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YD do it?



Coupeville's Nick Vracin scales the face of a large rock during Youth Dynamics Rendezvous '96. More than 140 students from Coupeville High School took part in the Memorial Day weekend event in Cashmere. Community members are invited to an open house at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 at the Coupeville YD center in the old Floor Show building, 105 S. Main St. For more information, call Mike Unruh at 678-8724.

Community tapped to enter floats in Homecoming parade

Alumni, service clubs and other community organizations are invited to enter floats in Coupeville High School's Homecoming parade Oct. 18.

There is no entry fee, but all participants must fill out an application

for their floats.

Applications can be obtained in the main office at the high school, and must be returned no later than 3 p.m. next Thursday, Oct. 10, said Wolves' student government spokesman Aaron Henderson.

Water quality plan for Puget Sound unveiled

By Mary Kay Doody

Copies of a state plan to protect Puget Sound water quality are being released this week for public review, and a series of public hearings scheduled.

No public hearing is scheduled for Coupeville, or anywhere in Island County, however. The closest one will be in Mount Vernon, Skagit County.

The draft plan is called the Puget Sound Water Quality Work Plan for the 1997-99 Biennium. It was produced by the Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team, successor to the now-defunct Puget Sound Water Quality Authority.

The team, chaired by Nancy McKay of the state Department of Ecology, says it wants to hear com-

ments on the draft plan from local citizens and officials in all areas affected.

"The only way we can protect Puget Sound is to work together," she said. "This plan presents coordinated actions by federal, state and local governments that will measurably improve water quality."

The public hearing intended for residents and officials from Island, Skagit and Whatcom counties will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21 in Ford Hall Room 101, Skagit Valley College, 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon.

For more information on the public hearings, or to request a copy of the draft version of the work plan,

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Harvest Fest this weekend

The Coupeville Farmers Market presents the annual Harvest Fest in Coupeville this weekend.

In addition to its annual coloring contest, the Farmers Market will have pony rides, a raffle, live music, pie-eating contest and the 4-H petting zoo.

Also planned are the "Great Zucchini Race," a

"Make an Animal out of Vegetables" contest and 4-H pumpkins, pumpkin painting and more.

The Farmers Market is located in the large field behind Coupeville Town Hall on NE Seventh Street. The Harvest Fest runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sign code hearing delayed—again

The new sign ordinance proposed for the Town of Coupeville will be aired before the Coupeville Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, in town hall.

The planning commission was to hold a public hearing Oct. 1, but did not have a quorum of members present to conduct business.

Chairman Jim Short and members John Rodriguey and Phil Williamson were the only ones able to attend Tuesday night's meeting, which had to be called off. Three members are teachers who had a commitment at school that night, and another member was teaching a class, Short said.

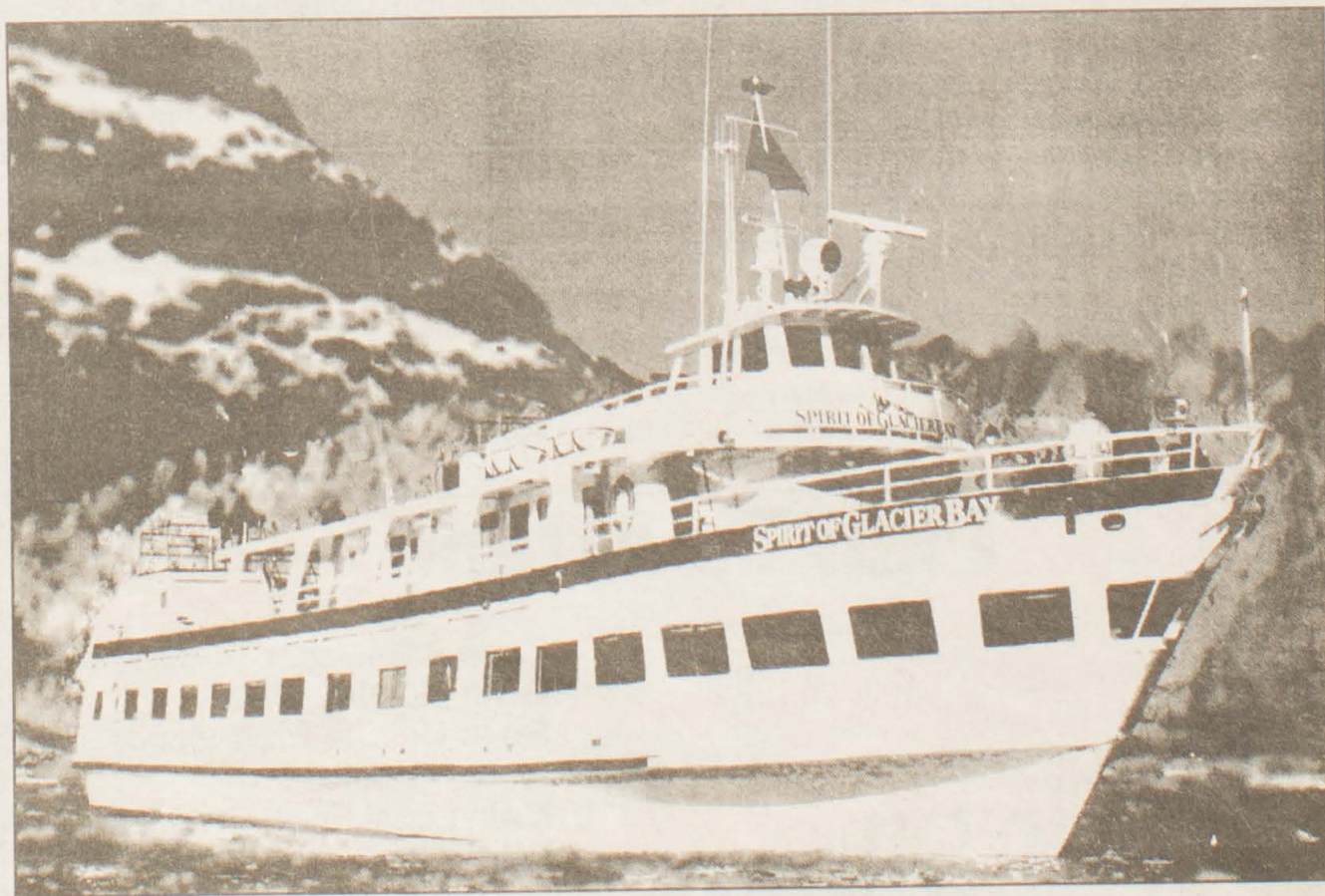
Following the panel's first hearing on the sign ordinance last month, town planner Larry Cort and planning technician Pat Cozine prepared several proposed revisions, which will be aired next Monday along with the rest of the 17-page proposed law.

Some of the proposed changes include approval of

signs for special events by the town planner instead of by variance, language to make it clear that the roof line is the maximum sign height, and "bonus size allowance" under special circumstances.

The town council must adopt the ordinance before it becomes law. Town officials have already said that once the new ordinance is in place, it will be enforced. Here's how signs will be treated, according to Cort: Those in existence since before 1975 will be automatically approved, or "grandfathered; those installed legally with a permit since 1975 will also be grandfathered; those put up without a permit, after 1975, will have to be authorized; and those installed without a permit after 1975 which don't meet the criteria in the new ordinance will have to go. The owners will be given a certain number of days to remove the signs before the town takes enforcement action.

Copies of the proposed sign ordinance and revisions are available at town hall.



The tourists are coming

The Spirit of Glacier Bay, a 166-foot cruise ship, will be making regular stops in Coupeville on Friday afternoons during October. Coupeville is one of eight stops during an eight-day cruise through Puget Sound. The ship is slated to make its first stop in Coupeville 2:30 p.m. Oct. 4.

Rolls Royce sale nets \$15,500

The Coupeville Arts Center is off to a \$15,500 start in its biggest annual fund-raising event, thanks to this week's sale of the 1975 Rolls Royce Bob and Judi David donated to the arts center before they moved to Mexico.

And it's still more than a week until the arts center auction.

Arlington resident Frank Adams outbid about 10 other registered bidders for the Rolls Silver Shadow, said Janet O'Brien, in the Seattle office of Kip Toner Benefit Auctions.

