

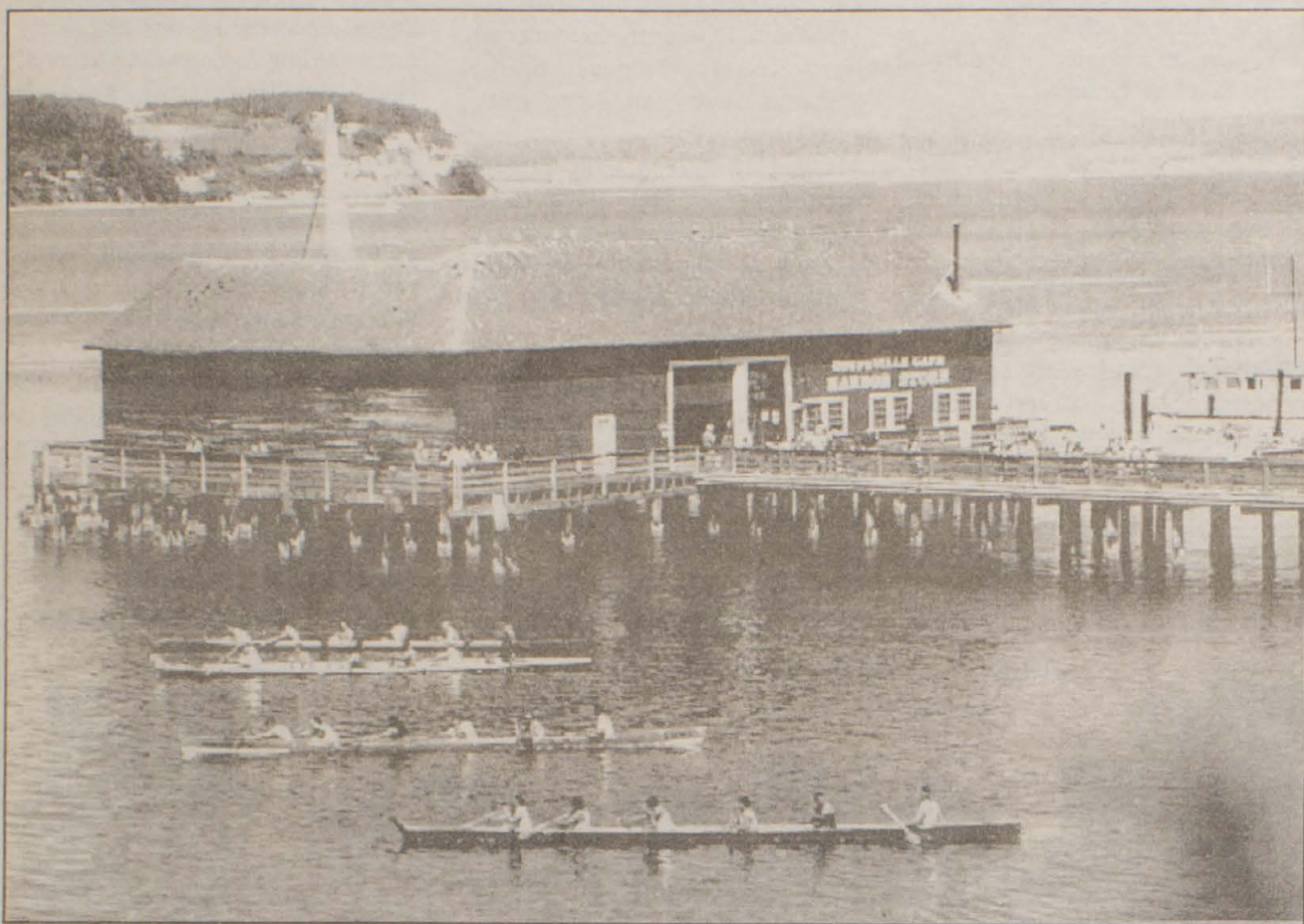
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Examiner File Photo

Canoe teams speed along the Penn Cove racing course during the 1994 Penn Cove Water Festival. This photo shows the wharf building before the recent remodel.

## CHS principal lost to mainland job

By Mary Kay Doody

Coupeville High School principal Fred Dahlem has resigned his job here to take the helm of the newest of four high schools in the Everett School District.

Dahlem was hired as principal of Jackson High School in Mill Creek, where he happens to live. His acceptance of the position was announced in Everett Tuesday, according to district spokeswoman Marcee Britton.

Dahlem succeeded former CHS principal Rock White in 1998, and he's been commuting from the mainland to his Coupeville job since then.

"The plan was that we'd move to the island when my daughter graduated and I'd finish out my career there in Coupeville," Dahlem said Wednesday evening. "Coupeville's a great school, and a great school system."

The top job at Jackson High opened up when veteran educator Graham Hume decided to retire at the end of the school year, following a career of more than 30 years with the Everett School District. Britton said Hume was Jackson High's first principal, when the school opened in 1996.

"I certainly didn't expect it to open up. He's been a fine principal. Everybody loves him," Dahlem said of Hume. "My daughter graduated last year and the plan was to move (to Coupeville). Then our son (a junior at Jackson) was just not ready to do it. He had become real involved and attached to his school. So when this opened up I took a chance, and it came through."

Jackson High is right in Dahlem's neighborhood, he said, so close in fact that he'll probably ride his bike to work.

Dahlem will finish out the school year at Coupeville and get things ready for his successor before starting his new job at his son's school.

The salary range for the principal job at Jackson High is \$82,179 to \$89,801.

"We are, obviously, going to miss him," said Greenbank resident Jacqueline Henderson, president of the Coupeville School Board. "We wish him the very best...he has done a fine job for us."

She and Coupeville Schools Superintendent Suzanne Bond said it's too soon to say how the search for Coupeville High's new principal will be conducted.

## The last 'China Shack' on Whidbey Island

Huddled in a jungle of fir and alder and ocean spray, the ruins of Wah Lee's small house bear silent witness to a sad chapter in Coupeville's history.

Names like Ah Soot, Tom Sing and Chin Toy dotted the landscape from the 1880s through the 1920s; men who came from China, via Port Townsend, to farm the fertile soil of Ebey's Prairie. Seductive tales of the "Golden Mountain" had lured thousands of Chinese immigrants in search of gold, but in the later years of the nineteenth century they came for less romantic purposes: to till the earth and harvest timber and launder shirts and to serve as restaurant cooks and house servants.

Wah Lee was luckier than many, in that he was able to rent land, in 1903, from Ernest and Julia Hancock.

"The Chinese, by industry, strict attention to their own business and studying their employers' interest," he wrote, "have created a demand for their labor, and it is only justice that they be allowed to fill the demand,

thing to do with subsequent events, violent acts against the Chinese ceased and efforts to eject them dwindled. By the time Wah Lee took up residence on the Hancocks' Aloha Farm on the prairie, many of those who had sought to exclude his brethren had turned their attention to promoting Whidbey Island as a resort paradise.

At one time there may have been hundreds of Chinese immigrants in the Coupeville area, but most of them were gone by the 1920s. Ah Soot, the last to remain, was a devoted house servant of John LeSourd. He requested and was granted his wish to be buried in the LeSourd plot in Sunnyside Cemetery next to his friend John, who died years later.

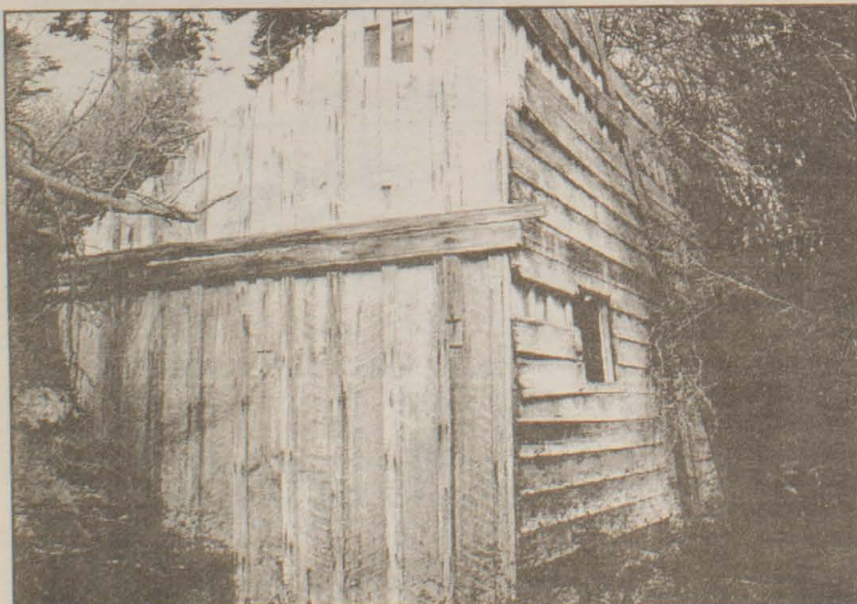
As for Wah Lee; after growing

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### Ancestral Walls

by Sally Hayton-Keeva

as it has not been filled by only a few whites...I do not know of a Chinese applying to the county for aid; all they ask is their guaranteed right to work



The last China shack.

