examiner*.

Rod Barnes
A Coupeville Lion

'Rush to war' isolates U.S. from world community

Editor,

While I don't disagree with Colin Powell's assessment of Iraq's lack of compliance with U.N. resolutions, I still strongly oppose the administration's rush to war. There is no more justification for attacking Iraq than there is for doing so in many other countries that are ruled by unsavory dictators or who possess weapons of mass destruction.

There are far too many unmet needs in our own



country to justify the enormous human and economic costs that such an adventure would entail. And we have heard nothing about any long-term plans for a post-war Iraq, nor how we are to deal with certain reprisals from every known and unknown terrorist group.

It saddens me to see our country arrogantly isolate itself from so much of the world community, not only on the question of Iraq. We desperately need to regain the trust of the rest of the world, as well as our own self-respect.

Diane Kendy
Langley

Biological science discovers 'belief'

Editor,

Let's call it "Quantum Medicine" — energetic medicine, spirituality and consciousness, healing with love and prayer — however you label it, a paradigm shift in medicine may finally be coming a reality near you as new scientific knowledge begs Western allopathic medicine to finally catch up with quantum physics.

Bruce Lipton, Ph.D. (www.bruce-lipton.com), is a molecular biologist who worked on the Human Genome Project, which basically concluded that the whole premise that the nucleus controls the cell and that genes control life (remember biology class?) is wrong! We're not Newtonian machines, already!

Turns out the cell is controlled by receptors in the cell membrane, which perceive biochemical and primarily energetic stimuli from the environment and allow it access to the genes.

Dr. Lipton demonstrates this "perception" to be akin to "belief." Furthermore, energy in the cell goes either toward "growth" or toward "protection." Fear causes the protection response: preparedness for fight or flight including suppression of the immune system and increased blood to the reflex response part of the brain (in the back) and away from the frontal area (more complex thinking).

The result? Fear and stress cause us to be sick and dumb. And the opposite, the growth mode, is the domain of love and peace, which cause health and clear thinking.

Michael Moore's recent documentary film, "Bowling for Columbine," pointed out so clearly that Americans carry an exceptionally high level of fear, which may be the cause of a lot of the violence in our country.

I believe we are able to raise our consciousness by changing our limiting beliefs, and that this may well be the antidote to fear, to the dumbing down of the human population, and to the insanity of the world we live in.

Dr. Lipton's website mentions some techniques and resources for changing our beliefs. I've been exploring some similar avenues, which are creating quantum change in my life.

Laurie Keith
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Mentoring for our future

By Lt. Gov. Brad Owen

Imagine 15 million young Americans between the ages of 10-18 standing in line, waiting for positive role models. Now imagine that they're standing behind 2.5 million other kids who already have a responsible adult in their lives to look up to.

This is what's called the "mentoring gap," and we need to close it. Many of these kids who are waiting face incredible difficulties and come from one-parent families, were born to teen parents, live in poverty, or will never graduate from high school. Their futures and their lives are at risk.

Mentoring has been proven to work against these types of odds, and provides a positive, rewarding experience for everyone involved. Think about it — 99 percent of the people who have volunteered as a mentor would rec-

ommend it to others. That's an incredible vote of confidence for something that involves a minimal amount of time and money, and has a maximum impact on the lives of both the mentors and the mentees.

This past January, America celebrated the second annual National Mentoring Month under the guidance of the Harvard Mentoring Project and MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership. Scores of US Congress members, governors and lieutenant governors, mayors, government agencies, media companies and nonprofit agencies across the country joined in calling on the country to step up and support mentoring and help close the "gap."

Looking back at January, one of the brightest moments came during President Bush's State of the Union address to the nation, in

which he called on Congress to provide \$450 million over three years to recruit and train over one million mentors. This is a serious investment in our future, so we should step up and help the president and the country meet the goal of one million more mentors.

Research has shown that mentoring programs can be a powerful tool in reducing drug abuse and youth violence, while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life. In fact, most successful people say that they had a mentor along the way who guided and encouraged them, like US Secretary of State Colin Powell. The key, however, is community support and individual involvement. Mentoring cannot happen without strong local and national endorsement at many levels, and an adult who is

willing to give of their time and themselves for a young person.

Varying degrees of involvement are available, from joining the governor's Washington Reading Corps program to Big Brothers or Big Sisters.

I urge all Washington State residents to consider spending some of their time and energy to become a mentor. You can learn about the many programs in your area by visiting the MENTOR/Washington State Mentoring Partnership website at www.mentoring.org and entering your zip code, or by calling 877-301-4557.

Let's close the mentoring gap and give our young people the chance for a positive future!

Brad Owen is Lieutenant Governor of Washington.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Restoring Tax Fairness for Washington Taxpayers

By Eric Montague

Washington taxpayers and businesses face an increasingly complex and burdensome tax system with few incentives for work, saving and investment. Washington has one of the highest federal per capita tax burdens in the country. State and local taxes also continue to grow. Considering our high tax burden, it is not surprising that taxpayers in Washington state face an additional federal tax penalty unique to only seven unlucky states.

In 1935 the people of Washington chose to impose a tax on retail sales. Today the sales tax is the largest single source of state government funding, bringing in 56 percent of state revenue in the 2001-03 biennium. In most other states, an income tax is the primary source of state revenue. As a result of Congressional politics, the federal tax code now unfairly burdens Washington residents relative to residents of other states. The tax code allows the deduction of state income tax on federal tax returns but not sales tax.

The extra tax on Washington residents began in 1986, when Congress passed a sweeping new law that changed the way the federal government

collects taxes. The 1986 Tax Reform Act lowered tax rates for all Americans, while also ending many existing tax deductions, including the one for our state sales tax. Residents of states that have an income tax can still deduct that cost from their taxable federal income.

Prior to 1986 taxpayers throughout the nation were allowed to deduct state and local sales taxes, thus reducing their total federal tax burden. As a result of the 1986 reforms, the seven states that choose not to burden taxpayers with a second level of income taxation shoulder a larger federal tax liability than they would if their tax system was treated equally. In effect, the federal government penalizes states that do not choose to impose an income tax.

The other six states that do not impose a personal income tax are Texas, Wyoming, Alaska, Florida, South Dakota and Nevada. Two other states, Tennessee and New Hampshire, levy income taxes on interest and dividends, but not on wages. Allowing the deduction of sales taxes would reduce the total tax burden and boost the economy in states like

Washington, while having a relatively insignificant impact on federal tax collections.

Over the last two years a number of bills, including one sponsored by Congressman Brian Baird from Southwest Washington, have been introduced to reinstate the deduction. Most of the states impacted by the sales tax provision are actively urging Congress to revise the existing tax code, and the new majority leader in the Senate is from Tennessee, a state that would benefit from the deduction.

Proposals to allow deduction of state and local sales taxes work in two ways. Under Congressman Baird's proposal, the IRS will publish a standard state sales tax deduction table. The new table would estimate state sales taxes paid based on the income and number of people in a household and allow a standard deduction. The new deduction would add only one line to the standard 1040 income tax form.

Another option being considered by Congress would allow taxpayers in states with-

out an income tax to take either the standard deduction, or itemize their deductions by physically tracking sales tax payments over the course of the year and reporting the total to the IRS on a separate form. This would benefit taxpayers who pay high taxes on large purchases one year, like a new car, boat or RV, but not in other years.