"He drove up in a Rolls. He owns a 1984 Rolls convertible already. He said he wanted a second car," said O'Brien, adding that Adams only described himself as self-employed.

Toner auctioned the luxury car off for the Coupeville Arts Center at Seattle's Sorrento Hotel Tuesday. He'll be the auctioneer Oct. 13 in Coupeville when the arts center has its gala 6th Annual Auction for the Arts, at 3 p.m.

"We had great exposure in the Seattle media as a result of the press conference (arts center Judy Lynn) and I attended at the Sorrento Hotel — in the penthouse suite!" said arts center board president Emily Ramsey.

She and Lynn were pleased with the jumpstart the Rolls sale gives their auction for the arts.

"Nobody stole it. It was a fair price for them and good for us," Lynn said. "It went for well over what a dealer would have paid for it."

Museum to host talk on steam and steel navy

William Woodward will describe the building of a modern American steam and steel navy and coastal defense fortification system 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8 at the Island County Historical Society Museum in Coupeville.

At the turn of the century, citizens of the new State of Washington were emerging from a deep and turbulent depression. They began to discover exciting worlds emerging across the specific.

Illustrated with archival photographs, Woodward's presentation traces a story that leads to Seattle's Alaska-

Yukon-Pacific exposition in 1909.

Woodward is a professor of history at Seattle Pacific University. He has a Ph.D in American diplomatic history. His lecture is co-sponsored by Inquiring Mind, Washington Commission for the Humanities and Friends of the Coupeville Library. Admission is free.

The museum is at the corner of Front and Alexander streets in Coupeville. For information, call Sandra Plush at 678-3310.

Author to give presentation in Langley Oct. 12

Island County history will come to life 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 through renowned Western historian Richard White.

White, fresh from the long-running PBS series "The West," will discuss the territory, events and cultures that shaped Whidbey Island.

White is author of various history books, including "A New History of the American West," "Your Mis-

fortune and None of My Own," "The Organic Machine" and his award-winning "Land Use, Environment and Social Change."

Tickets for White's presentation, to be held at the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, are \$15 general admission and \$3 for students. Proceeds benefit the Washington Conservation Voters and the Wilbert Society.

CWYAA 1996 Soccer Standings			
For the week ending Oct. 1			
SENIOR DIVISION			
Sept. 28	Game 1	Carla's	4
		Schisel	0
	Game 2	CWYC	4
		TSE	1
	Game 2	Chrstrph's	6
		Schisel	1
Sept. 29	Game 1	Carla's	4
		Chrstrph's	4
SENIOR STANDINGS			
	W	L	Tie
C. Whidbey Youth Coalition	2	0	1
Christopher's Restaurant	2	0	0
Carla's Shear Inspiration	1	0	1
TSE Construction	0	2	0
Schisel Construction	0	3	0
MAJOR DIVISION			
Sept. 28	Game 1	Inter Isle	5
		PC Family	0
	Game 2	Inn @ Penn	5
		Terry Mble	3
	Game 3	Service Alt	5
		SW Plmbg	1
Sept. 29	Game 1	Inter Isle	10
		Coupe's	0
MAJOR STANDINGS			
	Win	Loss	Tie
Inter Isle Construction	2	0	1
Inn at Penn Cove	2	0	0
Service Alternatives	1	1	1
Terry Mobile Home Park	1	1	0
South Whidbey Plumbing	1	1	0
Coupe's Greenbank Store	0	2	0
PC Family Grocer	0	2	0
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Boys tennis team beats Cedarcrest

Coupeville High School's tennis team defeated Cedarcrest 9-0 in the Wolves home game Wednesday.

Cedarcrest is a junior high in the Marysville School District.

They played all doubles matches, for nearly three hours Wednesday afternoon, said Coupeville tennis coach Horace Mills.

Coupeville's No. 1 doubles team of Kyle Dunnagan and Scott Stuurmans defeated Cedarcrest's Rumbough and Reed, 6-1, 6-0.

Wolves No. 2 doubles team Andy Baker and Oliver Hansen beat Conyers and Hart of Cedarcrest 6-2, 6-0.

Wolves No. 3 pair Philip Vaughan and Eric Wiley defeated Cedarcrest's Klein and Espinoza 6-2, 6-2.

Coupeville's No. 4 duo, Brian Baker and Joe Donnellon beat Dunn and Marsh 6-3, 6-3.

No. 5 pair Andy Benson and Justin Rothboeck lost their first match against Cedarcrest's Drake and Stiles, then one won and tied one before one of the Marysville players was injured and the match retired. They scored:

5-7, 6-2, 5-5, (ret).

No. 6 pair Travis Hooker and Jason Fisher defeated Somers and Vail of Cedarcrest 6-1, 6-1.

Coupeville's No. 7 doubles team of Daniel Sattler and Caspian Kuschnerreit beat Clark and Barnes 6-0, 6-3.

Duo No. 8, Wolves Philip Vaughan and Eric Wiley, defeated Souther and Gobel 6-0, 6-0.

And No. 9 duo Daniel Sattler and Caspian Kuschnerreit beat Cedarcrest 8-2 in the one set they played against Shreeves and Miles.

Earlier this week, Coupeville lost to the toughest team in their league, Blaine High School. That was Monday, when Blaine beat the Wolves 8-2, at Blaine, in Whatcom County near the Canadian border.

But Wolves coach is hopeful about the next two games with Blaine: one is next weekend at Friday Harbor High School, when the Wolves travel to San Juan Island for a three-school invitational tournament — and the Wolves' last home tennis game, when Blaine comes to Coupeville Oct. 16.

Plan To Attend



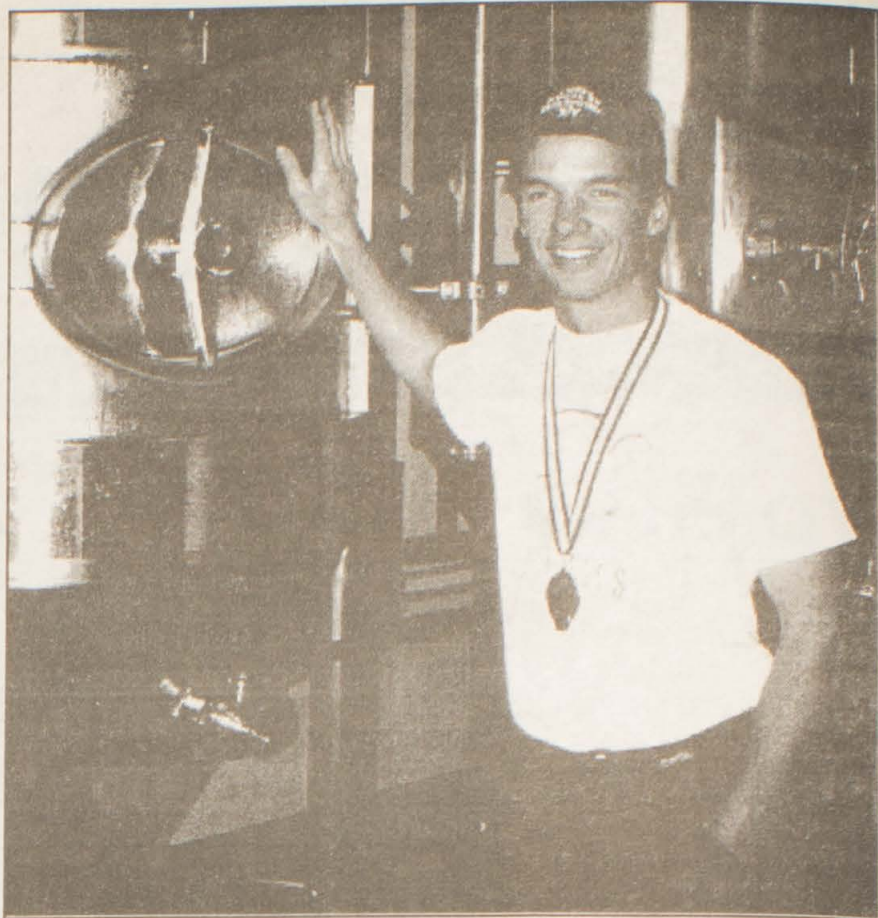
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Donita Clausen photo

Kevin Locke wears the gold medal he won in Colorado for his stout beer.

