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11:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Arleen Lonning
T.O.P.S.

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Lois McMahan
Legislative Netscape

12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
Don Tjossem
Key Bank

12:30 PM to 1:00 PM
To be announced

1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
To be announced

1:30 PM to 2:00 PM
Gary Franz
Fire Chief Dist, #16

2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
John Van deBrooke
Community House

2:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Eric Nelsen
Assistant Fire Chief

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Tim Kezele
Past President
Civic Center

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM
To be announced

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM -
To be announced

4:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Fred Ramsdell
Retired!

PIONEER DAY!

PIONEER DAY ENTERTAINMENT

STAGE I

(INSIDE MAIN BUILDING)

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM - - Afifi Pipes & Drums from Olympia
12:30 PM to 1:15 PM - - Isshinryu Karate Demonstration
1:30 AM to 2:30 PM - - Line Dancing
2:45 PM to 3:45 PM - - Gig Harbor Twirlers Square Dancing

STAGE II - OUTSIDE

11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM - - Performance Circle
12:45 PM to 1:45 PM - - Tim Hoyt, Chemistry Wizard!
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM - - The Ander's, Matt & Daniel

STAGE III

(Other Areas)

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM - - VFW Flag Ceremony
12:00 PM - 12:30 - - Home Band
12:45 PM - Hay Dive for younger children
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM - - Participation Drumming
2:00 PM - - Hay Dive for older children
2:15 PM - - Firefighters Repelling out of Civic Center Attic!!

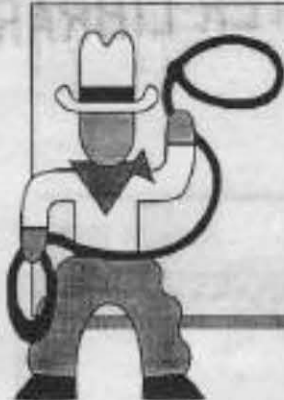
BEER GARDEN IN THE TENNIS COURTS - 11:00 AM
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6:00 PM to Midnight

J.T.'s Original Louisiana BBQ
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August 2, 1997





UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

I've learned to mark the passing of time by the different events here at the Civic Center. With Pioneer Day upon us, can fall be far behind? Soon school will be starting, skate night will begin again and the Flavor of Fall Dinner and Auction will be close at hand. I hope that all of you will join us for these events!

Many thanks to Sylvia Haase and her friends Catherine, Mary and Joe, who cleaned out all the gardens here at the Center! Everything looks so much better! We've all been working hard to spiff up the grounds for Pioneer Day. I pressure washed the trout pond for the lovely trout that the kids 10 years and under can fish for. The tennis courts have been cleaned in preparation for the Beer Garden, and all the lawns are mowed. So much to do and so little time!

Thanks, too, to Sylvia for coming down to the Center with her own rug shampooing machine and getting most of the spots out of the carpet in the foyer and on the balcony. It took her a good part of the day to finish, but it looked so much better when it was done! Thanks Syl!

The Fireman's Muster was a real treat! I love to watch the old fire engines and watch the firefighters do target practice with streams of water. My favorite, though, is the bucket brigade! Talk about the need for teamwork! That's what it's all about.

I'm looking forward to running the dunk tank at Pioneer Day. I've signed up District 16 Fire Chief Gary Franz, Assistant Chief Eric Nelsen, Fire Commissioner Don Tjossem, T.O.P.S. President Arleen Lonning, Lois McMahan from Legislative Netscape, retired Assistant Fire Chief Fred Ramsdell, Tim Kezele, Past President of the Center, and John Van deBrooke from Community House to put their faith in your lousy aim! Be sure and stop by and drown your favorite!

CiderFest is fast approaching, and everyone is invited to downtown Key Center for a day of fun and festivities. October 11th is the big day. There will be contests and prizes, too. Contact Barb Granquist for more information.