Whichever method is used, allowing Washington residents to deduct sales taxes from their federal tax return would provide vital stimulus to our state's struggling economy. A 2001 estimate by the IRS shows that Washington taxpayers would keep \$470 million of their own money — money that is otherwise removed from the economy and shipped to Washington, D.C. This translates into a tax cut of between \$300 and \$2,000 per family, money that would be injected directly into the state economy, helping to restore economic health to our region.

Eric Montague is a Policy Analyst with the Washington Policy Center, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) research and education organization.

Reach Your Representatives

Officials of the Town of Coupeville welcome your comments and questions. They can be reached at Coupeville Town Hall, 4 NE Seventh Street, P.O. Box 725, Coupeville, WA 98239. You may phone them at 678-4461 or fax them at 678-3299.

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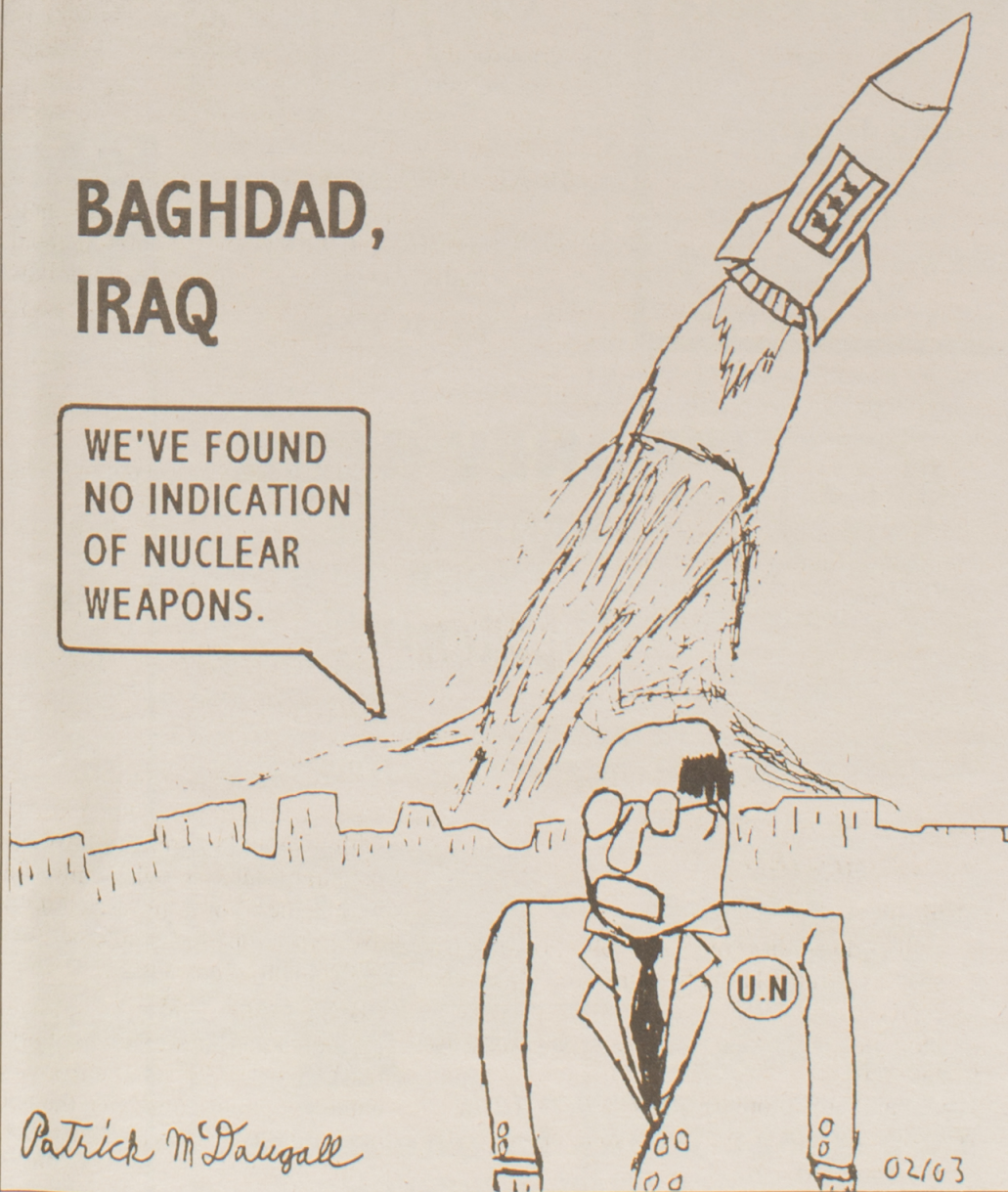
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Macaroni or pasta, it's all the same!

Remember when mixing hamburger, tomato sauce and macaroni in a dish and putting it in the oven was called a hot dish and when spring-cleaning was called spring-cleaning? Now the hot dish is the amazing one dish meal, macaroni is called pasta and spring-cleaning has become de-cluttering and organizing.

De-cluttering is what I'm good at. Or learning to be.

I've always thought I had to keep every thing from everywhere or I'd forget. So I have saved every letter, card, menu, play and concert brochure and a zillion flight stubs not to mention every book, piece of jewelry, broken or not, every rock, shell, vial of sand and all that stuff I'm going to "fix" or that I may need someday. Even things my kids might want when they are "older."

A couple of months ago, I decided to refresh my memory, so I dragged out some boxes. Some of the letters made me laugh, some brought tears, and some reminded me of things I'd rather forget. Unless they made me laugh, they are now shredded. Same with the cards.

I'm not going to forget our dinner at the Latin Quarter in New York with or without the menu, but I only remember the caves in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Not eating at the Silver Spur Restaurant. Hidden Harbor in Phoenix drew a blank until I saw that our names and the names of two other couples were scribbled across the items we ate and the date, Oct. 11, 1957. That was a trip to forget.

Toss it.

Keeping something that makes me sad is stupid, and something I don't remember is even worse.



THIS & THAT

By Irene Mueller

My wastebasket was filling fast and I was getting the hang of it.

I'm not going to forget the Golden Nugget in Vegas or visiting the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. and I don't need a blade of grass from the White House lawn to remember that we were there in 1976. Although the grass did remind me that we encountered the Hari Krishna for the first time right by the wrought iron fence.

Most of the plays I don't remember seeing, so out go the playbills, but I'm keeping the program from a concert of Western singers who were good but not famous then, but are now or were. I love that they autographed the cover.

Probably the most disappointing of the memories are with the shells and the vials of sand. I don't know which came from Florida and which from New York. It doesn't matter; the most important ones, I know.

In the living room, the bottle with the sand from Ireland stands right beside the container with water from the Irish Sea.

Now, there are very few things left in my memory box. Just some things I'm not ready to part with yet, maybe some day.

The "to fix someday" things? I've set my mind that if I haven't "fixed" something by now, I'm not going to, so out they will go and I have to face that my kids are older, and they wonder out loud why I still have "those old things." So you know where they are headed.

And the stuff I might need someday? Well, if I do, I'll go buy it.

But I won't, because I already have enough of everything.

Looking for something special for Valentine's Day? Join Karl Olsen at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Free program with Karl on guitar and piano and singing love songs from different eras. Familiar melodies to help rekindle that flame of old...or start a new one! Gordie and I went last year and it was wonderful. See you there!