Captains stout takes home gold

Captains City Brewery of Coupeville received a gold medal at the prestigious Great American Beer Festival Sept. 27-29 in Denver, Colo.

In its 15th year, the Great American Beer Festival is the country's oldest and largest beer festival. More than 350 breweries competed this year, serving almost 1,500 different beers to more than 60,000 people.

Captains City, owned and operated by Kevin Locke, won the gold medal in the dry stout category for its "Skookum" stout against approximately 40 other entries.

Locke said he was surprised and nervous as he collected his award before a large crowd, including tele-


vision and press cameras. He said he is proud, though, to have won the award after only five months of operation.

In addition to its prize-winning "Skookum" stout, Captains City brews Coupe's "Success" Cream Ale, Barry Burton's Rooftop Red and Parrothead Amber. In Coupeville, the brewery's beers are available at Christopher's Restaurant & Front Street Cafe, Toby's Tavern and the Captain Whidbey Inn. It's available in Seattle at the Latona Tavern, Hopvine and Fiddler's Inn, at Coyote Creek Pizza Co. in Kirkland and the Old Town Tavern in Ballard.

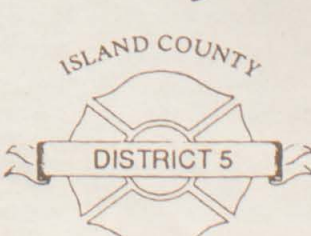
Captains City Brewery is located in Mariner's Court on Front Street in Coupeville.

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Donita Clausen photo

Coupeville Soroptimists are challenging their Oak Harbor and South Whidbey counterparts to see who can walk or exercise the most this year.

Coupeville Soroptimists taking strides towards better health

With health and fitness in mind, the women of Soroptimist International of Coupeville have challenged their counterparts in Oak Harbor and on South Whidbey to see who can walk or exercise the most this year.

"The purpose of the challenge is to promote regular exercise for all the members, which in turn leads to a reduced risk for many diseases such as breast cancer and heart disease," said promoter Carol Bartelson, a Coupeville Soroptimist.

The Coupeville chapter of the service club kicked off the exercise program Sept. 17. Bartelson said the challenge provides incentive to individuals who have not in the past exercised.

The club with the least miles walked per individual will host the other clubs to a gala event in the spring—also intended to promote healthful habits.

Members of the Coupeville Soroptimists Club are Marie Ary-Almojuela, Carol Bartelson, Barbara Bishop, Jan Bronson, Irene Carr, Nancy Conard, Ruby Dunn, Julia Hodson, Becky King, Janice Libbey, Randy Linderman, Linda Lee Martens, Susan McDonald, Carmen McFadyen, Estelle Moja, Carol Peralta, Sandra Plush, Emily Ramsey, Susan Roberts, Robin Stambaugh, Kathy Sechrist, Marie Taylor, Carol Thrailkill, Diana Vaughan, Janice Vaughan, Jacquie Vincent, Tean Voiland and Benye Weber.

Marine sanctuary still alive before Congress

By Mary Kay Doody

The U.S. Senate has joined the House of Representatives in unanimously reaffirming support for national marine sanctuaries, and authorizing \$45 million for sanctuaries for the next three years, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced Wednesday.

But that doesn't mean Puget Sound is in line for any of that money or sanctuary designation.

The Port of Coupeville and virtually all ports that would be affected met last month with Congressional Jack Metcalf's legislative staff in Everett to discuss a bill Metcalf got passed, which will require Congressional approval before a Northwest Straits Marine Sanctuary can be formed.

Congressional passage of the National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act calls for continued management of the 12 marine sanctuaries around the country. The bill next goes to President Clinton for his signature.

"As we continue to work with sanctuary communities around the nation toward healthier marine environments and healthier coastal economies, it is good to know we have Congress' full support and confidence," said sanctuary program director Stephanie Thornton.

Earlier, creation of a Northwest Straits Marine Sanctuary which would take in the northern Puget Sound waters including, at the Town of Coupeville's request, Penn Cove, required only approval by the governor, and

Gov. Mike Lowry had indicated he would approve it, following public review of the proposed sanctuary.

The Island County and San Juan County Commissioners and several other local officials opposed the creation of a sanctuary for waters surrounding the islands, saying it would be an unnecessary layer of government regulation and that people's tax money would be better spent enforcing the state's Puget Sound plan, for monitoring and protection of the Sound's water quality.

Coincidentally, the draft Puget Sound plan for the next biennium is just being released this week, for public review. See other story.

NOAA notes that among other things included in the National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act, there is the requirement for "final Congressional approval prior to designation of the proposed Northwest Straits sanctuary in the Pacific Northwest."

"Twenty-five years ago, Congress created national marine sanctuaries to protect our diverse marine environments, and the lives and livelihoods connected to them," Thornton said in a press release.

"We appreciate the special concern and attention provided the Northwest Straits proposed sanctuary project, and look forward to continuing work with the community and legislators to consider sanctuary status for this site," said Pam Wingrove, sanctuary site liaison.

DRAFT: Water quality plan unveiled for public review

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call the Action Team's office at 1-800-54-SOUND.

The two-year strategy for protecting water quality and resources in Puget Sound, contained in the work plan, is called for by the Puget Sound Water Quality Protection Act, adopted earlier this year by the state Legislature.

That state law requires the Action Team, which is made up of the heads of 10 state agencies, city and county representatives, to prepare a work plan and budget that describe what needs to be done to maintain and improve the health of Puget Sound.

The Puget Sound Council, whose members represent agriculture, business, the environmental community, the shellfish industry, cities, counties, tribal governments

and the Legislature, advised the Action Team on work plan development.

Based on the public comments received, the Puget Sound Council will consider changes to the draft at its Nov. 13 meeting. On Nov. 19, the Action Team will consider the Council's recommendations and adopt the proposed work plan. The final work plan must be submitted to the state Legislature by Dec. 20.

Modeled after the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan, the biennial work plan prioritizes

local and state actions necessary to restore and protect the biological health and diversity of Puget Sound.

It takes into consideration ongoing local activities, such as watershed action plans, to better coordinate efforts that are already under way or which are planned for the next two years.

The work plan must be submitted to the Governor and Legislature along with a budget to pay for work on local watersheds, technical assistance and other work including monitoring of Puget Sound water quality.

Health Department giving flu shots in Coupeville

Flu shots will be given in Coupeville Tuesday, Oct. 22 by the Island County Health Department.

The flu immunization clinic will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., in the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street.

Other flu shot clinics on Whidbey Island will be 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 25 at Ken's Corner mall on South Whidbey, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 29 at Oak Manor in Oak Harbor, 9 a.m. - noon on Nov. 6 at the Bayview Senior Center on South Whidbey, and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nov. 9 at Oak Harbor Payless Drugstore.

Following those scheduled flu

clinics, flu shots will be given at the health department's regularly scheduled immunization clinics. Those are at the Coupeville office of the health department at 410 N. Main St., Mondays between 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The fee for a flu shot is \$10. People with Medicare Part B will not be charged for flu or pneumonia vaccinations. The health department will bill Medicare directly, for those who have a card with them. The health department will also bill Medicaid, for those who bring a medical coupon to the clinic.

Call the health department at 679-7351 for more information.

Have an interesting artifact? Stump the expert Saturday

Ever wondered what that thing was that Grandpa found years ago? Suspected it might be valuable?

On Saturday, Oct. 5, a visiting archeologist may have the answers. From 2-5 p.m., Dr. Gary Wessen, Ph.D., will be available at the Island County Historical Society Museum in Coupeville.

Bring an interesting object or artifact—rock, basket parts, wooden item or mechanical device—to the museum for Wessen to identify. There is no charge.

Wessen's purpose is to educate and help others appreciate archeological resources on Whidbey Island.

From 7-8:30 p.m. at the museum, Wessen will present a slide show about Island County's prehistory, its cultural resources and the management of the archeological sites surrounding us.

A private archeologist, Wessen has done work for the Makah Cultural and Resource Center. His appearance in Coupeville is sponsored by the Trust Board of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve.

Washington State Archeology Week is Sept. 29-Oct. 5.