Flavor of Fall has a Northwest theme this year. Called "Northwest Gourmet", this year promised to be another outstanding social event! Your donations of things for the auction are still needed. Call Claudia Loy at 884-3937 if you have an item to donate.

Reno Night will be on November 8th. Come and join us for Blackjack, Chuck-A-Luck, Wheel of Fortune, Beat the Dealer, Bingo, good food and fun! See you there!

Also coming up is the Christmas Bazaar on the Saturday right after Thanksgiving. Booth applications will be available soon.

That's all for now. See you next month.



THE FAMILY ROOM

Stress & Anger Management Class

Offered by the Family Resource Center, this class will begin August 5th from 7:00-9:00 PM. There will be a total of 6 sessions held in August and September. This class, along with child care, is offered at no cost. For more information or to register, please call 884-5433.

From the Teen Development Committee

Like all of us, teenagers have strengths and skills as well as needs and concerns. Aside from scholastic or athletic accomplishments, however, they tend to get overlooked in their community. Community awareness usually focuses on them in negative ways or when crisis strikes.

As a way of better understanding teenagers and increasing community awareness about them, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department coordinated a community assessment of teenagers living on the Key Peninsula. The Department wanted to know what life is like for teens on the Peninsula as seen through their eyes.

One of the first steps was to recruit local teenagers to help conduct the assessment. Teens were recruited from Peninsula High School and by means of flyers posted throughout the Peninsula. After the teen volunteers were trained by Health Department staff, they went to places where teenagers "hang out" and interviewed them. Unlike surveys, the teens were asked general questions and their responses were not limited to a checklist.

We learned that the overwhelming

majority of teenagers were bored. Outside of school and church activities, teens said they had little to do. Over half of the teens said that alcohol and drugs directly or indirectly impacted their lives. Some teens said they used alcohol and drugs because they are bored. They also said getting to and from places is very difficult. Many teens said they like to go to Gig Harbor or Tacoma to do things but it's difficult to get there and once there, the activities for them are expensive.

They also said they feel safe living on the Key Peninsula, especially compared to the "city" and that they love "living in the country" because it's pretty and quiet. They indicated they receive most of their support from friends, families and school as well as youth groups and churches. School was mentioned most often as a place of support. Several teens said they felt that neighbors were "incaring."

The teens indicated they would like a skate park, more organized activities including additional athletic activities, teen dances or an alcohol/drug-free dance club and more choices for alcohol/drug-free activities.

Teen volunteers responsible for conducting the interviews included Sam Bellona, Erica Lange, Melissa Lange, Tim Jones, Ivy Absten and Vicky Watkinson. For more information about the assessment or to learn how you can become involved in follow-up activities please call Frank DiBiase at 591-7674 or The Family Resource Center at 884-5433.

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VOTE **BOSCH**

KPCCA Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 12, 1997

The meeting was called to order by president, Mike Coffin. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as written.

Mike Salatino addressed the board with his concerns that the newspaper was perhaps becoming too political, thus jeopardizing the tax-exempt status of the organization.

It was msc to accept the treasurer's report.

The manager reported many donations have come in as a result of the letter. Harbor Furnace donated a riding lawnmower to the Center; the garage sale was a great success.

Friday night skating will be over on June 20 for the summer. Sara, the skate assistant resigned, but Jeremy Bilyev will be helping out.

We still need bartenders, food booth operators and people to work the children's booths for Pioneer Day. There will be BBQ chicken and ribs for the Beer Garden.

Loyd has the permits and people signed up for fireworks sales.

Claudia reported that Flavor of Fall

will be sending out their solicitation letters soon.

VFW hosted a nice ceremony at the cemetery with a good attendance.

CHS reported Summer Fun is ready. There will be a "Town Meeting" on September 17 so the community can voice their concerns about domestic violence and what they would like addressed dealing with this.

Mike gave an open invitation to attend the Lions potluck dinner and meeting for installation of the new officers.