Don't miss the Carlos del Junco concert Sunday, Feb. 16 at 5 pm at the Coupeville Performing Arts Center. A world renowned jazz and blues harmonica player, del Junco will keep your feet moving to his music. Tickets available in Coupeville at Coupeville Pharmacy, Great Times Espresso and Videoville or call Concerts on the Cove at 678-4684 or visit www.concertsonthecove.org.

Youth coalition and hospital cooperate

Drugs are one of the greatest threats currently facing America's young people. Dedicated to minimizing this threat, Central Whidbey Youth Coalition today announced it will add Whidbey General Hospital to its list of coalition partners in an effort to significantly reduce youth drug use in Central Whidbey Island.

"Community involvement is essential to our success. In order to truly make an impact, the anti-drug message must be constantly repeated — by different people in a variety of ways," said Larry Tennant, Executive Director of CWYC. "When important community partners, such as Whidbey General Hospital, step up to the challenge and provide local support and leadership, change is accelerated and our children are the ultimate winners."

Whidbey General Hospital's vision is for Whidbey Island "to be the healthiest community in the state of Washington." The hospital board, administrators, and staff are committed to providing leadership and accepting responsibility to be an active participant in their community.

"Collaboration with the Central Whidbey Youth Coalition will optimize the resources of both our organizations," said Trish Rose, Community Relations Coordinator for Whidbey General Hospital. "The children of our community are one of our most important assets and we want to keep them healthy and keep them educated. Our partnership will help in that endeavor."

For information on collaborating

with the Central Whidbey Youth Coalition's Drug-Free Community efforts, call 678-4533 or e-mail to cw.youth@verizon.net.



DESIGN REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

February 18, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

**** RECREATION HALL ****
901 NW Alexander Street

I. Call To Order

II. Approval of minutes of January 21, 2003

III. Public Hearing (continued)

1. DRB 03-01, Ted Clifton
107 South Main Street, New Commercial Building "B"

IV. New Business

1. SGN 03-04, Coupeville Antique Mall (Virginia Walshaw)
11 NW Front Street, New Flush-Mounted Sign
 2. DRB 03-02, Matt and Heidi Iverson
11 NW Front Street, Exterior Trim Color
 3. SGN 03-05, Whidbey Sun and Wind (Kelly Keilwitz)
107 South Main Street (Bldg E), New Business Signage
 4. SGN 03-06, Coupeville Community Bible Church
502 NE Otis Street, New Flush-Mounted Sign
 5. DRB 03-03, Pamela Wrona
7 NW Front Street, Exterior Paint/Awning/Light Fixture
 6. SGN 03-07, Door 2 Door Interiors (Pamela Wrona)
7 NW Front Street, New Projecting and Awning Signs
- V. Audience Input
VI. Adjourn



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Fri. and Sat. only 9:15



Worship Guide

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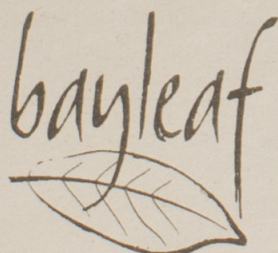
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4-H 'Super Saturday' nears

The WSU Beach Watchers just had their "Sound Waters" program and the WSU Master Gardeners will have their "Whidbey Gardening Workshop" on March 1. Not to be outdone, the WSU 4-H'ers will have their annual "Super Saturday" on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Coupeville Middle School.

This year, 56 classes will be offered to youth and adults, ranging from uniquely 4-H topics such as "How to Create Winning Educational Posters" to more general fare such as "Creative Stamping" and "Fishing 101."

This event, which is open to the public, gives 4-H'ers a chance to get together and learn new things outside of their club's project areas. It also

gives non-4-H'ers the chance to see what the program is all about.

WSU's Judy Feldman advises that the classes will fill up quickly, and urges folks to go to the website right away in order to have the best selection of available activities. Pre-registration is required, so that the event planners and instructors can be prepared, and forms/payment must be received in the WSU 4-H office by Feb. 18. Cost for the event itself is \$2 per person for the entire day. Lunch can be ordered with your pre-registration for an additional \$3. For more information, contact the 4-H office at 321-5111, ext. 7328, or 679-7328, or go to the website at www.island.wsu.edu for a full description of classes.

Methodist Church requests memorabilia

Mary Kline Rose, a professional writer, has contracted with the Coupeville United Methodist Church to write the Sesquicentennial History for the church. Ms. Rose, the author of three books, is also an editor and researcher. She has her own publishing company in Vancouver, Wash.

The book, to be completed by November, will cover the history of Northwest missions, early explorers and settlers, the Indian population,

community evolution, and of course the founding of the church, as well as its more recent history.

Some materials have already been collected, but the Sesquicentennial Committee is still looking for photographs, memorabilia, and stories from earlier years—anything from 1850 until about 1980 and related to any of the activities of the church. The committee requests a search of attics, closets and memories for any-

thing that might be of interest. Call Doris Jones, 678-5206, or the church, 678-4256.

Little League to meet

Central Whidbey Little League will have a general membership meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in HS104 at Coupeville High School.

Meet board members, get questions answered, or volunteer. Call 678-1737 for information.

Some kids use drugs to fit in and belong

By Larry Tennant

Parents often worry about how much influence peers have on their children. We have all heard the phrase "peer pressure."

However, recent research suggests that most youth don't feel overt pressure from their peers to use alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs. Youth say that the pressure to do drugs, smoke, or drink comes more from wanting to be accepted, wanting to belong, and wanting to be noticed. In other words, youth drug use often has more to do with the need for peer acceptance than an inability to "just say no" to their peers.

Children want others to like them. But the group they want to join might be drinking, smoking or chewing tobacco, smoking pot, or using meth or crack. Sometimes youth turn to alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs to overcome anxiety, change their personality, or give them courage to attempt social connections.

Our society is flooded with messages that encourage our youth to use alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. These messages help convince youth that they should "join the crowd." The myth that "everyone is doing it" fuels the perception that drug use is normal.

Young people consistently overestimate the numbers of their peers who are using alcohol tobacco and illegal drugs. Although teenagers believe

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Relay for Life kick-off rally is Feb. 27

The American Cancer Society's North Whidbey Relay for Life is planning a kick-off rally for the start of the 2003 Relay for Life Cancer Walk/Run.

The kick-off rally will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the North Whidbey Middle School cafeteria. The school is located at 815 NE 4th in Oak Harbor.

The community is invited to join the planning committee for an inspirational and fun evening to learn how to make a difference by volunteering and participating in the Relay for Life event.

Relay For Life is a unique fundraising event that allows participants from all walks of life, including patients, medical support staff, corporations, civic organizations, churches and community volunteers to join together in the fight against

Peaceful, thought provoking, gentle, warm and intimate, with an excellent variety of styles from Latin rhythm to Celtic tunes.

Tickets are on sale now at 360-336-8955 or toll free at 877-754-6284. Reserved seats sell for \$16, 14 and 12 per person if you are a Lincoln member. \$1 additional service charge for non-members.

cancer. Relay For Life is a team event where participants walk or run around a track relay style for 12 to 24 hours.

Teams of walking and running enthusiasts will gather at the North Whidbey Middle School track on June 6 and 7 to show their support in the fight against cancer.

Dedicated volunteers from the Island County community are needed to begin forming teams for this event.

The hour-long kick-off rally will provide an overview of the Relay as well as of the American Cancer Society's programs and services. Also, there will be a new Relay video, refreshments and a mini-luminaria ceremony.