The museum is at 980 NW Alexander.

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Beeksma's forgotten his PAC backing

Editor,

I have read letters from Barney Beeksma's supporters who like to say how honest and straightforward he is—usually to explain his rather startling statements about how homosexuals are sinners or how he is doing the work of the Lord.

But, the other night in Oak Harbor, Beeksma was asked about the source of his campaign financing.

Beeksma stammered and stumbled. He sounded like John Ehrlichman at the Watergate hearings, saying, "I don't frankly know."

It's a little suspicious when a banker doesn't know where his money is coming from, especially when it arrives in bundles of \$500 checks from interest groups and political action committees that he has probably contacted personally.

Fortunately, campaign contributions are a matter of public record. The reports, signed by candidates, are available in Coupeville, Olympia and on the Internet.

Here are the facts, Mr. Beeksma: 60-70 percent of your money comes from outside the district.

By contrast, only 5 percent of Dave Anderson's contributions come from outside the district and 95 percent of his donors are individuals. The average contribution is \$70.

Rep. Beeksma, regarding your principal contributors, whom you also "couldn't remember." Since you first ran for office your financial backers have included over 70 Political Action Committees, all the timber companies from Boise Cascade to Trillium, Arco, bankers, developers, Realtors, utilities, two tobacco companies and the NRA.

There's an old political saying: "You get the government you pay for."

Heaven help us.

Del Bennett,
Coupeville

Charter is a bureaucratic nightmare

Editor,

The letter by Dean Enell of Langley published in the Sept. 27 issue of *The Coupeville Examiner* erroneously claimed that the charter proposal on the November ballot "vows to establish a countywide development policy based on natural constraints of the availability of potable water and transportation facilities."

There is no such statement in the charter proposal.

There is no special provision for planning in the charter and, in fact, the charter removes the nine council members for direct interaction with the planning process. A profes-

sional manager, not elected by the citizens will have supervision over planning.

The charter is a bureaucratic nightmare. Vote "no."

George Crampton,
Oak Harbor

Chamber offers apology for confusion

Editor,

The Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce would like to clarify its relationship to this year's Harvest Fest.

The chamber was forced to withdraw its sponsorship of the event when it was unable to muster enough volunteers to replace its former part-time paid director who was coordinating the event. After making this decision, the chamber immediately contacted the Farmers Market and made arrangements for previously arranged events to continue. The Farmers Market enthusiastically took over sponsorship of the entire event.

Unfortunately, a press release was issued to Oak Harbor's newspaper and *The Coupeville Examiner*, which stated the Harvest Fest was canceled. Due to miscommunication within the chamber, a correction to a press release was made to the Oak Harbor newspaper, but not to *The Examiner*.

The chamber apologizes for any problems this has caused.

The chamber is dedicated to promoting and enhancing tourism and business in central Whidbey Island. Coming chamber sponsored events includes the Harvest Moon Masquerade Ball on Oct. 25 at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, sponsorship of the play "Greetings" on Nov. 14 at Whidbey Playhouse in Oak Harbor and the annual Greening of Coupeville in December.

If you have any questions regarding the chamber or its coming events, please call 678-5434.

The chamber hopes to see everyone at this year's Harvest Fest and looks forward to next year's event. Thank you to the Farmers Market for taking over complete sponsorship of this year's Harvest Fest.

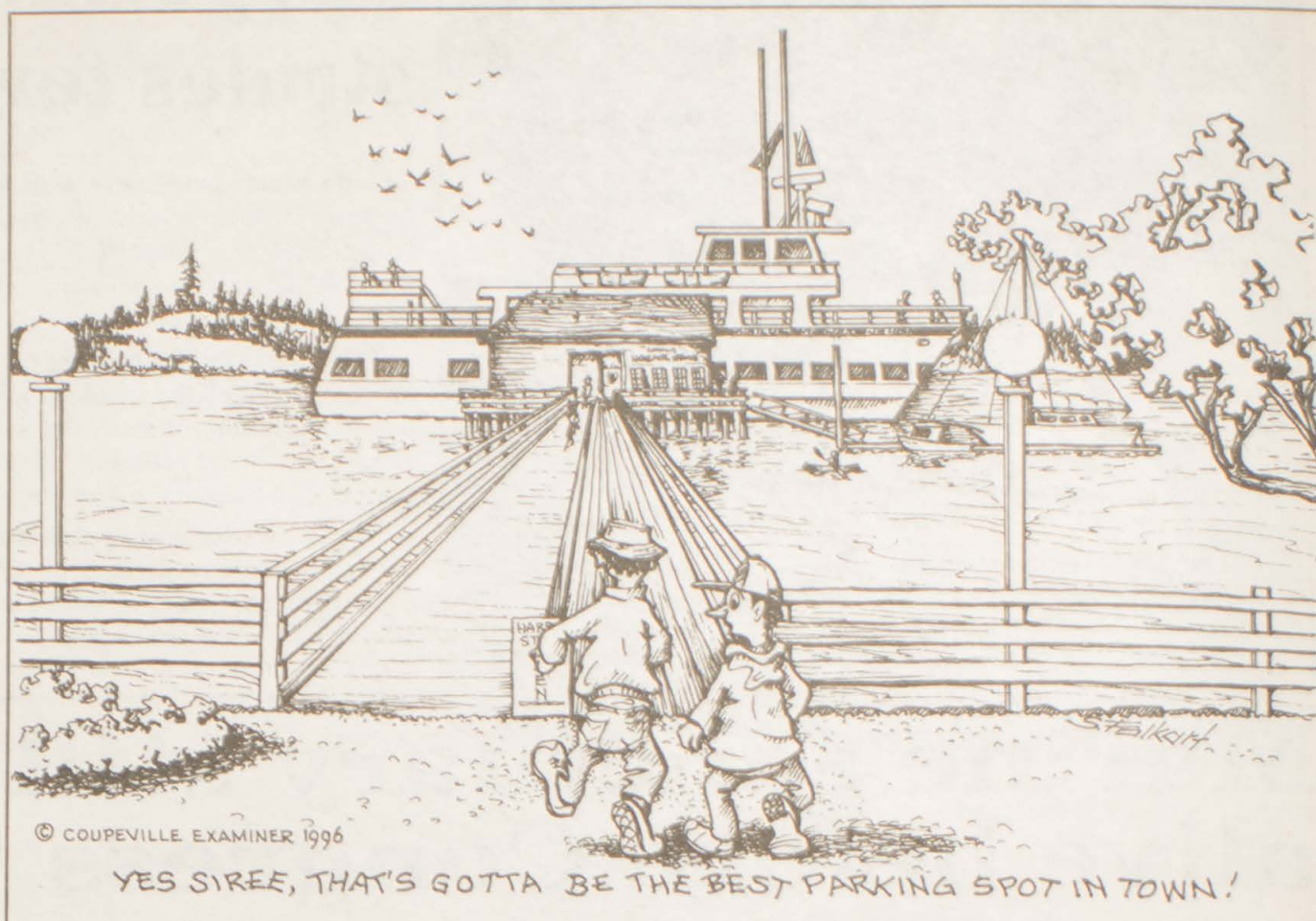
Molly McPherson, vice president
Board of Directors,
Central Whidbey Chamber of Commerce

Commissioners are going for your pocketbook

Editor,

Hold on to your wallets Island County taxpayers. Mike Shelton, Mac McDowell and Tom Shaughnessy, the county commissioners, are planning a massive public works project in Coupeville.

How much do you know about



the proposed multi-million courthouse expansion project?

What is your opinion of the sky bridge proposed to transport the county's numerous dangerous prisoners to court?

What do you think of plans to pave over much of Coupeville to provide parking for approximately 400 cars at the monstrous new courthouse complex?

Hold on to your wallets, Island County Taxpayers. Mike, Mac and Tom are planning a public works project—after the November election.

Tom Campbell,
Langley

Greenbank Council has made progress

Editor,

The Greenbank Community Council has provided nearly a year of local community-based citizen participation in government.

Among our achievements are initiation and facilitation of efforts to see the Greenbank Farm remain green and growing food and forests and a source of natural beauty and recreation for generations to come.