A committee of Mike Coffin, Dave Freeman, Kathy Hale and Jim Bosch will write a policy draft for using the readerboard for non-Civic Center functions.

A policy for free use of the Center should be ready for the July meeting.

A committee of Mike Coffin, Dave Freeman, Ed Taylor, Dale Loy and Jim Bosch will meet to review newspaper policies.

It was msc to have Lance Englund assess if lights can be put up at the rear of the schoolbuilding. Ed offered to

supply the light fixtures, but sensors would need to be installed.

It was msc to remove the old post office section of mailboxes and reinstall

them in the museum.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch, secretary

CiderFest '97

October 11th is the day planned for CiderFest '97. It will be held in Key Center from 10:00 am until 3:00 PM. It will be a street fair atmosphere with booths featuring arts and crafts, food, education and fun for the kids. The traditional pumpkin contest and apple

pressing will be held during the day. There will be a health fair and blood drive the same day, too.

If you have questions or are interested in an application for a booth, call Barbara Heard at 884-9022 or Barbara Grandquist at 884-4163.

KEY DATES

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Aug. 1 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Aug. 15 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Aug. 26 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
Cootiettes	Aug. 21 - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Board	Aug. 14 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	Aug. 11 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	Aug. 22 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary	2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:30 PM	KPCC/VFWRoom/WMRm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
 Angel Guild Aug. 25 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Cancer Support Group 3rd Thurs. - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433
 Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
 Friendship Dinner Sundays - 5:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
 Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Comm. House - Home
 Also food & clothing assistance. For More Info., call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780.

Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at **Urgent Care**, Gig Harbor

KP Baptist Bible Study Wed. - 7:00PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
 Overeaters Anonymous Wed. - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
 Parenting Network Aug. 5, 12, 19 - 6:30 PM Longbranch Improvement
 Positive Parenting Wednesdays - 6:30 PM CHS - Civic Center
 Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9PM Comm. House - Home
 WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners Aug. 13 - 7:30 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
 Aug. 25 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
 KP Parks & Rec. Aug. 11 - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the KP Community Services - Home
 Caregivers Support Aug. 14 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Grandparents Group Aug. 2 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
 T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening-Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club Aug. 15 - Meeting Longbranch Improvement
 Cancer Support Group 3rd Tues. - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 KP Historical Society 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum
 LB Improvement Club Aug. 20 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
 Peninsula Neighbors Aug. 12 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
 Lakebay Fuchsia Society Aug. 7 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Ruth Circle Meeting Aug. 18 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, Lunch &
 Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
 Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
 Vaughn Bay Garden Club Call 884-5403 for information

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Letters To The Editor:

To the Editor:

On June 6, several boulders were placed around the parking lot at the Home boat launch. The explanation for this was that the neighbors felt unacceptable behavior had been going on for years in this area and since a theft had taken place across the street a few days before, the decision was made for the rocks to be put down. The neighbors who had the theft began informing people to take their cars and trailers home and return home for them after done boating.

A survey was requested and the County determined that the rocks were indeed in the 60 ft. public road right-of-way. On July 15, the County pushed the rocks to the south corner of the parking lot and parking is again available for boaters and the public as it has been for the past decades.

Most people are aware of where the 60 ft. public right-of-way is on the rest of "A" street, but the difficulty arises from the fact that some "A" street residents feel they are the only ones entitled to the side closest to the water. In my opinion and my opinion only, I would like to see the County identify and clarify for all of us, what the public is entitled to and what the private sector is entitled to by law. This would include public right-of-way, the use of all road ends out to the water, the tidal areas,

and anything else that even remotely suggests the need to be determined in public hearings.

Again in my opinion only, I think a clean, attractive, well-lit, safe, community waterfront park with the necessary amenities would be just the right thing. This community has parks identified on the 1909 plat map in several places, most notably the entire length of "A" Street. To date not one park exists. While this is an historical community, many of our historic sites have been lost by inattention and the last legacy that seems to remain with us still is the not so pretty one of territorial disputes.