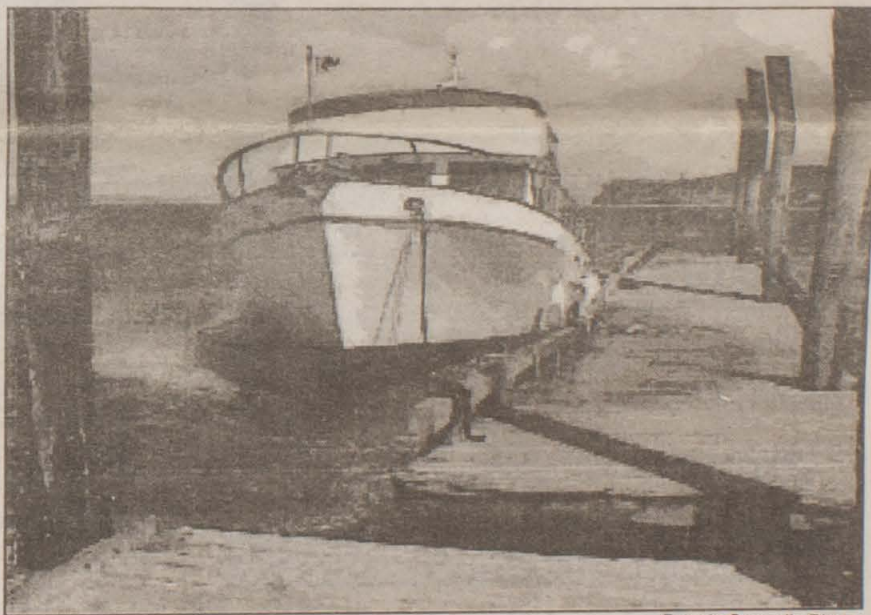
Sally Hayton-Keeva Photo

Ernest Hancock, the descendant of articulate and heroic veterans of both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, sought to stem the rising tide of resentment and violence against the Chinese with a letter he wrote and delivered to neighboring farmers, many of whom begrudged Chinese their success or feared reprisals for hiring or renting land to the immigrants.

unmolested, which this government assures them will be given; also protection of life and property."

Warming to his task, blood of his forebears no doubt hot in his veins, Hancock continued, "If anything or anyone on my place is disturbed I will see the criminals punished, cost what it may."

Whether or not his letter had any-



Dennis Connolly Photo

The intensity of Monday's winds surprised a lot of people in Coupeville including the owner of this 39-foot, 31-ton Hudson Trawler.

With wind gusts of 57 knots, or 66 miles per hour, and five hours of sustained winds of 40 knots, or 46 miles per hour, the dangerous task of moving Harry Nevard's "O-So-Sloo" off the exposed, north side of Coupeville's dock had to wait until early afternoon. By then, "O-So-Sloo" had incurred approximately \$2,000 worth of damage to its teak rub rails.

## Report from Olympia

### Our 10th District lawmakers at work

#### Sehlin: House adopts budget

The two-year state operating budget unveiled last week by House budget writers was approved April 27 by the House of Representatives on a bipartisan vote. House Appropriations Committee co-chair Rep. Barry Sehlin, R-Oak Harbor, said budget writers in the House will now sit down with leaders in the Senate to hammer out a final spending plan.

The \$22.7 billion House budget proposal enhances funding for K-12 education by \$773 million. It also funds nearly 3,700 new enrollment slots in higher education and increases financial aid, expands the use of technology for learning opportunities, and provides pay raises for all state employees.

"It uses our limited resources responsibly, minimizing the use of one-time money, maintaining adequate reserves, and avoiding bow-wave expenditures so that we are able to fund essential services over the long term without raising taxes," said Sehlin.

#### Barlean: Ag tax relief

An agriculture tax relief package has been approved for a second time by the state House of Representatives. The Senate failed to act on the three house bills during the regular session.

Rep. Kelly Barlean, R-Langley, said that the legislation passed Tuesday by the House is an important first step in helping Washington farmers become more competitive by lowering their production costs.

"Farmers are struggling to keep their businesses alive," said Barlean. "It is also important to remember that this impacts our state's entire economy. Don't forget, agriculture is the second largest industry in Washington — it supports more than 137,000 jobs."

"The House has started the ball rolling again by passing this much-needed relief for our state's farmers, but this is only a small step. I am hopeful we will be able to come up with an agreement with the Senate this time around," said Barlean.

#### Haugen: Cure gridlock

The revenue plan Gov. Gary Locke released Wednesday doesn't provide enough state assistance to fix the state's most congested corridors, said Sen. Mary Margaret Haugen, D-Camano Island.

"We're glad the governor has come forward with a specific list of priorities, but it's not enough," said Haugen, who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. "There needs to be a major state investment in some of these larger projects — particularly in the central Puget Sound area."

Locke proposed a 7-cent-per-gallon increase in the statewide gas tax over two years, while the Senate has been looking at an increase of 3 cents per gallon annually for four years. The Senate also has considered other components of Locke's proposal such as regional transportation districts, a gross weight surcharge on trucks and a one-time surcharge on the sale of new and used vehicles.



## BIRTHS

The following births took place at Whidbey General Hospital.

**Mayson Robert Estle**, a boy, 6 lbs 4 oz, born April 15, 2001 to Derek Estle and Sandra Ashley of Coupeville.

**Gabriella Anabel Flores**, a girl, 7 lbs 3 oz, born April 16, 2001 to Eduardo Flores and Yvette Manglona of Oak Harbor.

**Ryan James Peden**, a boy, 9 lbs, born April 18, 2001 to Wendy Peden of Oak Harbor.

**Emily Michele Anderson**, 7 lbs 11 oz, born to Christopher and Janice Anderson of Oak Harbor.

**Aaron Glen McCormick**, a boy, 8 lbs 14 oz, born April 19, 2001 to Jeremy and Tayra McCormick of Coupeville.

**Preston James Bailey**, a boy, 7 lbs 6 oz, born April 20, 2001 to George Bailey and Alicia Mitchell of Oak Harbor.

**Serene Faith Hunt**, a girl, 5 lbs 11 oz, born April 20, 2001 to Vaughn Hunt and Stacey Coupe of Greenbank.

## Martens service

A Celebration of Life service for the late Roberts C. Martens will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5 at the Coupeville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Susan Morris of the Fauntleroy Church of Christ, Seattle, will officiate.

Martens, husband of Linda Lee Martens of Coupeville, died April 5 at Whidbey General Hospital.

## DEATHS

The following deaths occurred in Island County:

**Max William Eckenburg**, 84, Camano Island, died April 6, 2001.

**Merwin Albert Huston**, 93, Langley, died April 8, 2001.

**James Edward Marley**, 84, Coupeville, died April 18, 2001.

**Hazel Adeline Robinson**, 87, Camano Island, died April 19, 2001.

**David Christian Henny**, 70, Clinton, died April 20, 2001.

## POLICE BLOTTER

The Coupeville Marshall's Office responded to the following:

## Monday, April 23

**1:37 p.m.** Disorderly conduct complaint from a Coupeville store. Disorderly customer in the store. While caller was on phone, customer left, so an officer was not needed.

**2:45 p.m.** Person locked out of vehicle at the high school.

**3:52 p.m.** Boy arrested on Southwest Terry Road for being a runaway.

**7:41 p.m.** Northeast Faris Street resident said she believes a girl who has been staying at her home is a runaway.

## Tuesday, April 24

**3:49 a.m.** Hospital reported having a mental health patient who was acting like she was going to leave.

**10:02 a.m.** Caller reported having concerns about a man and a woman who appear to have Downs Syndrome hanging around a daycare facility.

**10:45 a.m.** Caller on North Main Street asked for assistance with her verbally abusive juvenile son.

**11:20 a.m.** Report of parachutes off

course, going into the trees, near Patmore Road and Highway 20.