All cancer survivors are invited to attend the kick-off rally as well as to participate in the victory lap to lead off the Relay For Life event in June 2003.

Come join the fun and participate in a worthwhile community event. For more information about the kick-off rally on Feb. 27 or the Relay For Life event held on June 6-7, contact Yvonne Musgrove at 675-4283 or by email at Yvonne.Musgrove@Verizon.net. Or call Jill Karsh at the American Cancer Society at 1-800-729-5588, option #3.

Girl Scouts on the air Saturday

Girl Scout Troop #1990 of Freeland, Totem Council, will host "Thinking Day on the Air" (TDOTA) this Saturday, Feb. 15, in the multipurpose room at Coupeville Elementary School.

Girl Scout troops from throughout the area are expected to attend.

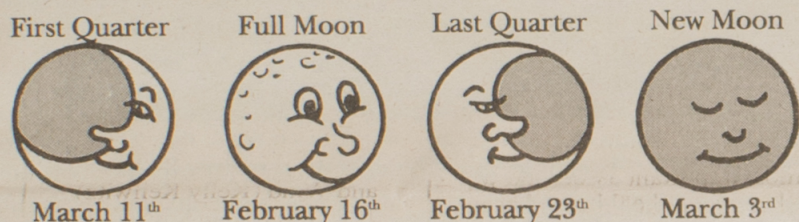
The Girl Scouts have asked the Island County Amateur Radio Club to assist them in this "TDOTA."

Amateur Radio Club will be setting up antennas starting at noon on Sat. Feb. 15 and will be on the air with the girls from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The scouts will be working toward a badge.

Among other work, they'll be trying to contact stations in Canada, where their Canadian counterparts will be doing the same type of exercises as part of their "Girl Guides on the Air" program.

In Coupeville the Amateur Radio Club will also show the girls a film about what they can expect, should they get their Amateur Radio License.



WHIDBEY WEATHER SUMMARY FEB. 3, 2003 - Feb. 9, 2003

Location	High Temp	Low Temp	Rainfall (in.)	2001 to date	Last Year
Polnell Point	48	33	.19	2.12	2.81
NAS Whidbey	49	29	.06	2.19	2.54
West Beach	51	32	.05	2.49	3.69
Fort Casey	49	29	.12	2.76	3.01
Admirals Cove	52	27	.0	2.91	3.50
Teronda West	49	32	.15	2.84	4.38

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Dr. Richard Hobbs to lecture on local African American family

On Saturday, Feb. 22, from 1-2:30 p.m., at the Island County Historical Museum in Coupeville, Dr. Richard Hobbs, a Whidbey Island resident and author of "The Cayton Legacy: An African American Family," will give a lecture in conjunction with Black History Month.

Dr. Hobbs will relate the fascinating story of a remarkable African American family who settled in Seattle, Chicago, New York and San Francisco.

The history of the Cayton family spans the period from the Civil War to the present and chronicles their journey to financial success and influence both nationally and regionally. They published newspapers, authored books and articles, held public office, worked for civil and human rights, and established relationships with major black and white community and cultural leaders in America.

The family also faced racial discrimination and duress, business and

professional failures, and poverty, and some struggled against the personal challenges of alcoholism, depression and drug addiction. Yet, the force of the family legacy — of being a Cayton — impelled most of them to make significant contributions and accomplish high achievements.

Dr. Hobbs and his wife live on Whidbey Island, where they enjoy raising and riding horses. He holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Washington and is a consultant with more than 20 years experience in historical-related services, writing, research, archives and records management. He has worked with a variety of private and governmental organizations and lived for three years in the Middle East where he was an advisor to the Government of Bahrain.

The lecture is included with museum admission. For more information, please call the museum at 678-3310.

Role of Nordic pioneers in Whidbey history

The Whidbey Island Nordic Lodge will present a review of the impacts made by early Nordic pioneers on the development of Whidbey Island. The first of the two part series will be conducted by Larry and John Frostad, whose family was one of the early pioneers in the Oak Harbor area, owning land now occupied by the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station.

The program will be part of the Nordic Lodge's regular meeting to be held at the Coupeville Recreation Hall (Alexander at Coveland) on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m.

Refreshments and a short business meeting will follow the program. The program is open to the public.



Sid Iverson, above, compares a county map with a Frostad Road sign. This street was named after the Frostads, an early pioneer family in the northeastern part of Oak Harbor. There are nearly 100 roads on the island named for Nordic pioneers.

On Sept. 11, 2000, the Board of Island County Commissioners set aside Sept. 17 to recognize Z. Martin Taftezon as the first Norwegian land owner (1849) in what is now Oak Harbor. The Taftezon family was one of many pioneer families who are still remembered on nearly 100 street and roads located throughout Island County.

In 1939, Taftezon's body was moved from Oak Harbor to the pioneer cemetery in Stanwood in a ceremony attended by Prince Olaf of Norway. In addition to Taftezon (sic) Street, Frostad Road and Hunskor Road are two more examples of street names which help us remember the role of the Norwegian pioneers.

Count birds in your backyard this weekend

Changing winter weather should have birds on the move, setting the stage for a nationwide bird count.

The sixth-annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is Feb. 14-17, Presidents' Day weekend when nearly 50,000 participants across the nation are expected to count birds in backyards, local parks and other natural areas and submit data via the Internet. Sponsored by the National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Wild Birds Unlimited, the

GBBC is designed to collect data about late winter movements of birds to learn more about population and habitat use trends.

Washington was one of the top 10 states last year in the number of bird species reported.

Last year, birders from throughout the nation identified 505 bird species and more than 4.7 million birds.

Among the species noted here were many of the nation's most frequently reported birds, including mourning dove, dark-eyed junco,

house finch, American crow, downy woodpecker, black-capped chickadee, and the Washington state bird, the American goldfinch.

Participants need only a basic knowledge of bird identification and access to the Internet at home or through a local library or school.

Simply count the number of birds of each species in a yard or favorite birdwatching spot for at least 15 minutes and submit data to the GBBC website, www.birdsource.org/gbbc on the Internet.

Attention Basset Hounds and their people

Basset Hound Club of Whidbey Island is proud to announce that the American Kennel Club (AKC) has approved the Whidbey organization as a functioning club to hold AKC events.

The club's emphasis will be on education, information and development of new membership in the area.

The club's interests include field trials, tracking, hunting trials and obedience.

The club's first local event will

be its Fun Field Trial, 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 16 at Sunset Ranch on Zylstra Road, Oak Harbor. Entrance fee is \$5.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month in Coupeville.

For more information contact Randy Diefert at 678-2156 or longearsb@earthlink.net, Gail Allen at 678-5760 or gallen1068@aol.com or Dave Vaughan at 678-0514 or vaughanflodden@aol.com.

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for Captain Scott, a friend of her father's, who hired her to teach his children. Then the local sheriff began courting her: "The tall, broad-shouldered sheriff of Santa Clara County took a liking to me in spite of my youth and extreme bashfulness. He invited me to go on a moonlight drive to Don Castro's ranch — and I consented only when another girl was invited, as I had never gone anywhere without Father's consent and our invitations always came through him."