We have offered county planners a local community-based vision for land-use and growth management planning in our Central Whidbey district. And we have also provided a forum for the presentation of local concerns, ranging from public beach access to speed limits to political debates. We recently sponsored a debate between South Whidbey commissioner candidates Fran Abel and Mike Shelton.

This month, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbank Clubhouse, we will sponsor a forum on water issues facing Central Whidbey's people. We have invited five panelists who are knowledgeable about the issues facing us—county hydrogeologist Doug Kelley,

the Health Department's Keith Higman, county water advisory board chairman Bob Deering, the Department of Ecology's Tom Culhane and the inheritor of the Wilbert records on water, Mike Abbott.

If their combined expertise can't answer our questions, than no one can.

In addition to this water forum, we have a report at 7 p.m. on a project by associates of the Holmes Harbor developers of a 400 lot subdivision and golf course. There is apparently renewed interest in expanding development north, adjacent to the small lake that borders State Highway 525 on the boundary between Freeland and Greenbank. Once again, the existence of the Greenbank Council means that members of our local community can be proactive rather than reactive on a local growth management issue.

This is why I urge voters to listen carefully to all candidates running for office this fall. Who supports and encourages local community participation in government and growth management planning?

Similarly, I hope that voters will give careful consideration to the Freeholders proposal for a new nine-member council and executive director to replace the existing three-man county board of commissioners.

Michael Seraphinoff, vice chairman
Greenbank Community Council

Volunteers work put roof over dogs' heads

Editor,

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the Whidbey Island Animal Shelter in Coupeville.

Fortified by food and drinks provided by Prairie Center Family Grocer, Maureen Martin, Jean Favini, Celia Sullivan, Sally Erickson and Janet Thomas, a team of volunteers from Whidbey Island Naval Air Sta-

tion, Central Whidbey Lions Club and Whidbey Animal Improvement Foundation constructed a permanent roof over the outdoor portion of the dog kennels at the animal shelter in Coupeville.

Under the supervision of John Vance, building consultant, and his associate Dave Hart, personnel from NAS Whidbey, Joel Broest, Jeff O'Bryant, Brent Opsal, Tom Roberts, Jerry Higgins, Martin Cody and Shirley Iba joined ranks with Central Whidbey Lions Daryl Thomas, Bob Puhr, Bob Lawes, Vern Berwick, John Carr, Mike Canfield, Bill Bradkin and WAIF volunteers Jerry Favini, Sean Sullivan, Pete Friedman, Wayne Malone and Bob Brandon, to build the roof.

Special thanks to Tim Borg from Lumbermen's in Coupeville for his willingness to provide construction materials at cost and for his patience and expertise in working with WAIF.

The Canine Critter Club at the shelter will now be protected from the rain and snow in winter and shaded from the summer sun thanks to the hard work of the above listed volunteers.

We salute your efforts ladies and gentlemen and thank you for your remarkable display of community spirit.

Ardeth De Vries,
WAIF Volunteer

Integrity shall prevail over mud-slinging

Editor,

As the pen is mightier than the sword, so shall truth be mightier than falsehoods. Integrity shall prevail over mud-slinging, and the mightiest of them all will be a proven track record.

I for one need look no further for the best candidate for District No. 1 county commissioner than Mike Shelton.

June Louise Mazdra,
Coupeville

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Calendar

SCHOOLS

■ **Oct. 8 - Coupeville Elementary School PTA** meeting with special guest speaker Bill Porter, executive director of the Partnership for Learning to help develop academic standards for children for the 21st century. Child care and refreshments. 7 p.m. in the Coupeville Elementary multipurpose room.

■ **Oct. 26 - Fall Carnival** at Coupeville Elementary, 5-9 p.m., multipurpose room. Game booths, live entertainment, raffle. Call Roberta Piercy at 678-4488 to buy tickets early and receive complimentary raffle tickets.

SPORTS

■ **Oct. 4 - Wolves football** at Foster, 7:30 p.m.

■ **Oct. 5 - Volleyball tournament** at Blaine, 9 a.m.

■ **Oct. 5 - Boys tennis** at Friday Harbor, 10 a.m.

■ **Oct. 7 - JV football** at Sultan, 5:30 p.m.

■ **Oct. 8 - Volleyball** at home against Granite Falls, 7 p.m.

■ **Oct. 9 - Boys tennis** at Friday Harbor, 3:30 p.m.

■ **Oct. 10 - Volleyball** at home against Sultan, 7 p.m.

■ **Oct. 11 - Wolves football** at home against concrete, 7:30 p.m.

■ **Oct. 6 & 27 - Bowling Pin Shoots** at Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association pistol range starting at 11 a.m. Public invited. For directions and other information, call 678-3720 or 678-0224.

■ **Oct. 19 - Womens Handgun Familiarization Course**, 10 a.m. to noon, at Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association clubhouse on Safari Lane, three miles south of Coupeville. Hand guns, ammunition provided if necessary. Eye and ear protection also provided. Call 678-0224.

YOUTH/FAMILY ACTIVITIES

■ **Oct. 5 - Late Nite Central** for grades sixth through ninth. 7:30-10:30 p.m.

■ **Oct. 12 - Families** hoping to improve communication and trust can

sign up now for the **Family Ropes Course**. Cost is \$15 per person. Scholarships available from Central Whidbey Youth Coalition. Ages 11 and up and parents. Call 678-7190.

■ **Oct. 7 - Developing Capable People** classes are to provide parents, teachers and supervisors with information and training to increase the quality of life in families, schools and organizations. \$75 per person, which includes required texts. Full or partial scholarships available. Nine-week course is Mondays at 6:30-9 p.m. Call 678-7589.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

■ **Oct. 5 - Farmers Market** presents its HarvestFest behind Coupeville Town Hall.

■ **Oct. 5 - AIDS Walk** in Coupeville. Starts 9 a.m. at pavilion in Town Park. Information, registration forms at any Whidbey Island Bank or Washington Mutual in Freeland. Call 321-8272.

■ **Oct. 5 - Concerts on the Cove Garage Sale** to pay toward debt on pavilion in Town Park. To donate items for the cause, call 678-1917.

■ **Oct. 9 - Coffee for Fran Abel**, candidate for county commissioner, 7 p.m. at Penn Cove Veterinary Clinic, 404 S. Main St., Coupeville.

■ **Oct. 12 - Renowned western historian Richard White** tells the story of Island County history. 7 p.m. at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$3 for students. Call Thom Gunn at 678-3474.

■ **Oct. 12-13 - Uniquely Whidbey Trade Fair & Home Show** at Coupeville High School. Call 675-0684 or 221-6323.

■ **Oct. 12-13 - Coupeville Garden Club** will have large booth showing crafts at Uniquely Whidbey Trade Fair at high school. Items created by Faye Gordon and Dorothy Russell, including wreaths, swags, window decorations, dried flower arrangements, wheat bouquets and more. \$3 raffle for prizes.

■ **Apr. 19 - Cruise** the Columbia River with the Island County Historical

Society on the steamboat **Queen of the West**. 7-nights starting from \$1,610. Call 331-5595 or 1-800-682-5824. Need deposit by Oct. 1.

Holiday Bazaar

■ **Nov. 16 - St. Augustine's Catholic Church Bazaar**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Put on by St. Augustine's Lady Society. Handcrafted items, baked goods, grandma's treasures, toys and raffle. Luncheon also available. Call 679-1300 or 675-1287.

LIVE MUSIC & DANCING

■ **Oct. 5 - Live music** at **Captain's Galley**, 10 NW Front St., 9 p.m. No cover.

■ **Oct. 8 - Community contra dance**, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Clinton Progressive Hall. Lively fiddle, guitar, hammered dulcimer, banjo and mandolin players. No experience needed. Call 579-1659.

NATURE

■ **Oct. 5 - Whidbey Audubon Society** San Juan Islands field trip. Meet 6:15 a.m. at City Beach Park in Oak Harbor to carpool to Anacortes and walk on ferry. Bring lunch or eat ferry food. Return late afternoon. Public welcome. Call Gary Piazzon at 678-5131.

■ **Oct. 5-13 - National Wildlife Refuge Week**. Coincides with the beginning of the annual autumn bird migration south.

■ **Oct. 9 - Whidbey Audubon** south end meeting 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Freeland. Coupeville science teacher Terry Welch will discuss her work for DNR on spotted owls. Public invited.