**5:50 p.m.** Two-car accident at South Main and Terry Road. No one injured.

**6:45 p.m.** Person locked out of vehicle at Northeast Sixth and North Main.

## Wednesday, April 25

**10:45 a.m.** Hit-and-run accident at the post office, sometime between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. No one injured.

**11:23 a.m.** Disorderly conduct complaint. Report of juveniles in the park and ride lot screaming obscenities and throwing things.

**11:28 a.m.** Person with an order against him, barring him from certain areas of the courthouse, requested an officer to assist him in obtaining copies of some records in the clerk's office.

## Thursday, April 26

**12:14 a.m.** Citizen report of a female having vehicle problems at South Main and Highway 20.

**6:14 a.m.** Medical call, Northeast Ninth Street. Man, 78, possibly having a stroke.

**8:05 a.m.** Malicious mischief, Northwest Coveland Street. Rock thrown

through window of a business.

**11:38 a.m.** Reporting party having vehicle problems at South Main and Highway 20. Vehicle is not blocking traffic.

**1:04 p.m.** A female on North Main Street calling on the 9-1-1 line said she was being terrorized. Said she's waiting for a call from a commander from Pennsylvania and is requesting to be advised when he calls.

**2:15 p.m.** A female on North Main Street requested an officer contact her regarding some people from Island Mental Health who are coming to see her at 1:30 p.m. She states she is on medications that were not prescribed for her and her clock is off by two hours.

**6:30 p.m.** 9-1-1 hang-up call, Northeast Perkins Street.

**9:07 p.m.** Report of a male juvenile on North Main Street who just stormed out of the apartment after yelling at his mother. He threw a spoon that almost hit her infant daughter.

## Friday, April 27

**9:52 a.m.** Medical call, Performing Arts Center at the high school.

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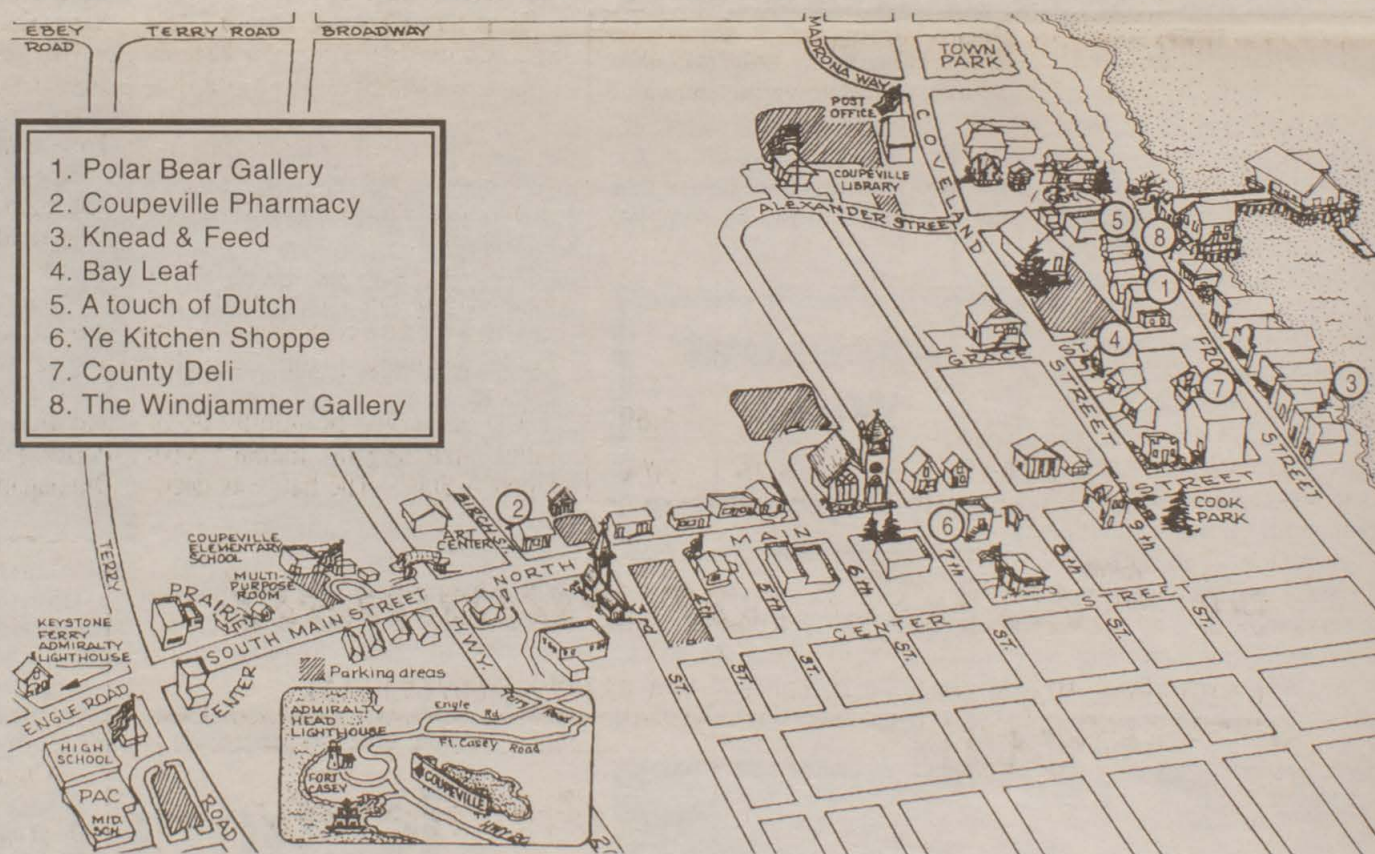
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POLICE

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Possible seizure. Student is conscious and alert, has been moved to the cafeteria.

**1:56 p.m.** Reporting party is at the sheriff's office and would like contact regarding someone forging her signature at the bank.

**2:03 p.m.** Hospital requested officer call regarding a patient being brought in by ambulance.

**8:43 p.m.** Medical call. A female on South Main Street is feeling weak, like she is going to pass out.

**11:37 p.m.** Noise complaint. Two male juveniles at Northeast Haller and Northeast Sixth streets are being noisy, stumbling and falling.

Saturday, April 28

**1:07 p.m.** Person locked out of her Northwest Front Street residence.

**7:42 p.m.** Report of four vehicles being driven erratically on Highway 20.

Sunday, April 29

**11:25 a.m.** Littering complaint. Caller said a bank uses trash cans with lids that do not fit properly and the wind is blowing trash all over.

**6:32 p.m.** Panic alarm from scale house on Highway 20.

**7:06 p.m.** Alarm company reported having units on the scene of the audible panic alarm on Highway 20.

**10:25 p.m.** Theft, Northeast Faris Street and Pennington Loop. Report of gas siphoned out of a vehicle.

**11:13 p.m.** Caller on Northeast Faris Street reported his vehicle stolen.

Ferries peak surcharge begins May 13

Beginning May 13, Washington State Ferries' peak season surcharge will go into effect. The 20-percent surcharge will be paid by vehicles and drivers not using frequent user coupons. Passenger fares will not be affected by the surcharge.

"The surcharge is tied to our shoulder season," said Ray Deardorf, the ferry system's planning director and a member of the Tariff Committee. "There are extra costs incurred during peak traffic. By targeting traffic during peak season, we are able to keep our fares reasonable for frequent users."

The surcharge raises the average cross-sound car and driver fare from \$6.50 to \$8.25.

Also on May 13, a second vessel will be added to the Keystone-Port Townsend route. Customers planning to sail on this route should use the late spring schedule.

In early June, fares will go up again. The proposed increase now before the State Transportation Commission but not approved by press time, is expected to take effect June 3, said ferry system spokeswoman Susan Harris.

Popular resource guide updated

The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation (CAPF) announces that it has an updated version of its popular CAPF Resource Guide (also known as "the greensheet") available for distribution.

The CAPF Resource Guide is a compilation of information about services available for Whidbey Island residents. Community resources are categorized under the following sections: Alcohol, Drugs and Gambling; Child Abuse; Daycare and Referral; Developmental and Disability Services; Domestic Violence; Employment; Family Needs and Social Services; Family and Emergency Sup-

port Services; Food and Housing; Health and Safety; Law and Justice; Medical; Mental Health and Counseling; Parenting; Pregnancy; Senior Services; Thrift and Consignment; Youth Organizations; Schools.

The 2001 Resource Guide is supported by Island Thrift and other local sponsors.