"I was so bashful I nearly tore a hole in my handkerchief when my Sheriff called, for I hardly knew how to treat a man so much older than myself. When I return(ed) to San Francisco he wrote to me and sent his picture, and finally came to see me — which gave me an opportunity to return his material attentions. After all, I was only a girl, and rather a young girl at that, and the men who took an interest in my sister and me embarrassed rather than pleased me by their attentions."

Back in San Francisco, Calista sometimes sailed with her father on his ship. She told of another incident in which a crew member upon the ship became interested in her: "An offer of marriage, which frightened as well as embarrassed me, I found in a note under my pillow on one of my voyages with Father. It came from the Mate, and, as I had not been aware of any special interest on his part, I was surprised and dismayed. I was afraid to tell Father and afraid not to answer; so I destroyed his note and in my best copy-book hand wrote him a little note thanking him

for and incidentally refusing the honor he had done me. This I put under his pillow. I never dared look at him afterward."

Although Calista's main reaction thus far to the attentions of gentle-

house, "he brought with him a young Captain Lovejoy, whose vessel, the "Chalcedony," had just arrived. In the afternoon when it was necessary for us to return to our

my happiness.

"But when it came to having him sail away forever! When he sailed away I was engaged to him."

So a 17-year old girl set her future path, and on Jan. 6, 1855 the two of

When they arrived in Sitka after "a very rough trip," the "Chalcedony" was mistaken for a man-of-war, and no pilot would come out. The wind was blowing so hard that it was impossible to anchor.

They were forced to put back out to sea and "were buffeted by one of the fierce gales common in the North Pacific in winter." It was another two weeks before they again sighted Sitka, and by then the vessel had sprung a leak and "the crew had been forced to pump night and day."

It was certainly a honeymoon trip to remember.

Calista did not continue to go to sea with her husband, but lived in San Francisco, which was her father's homeport and also home to her three married sisters.

The first three Lovejoy children were born there, and four more were born on Whidbey Island, where the family lived on their 134-acre homestead adjoining the Capt. Coupe claim.

Howard Bentley Lovejoy died of a heart condition in 1872. In her later life, Calista remarried, learned to ride a bicycle, and in 1911 attended the christening of her namesake, the passenger steamer "Calista," evidence that she had a certain irrepressible sense of

adventure throughout her long and varied life. Calista — or Kitty, as her family called her — lived in Coupeville until her death at age 84 on Jan. 22, 1921.

The Examiner thanks Jane (Lovejoy) Jones for her gracious consent to share family journals, letters and photos.



Howard Bentley Lovejoy.

Photos courtesy of Jane Jones

men had been, by her own admission, one of embarrassment, she would soon meet someone with a serious intent to court her.

Capt. Howard Bentley Lovejoy was born in Maine in 1827. By 1854 he was master of the bark "Chalcedony," a northern trader whose homeport was San Francisco. Calista's father commanded the "Burnham," also out of San Francisco. In 1854, Calista sailed with her father to drop cargo at Penn Cove and take on a load of piles from Camano Island.

The trip from San Francisco to the Puget Sound area took about two weeks.

Twice she and her father visited Captain Coupe at his cabin, "the only one then at the present site of Coupeville."

When her father came to fetch her back to the ship from the captain's

"He will be your nearest and dearest friend. There will be none that you will love so well on earth. Ever try to make home happy and pleasant whether on the sea or on the land."

— To Calista from her sister Jennie in a letter written the day after Calista's wedding

ships clouds were threatening rain. I feared for my black silk dress and yellow silk bonnet. Captain Lovejoy came to my rescue with his macintosh while Father tied his big handkerchief around my bonnet. I have often laughed at the figure I must have cut in this, my first meeting with my future husband. He had supper aboard our ship and spent the evening. In the morning our ship sailed for San Francisco."

Later when Captain Lovejoy was in port in San Francisco, he received Captain Kinney's permission to "pay his addresses" to Calista. She said, "Captain Lovejoy came often to see me and, though I did not take his attentions in a serious light, I enjoyed his company very much. (He was six feet — and very good-looking.) I was 17 and very much of a child — while he was 10 years my senior."

One day they went to Sausalito, to see battleships that had come in from the Crimean War.

"That night Captain Lovejoy talked seriously to me. He told me that he loved me and that if I couldn't decide to care for him he would never return to San Francisco. I did not want to decide in the least. He seemed so much older and graver and hardly the right kind of a companion, — though in my heart I knew I could safely trust him with



Almira (Mizie) Antoinette Kinney.

them were married in San Francisco. Two days later, they were on the "Chalcedony," sailing to Sitka to pick up a load of ice. "I often wonder that I felt no fear in undertaking a voyage to far away Alaska; an uncharted coast, an almost unknown country, — and in the dead of winter. I loved the sea — and I had implicit confidence in my husband."

Ten paintings by local artist Joan Brosnahan are on display at Pacific Northwest Bank in Coupeville during the months of February and March.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
■ Researching Your Job Market, 9 a.m. to noon at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20 in Oak Harbor. Free, but space is limited. Reserve at 360-675-5966. Other job seeker and business services, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Valentine's Day Dance, 7 to 11 p.m. in the Coupeville Recreation Hall. Charlie T. the "Dancin' DJ" will teach some dances, and DJs Unlimited will play requests for all types of music. Soft drinks and munchies available. \$5 at the door. 678-5430.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
■ Whidbey Audubon Field Trip, full day in the Skagit Flats for snow geese, tundra and trumpeter swans. Meet at Oak Harbor City Beach Park by the jet plane at 8 a.m. to carpool. Bring lunch, and cars must have State Lands Access stickers. Bad weather will cancel. Leader is Steve, 678-2264. Public is welcome.

■ Beach Litter Cleanup, 9 to 11 a.m. at Double Bluff. All equipment for safe pickup is provided. Individuals and groups welcome. Cheryl May, 360-678-4100, cmay@whidbey.net.

■ Prairie Restoration, planting, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet in Au Sable parking lot. Dress for the weather, with stout boots, and bring work gloves.

■ St. Augustine's Rack, the annual used clothing sale by the Episcopal Church Women of St. Augustine's in-the-woods Parish, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Clean, used clothing priced \$5 for grocery bag, boutique items priced individually. For everyone of every age, and

hats, shoes and accessories. 5217 Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland.

■ Sons of Norway Meeting, 10 a.m. at Coupeville Recreation Hall, Coveland and Alexander Streets. Visitors are welcome to this presentation on the history of the Scandinavians of North Whidbey.

■ Sweetheart Gift Market and Red Wine and Chocolate Tasting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbank Farm.

■ Presentation on the Underground Railroad to assist escaping slaves, the groups involved, the use of quilts as maps and more. 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Island County Historical Museum, Alexander at Front Street in Coupeville. Lecture is included with museum admission, \$3 adults, \$2.50 seniors, students and military, \$6 family of three or more. 678-3310.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
■ Basset Hound Club of Whidbey Island, first local event, Fun Field Trial, 9 a.m. at Sunset Ranch on Zylstra Road in Oak Harbor. Entrance fee \$5. 678-9586, 678-2156, or 678-0514.

■ Sweetheart Gift Market and Red Wine and Chocolate Tasting, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbank Farm.