■ **Oct. 10 - Whidbey Audubon** north end meeting 7 p.m. at Coupeville High School science room 2. Cindy Bjorkland of North Cascades National Park will present a slide show on the flora and fauna of the park. Public invited.

ARTS

■ **Oct. 13 - Auction for the Arts**, 3-8 p.m. at the Coupeville Arts Center, 15 NW Birch St. Silent and live auction to benefit cultural arts programs sponsored by the center. Reservations accepted. Call 678-3396.

■ **Oct. 19 - Transform** an ordinary pumpkin into a work of art for Halloween in this **Let's Begin** workshop taught by Gary Kirchberger. Sponsored by Coupeville Arts Center. For information on other Let's Begin courses, write the art center at P.O. Box 171, Coupeville, WA 98239. Or

call 678-3396.

■ **Oct. 15 - Deadline** to apply for grants from the **Coupeville Festival Association**. Forms available at the Water Conservation District office, 504 N. Main St., Coupeville, or by calling the festival association at 678-5116.

CHURCH

■ **Oct. 6 - Special speaker** at **Unity Center for Positive Living**, Cam-Bey Apartments, 50 N. Main St. Call 678-3654.

MEETINGS

■ **Oct. 4 - School Awareness Forum of Coupeville** meets 7 p.m., fire station at 215 E. Race Rd., south of Coupeville. Call 678-3945 or 678-3228.

■ **Oct. 6 - Deadline** to register for **Northwest Event Planners and Goodfellow Press seminars** to be held Nov. 1-3 in Langley. Cost is \$450 with \$100 deposit at registration. Call 240-8802.

■ **Oct. 8 - ADHD Parent Support Group** meets 7-9 p.m. in Oak Harbor at Trader's Village, Suite 11. For a list of resources for children and adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, write Catholic Community Services NW, 5047 50th NW, Oak Harbor, WA 98277, attn: Bob Miller. Or, call 679-1502.

■ **Oct. 10 - Island County Civil Service Commission** meets 9:30 a.m. in the commissioners hearing room, county courthouse annex.

■ **Oct. 14 - Central Whidbey Sportsmen's Association** meets 7:30 p.m., club house on Safari Lane, off Highway 20, across from Morris Road. All invited. Call 678-0960.

■ **Oct. 20 - Whidbey Island Boresters** have their black powder shoot, potluck and meeting at 10 a.m., clubhouse on Safari Lane across from Morris Road south of Coupeville. Call 678-0960.

■ **Oct. 21 - Central Whidbey Water Resources Forum** will discuss development of a county ordinance for an aquifer protection area. Meeting is 7-9 p.m. at 501 Center St, Coupeville. 678-5326.

CLASSES

■ **Oct. 7, 14 & 21 - No nag, no guilt, do-it-your-own-way Guide to Quitting Smoking**, \$30 (includes book), 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Whidbey General. Call 678-5151 or 321-5151, ext.

4005.

■ **Oct. 7 & 21 - HIV/AIDS Education** for daycare providers, 6:30-9 p.m., American Red Cross, 1010 W. Ault Field Rd., Oak Harbor. \$17. Call 257-2096.

■ **Oct. 8 - Alzheimer Class**, 10-11:30 a.m.. Understand the triggers that lead to difficult behaviors and learn communication skills that can help in dealing with an Alzheimer's patient. \$5. Call Whidbey General Hospital at 678-5151 or 321-5151, ext. 4005.

■ **Oct. 9 - Preserving the Fall Harvest**, pressure canning, 7-9 p.m. at Coupeville High School. Part of Coupeville Community Education and WSU Cooperative Extension. Call 678-6222. This information is a correction of the school district newsletter.

■ **Oct. 9 - Marketing workshop** offered by Skagit Valley College's Small Business Resource Center. 6-9:30 p.m. at Whidbey Campus in Oak Harbor. \$20. To register, call 679-5319 or 416-7873.

■ **Oct. 10 - A Healthy Immune System**, the best for of health insurance. \$10. 7-9 p.m. at Whidbey General South in Clinton. Call 678-5151 or 321-5151, ext. 4005.

■ **Oct. 8 & 10 - Community First Aid and Safety**, includes standard first aid, adult CPR and child CPR. 6-10 p.m. Costs \$48.80. Call Red Cross at 257-2096.

■ **Oct. 9 & 23 - Two hour training on HIV/AIDS & Preventing Disease, Transmission** for health care providers. 6:30-9 p.m., American Red Cross, 1010 W. Ault Field Rd., Oak Harbor. \$34. Call 257-2096.

■ **Oct. 12 - American Association of University Women** meet 9:30 p.m. at fire station at 215 E. Race Rd., south of Coupeville. Newcomers welcome.

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GRANTS

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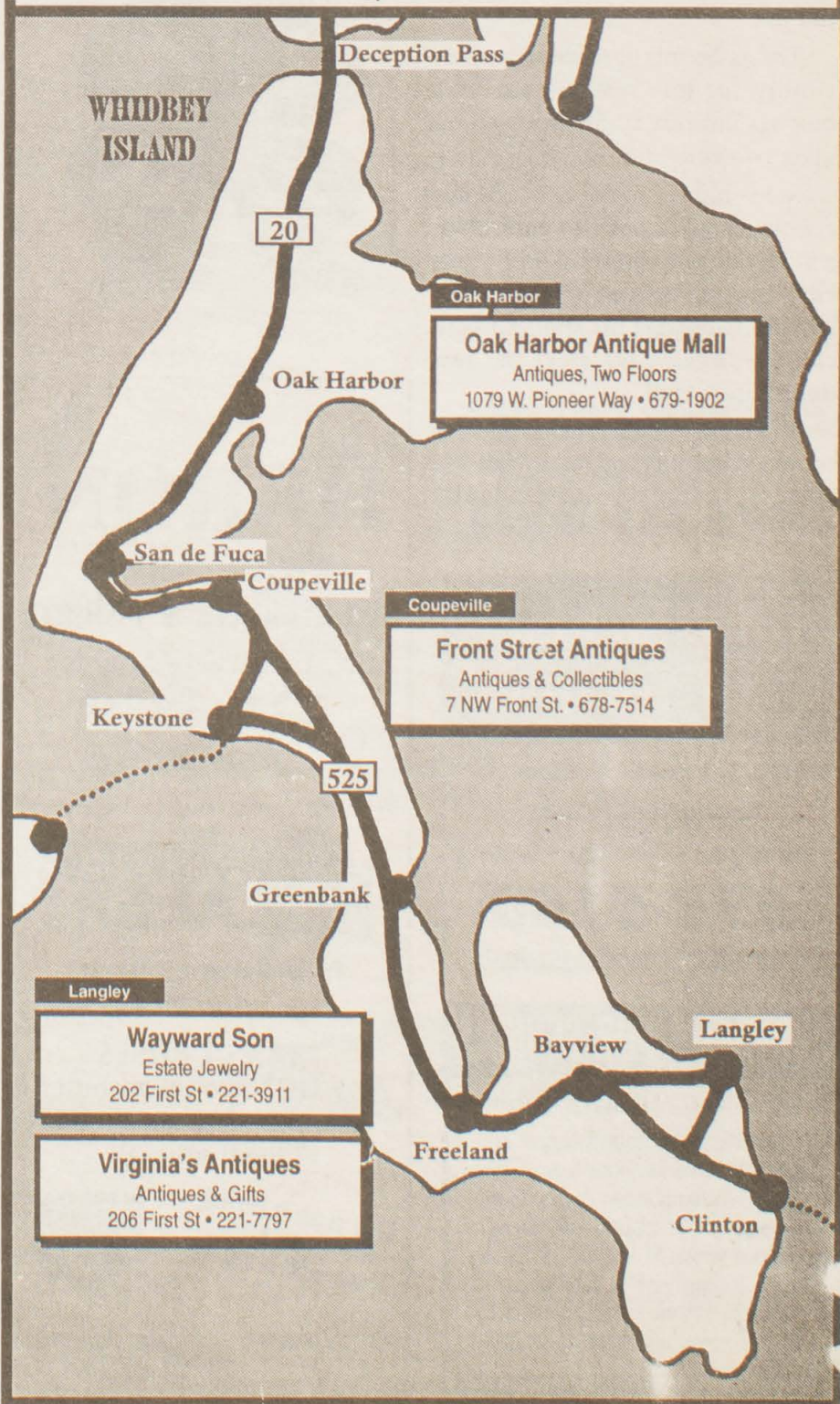
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More letters to the editor

New Superior Court judge appreciative

Editor,

This is a heartfelt thank you to the voters for electing me your Superior Court judge. I am strengthened by your vote of confidence, good wishes and congratulations.