Since many people were upset and inconvenienced by the shut down of the parking lot without any consideration for how they might feel, I think it is appropriate to include them in any further decision making about the Home waterfront. I think the County would be ready and willing to help (as was evidenced by the expeditious manner in which the rocks were handled) if we gave them clear and definitive directions as to what is really needed.

Finally, much more effort needs to go into solving the difficulties that precipitated the rocks in the first place.

Nancy Lind,
Home



Seen here is what is hoped to be the culmination of the seemingly endless imbroglio over who owns the property at the Home boat launch. A few weeks

ago, someone presuming ownership, had a load of large rocks strung down the center of the area which has been used for years as parking for vehicles and trailers of those using the boat launch. Others insisted that the property be surveyed. Pierce County Public Works agreed. It was determined that the land belongs to the County, a 60 foot wide strip to the sea wall. A little after 7:00 am, Monday, July 14, a County road crew complied with orders to remove the rocks. Let there now be peace.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

To the Editor:

I wish to thank all of the persons who gave generously of their time to work in the Key Peninsula Civic Center's fireworks stand this Fourth of July season. I also wish to thank all of the people who chose to make their purchase from our stand. As a major fund raiser for the Civic Center, the stand this year was a booming success.

The sales provided a profit in excess of \$5,000 which will go toward the operation and maintenance of the Civic Center in the coming months.

Sincerely,
Lloyd S. Miller

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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

Summertime, summertime. When is the hardest time to stay on a diet or lose weight? Is it winter during the holidays? Or is the hardest time when the kids go to school? Maybe the hardest time is on your birthday. As those of you who have ever struggled to get to normal weight know, THERE ISN'T A SPECIAL SEASON that is better or worse to lose weight. Every occasion has its pitfalls of wonderful fat-filled snacks and goodies. So the time to get help is NOW!!! We are here for you in Vaughn. It is not magic, no matter how much we wish it were, but T.O.P.S. can give you friends who share this common problem and help you to make better choices. However, you will be the one to make up your mind to eat wisely or to continue making excuses. You are invited to come to our meetings at the Civic Center and observe the fun we are having as we take off pounds sensibly together.

Recently JoAnn Holmes and her daughter, Ramelle, joined. They have lost steadily for 12 weeks. Both are getting close to their goal weight. They have won several prizes. Our leader, Arleen Lonning, reached her K.O.P.S. status the first part of July. She will be honored at our state convention next year. For June the Best Losses were done by Marie Schwenka, who tied JoAnn Holmes for first place. Judy Newell, Glen Robare and Louise Harrison were also among the top losers.

At the time this is written, we are working on the parade entry for Pioneer Day and our booths. As in the past, we will do most of our activities for the kids. We will do face painting again and man a game booth. Our float entry will honor our Chapter Queen, Rosalie Bust, all K.O.P.S. and K.I.W. members, the ones who have reached their goal weight. Rumor has it that Arleen Lonning will take a turn in the dunk

tank. She is a really good sport!!!

July 22, Laural Johnson came to speak at our meeting. She is the former state Queen of Washington 1995, and has kept off over 100 lbs she lost as a T.O.P.S. member. She was featured on the cover and a very nice article in Woman's World magazine. Laural is a wonderful motivational speaker and we all enjoyed seeing her again, even for such a brief time, since she now lives in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, where she is still a T.O.P.S. member actively helping others.

All our meetings are open for men, women and kids over 7 years old. We meet every Tuesday night at the VAUGHN CIVIC CENTER starting at 6:00 PM with weighing in (which is done privately). Weigh-in concludes at 6:55 sharp so our weight recorders can do the statistics and be ready for the meeting at 7:00pm-8:00pm. Every meeting has a program and help is offered. It is \$20.00 to register for a year and \$5.00 monthly dues to cover our operating costs. All contest and incentive games are optional. Call 884-4102 if you have questions. C-U slimmer!!!