It lists over 350 programs and agencies available to provide services to residents of Whidbey Island. Each year over 8,000 Resource Guides are distributed Island-wide, and the information is also available to view or download from CAPF's website at [www.wicapf.org](http://www.wicapf.org).

To request copies of this free guide or for further information, contact CAPF at 331-7343, toll-free at (877) 331-7343, or at [child@whidbey.com](mailto:child@whidbey.com)

Tilth Market opens May 5

The South Whidbey Tilth Farmers Market will open its season on Saturday, May 5, with a festive and colorful Cinco de Mayo celebration. This is the second year the Tilth market will be held on its own land at the corner of Thompson Road and Highway 525. The market will be open every Saturday through October, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a mid-week market starting in late June, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo, a Mexican holiday, commemorates the 1862 battle in which 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated an invading French-led army twice its size. On May 5, Market Opening Day, some of the finest local produce and hand-crafted articles for home and garden will be on sale. Visitors can enjoy Mexican music, hot Mexican food, and other delicacies while shopping for fresh vegetables and fruit. A special treat awaits kids, who will have opportunities at smashing a piñata at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This year's greatly expanded market continues to be an old-fashioned, family-oriented market. The site includes several new structures, including a welcome sign and scarecrow on the highway directing visitors to the Tilth Farmers Market and Garden area. On the large grassy courtyard, picnic tables and a Kids' Activity Table will again be available, along with all the features that visitors loved last year. Parking will be accessible and convenient, especially for the handicapped.

Despite its expansion, the Tilth Farmers Market retains its essential character. Its core is growers and producers of farm and farm-related products. Shoppers will find a large variety of island-grown spinach, lettuce, leeks, bok choy, green onions, rhubarb, fresh-sprouted al-

falfa, broccoli, radishes, salad mixes and other produce from local farmers and growers. Also available will be tomato starts, year-old artichoke plants, many types of lettuce and salad green starts, as well as aloe-vera plants and field-grown herbs. Those in search of native plants and shrubs, fresh-cut flowers and bouquets will have a wide selection to choose from as growers bring in their spring stock.

In true old-fashioned market style, the presence of animals will also be a part of the scene. Two animal recruits visiting Saturdays are a pair of baby llamas named Daisy and Nutmeg. Heritage livestock, animal breeds that have been in the country since its founding, will be presented by Colonial Critters, a unique 4-H Club that specializes in preserving our livestock heritage. And since no market is complete without home-cooked food, soups and salads will be available, as well as freshly baked pies, cookies, Irish soda bread, artisan breads, including doggie "bones" baked from organic grains.

Home-based crafts have always been a country tradition. Among the artisans presenting their wares are makers of home-made shampoos, hand and body wash, bath salts, pottery, iron articles, stained glass, hand-crafted paper, fabric, and yarn spun from llama wool and llama roving—the final, cleaned product from which the thread is spun.

Tilth is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustainable agriculture and sound environmental policies. Because it has deep roots in the community, other community-based organizations with similar ideals will always be part of the Tilth Farmers Market. Groups such as FETCH; Sister Island Project; and others who share the Tilth outlook on community development, will have booths at the market giving information about what's happening in the community and how anyone can get involved.

An important new feature of the Tilth Farmers Market is the Community Produce Table, where backyard gardeners are welcome to sell their excess produce—whether it be a dozen cucumbers or beans that are more than the household can handle—for just the standard 8-percent commission. This is one of the ways Tilth encourages gardeners and other small businesses to increase the flow of fresh local produce for everyone's table.

A summer-long lineup of Tilth Market activities for all ages is being scheduled every Saturday through October. May 12 is Kite-Day with the Kite Club. Maxwellton Salmon Adventure, the crucial player in restoring salmon to Maxwellton Creek, will help kids make salmon puppets on May 19 and June 2. Colonial Critters will have their livestock and educational materials on June 16 and July 21. On July 28, a group of local spinners will demonstrate their skills.

Also planned are demonstrations on blacksmithing and soap-making. Contact Joyce LaGow, Market Manager, at (360) 579-1871 or [joyce@whidbey.com](mailto:joyce@whidbey.com) for more information.

First Quarter

Full Moon

Last Quarter

New Moon

May 29<sup>th</sup>

May 7<sup>th</sup>

May 15<sup>th</sup>

May 23<sup>rd</sup>

WHIDBEY WEATHER SUMMARY Apr 23-Apr 29, 2001					
Source: Island County WSU Cooperative Extension					
Location	High Temp	Low Temp	Rainfall (in.)	2000 to date	Last Year
Polnell Point	67	45	.22	6.71	6.09
NAS Whidbey	68	44	.07	5.68	5.88
West Beach	73	43	.23	5.72	6.19
Fort Casey	70	44	.20	6.65	4.92
Admirals Cove	65	40	.31	8.02	7.48
Teronda West	68	41	.28	7.12	6.69
Bay View(Ruwalt)	72	40	.30	8.75	N/A

Coupeville Prom, big hit

By Christine Pocock

Last Saturday the Junior Class from Coupeville High School hosted the prom at the Elks Club in Oak Harbor.

Nancy Taylor, the Junior Class Advisor, said it was the biggest attendance for prom she had ever seen at Coupeville.

The Junior Class made nearly \$1,200 from the dance. Only 100 guests were expected, but 161 students attended prom Saturday evening.

The dance was beautifully decorated, matching the theme "Wish Upon A Star." The hall was deco-

rated with silver, blue and white stars and balloons.

The senior class nominated three guys and three girls for prom royalty: Patrick Bennett, Jared Rusnak and Trevor Lawrence and Lily Dodge, Fabienne Hug and Leslie Steinbach. The junior and senior class voted Bennett and Hug for prom king and queen.

The Junior Class would like to give special thanks to chaperones and volunteer decorators Cindy Olson, Debbie Bennett, Brenda Marti, Ron and Marie Bagby, Clyde and Robyn Porter, Dorte Callahan and Robyn Dunnagan.

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Coupeville Town Council Agenda

Draft agenda; items may be added or deleted.

Island County Hearing Room, 7:00 p.m. May 8, 2001

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mayor's Report

Audience Input

Old Business:

Set Workshop to Discuss Utility Rates

New Business:

1. KCM Management contract

2. N. Main Design Review

3. Broadway Path Design Approval

4. Loan Agreement with DOE for WWTP Expansion Project

5. Loan Agreement with DOE for 1999 Comprehensive Sewer Plan Refinancing

6. Employee Contract, Salary Adjustment

7. Special Events Application, Coupeville Farmers Market

Audience Input

Discussion Items

Adjournment

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

# Something to think about for Earth Day 2002

By Don C. Brunell

While turning over my vegetable garden on Earth Day (April 22) I thought a lot about the differences between the Sierra Club and business groups like ours on the environment. I wondered if there are ways to patch up some of the differences.

On issues like oil and natural gas exploration in Alaska's 19 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), the answer is probably not.

On this Earth Day, the battle lines were drawn over drilling in ANWR. Opponents paint a picture of oil wells punched everywhere and wildlife scattering to avoid the service vehicles. But it wouldn't be that way at all. Technology has improved, and only a tiny fraction of the mammoth area would be open to oil exploration. I've been to Prudhoe Bay where much of America's domestic crude oil is pumped and sent southward for refining. Thanks to new technology, the Prudhoe Bay facilities look nothing like the old oil fields of Southern California, Texas or Pennsylvania. These production facilities are like small cities incorporated in a series of buildings on the tundra where grizzly and polar bears, caribou, arctic fox and other wildlife roam freely

as if humans were not present. The oil wells are concentrated in small areas next to one another and drilling is done during the winter to minimize the impact on the environment.

After seeing first hand how little area has been impacted on Alaska's North Slope, I believe exploration and development—if it pans out—can happen in ways that virtually leave the Refuge undisturbed. Realizing that my views probably will not be reconciled with folks in the Sierra Club in the next year, the question is, "Are there some environmental projects where business and environmental groups can work cooperatively?"

The answer is, yes.

Old abandoned industrial sites, commonly called "brownfields," can be reclaimed if we cooperate to vigorously challenge the impediments that prevent their restoration and redevelopment.

There are an estimated 500,000 such sites in the nation. Brownfields are bad for the environment, bad for the people who live near them, and bad for the economy. They are often contaminated, and local governments, already burdened by the loss of factory jobs and tax revenues, must pay to maintain existing water lines, sewers and roads serv-

ing the area near the abandoned sites.