■ Carlos del Junco Concert, presented by Concerts on the Cove, 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Coupeville High School. Junco is a harmonica maestro, playing blues, Latin, New Orleans, swing and jazz with his band. Tickets \$12 at door, \$10 in advance from Coupeville Pharmacy, Videoville, Great Times Espresso,

Wind & Tide Books, Daily Grind, Book Bay and Moonraker.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
■ Quilters on the Rock Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Coupeville Methodist Church. Members will be demonstrating several hand and machine piecing and quilting techniques. 675-5888.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
■ Adult CPR, 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter. \$25. Register at 1-888-216-5727.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
■ Meeting of the Marine Resources Committee, 4 - 6 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church on Hwy. 525 in Freeland. David Palazzi will speak on the recently revamped aquatic reserves program of the Dept. of Natural Resources. Public is welcome.

■ Just for Businesses: Interviewing, 6 to 8 p.m. at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20 in Oak Harbor. Free, but space is limited. Reserve at 360-675-5966.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
■ Prairie Restoration, planting, 9 a.m. to noon. Meet in Au Sable parking lot. Dress for the weather, with stout boots, and bring work gloves.

■ First Aid, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter. \$23. Register at 1-888-216-5727.

■ Meeting of the Greenbank Farm Board of Directors, 6 p.m. at the Jim Davis House on the Farm. Public is welcome.

■ Central Whidbey Little League, general membership meeting, 7 p.m. in room 104 at Coupeville High School. Meet board, volunteer, ask questions. 678-1737.

■ Spirited Waters, author Jennifer Hahn gives a slide presentation and chronicles the characters and adventures of her solo kayak trip through the Inside Passage. 7 p.m. at the Coupeville Library. Books will be available for signing and purchase.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
■ Intermediate Work for Writing Resumes, 9 a.m. to noon at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20 in Oak Harbor. Free, but space is limited. Reserve at 360-675-5966. Other job seeker and business services, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Just for Businesses: Interviewing, 1 to 3 p.m. at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20 in Oak Harbor. Free, but space is limited. Reserve at 360-675-5966.

■ Stroke Support Group, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room B at Whidbey General Hospital. Nutrition, lifestyle management and more. 678-7619.

■ Accepting Donations (no clothing), for tomorrow's sale at the Living Hope Foursquare Church, 2 to 7 p.m., 105 NW Broadway in Coupeville. 678-6692.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
■ 4-H Super Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Coupeville Middle School.
■ Whidbey Audubon Field Trip, half-day to Hoypus Point and Cornet Bay to explore an old-growth forest. Meet at Oak Harbor City Beach Park by the jet plane at 9 a.m. Bad weather will cancel. Leader is Steve, 678-2264. Public is welcome.

■ Ultimate Garage Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Coupeville Rec Hall, corner of Coveland and Alexander Streets.

Sponsored by the local Co-op Pre-school, with raffles, pastries and coffee.

■ Garage Sale, sponsored by the women's ministry of Living Hope Foursquare Church, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 105 NW Broadway in Coupeville. 678-6692.

■ Infant and Child CPR, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter. \$27. Register at 1-888-216-5727.

■ Bowling Pin Shoot, 9 a.m. at the Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Assoc. clubhouse and range on Safari Road, just south of Coupeville and intersection of Morris Road and Hwy. 20. Public is invited and must have safety glasses and ear protection. 678-0960.

■ The Cayton Legacy: An African American Family. Author Dr. Richard Hobbs will speak on this remarkable family from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Island County Historical Museum, Alexander at Front Street in Coupeville. Lecture is included with museum admission, \$3 adults, \$2.50 seniors, students and military, \$6 family of three or more. 678-3310.

■ Diamonds and Champagne Gala, annual fund raising event for the Boys and Girls Club of Oak Harbor. 5:30 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge, for dinner, auction, and raffle for \$2600 in diamonds. Tickets, \$50 per person. Call 360-240-9273.

■ Fourth Saturday Bayview Contra Dance, basic instruction at 7:30 p.m. with music at 8 p.m. Lots of fun, no pressure or fancy footwork. Come alone or with a partner. \$6 adults, \$3 children who dance. Bayview Hall is on Bayview Road just off Hwy. 525. 360-221-8430.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
■ Musical Journey Around the World, an afternoon of song, story, and puppets, with Eric Ode. 2:30 p.m. at the Freeland Library, for families and children 3 to 9 years old. Free.

■ Presidents' Tea, 3 to 5 p.m. at Anna's Tea Room, 606 N. Main St., Coupeville. \$25 per person, reservations required. 360-678-5797.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24
■ First Aid, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Red Cross chapter. \$23. Register at 1-888-216-5727.

■ Staff Arts and Crafts Exhibit, in Viking Union 565, WWU in Bellingham. Free, public welcome, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with opening reception 3-6 p.m. Continues Feb. 25 to 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. <http://west.wvu.edu/artscrafts/show/>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
■ Whidbey Audubon Field Trip, half-day to explore the Langley Marina, Lone Lake and other South Whidbey bird habitats. Meet in front of the Dog House in Langley at 9 a.m. Bad weather will cancel. Leader is Don, 678-3703. Public is welcome.

■ Identifying Your Skills, 9 a.m. to noon at WorkSource Whidbey, 31975 Hwy. 20 in Oak Harbor. Free, but space is limited. Reserve at 360-675-5966. Other job seeker and business services, M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — MAJCHROWICZ

File No. 7258.21804/Majchrowicz, Alan G. and Coleen L.
 Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC
 Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., successor to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc., fka PNC Mortgage Corp. of America
 Grantee: Majchrowicz, Alan G. and Coleen L.

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

I. On February 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. outside the main entrance 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.: S6235-04-00075-0
 Lot 75, Plat of Camaloch, Division No. 4, as per Plat recorded in Volume 10 of Plats, Page 30, records of Island County; Situate in the County of Island, State of Washington. Commonly known as: 325 East Melrose Lane Camano Island, WA 98292

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 09/01/92, recorded on 09/23/02, under Auditor's File No. 92016908, records of Island County, Washington, from Alan G. Majchrowicz and Coleen L. Majchrowicz, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Land Title Company of Island County, as Trustee, to secure

an obligation in favor of U.S. Savings Bank of Washington, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by U.S. Savings Bank, National Association to PNC Mortgage Corp. of America, under an Assignment/Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 98022936.

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	11/13/02
A. Monthly Payments	\$5,047.50
B. Late Charges	\$201.88
C. Advances	\$0.00
D. Other Arrears	\$0.00
Total Arrearage	\$5,249.38
E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)	
Trustee's Fee	\$600.00
Attorneys' Fees	\$0.00
Title Report	\$536.09
Process Service	\$120.00
Statutory Mailings	\$36.00
Recording Fees	\$30.00
Publication	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Costs	\$1,322.09
Total Amount Due:	\$6,571.47

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 cured.

OTHER DEFAULT

Nonpayment of Taxes/ Assessments

Default under any senior lien

Failure to insure property against hazard

Waste

Unauthorized sale of property (Due on Sale)

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of

ACTION NECESSARY TO CURE

Deliver to Trustee written proof that

all taxes and assessments against the property are paid current

Deliver to Trustee written proof that all senior liens are paid current and that no other defaults exist

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

Revert title to permitted vestee

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
 Alan G. Majchrowicz
 325 East Melrose Lane
 Camano Island, WA 98292

\$99,805.85, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 06/01/02, 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 February 21, 2003. 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 02/10/03 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the close of the Trustee's business on 02/10/03 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due, is/are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 02/10/03 (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 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):

Coleen L. Majchrowicz
 325 East Melrose Lane
 Camano Island, WA 98292
 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 10/10/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 10/11/02 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: November 13, 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.