Home Town Meeting

The Home Town Meeting will be on the third Thursday of every other month from now on (or until further notice) instead of the second Thursday. The place is the Fire Station at Home, on August 21 at 7:00 PM. Ken Pinyerd will be the moderator. There has not been an agenda established as yet, but several things that are going on around and about will come up.

For information or if you'd like to add something to the agenda, call Nancy Lind at 884-3347.

TOPS Morning Group

by Mary Nelson

If you have trouble losing weight on your own, you may need a Slimmer Buddy. Maybe your problem is a lack of motivation. If so, contests and prizes should help get you moving. Or have you tried all the diets and have run out of ideas? In that case, some inspirational talks and discussions could be just what you need.

Wherever you are in the world of weight loss, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) has a way to help you. The Tuesday Morning Group - #WA 1325, of Lakebay - that meets at 9:00 in the Key Peninsula Community House, 8903 Key Peninsula Hwy., is encouraging you to stop in for a visit.

Exciting programs are planned for August. We will be continuing to discover new Keys to Inspiration with subjects such as "Know Yourself", "Continue Learning", and "Forgive".

Our August guest speaker, Arleen Lonning, will tell us about her "Road to KOPS" (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) and in September, we will be hosting one of our own (almost, she is in the

Vaughn night group), Frankie Johnson as speaker.

It is from the help and encouragement we get from these programs that our members are able to have such GREAT results. Darlene Lytle was our best loser for June. Lila Garrison was second. Annie Garrison, Laurie Frayne, and Darlene Lytle each have 6 consecutive weeks of weight loss. Way to go girls!!! Keep up the good work!

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15TH Annual P.R.C.A. Pro Rodeo

The 15th Annual P.R.C.A. Pro Rodeo, sponsored by the Pierce County Sheriffs Posse, will be held this weekend at the Pierce County Sheriffs Posse Rodeo Arena at the Washington Horseman's Tacoma Unit Number One in Spanaway.

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VFW Post 4990 Presents Awards

by Hugh McMillan

A high point of the Monday, July 14, joint awards meeting of Key Peninsula's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4990 and its Ladies Auxiliary was the presentation to Peninsula High School senior, Melissa Pandiani, of the prestigious Young American Creative Patriotic Art Show's State of Washington first place award and \$200 for her pencil sketch of members of her grandfather's unit in World War II. The national VFW competition was sponsored here by the post's Ladies Auxiliary. Pandiani had first to win the local award which included a prize of \$75.00. Her entry has been forwarded to the national level.

"I am very proud to have won this award," said Pandiani who plans to attend a four year college in Washington state to continue studying art.

Among other presentations, the Post received four unit awards and its post commander and quartermaster received white hats for the All State Team. Cy Young, the Post's commander, has been named commander for VFW District 4, embracing posts from Gig Harbor to Poulsbo.

Individual members of the Ladies Auxiliary garnered 12 awards and the Auxiliary itself received nine unit awards. Auxiliary president DeaBee Blum received the president's pin.



Melissa Pandiani with DeaBee Blum, president of VFW Post 4990's Ladies Auxiliary.

From Our Friends On McNeil

by Aileen Rieckert Froehlich

This is an interview with Noemah Boyd Richter Panno. Noemah now lives in Rosedale, however she was raised from a tiny baby on McNeil Island. She was born in Carson, Washington, located on the Columbia River about 20 miles from Bonneville. Her father was killed in an accident so her mother packed her and her older brother up and moved to live with an uncle. She was an independent woman so in a short time she answered an ad for housekeeping for a man who had four daughters in Auburn. However, the housekeeping job turned out to be permanent, as they married.

They moved to McNeil Island in about 1908 or 1909. She lived there until 1923 when the penitentiary took their land for the prison. Up until that time the prison only had 20 acres.

People had small farms and Noemah's folks had a prime piece of land with very fertile soil, so they made their living by farming and sending their produce to Tacoma via the boat.