In addition, because many brownfields are contaminated or tied up in lawsuits, companies turn instead to "greenfield" sites for new factories—most often productive farm or forest lands. When a company builds a factory on a new site, local taxpayers must provide streets, roads, water, sewers, schools, and police and fire protection to accommodate the growth new jobs attract. Meanwhile, urban industrialized areas are left to decay.

In the next year, hopefully we can find ways to take a significant portion of our legal fees and divert them to cleaning up old industrial sites. By finding common solutions, we can use energy efficiently, apply new pollution and chemical recycling technology and bring safe, family-wage jobs back to these sites.

If we can cooperatively begin to restore brownfield sites in the next year, Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives, and business and environmental groups can find something to really celebrate on Earth Day 2002.

Don Brunell is president of the Association of Washington Business.

## LETTERS

### Fund raiser on wharf a success

Editor,

I want to thank everyone who made "Whales and Wine; Mussels and Music" a success this past Saturday evening, April 28th.

Three weeks ago, I woke up and said to my husband, "What do you think of 'Whales and Wine; Mussels and Music'?" "He looked at me as if I was crazy. Then I explained to him that I while I was trying to get to sleep the night before, I came up with an idea to raise money to support the Penn Cove Water Festival. His initial response was, "Don't you have enough to do without starting another project?" My reply was, "Sure but doesn't it sound like fun?"

And fun it was! We had a large and enthusiastic crowd out on the Coupeville wharf Saturday night. The food was delicious, the music was delightful (if I say so myself), and the artwork was beautiful.

For those of you who missed our celebration on the Coupeville wharf, I hope you will plan to attend this function next year. The mussels were cooked to perfection in butter, garlic and wine by Penn Cove Shellfish, LLC. Lenny Marlborough (having exchanged his police uniform for an apron) was kept hopping serving them to eager guests. There was plenty of fantastic bread, thanks to donations by Sally Hayton-Keeva and Joe Keeva. John Rodriguey, owner of Toby's, supplied the wine. Everything was delicious!

A big thank you goes to Windjammer Gallery for their fantastic donation of framing and matting two of Roger Purdue's art prints for this year's Water Festival. Auctioned by Dale Sherman, all proceeds go to support the Water Festival. A huge thank you goes to the two people who bought the prints.

I personally want to thank everyone who helped to set up for the event, served and stayed to clean up afterwards. Beach Watchers are terrific! I was able to play fiddle (without concerns for serving food) while they kept everything running smoothly!

In addition, my heartfelt thanks go to the members of the Sweetbriar Band for the time spent practicing, rehearsing and performing for the fundraiser: Gerry Squires (guitar), Dr. Ken Leaman (guitar), Ken Pickard (accordion), Drew Dodge (bagpipes), and David Medley (Irish drum). Also, I'd like to thank two others who shared their love of music and time with us: Claire Pickard (rhythm instrument extraordinaire) and Karl Olsen, recorder.

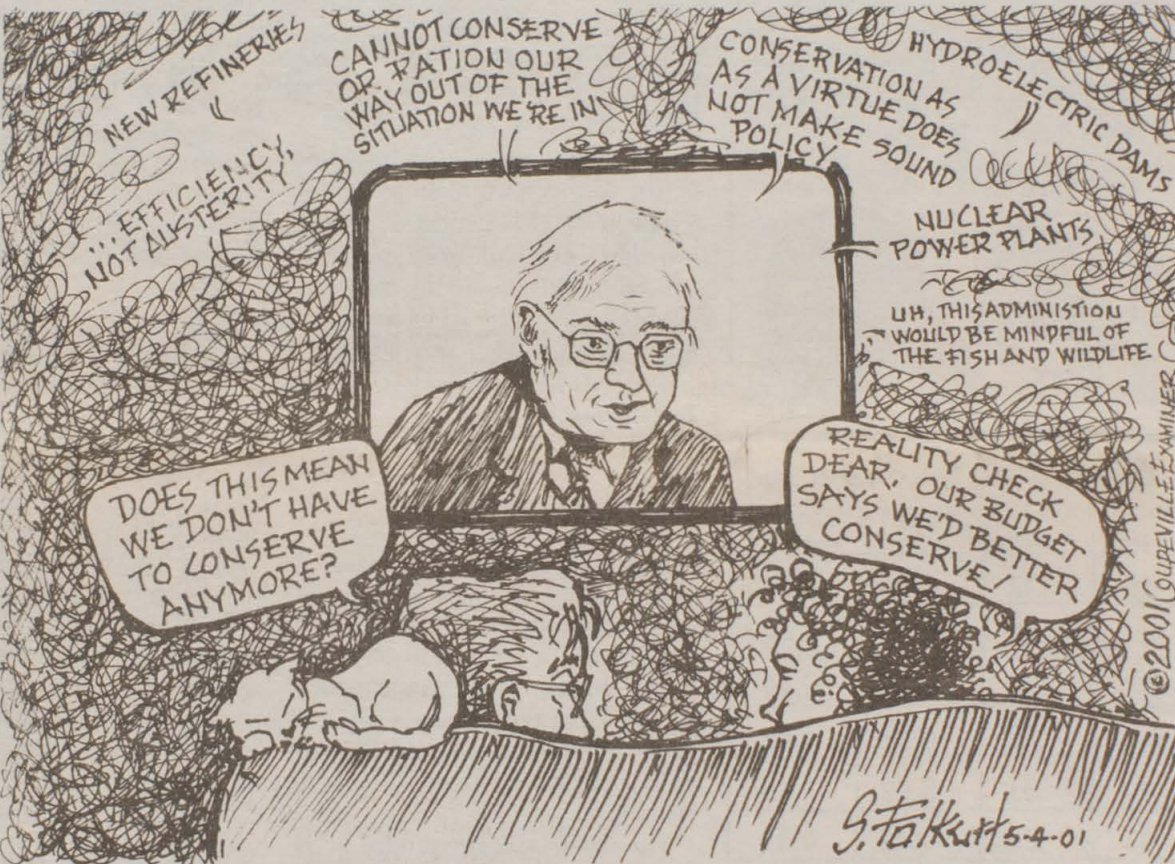
Thanks to everyone. If you missed this event, you missed a truly special community event. I look forward to seeing everyone at the 2001 Penn Cove Water Festival Saturday, May 5th.

Roxallanne Medley  
Coupeville

### Return planning to local level

Editor,

On Monday, April 23, 2001, we were witness to the latest in land use planning at an Island County Commissioners hearing. Our Board of Commissioners met to consider the latest amendments to our Shoreline Master Program.



There were a total of 27 amendments, including one requiring private property to provide beach access. You might assume that because they were presented by our county's planning staff that these proposed changes actually originated in that department. You would be wrong. Very wrong. Every amendment was "requested" by the (state) Department of Ecology. The word request is inaccurate in this context, when following several whereases you read that DOE will not approve and file the Island County Master Program UNLESS these changes are adopted.

The rationale for these amendments reads in part "DOE does not want to see residential development in the natural environment." Well, well. What the Department of Ecology is forgetting is that the voters only approved Shoreline Management when they exempted single family residences. Maybe it's time we remind them and our legislature of that fact.

We might also remind them that the reason we have an elected local government is that we voters may hold that body accountable for their actions. When state appointees and hired staff do our land use planning, there is no public accountability.

Please join with the Island County Libertarian Party by writing your state legislature. Ask that they return land use planning to our local elected government.

Ask that they restore the original intent of the Shoreline Management Act, as voted by the people of Washington State.

Reece and Rufus Rose  
Clinton

### First monthly whale talk a whopper of a success

Editor,

To the 60-plus of you who attended John Calambokidis' talk last night, I don't need to tell you how wonderful it was! John took time out of his busy schedule to stop off and share his knowledge of whales with us after a day in the field surveying for

Gray whales, and after two hours we all still wanted more!

What a great way to start Orca Conservancy's monthly whale presentations — we were honored to have such a dynamic researcher and speaker join us for this first talk, and delighted to have such a huge crowd be there to enjoy and learn from John's experiences. Thanks to John for taking time to share his knowledge with us, and thanks to all of you who took time out of your busy lives to learn more about our whale neighbors.

We hope you can join us for next month's presentation, "The Inland Sea— Where Have All the Orcas Gone?" — a 45-minute film from People for Puget Sound, hosted by Jean-Michel Cousteau and produced by Michael Harris of Baby Wild Films/Outpost Productions.

Michael Harris, who is also a board member of Orca Conservancy, will be on hand to show and discuss his latest documentary about the orcas of Puget Sound. Michael and People for Puget Sound previously paired up to produce the award-winning documentary "Orcas in the Balance", and the new film has been met with rave reviews from sold-out crowds.