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Town of Coupeville Ordinance 635

Repealing Ordinance No. 505, codified as Chapter 10.08, Speed Limits, of the Coupeville Town Code.

Ordinance 635 lowers the speed limit on Parker Road to the east town limit from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. This ordinance is effective immediately upon publication and posting of the revised speed limit. Passed February 11, 2003. Full text will be mailed upon request.

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LEGAL NO. 1007

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February 14, 2003

Bailey votes for a senior benefit

State Rep. Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor, said she voted her conscience this Monday when she supported an amendment on the House floor that would give seniors a real prescription drug benefit right away.

"Time will tell that we did the right thing for senior citizens today, despite the fact that House Bill 1214 passed without our critical amendment," said Bailey. "The difference between the Republican proposal and HB 1214 is easy to see: House Republicans would have created and funded a senior prescription drug program today. HB 1214, on the other hand, designs a program that has little chance of saving anyone any money on prescription drugs, the least of which senior citizens."

The Republican plan would have:

- Created and funded a senior pre-

scription drug program now;

- Given consumers and health care providers a voice through a Prescription Drug Board;
- Let the Health Care Authority, an existing agency, create a public/private consortium so seniors and others can access lower cost medications with a check-and-balance system to ensure it really works;
- Exempted difficult to manage diseases from the preferred drug list so people who really need particular drugs can always get them;
- Created a preferred drug list with "dispense as written" so patients can get the medications that work best for them;
- Relayed critical information to seniors to help them get low- and no-cost drugs from existing programs; and
- Eliminated the Therapeutic Con-

sultation Program and relieves prescribing doctors of an undue administrative burden.

"I know the senior citizens I serve are counting on me to bring them results, sooner rather than later," Bailey said in a press release dated Feb. 10. "That's why I voted for the Republican proposal today. It's an honest solution to the real problems facing seniors. The same can't be said for HB 1214," said Bailey. "The House had an opportunity to create and fund a senior prescription drug program today and they didn't by passing HB 1214."

HB 1214 passed 64-33.

"I encourage everyone who has a stake in better health care to participate in this debate. It's critical that we ask ourselves whether HB 1214, should it become law, is making a positive difference," said Bailey.

Public safety top priority for Sehlin, Bailey

Quick action needed to ensure public safety prompted 10th District state Reps. Barry Sehlin and Barbara Bailey to vote last week in support Senate Bill 5001. The bill would clarify the statute on felony murder that was recently called into question by the state Supreme Court.

With the swift vote, lawmakers could prevent nearly 300 convicted murderers in Washington from being released.

In a recent 5-4 decision, the Washington State Supreme Court held that assault cannot be a predicate offense for second-degree felony murder and threw out the conviction of a man named Shawn Andress, who had stabbed an individual in a fight outside a bar in 1995. The victim later died.

Andress was convicted of second-degree murder and sent to prison, but the court reversed the conviction, saying the felony murder rule was not meant to apply in instances where the underlying felony is assault. The ruling throws in doubt the sentences for hundreds of murderers in the state of Washington.

"If the House had not acted, murderers would go free," said Bailey. "It's our job in the Legislature to define crimes and the sentences involved. With this bill we're saying that we don't agree with or accept the court's determination in this case. In fact, the court's decision, questioning the intent of the statute and overturning 28 years of case law, is completely irresponsible given the inherent dangers to the public."

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — HARWELL

File No. 7115.20610/Harwell, David S. and Luningning L. Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. Grantee: Harwell, David S. and Luningning L.

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

I. On March 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. outside the main entrance 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.: S7685-00-08009-2

All that portion of Lot 9, Block 8, Plat of Patton's Hillcrest Village Division No. 1, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 6 of Plats, Pages 4 and 5, records of Island County, Washington, described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 9, Block 8, Plat of Patton's Hillcrest Village Division No. 1; Thence North 15 degrees 48'00" West a distance of 150.00 feet along the East line of said Lot 9; Thence South 65 degrees 18'00" West a distance of 141.40 feet to the West line of said Lot 9; Thence South 33 degrees 36'00" East a distance of 150.00 feet along the West line of said Lot 9 to the Southwest corner of said Lot 9; Thence Northeasterly a distance of 95.38 feet along the South line of said Lot 9 to the Point of Beginning. Situate in the County of Island, State of Washington. Commonly known as: 2415 Loerland Lane Oak Harbor, WA 98277

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 12/05/98, recorded on 12/10/98, under Auditor's File No. 98026939 and re-recorded on 11/19/02 under Auditor's File No: 4037966, records of Island County, Washington, from David S. Harwell and Luningning L. Harwell, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Land Title Company, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Whatcom State Bank, a State Chartered Bank, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by Whatcom State Bank to Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., under an Assignment/ Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 99000883, 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 12/05/02	
A. Monthly Payments	\$4,702.80
B. Late Charges	\$156.75
C. Advances	\$9.50
D. Other Arrears	\$8.52
Total Arrearage	\$4,877.57
E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)	
Trustee's Fee	\$675.00

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Attorneys' Fees	\$0.00
Title Report	\$595.65
Process Service	\$120.00
Statutory Mailings	\$48.00
Recording Fees	\$30.00
Publication	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Costs	\$1,468.65
Total Amount Due:	\$6,346.22

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 cured.

OTHER	ACTION
DEFAULT	NECESSARY TO CURE
Nonpayment of Taxes/ Assessments	Deliver to Trustee written proof that all taxes and assessments against the property are paid current

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 \$98,268.53, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 06/01/02, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on March 14, 2003. 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 03/03/03 (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 03/03/03 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph

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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 03/03/03 (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 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 David S. Harwell 2415 Loerland Lane Oak Harbor, WA 98277 Luningning Harwell 2415 Loerland Lane Oak Harbor, WA 98277

by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 10/25/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 10/27/02 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: December 5, 2002 Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee By Vonnie Nave Authorized Signature PO BOX 4143 Bellevue, WA 98009-4143 Contact: Vonnie Nave (425) 586-1900

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE — BAH

File No. 7258.21794/Bahl, Richard M. and Nancy M. Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC

Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., successor to Washington Mutual Home Loans, Inc. fka PNC Mortgage Corp. of America Grantee: Bahl, Richard M. and Nancy M.

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

I. On February 21, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. outside the main entrance 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.: R32926-312-1000

The North half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter in Section 26, Township 29 North, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian. Situated in Island County, Washington. Commonly known as: 6560 South Wintergreen Drive Clinton, WA 98236

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 06/25/01, recorded on 06/25/01, under Auditor's File No. 20 036048 and re-recorded on 07/05/01 under Auditor's File No. 20 036433, records of Island County, Washington, from Richard M. Bahl and Nancy M. Bahl, as Grantor, to Michael D. Hitt, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Washington Mutual 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:

Amount due to reinstate by 11/13/02	
A. Monthly Payments	\$6,017.95
B. Late Charges	\$240.68
C. Advances	\$0.00
D. Other Arrears	\$0.00
Total Arrearage	\$6,258.63
E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)	
Trustee's Fee	\$675.00
Attorneys' Fees	\$0.00
Title Report	\$560.99
Process Service	\$120.00
Statutory Mailings	\$84.00
Recording Fees	\$30.00
Publication	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Costs	\$1,469.99
Total Amount Due:	\$7,728.62

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

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that are not listed below must also be cured.