I will work diligently and never forget that the courts belong to you, the people.

I extend my best wishes to my opponent, H. Clarke Harvey, and his supporters. There is no doubt in my mind as to Clarke's integrity, honesty and character. It is the highest caliber. Clarke has my respect and admiration.

The position of Superior Court judge for the Island and San Juan district has been distinguished by outstanding judges who have gone before me. I look forward to earning my place among them.

Vickie I. Churchill,
Oak Harbor

Shelton too late to change his spots

Editor,

At the CSD logging forum earlier this year, Island County Commissioner Mike Shelton admitted, "we need to do a better job of enforcing logging regulations," thus easily winning the Understatement of the Year Award.

As he well knows, enforcement on his watch has been virtually nonexistent, and developers know they could rely on county officials to look the other way when they illegally converted clearcuts to residential use.

Try as he might to duck responsibility for this scandal, the fault belongs entirely to Shelton and the other two vote-alike commissioners.

In his bid for reelection, Shelton is now trying to position himself as a moderate who wants to protect the environment. Instead of trusting this leopard to change his spots so radically, I suggest we elect the real thing: Fran Abel.

As an experienced landscape designer, Abel understands what our current commissioner evidently don't—maintaining Island County's

natural beauty and quality of life requires foresight and sensitivity, not unchecked and unplanned sprawl.

If you're concerned about the future of Island County, cast your vote for the strong new leadership we desperately need—Fran Abel for commissioner.

Rick Ingrassi,
Langley

Shelton a man of integrity, truthfulness

Editor,

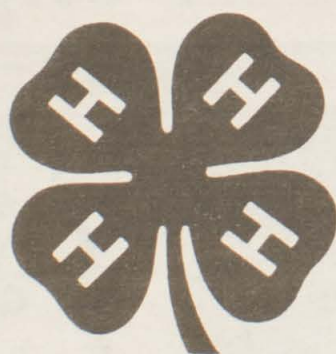
In talking with my wife the other day, the topic of politics came up, as it does often these days, we began to wonder just what would happen in our country if we had a "truth and politics" policy as we have a "truth in advertising" the last few years.

We were quite sure that not very many could pass the "truth in politics" test. However, we are sure that our county Commissioner Mike Shelton could pass this test with flying colors.

We know Mike to be a person with the highest integrity, trustworthiness, truthfulness, loyalty, sincerity. Honesty and justice matter greatly to him.

Mike is also a man with a positive attitude. He is a hard working, generous and gracious gentleman who stands by his words and ideals. He is one of the most balanced people I know. Therefore, I hope your readers will take the time to learn about the true Mike Shelton and vote for him for county commissioner in November.

Jim "Coach" Leierer,
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Young actresses finding meaty roles

We live in a Golden Age for young actresses.

Watch enough films, with enough variety, and you'll notice a trend—better, deeper roles for young women than for young men.

Perhaps it's because "guy" movies tend to feature action and explosions, a domain where teens like Elijah Wood and Lukas Haas can't yet hold their own with older action heroes such as Harrison Ford.

On the other hand, films supposedly aimed at a female audience tend to be more about reaction than action, relationships over fisticuffs. Therefore, because they're about ideas, the writing in those scripts attempts to do more than just bridge the dead space between bombs bursting in air.

It's simple. Better writing often equals better performances. Either that, or today's younger actresses are just better at their craft than their testosterone-fueled compadres.

Make a list, and accomplished, award-worthy young stars trip off the tongue: Claire Danes, Natalie Portman, Christina Ricci, Reese Witherspoon, Melissa Joan Hart, Kirsten Dunst, Gaby Hoffman, Anna Paquin, Tina Majorino, Thora Birch, Anna Chlumsky. That's only the tip of the iceberg of talent, though, and doesn't include older "youngsters" like Winona Ryder,



Reel Time

By David Svien

Uma Thurman or Samantha Mathis.

Now, try it with the guys. Wood is dependable (but blown away by Lexi Randall in *The War*) and Haas very good (if no match for *Alan & Naomi* co-star Vanessa Zaoui). But after them, there's a great void.

So why the disparity? Maybe because these actresses are able to dig deeper, get past the surface stuff (Macauley Culkin slapping his cheeks) and reach the hearts and souls of movie fans with seeming ease.

You can see it as Danes gracefully withers away in *Little Women* (1994, PG), Majorino channels Shirley Temple, doing soft-shoe with a seal in *Andre* (1994, PG) or Witherspoon speaks volumes about love with one sigh on a hot summer night in *The Man in the Moon* (1991, PG-13).

It's a kind of magic our young male actors just can't seem to match. But it's there when Hart brings a subtle mix of awkwardness and joy to her scenes as a girl coping with high school (and other problems) in *Sabrina the Teenage*

Witch (1996, PG), turning fluff into high-grade fluff.

It's certainly there when Ricci and Hoffman simply sit and talk in *Now and Then* (1995, PG-13), capturing eternal friendship in a few words.

And it's most definitely there when Portman, the best of the bunch, steals *Beautiful Girls* (1996, R—in stores Oct. 22), as an overly precocious, yet still vulnerable teenager who verbally spars with Timothy Hutton. She's a little girl and a worldly woman all at once, each shift of her face showcasing different emotions, and her shy grin is the type that launches war ships. It's amazingly heartfelt work, the kind that takes your breath away.

The war of the sexes? It's over, and the girls won, guys. But, you know, if you're a movie fan, that's not so bad.

In Stores Tuesday: Last year's Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film, the feminist fable *Antonia's Line*, bows. Also, *Flipper* surfaces, Alan Rickman won an Emmy as *Rasputin* and Lili Taylor screams, *I Shot Andy Warhol*. Hawaiian kids use a solar-powered car to *Race the Sun*, creatures of the night do the *Monster Mash*, high school witches learn *The Craft* and some lowlifes *Search for One-Eye Jimmy*.

Give Skimmia Japonica another look

Years ago, *Skimmia Japonica* was so popular, it was a "must" in every garden.

And for good reason. It seems to have everything.

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Later, bright red berries appear. And they last from now until well past Christmas.

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Female plants produce the fruits and the male plant is needed for pollination.

Broadcast a complete dry fertilizer, 12-12-12 is a good choice, around the base on the same schedule in which you fertilize rhododendrons.

After much overexposure, however, *Skimmias* fell out of favor with many gardeners.

But I urge you to reconsider. It

Island Gardener

By Fran Sabine

is a handsome addition to any garden. You can purchase and plant *skimmia* this month from 1 gallon cans, or take cuttings that root readily in water.

There is still time to control perennial weeds, so long as there are green leaves and no major frost has occurred. Many diseases overwinter in the roots of weeds so fall cleanup is essential. Not a favorite job!

By now you have probably moved a lot of your plants back indoors. If you have a beloved *figus benjamina* or *F. nitida*, prepare yourself. *Ficus* is notorious for going into a pout of defoliation with the slightest change in temperature of light level. Just carry on. Water normally. Hold off on the fertilizer and mist occasionally. Now is the time to tell F.J. what a handsome plant he really is...and how important he is.

You can plant garlic now for har-

vest next summer. Do look into the many varieties available. Seems as though we've been making do with only a couple of varieties and there are loads of different kinds out there.

Check the September issue of *Sunset* magazine. They have a wonderful article on garlic, fully illustrated.

Fran's tip: This time of year, some of your potted ferns may look a little droopy, or even downright dead. Try putting them in another pot with a little rich earth and fertilizer containing commercial fern food. This should perk them up.

Fran Sabine is a WSU Master Gardener.

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Sheriff's Reports

The following incidents in the Central Whidbey Island area were reported to the Island County Sheriff's Office:

Wednesday, Sept. 25

8:35 a.m. A Prairie View Avenue resident complained that someone dumped out her garbage and took her Rubbermaid garbage cans.