This event is co-sponsored by Orca Conservancy and People for Puget Sound, and will be Wednesday, May 30th, 7 p.m. at the Central Whidbey Fire Dist. Meeting Room, Race Road. (Six miles south of Coupeville.) Thanks for your interest in and support of these events!

Susan Berta  
Orca Conservancy  
Greenbank

### How good it was

Editor,

On April 21 we discovered some of the many benefits of the Au Sable Institute's ecotherapy project! As I'm sure you know, Au Sable is the group that bought the Smith's Prairie Pheasant Farm two years ago, with the intention of restoring the

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THIS &  
THAT

By Irene Mueller

Saturday, while Cheryl Engle was buying raffle tickets at the Greenbank Garden Club's plant sale, a 36-inch she-ball of energy wrapped her arms around her. I heard the name McKayla and looked up to see Donna Engle Bailey right behind the whirlwind. Whoa! This cannot be.

Last time I wrote about McKayla Jean Bailey, she was eight weeks old and being carried around Tyee Café by one very proud Mary Anne Bailey. Now, McKayla is four and one-half and has a sister, McKenzie, who will be three in June!

Well, they are all doing that, growing up too fast and slipping through our fingers. McKayla, Carrie Ann Walker, the famous fish hat darling and her "I can't be bothered with this nonsense," brother Andy, the children of Cindy and Ed Walker — and, Deb and Karl Olsen's Kaj.

Maybe that's why I treasure the child/parent connection of Deb Lund's "Toddler Tunes" class so much. Twice every Wednesday, once at 9:45 a.m. at the Coupeville Inn and again at 1:45 p.m. at Greenbank Farm, Deb brings kids and music together beautifully.

When Kaj was little, she created the successful "Baby Beat" classes to help parents teach their infants to love music before they could sing or even talk. Now that he's older, she's moved on to musical activities with other three- to six-year-olds.

It's time to  
build family  
memories

Last week, I watched as Taffy Taulbee, her son Cullin, daughter Cedar and five other moms and their little ones sat in a circle on the floor at the Jim Davis House at Greenbank Farm and had a party.

A wonderful party where everything was put to music — Deb sang, "You can have an instrument, (a scarf, whatever) if you sing the magic word," and the littlest one responded with "please." And, when the marching or the scarf waving was over, as Deb sang, "Scarves away, scarves away, that is all for them today," everything was put away.

It was beautiful. Moms laughed, sang, danced with their kids and had a wonderful time. What memories they were building!

You can be part of the nine-week session but it's going to cost you. You might have to give up your daily lattes, but oh, the joy! "Toddler Tunes" is a program I wish had been available to me and mine oh so many years ago.

Whether you join or not, everyone should sing to their kids. Deb insists they don't know you don't have a great voice!

I know that's true, because my kids believed that I was a magnificent pianist because I could play Autumn Leaves and Ebb Tide. They didn't care that my left hand couldn't follow my right hand no matter how hard it tried.

Don't miss out, contact Deb at 678-3687, 222-3174 or at debnkarl@whidbey.net.

It must be the season for family events.

Saturday, May 5, Concerts on the Cove is bringing the Sea Notes to the Coupeville Performing Arts Center (PAC) for an evening of family dancing beginning at 7:30 pm. The PAC is on the campus of Coupeville Middle and High School at South Main Street and Terry Road.

Family dancing? That takes me back to the 4-H hall in Stony Creek Township. My Uncle John, a wild Irishman, is calling a square dance, "Birdie in the Cage." He slaps his foot on the floor to accent every change of place and we don't miss a beat. How could we? We've been dancing in this hall since we were big enough to walk.

The Langseths, a father and son team, play fiddles and Ivan Tofte holds us all together with his accordion. We are swept off our feet and swung around until we are dizzy, but the music is playing and there's no excuse to quit.

Finally, the dance is ending and they play "Over the Waves," a magnificent waltz. My dad, a rotund five-foot nine, carries me around the floor safe on the top of his shoes. Then he moves me out and I'm on my own following his every move. The waltz will be forever my favorite dance.

The memory of dancing with my dad is forever in my heart.

Everyone went to the 4-H dances. Families with youngsters and babies,

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Much activity at the  
Greenbank Farm

April was a busy month on the Greenbank Farm. We had a couple hundred guests at our open house April 1st. Wonderful food, lovely music and good company. . . It was a joy to hear the laughter and feel the warmth of old and new friends meeting. Many leafed through the Farm scrapbooks, discussed the master planning process, reviewed the display showing what crops have been planted where and sampled the new regional wines. Thank you to all those who made the day so wonderful.

I mentioned last month that we are raising money to have a full-time Farm Manager. Well, we are almost there. With contributions and commitments from the open house and after it, we have raised \$30,000 towards one year of salary plus benefits. Ten thousand

more and the Farm will have a farmer. Sounds good, doesn't it! Your help would be appreciated. Any unrestricted contribution received this month will be dedicated to the Farm Manager position.

Did you come to the Easter Egg Hunt? If you did, you know what 300 kids on the move look and feel like—the Energizer Bunny on sugar. Eggs, prizes, coloring, tugs-of-war and egg tosses for the kids. Soup, warm rolls and stories to tell for all the adults involved. Thanks again to the seniors who filled the plastic eggs, to the early morning egg hiders and to all the volunteers who made the day possible by being there during the event.

Upcoming events in May: the Greenbank Farm Sunday Market

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 4 AND SATURDAY, MAY 5  
■ Coupeville Lions Club celebrates White Cane Days to raise money to support programs of the Northwest Li-

ons Foundation for Sight and Hearing. Members will accept contributions all day at Prairie Center, the Country Store and Whidbey Island Bank (May 4 only at bank).

**SATURDAY, MAY 5**  
■ "Songs and Stories of the Sea for Slightly Salty Sailors," 10 a.m. at the Coupeville Library. A fun-filled hour of music, movement and stories that will set your sails for the Coupeville Water Festival. A fun start to a full day of festivities with traditional and not so traditional songs, lore and legends of the sea. Sing sea chanteys with songster and banjo player, Maribeth Crowe. For ages 5-12 and preschoolers if accompanied by an adult. Funding for this program provided by the Friends of the Coupeville Library.

■ Penn Cove Water Festival in Coupeville's waterfront downtown, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.  
■ Pet Adopt-A-Thon, noon to 8 p.m. at the WAIF Animal Shelter south of Coupeville. Door prizes, senior adoption and other discounts, shelter tours.  
■ Community dance, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.  
**SUNDAY, MAY 6**  
■ Pet Adopt-A-Thon, noon to 6 p.m.

at the WAIF Animal Shelter south of Coupeville. Door prizes, senior adoption and other discounts, shelter tours.  
■ Spring Prairie Celebration, 1-5 p.m. at Smith Prairie Reserve, 180 Parker Road, featuring guided walks through the prairie and a talk by Dr. Cal DeWitt, director of Au Sable Institute, Call 678-5586.

**TUESDAY, MAY 8**  
■ Lecture, 7:30 p.m. at Chinook Center, Clinton. "Lost Chapters of Whidbey Island History," by Gail Dubrow, Associate Dean for Research and Computing and Associate Professor of Architecture, Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington. Sliding scale admission, \$7-\$10. Call (360) 341-1884.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**  
■ Whidbey Island Branch of the American Association of University Women meets at 9:30 a.m. at Race Road Fire Station south of Coupeville. Ann Morgan Campbell of Whidbey Audubon Society will show slides and speak about local birds and flowers. For more information call (360) 341-1790.  
■ Whidbey Island Kite Fliers, "fun fly" at Tilt Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**  
■ Au Sable Faculty Lecture, "Global Efforts in Community Based Watershed Protection," by Dr. Bill Deutsch, 7 p.m. in the Coupeville Middle School Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**  
■ Water Quality Monitoring Workshop, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Maxwellton Salmon Adventure Outdoor Classroom on South Whidbey, \$30 registration. For more information call Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies at 678-5586.  
■ Whidbey Island Kite Fliers, picnic and "fun fly" at Fort Casey, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fort Casey. Burgers and dogs provided. Bring potluck dish, kites. All ages welcome. Fly or learn to fly. Call 678-7052.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**  
■ Whidbey Island Branch of the American Association of University Women's 4th Annual "Arts and Appetizers" scholarship event, 1-4 p.m. at the Greenbank Farm. Featuring art exhibit by high school students and gourmet appetizers by AAUW members. Tickets \$10 for adults, \$4 for students 12 and over. For more information call 679-5038.