OTHER	ACTION
DEFAULT	NECESSARY TO CURE
Nonpayment of Taxes/ Assessments	Deliver to Trustee written proof that all taxes and assessments against the property are paid current

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 \$105,642.85, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 06/01/02, 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 February 21, 2003. 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 02/10/03 (11 days before the sale date), to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time before the close of the Trustee's business on 02/10/03 (11 days before the sale date), the default(s) as set forth in paragraph III, together with any subsequent payments, late charges, advances, costs and fees thereafter due, is/ are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after 02/10/03 (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 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):

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NAME AND ADDRESS

Richard M. Bahl 6560 South Wintergreen Road Clinton, WA 98236 Nancy M. Bahl 6560 South Wintergreen Road Clinton, WA 98236 Richard M. Bahl P.O. Box 562 Clinton, WA 98236 Nancy M. Bahl P.O. Box 562 Clinton, WA 98236 John Doe Bahl, spouse of Nancy M. Bahl 6560 South Wintergreen Road Clinton, WA 98236 John Doe Bahl, spouse of Nancy M. Bahl P.O. Box 562 Clinton, WA 98236 Jane Doe Bahl, spouse of Richard M. Bahl 6560 South Wintergreen Road Clinton, WA 98236 Jane Doe Bahl, spouse of Richard M. Bahl P.O. Box 562 Clinton, WA 98236 by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 10/11/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 10/13/02 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: November 13, 2002 Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee By Chris Ashcraft Authorized Signature PO BOX 4143 Bellevue, WA 98009-4143 Contact: Chris Ashcraft (425) 586-1900

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE - KUZMICH

File No. 7115.20624/Kuzmich, Andrew Stephen-Lee
Grantors: Northwest Trustee Services, LLC
Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc.
Grantee: Kuzmich, Andrew Stephen-Lee

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

I. On March 14, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. outside the main entrance 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.: S6092-00-0A203-0
Unit 203, Building A, Bayview West Condominium, according to Declaration thereof recorded July 26, 1978, under Auditor's File No. 336607, records of Island County, Washington; Being a portion of Summer Donation Claim and Lots 46, 47, and 48, Plat of Ely's Addition to the Town of Oak Harbor, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Volume 2 of Plats, Page 27, records of Island County, Washington. Situated in Island County, Washington.
Commonly known as: 270 Southeast Barrington Drive, #C202
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

which is subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 06/02/99, recorded on 06/14/99, under Auditor's File No. 99 014163, records of Island County, Washington, from Andrew Stephen-Lee Kuzmich, a married man as his separate estate, as Grantor, to Island Title Company, a Washington corporation, as Trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of Whatcom State Bank, a Division of, First Savings Bank of Washington, as Beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was assigned by First Sav-

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ings Bank of Washington to Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc., under an Assignment/Successive Assignments recorded under Auditor's File No. 99015666.

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 12/06/02	
A. Monthly Payments	\$2,766.90
B. Late Charges	\$92.25
C. Advances	\$54.00
D. Other Arrears	\$30.04
Total Arrearage	\$2,943.19
E. Trustee's Expenses (Itemization)	
Trustee's Fee	\$675.00
Attorneys' Fees	\$0.00
Title Report	\$422.37
Process Service	\$120.00
Statutory Mailings	\$66.00
Recording Fees	\$30.00
Publication	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
Total Costs	\$1,313.37
Total Amount Due:	\$4,256.56

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 cured.

OTHER
DEFAULT

Nonpayment of Taxes/ Assessments

ACTION
NECESSARY
TO CURE
Deliver to Trustee written proof that all taxes and assessments against the property are paid current
Deliver to Trustee written proof that all senior liens are paid current and that no other defaults exist
Deliver to Trustee written proof that the property is insured against hazard as required by the Deed of Trust
Cease and desist from committing waste, repair all damage to property
Default under any senior lien
Failure to insure property against hazard
Waste

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and maintain property as required in Deed of Trust
Revert title to permitted vestee

Unauthorized sale of property (Due on Sale)

IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: Principal Balance of \$58,961.62, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from 06/01/02, and such other costs and fees as are due under the Note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

V. The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expense of sale and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on March 14, 2003. 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 03/03/03 (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 03/03/03 (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 03/03/03 (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 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
Andrew Stephen-Lee Kuzmich
270 Southeast Barrington Drive, #C202
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Jane Doe Kuzmich,
spouse of Andrew Stephen-Lee Kuzmich
270 Southeast Barrington Drive, #C202
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Jane Doe Kuzmich,
spouse of Andrew Stephen-Lee Kuzmich
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by both first class and either certified mail, return receipt requested, or registered mail on 10/29/02, proof of which is in the possession of the Trustee; and on 11/01/02 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.

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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: December 6, 2002
Northwest Trustee Services, LLC, Trustee

By **Vonnie Nave**
Authorized Signature
PO BOX 4143
Bellevue, WA 98009-4143
Contact: **Vonnie Nave**
(425) 586-1900

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TRUST BOARD MEETING DATES Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve 2003 Trust Board Meeting Dates

Following are the dates for the regular meetings of the Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve for the year 2003. All meetings are held in the Island County Historical Museum at 908 NW Alexander Street in Coupeville WA unless otherwise notified.
4 p.m. Tuesday January 28
4 p.m. Tuesday February 25
4 p.m. Tuesday March 25
4 p.m. Tuesday April 22
4 p.m. Tuesday May 20
4 p.m. Tuesday June 24
4 p.m. Tuesday July 22
4 p.m. Tuesday August 26
4 p.m. Tuesday September 23
4 p.m. Tuesday October 28
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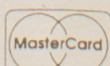
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From a bloodthirsty rogue warrior in "Last of the Mohicans" to his buzz-cut wearing career cop in "Heat," Studi's stare has made a major impact in some of the better films of the past decade. That he's also made actors of the caliber of Al Pacino and Daniel Day-Lewis stop, take a step back, then rise to the demands offered by that imposing stare, is just a side benefit for film fans.

In his latest, the murder mystery thriller "Skinwalkers," Studi gets a promotion to lead. Sharing duty with fellow Native American Adam

Beach, he portrays one half of a team of reservation cops brought together by a string of killings involving medicine men.



A staunch proponent of the just-the-facts-ma'am school of police work, Studi finds himself somewhat at odds with Beach, who is studying to be a medicine man himself during his downtime from working the beat.

In Beach's view, the killings seem to reflect the work of a skinwalker, a medicine man gone bad who can take on the form of animals to better carry out his evil. Studi, withering stare intact, is highly skeptical, more inclined to believe the perp they're after is mere flesh and blood.

Two committed cops, separated by age and experience, on opposite sides of a yawning gap between old school beliefs and 21st century technology, they still carry a deep respect for each other. And an abiding desire to stop the killings before they become an epidemic.

A skillfully constructed mystery which springs a couple of good surprises late in the game, "Skinwalkers" also takes the time to delve into the personal issues which separate,

yet unite, the two cops. The interplay between the intense, conflicted Studi and the affable but unbreakable Beach provides a nice counterpoint to the unfolding puzzle they tackle.

Based on one of a series of detective novels by prolific mystery scribe Tony Hillerman, and produced with the help of Robert Redford, it would make a great pilot to a continuing show.

Which is not to slight it as a film. It more than stands on its own, and yet you can easily see how the continuing work of detectives Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee could make for appointment TV.

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