12:26 a.m. Vehicle rollover accident reported at the Navy's Outlying Landing Field at Welcher Road and State Highway 20. No one was injured and no medical aid requested. The vehicle was the sheriff's department's COPs car, driven by a reserve officer.

2:43 p.m. A man reported being assaulted and threatened on Fort Casey Road, by a family member who has access to a shotgun.

5:33 p.m. A Leach Street resident complained about a "naked male subject" standing in a doorway across the street, yelling.

Thursday, Sept. 26

8:10 a.m. A woman called from Coupeville High School to report a hit-and-run accident at the Country Store a few minutes earlier. She said a pick-up truck pulled out and struck her car as she was leaving by way of the circular driveway. The truck kept going.

10:20 a.m. A Summit Loop resident reported his Ford Ranger pickup hit while parked at the Capt. Coupe Park boat launch, while he was out fishing. An insurance company estimated the damage at \$741.

10:15 p.m. Possible DUI reported arriving from Port Townsend on the Keystone ferry. A 50-year man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Friday, Sept. 27

8:15 p.m. A 19-year-old was arrested at the football game for minor in possession of alcohol.

11 p.m. The Country Store complained about 20 or so juveniles hanging around outside smoking, playing music and annoying customers and workers.

Saturday, Sept. 28

11:25 a.m. Assistance requested for a woman locked out of her car at Fort Casey State Park.

12:26 p.m. A Front Street resident reported finding a floor lamp on his front porch.

6:06 p.m. A 9-1-1 hang-up call was traced to a Greenbank residence on Day Road. A man said his three-year-old grandchild had been playing with the phone.

Sunday, Sept. 29

1:14 a.m. A resident near Sherman Road reported a single gunshot close to the house awoke everyone in it, at about 12:10 a.m.

3 p.m. A Greenbank resident reported someone took down the stop sign that usually stands at the intersection of Smugglers Cove and Lagoon Point roads.

7:03 p.m. Anchorage Inn asked for an officer to help a guest who was locked out of his vehicle.

9:18 p.m. A customer reported his black and maroon Adidas pullover jacket, valued at \$100, taken from Ebey Bowl.

Monday, Sept. 30

1:30 p.m. Coupeville High School reported the theft of a pair of sunglasses from a classroom.

6:05 p.m. A 13-year-old was booked on suspicion of stealing a pair of sunglasses at the high school, and released.

Monday, Oct. 1

10:25 a.m. A Greenbank resident complained about county road department workers installing a 20-mph sign on Poor Road. The resident said the road is involved in a property-line dispute scheduled for a court hearing Friday, Oct. 11.

10:46 a.m. The county road department complained about workers having trouble putting up speed-limit signs on Poor Road, saying people were "taking them down as fast as they're being put up." An officer checked the area within the hour and found no one there and the signs up.

11:18 a.m. A Coupeville woman reported receiving harassing phone calls.

1 p.m. Town parks workers reported finding vulgar writing on the walls of the stalls in the men's room at Town Park the week before.

Births

Whidbey General Hospital

Haleigh Susan Deasy, a girl, 7 lbs. 14 oz., was born Sept. 9 to Cindy Deasy of Oak Harbor.

Miranda Bigheart Covert, a girl, 6 lbs. 13 oz., was born Sept. 10 to James and Denie Covert of Oak Harbor.

Aaron Michael Trumbull, a boy, 6 lbs. 15 oz., was born Sept. 13 to Bradley and LaShelle Trumbull of Oak Harbor.

Aaron Anthony Curtin, a boy, 9 lbs. 0 oz., was born Sept. 15 to Edward and Judith Curtin of Coupeville.

Claire Fakkema Hovde, a girl, 7 lbs. 7 oz., was born Sept. 18 to Chad and Heather Hovde of Coupeville.

Luke Thomas Kalal, a boy, 7 lbs. 14 oz., was born Sept. 21 to Daniel and Jillyn Kalal of Langley.

Brandon Lars Sjoblom Chapman, a boy, 7 lbs. 3.7 oz., was born Sept. 21 to Jonathan and Kristine Chapman of Langley.

Cameron David Stevenson, a boy, 8 lbs. 6.8 oz., was born Sept. 24 to Philip and Lisa Stevenson of Greenbank.

Shelby Rose Davis, a girl, 6 lbs. 3 oz., was born Sept. 28 to Scott and Clara Davis of Freeland.

Skagit Valley Hospital

Neal Scott Huber, a boy, 9 lbs. 5 oz., was born Aug. 30 to Laurie and Michael Huber of Mount Vernon. Maternal grandmother is Peggy Williams of Coupeville. Paternal grandparents are Lois and Larry Nichman of Grants Pass, Ore. and Bruce and Shirley Huber of West Hills, Calif.

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Night on patrol with sheriff's deputy an eye-opener

It was "time to belly up to the bar."

I'd heard that phrase a thousand time growing up, and the meaning was clear: You said you would do it. Now do it!

Last week, I did.

A volunteer for the Island County Sheriff's Citizens on Patrol, it was my time to complete another part of the training. A four hour ride-along with a deputy. I was picked up at exactly 5:20 p.m. and the minute we left our driveway, I had a greater respect for our deputies.

We were really "out there." Imagine. In a marked car, patrolling from Deception Pass to Houston Road. Alone. At any moment we could be called to stop a street fight no matter what kind of weapons were being used, or to an armed robbery, or a domestic violence scene.

Knowing the nearest back-up was on the south end of the island, probably handling an assault or a burglary, my heart was in my throat.



This & That

By Irene Mueller

We responded to citizen requests, cruised the highway, drove into and around dark housing developments and resolved a juvenile problem at the request of Coupeville Marshal Lenny Marlborough.

At 9:05 p.m., I was grateful that I could go home and that it had been "one of the quietest nights in a long time."

Then, the Navy called. They were detaining six youths who were intoxicated from alcohol and/or marijuana use on government property.

That the sheriff's department was called to the scene was a hoot for the kids. They said they weren't "doing anything wrong." One had just been released from parole and they all knew what would happen to them if they were arrested.

They'd be told "no, no" and released.

And they laughed about it.

Some of them had been picked up so many times the deputy knew their names and addresses. I was impressed with his calmness and ability. Minutes after we arrived, they had wiped the sneers off their faces, the shouting stopped and they had cleaned up their vocabulary to the point of apologizing if they even started to use foul language.

There is something very wrong with a system that believes juveniles who break the law repeatedly are just "going through a phase." These kids, so wise to the system, could be destined for much bigger things.

We must get our heads out of the sand for their sake.

The sheriff's Citizen Patrol is made up of certified volunteers serving as extra eyes and ears for an extremely short staffed Island County Sheriff's Department.

While on patrol, we reported to the sheriff's office any

unusual circumstances or criminal activity. All volunteers must attend classes taught by the best in the field of law, communications, investigations, evidence and patrol procedures and complete training for CPR, first aid and safe driving.

Besides the ride-along, we are required to spend a specified amount of time observing the communications center and the county jail. Our background is thoroughly checked. The citizens' patrol is part of Sheriff Burt's community policing program making our county a safer place to live.

To become involved in the November classes, call Jim Nutt at 678-4422.

If you think being the mayor of Coupeville is a cushy job, follow Nancy Conard around for a day. When we were there, she had completed her normal work day at the school district, arrived at Town Hall after 3 p.m. and expected to be there several more hours.

Coupeville Arts Center's Judy Lynn, Emily Ramsey and Stella Canfield were walking on air Wednesday after being filmed for TV with their donated Rolls Royce.

County Deli has been a great place to eat for a long time. It's even better now that Dave Hamilton is employed there. Dave is also a construction worker and until recently was a loyal care-giver to Rob Workman.

Welcome Donna and Gus Barrett! Married more than 40 years, the Barretts lived in Yakima before moving to Tacoma 10 years ago. After visiting their cosmetologist daughter Connie on Whidbey, they decided they "had" to live here. Gus is retired from Washington State National Guard, loves boating and fishing. Donna is a gifted knitter. They have five grandchildren and 20 grandchildren. We're glad you're here.

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