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Worship	10:30 a.m.

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## Coupeville Elementary welcomes Class of 2014

Parents of children who will be five years of age by Aug. 31 are invited and encouraged to attend Kindergarten Round-Up next Tuesday, May 8, from 7 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. in the Coupeville Elementary School library.

This event is for parents only. No child care will be available.

Topics for the evening include welcome to CES and kindergarten; what to do to help your child be ready for the first day of school; what is kindergarten; what is expected of a kindergarten; transportation to and from school; meet the kindergarten teachers; registering your child for kindergarten; getting and staying involved in your child's education.

As class assignment is dependent

on transportation, early registration is encouraged and appreciated. Registration requirements are:

You must have a copy of your child's birth certificate and proof of immunization. Minimum vaccines required for school attendance are four doses of DTP, provided the last dose was given on or after the 4th birthday; three doses of polio vaccine (OPV or IPV) provided the last dose was given on or after the 4th birthday; two doses MMR given on or after the first birthday; and three doses HepB vaccine.

Registration will continue through June 15.

For more information call the school at 678-4551 and speak with Joyce Roethle, Student Services Secretary.

## One inning, 25 runs and a win for Coupeville

### Now 6-5 in league

By Christine Pocock

The lady Wolves hosted an all out massacre of the Archbishop Thomas Murphy Wildcats, 35-4, on Tuesday.

The last time the two teams met, the Wolves beat the Wildcats by only one run.

This time, Coupeville was down by two in the top of the first inning when a two out rally started up allowing 27 at bats and seven players to play the plate three times. The Wolves scored 25 runs in the first inning.

ATM just couldn't pull it together in any of the five innings played.

Defensive play by Coupeville was exceptional, and with 13 Wolves hitting base hits, the team rolled in the runs for a 35-4 win. Home run help from Tracy Taylor, Ashley Ellsworth-Bagby and Christine Larson was also a plus.

Coupeville is now 6-5 in Northwest A League play, needing to beat the LaConner Braves next Tuesday to have a sure shot for Districts.

## Concrete crushes Coupeville again

By Christine Pocock

With big bats, base hits and bold defense, the Concrete Lions once again surpassed the Coupeville Wolves, to win last Friday, 10-2.

The Wolves held the Lions scoreless in the first inning but Concrete's batters started connecting in the second inning, scoring four runs off of base hits.

Concrete played tight defense of its own, shutting down Coupeville until the fourth inning when the Wolves' Tracy Taylor connected for a single. Taylor was then driven home by a pair of singles from Carly Guillory and Christine Larson, putting the Wolves on the board, 4-1.

Concrete never allowed Coupeville more than six batters to reach the plate in a single inning.

The Lions also scored runs in the fifth and sixth innings, extending its lead to eventually win the game 10-2.

With this loss, Coupeville is now 5-5 in Northwest A League play.

The Wolves are now in third place, with Concrete and Friday Harbor tied for first and Orcas and LaConner tied for fourth.

The first through fourth place teams from Northwest A league will go on to play at Districts.

Coupeville's last league game is at LaConner at 4 p.m. on May 8.

## LETTERS

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prairie that once flourished there. Last Saturday, my wife, Dianne, and I joined a few other devotees of wild and beautiful things to assist in the realization of this fabulous dream. In the process we rediscovered the great satisfaction of working with other dedicated people towards a mutual dream. It didn't hurt at all that it was a beautiful day, in a beautiful place or that our work was frequently interrupted by the inhabitants. While we labored, barn, tree and violet-green swallows wheeled and chattered overhead. The resident red-tailed hawks scanned the newly opened space with an almost palpable anticipation of the foraging opportunities that resulted from our efforts. On the fence posts, savannah sparrows and Brewer's blackbirds took a keen interest and commented vociferously. Meanwhile, a more intense drama played out two hundred feet above us as a very determined adult bald eagle chased an immature counterpart through the bright blue firmament, causing us to pause (again) and ponder the nature of their conflict and marvel at the power of their flight. What excellent entertainment we enjoyed! And yet there was more...

Ripping chicken wire out of the good, rich soil; pulling up rotting boards (and watching plump, brown meadow voles scramble for cover); lifting out 6 inch posts; filling 6 inch holes; knocking down the pheasant pens with great blows of pry and hammer; as well as peeling, tearing and ripping the shroud like black plastic

netting covering the pens, is an excellent release of modern life's tensions. I'd recommend it to any that need to release similar tension or just like a little physical exertion. What a joy to liberate this land and share in the vision being realized there. On a day like the one we were there, you could look and easily see the expanse of grassland, flecked with flowers and populated by an array of happy inhabitants that will exist in the future.

Then after the sweat and strain, walk around the perimeter trail and drink in the sights of prairie plants blooming, inhale the aroma of rich, fertile growth and let your ears fill with the music of bird song. This is the time to see the blue camas (that sustained the first people), as well as death camas, desert parsley, buttercups, meadow chickweed, shooting star and others, in bloom. If it is warm and sunny, look for butterflies. While we were there several spring whites, blues and an Oregon swallowtail flitted by. Intoxicated by these ex-

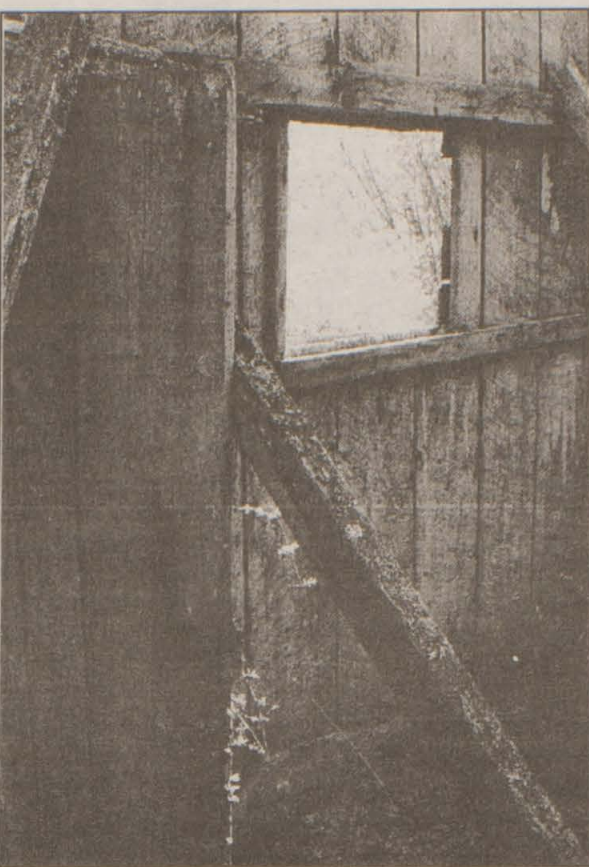
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## CHINA

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potatoes for nine years, he boarded a ship for home, only to die on the way. Lillian Huffstetler, grand-



China shack interior.

Sally Hayton-Keeva Photo

daughter of the redoubtable Ernest, remembers hearing stories about the Chinese from her mother. She was told that Wah Lee left for China with his half-Chinese, half-German grandson. The boy arrived alone on that unfamiliar soil and was shipped off to relatives who flung

his bicycle up on their roof to scare away demons.

The house remains. Originally built with a sleeping loft upstairs and two rooms downstairs, now there is only a shell of wide cedar planks floored by moss, roofed by sky. Remnants of rags are still tucked into crevices for wintertime warmth, and scraps of newsprint, one dated 1907, paper the walls. Roger Sherman remembers from childhood exploration that some of the sheets were covered in Chinese characters, and relics like ginger jars and shards of wine jugs littered the ground.

Ten feet by twenty, the building's roof peaked at twelve feet and sloped to the six-foot-high back wall. The downstairs rooms were each lighted by a modest window. A shred of ric-rac, perhaps belonging to a long gone curtain, dangles beside one empty casement.

The view from the windows, before the forest closed in, would have swept across the prairie to the Strait of Juan de Fuca, down which Wah Lee and his countrymen sailed to their fate in America. Looking out, Wah Lee could have imagined, over the horizon, past the waves, the distant shores of home.

### Lecture: History of Chinese on Ebey's Prairie

Between the 1880s and the 1920s, Whidbey Island was home to a Chinese community centered in Ebey's Prairie farmlands. For many years, the history of these Chinese immigrants was neglected or misunderstood. This is the subject of Gail Lee Dubrow's lecture next Tuesday on South Whidbey.

Dubrow is Associate Professor of Architecture, Urban Design and Planning at the University of Washington.

The last in this year's Lyceum Series of lectures presented by the Whidbey Institute, "The Lost Chapters of Whidbey Island History" begins at 7:30 p.m. in Thomas Berry Hall at Chinook Center, off Campbell Road in Clinton. Sliding scale admission is \$7-\$10. For more information call the Whidbey Institute at (360) 341-1884.

## IRENE

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those with teenagers, and elders whose children were grown and now at the dance with their babies.

Every family brought a dish for the midnight buffet and a basket for their babies to sleep in. After the babies were fed and rocked, they were placed under the benches lining the hall and slept like—well, what else—babies.

And children danced with their parent, a neighbor or with each other.

On May 5, you can build a memory that will last forever in your child's heart too.

Dads, come carry your daughter on your shoes and moms, dance with your son.

See you there.

## FARM

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begins on Mothers Day and the AAUW (American Association of University Women) Art Show is on Sunday the 20th.

You may have seen folks out in the fields April 16th and 23rd. These volunteers were transplanting loganberries that the Farm bought two years ago as "tissue cultures." Three hundred and sixty four plants were planted next to seven rows of posts with wire strung for the climbing days ahead. Of course it was supposed to rain both weeks following the planting! Instead soaker hoses are providing the water they need. The new site for the loganberries was specifically picked because of its proximity to the parking lot and the water faucet. Thanks to the folks who got down in the dirt: Bill Curdy,

Carolyn Mercer, Helen O'Connor, Judy Miller, Michael Seraphinoff, Susan Prescott, Peter Linton, Joyce Way, Chris Douthitt, Caroline Gardner, Ross Horton and Shirley Read.

Every day there are a dozen or more vehicles that pull into the Farm parking lot whose drivers and passengers do not visit our wine tasting bar or the gift shop. Instead they head up the hill along trails that crisscross our fields.

These are public walking trails that are carefully tended by a volunteer for anyone needing a break from their day or a wonderful walk with their dog. On top of the hill there is an entrance into the Island County property that has a half-hour trail walk through the woods. From the hill there is the most beautiful vista of the farmland, both water passages and on a clear day the Olympics and the Cascades. Come see for yourself. Park in the northwest corner of the parking lot by the big rock and start walking.

If someone out there would be interested in a finite carpentry project, we need a couple of kiosks for the trail map and information. Call me.

Another little known fact about the Greenbank Farm is the availability of the Jim Davis House for community meetings. Whether it is once a month, every week, or a one-time thing, there is no rental fee unless the group charges for participation. Even then it is a nominal rental fee. The house has a kitchen, a large meeting room looking out to Saratoga Passage, and two upstairs rooms. Call me to reserve space at 678-7171.

Early in the month a meeting with County Planning Director Phil Bakke clarified the process regarding master planning for the Farm. There is good news and bad news.

The good news is once the process is complete the Farm will be defined in terms of a Growth Management amendment and it will have its own zoning regulations which will be the final nail in saving the farm from development.

The bad news is that the process is lengthy. The timeline is generally as follows: conversion of the Farm Strategic Plan into a Growth Management amendment this Summer, community input in August-September, submission to the Port of Coupeville by October 10th, review by the Port and possible public hearings, then submission to the County by Jan. 31, 2002. The County only considers GMA amendments once per year and it is a 9-10 month process through the County hoops. So the end result is the Farm can continue doing what it is doing now but any new building or changes in use must wait until the end of 2002. Wow!

It is a long time but it is not as if there is nothing to do at the Farm. Barns need repairing, the soil needs rebuilding and rocks need to be picked out of the fields. We need an irrigation system. Crops will continue to be planted; events will light up our barn and fields. When all the paperwork is complete the Farm will be officially saved and we will be ready.

### Spring Flower Show Currently on Display In Okanogan Country



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In the Matter of the Estate of DONALD A. SWERDFEGER, Deceased.

No. 01-4-00067-7  
PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against the Decedent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1) Thirty days after the Personal Representative served or mailed the notice to the creditor as provided under RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four months after the date of first publication of the notice. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred, except as otherwise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This bar is effective as to claims against both the Decedent's probate and nonprobate assets. Date of first publication: April 27, 2001  
Personal Representative: Zachary V. Swerdfeger  
Attorney for the Personal Representative: Dale K. Roundy  
Address for Mailing or Service: 506 N. Main Street  
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(Signed) Zachary V. Swerdfeger  
(Signed) Dale K. Roundy, WSBA

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### TOWN OF COUPEVILLE DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

The Town of Coupeville has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC) for the following project:

CASE NO: SDP 01-01

PROPOSAL: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit  
Coupeville Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade - Phase I Construction

APPLICANT: Town of Coupeville

LOCATION: 600 NE Ninth Street, NW quarter, Section 34, T32N, R1E, WM, in the Town of Coupeville

After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the Town of Coupeville, it has been determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment, so long as local regulations governing design review (including landscape screening), erosion control and water quality protection are applied.

This final determination has been issued under WAC 197-11-350 with the 15-day comment period combined previously with the 30-day Notice of Application. Comments on the proposal may be addressed to the Coupeville Planning Department, 4 NE Seventh Street, Coupeville, WA, 98239. Copies of the DNS are available at no charge at the above address. You may appeal this decision to the Town of Coupeville at the above address within 15 days, or no later than May 21, 2001.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

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

In the Matter of the Estate of GARY M. GRAHAM, Deceased.

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# If I'm the only one in its corner, so be it

It's me against the world. Or so it seems, because whenever I tell someone I liked John Travolta's box-office bomb "Lucky Numbers," they get a look on their face like they're talking to a mental patient. Then they start looking for a reachable exit before I froth at the mouth.

Hey, it's not like I'm defending Travolta's other recent stinkfest, the numbingly awful "Battlefield Earth." Now that reeked like a flatulent skunk who's just eaten twice his body weight in Limburger cheese.

When it comes to "Lucky Number," which I admit is far from a perfect film, it's simply a case of a lot of people just plain missing the boat. By a far enough distance they'd better not expect to find any life jackets within reach.

Maybe people expected a light and fluffy comedy romance, since "Sleep-

less in Seattle" director Nora Ephron concocted this tale of a dimwitted weatherman and an acid-tongued lot-



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By David Svien

tery girl (Lisa Kudrow) who conspire to rip off the state lottery.

If so, "Lucky Numbers" would be the equivalent of chomping down on a chocolate covered cherry only to shatter a tooth on an unexpected pit. Once you get past the pain, though,

the pit starts to have its own pulpy, slightly sour, flavor.

A pitch-black comedy more in the vein of "Fargo" than anything Meg Ryan has done, "Lucky Numbers" is a skillfully-drawn portrait of wily morons who bring doom down upon themselves for no other reason than that seems to be their purpose in life.

Hiding his financial worries and mid-life crisis behind a dazzling set of chompers, Travolta's backslapping weather guy lives for the perks of fame thrown his way by his status as a small-town celebrity. When not busy signing autographs from his reserved table at the area's fine-dining establishment—Denny's—he backs up his TV work by running a snowmobile business.

Pushed to the edge of financial ruin by a heat wave which crushes business, he's desperate to make some

quick bucks. Somehow hooking up with a local mobster (Tim Roth), the guy's deranged nephew (Michael Rappaport) and the TV studio's number one bimbo (Kudrow), he hatches a plan to rig the lottery drawing.

Complicating things are Kudrow's asthmatic, Bible-thumping cousin (the intended patsy), the TV station's sharper-than-expected boss (Ed O'Neill), who wants his cut, and assorted lowlifes who cause Travolta to twitch like a lobster who's just realized he's not taking a bath in that pot of boiling water.

"Lucky Numbers" is not a hug-and-kisses kind of movie. It features jerks and losers, gets a lot of mileage out of bad things happening to people, and earns most of its laughs from situations which probably shouldn't be funny.

Still, in its own twisted way, "Lucky Numbers" is a winner. If I'm the only one in its corner, so be it.

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Though she specializes in post-traumatic stress disorder, Ascher said she treats an increasing number of clients for depression.

"It's a national problem," Ascher says. "It costs businesses billions of dollars a year because of absenteeism and costs the health care community because until treated, depression can often lead to bigger problems." And too often, she adds, depression can go untreated until it causes crisis.

"Depression afflicts so many people and it's insidious because often a person doesn't recognize, or doesn't want to recognize, that they're depressed," she says.

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