McNeil had two schools, #51 on the West end and #103 on the East side that overlooked Longbranch. On low tide, the prisoners could walk to Mosquito Island, then on towards the Peninsula with a short swim onto the mainland. However there was only one road leading off the Peninsula so they were usually caught before long. I can remember all the times we were aware of escaped prisoners. We would have to be very cautious until they were caught.

They had one main store called Julian's and another one belonging to Olson's. They were both near Still Harbor since this is where the steamer landed so the produce could be shipped

to the municipal dock in Tacoma to be sent on to the markets.

Noemah told me a true story about four local boys from District #51. They had a new teacher named Rose Portman. When she came to the Island she rode her horse named Wyoming and was dressed in riding breeches and boots. The four boys were in seventh grade, so for whatever reason, the teacher decided these four boys would just end up as farmers. She suggested that they go into the woods, build a cabin and they would call their class manual training. The boys really liked this idea, so they split cedar logs and stood them on end for the walls. They took the top rails from the school fence for the roof with hand split shakes to complete the roof. The floor was made from the tops of double desks and then covered with congoeum. There were no windows. One of the boys brought shiplap from home and made the door.

The cabin was 12 by 12 feet. One of the boy's grandfathers furnished a little air-tight heater. They used a lantern for light and an orange crate for a bookcase. Each boy had his own corner and each had a box to sit on. They read most of the time, discussed the material and asked each other questions. They stayed in the cabin for both their seventh and eighth grades. When it came time to take state exams, they passed. The friends labeled this "Vocational Education McNeil Island Style." Noemah feels this unusual school experience should be recorded for posterity since all these four men have proven that one can be very successful regardless of their education.

There will be more recollections from Noemah later at 88 years of age. I know she has much to share.

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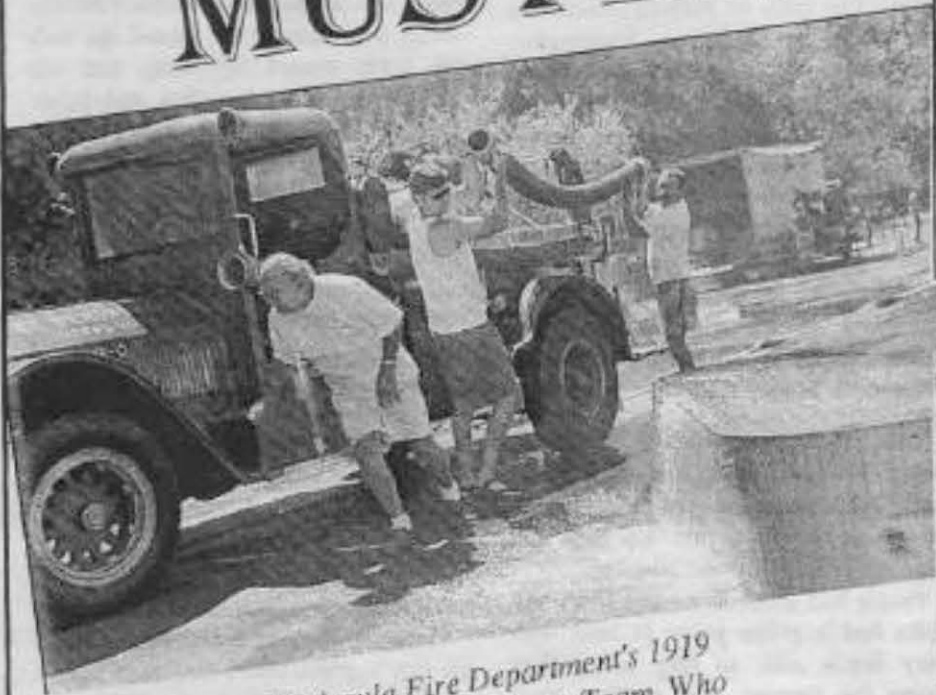
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The procurement committee has been very busy and on the list of items already promised are:

Pool Table by Jim & Janet Macdonald; Electric Organ by Alma Ruppert; Garden Tour by Sunnycrest Nursery; Pruning by Tim Kezele; Gift Basket from Farmer George's Meats; Birthday Party/Classroom Show by Reptile RoundUp; Exam and 1 set of vaccinations by Minter Veterinary Hospital; 3 nights boarding for dog by Almost Home Kennel; Binoculars by Western Optical; 1/2 on Deck cub Membership by Tacoma Rainiers Baseball; Gift Certificate for one by Tillicum Village; Six months single Platinum at Bally Total Fitness; Dinner/Beverage for Four at Redhook Ale Brewery; Stained Glass Pool Table Lamp by Jim & Carol Eva; Gift Certificate from Peninsula Gardens;

Cash donations by Virginia Brown-Liebergessell & Sylvia Haase, Molly & Paul Holmes, James & Ruth Branhall and Martha Applegate.

BUT, we need lots more and here is where you, dear reader, come in; if you have ANY service or item you can possibly offer as a donation, for someone else to use or enjoy, PLEASE contact Claudia down at Sunnycrest Nursery, tel. 884-3937, Vicky McClung, tel. 884-1940 or Kristen Bottiger tel. 884-5420. All donations are, of course, tax deductible. Last year we made over \$16,000 that went towards improvements on the Civic Center. The center is owned by the community, so it's almost like putting money in the bank.

Within the next weeks, we also go into full swing on the decoration committee, with weekly meetings and creative sessions. If you would like to put your creative mind and hands to good use, you are more than welcome to join in there too. Contact Claudia or Sharon Miller, tel. 884-2536.

And if you 'just' want to be a helper, there are lots of things we need help with. We can put any live bodies to good use! Please contact any of the above mentioned ladies if these descriptions fit you.

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9th Annual KP Lions Volkssport Club's Volksmarch

Here are a few of the 515 folk who walked the trails of the 9th annual Key Peninsula Lions Volkssport Club's volksmarch the weekend of 12 and 13 July. The trail began at the home of Bob and Nancy Lind in Home, wound through the historic Home cemetery, crossed trails on Lind Heritage Land Trust property, down 30th to Bass Lane, up Jackson Lake Road, onto the new State park on land acquired from Fred and Dorothy Haley, looped through the Haleys' contiguous land, back onto state land, and finally made its halfway mark at a beautiful lagoon off Case Inlet. The return route again crossed another section of the Haleys' property then doubled back past Jackson Lake to the check-in desk at the Lind's home.

The Lions thank the Linds, who permitted the club to route through their land, assisted club members throughout both long days of the march, and most importantly put in countless hours

clearing the storm-ravaged trails. Many thanks, too, to the Haleys for permission to cross their land, for providing drinking water at the half-way check-in point, and for their friendly, helpful hospitality. Then, too, the State Parks system deserves a big thanks for letting us use the not-yet-officially-opened park property and for sending crews in to clean up much of the wreckage left by the winter's ice storms. But none of it would have happened without the Volks' knowledge and trusty chain saw of co-chair Rick Stout of Home who spent many hours clearing, blazing, and marking the trails, dealing with the IVV, AVA, and EVA bureaucracies, and making sure that the many Lions got the directions needed to make it a great Volksmarch.

"I was here for the last one," said a chap from Bellevue, "and there was no way I was going to miss this one; it's the best. And, count on it. I'll be back"



Photo by Hugh McMillan

U of W Dean's List

Students from the Vaughn area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Washington for Spring quarter 1996-7.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have completed at least 12 graded credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.50 (out of 4). Students are notified that they have

achieved this distinction when they receive their grades for the quarter.

The students listed are:

In Belfair: Jackie Ruth Higgins, Senior; Patrick McKenna, Junior; and Hiroko Scott, junior.

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Modification Of Child Support: Pitfalls And Concerns

by Mary E. Dicke
Attorney at Law

The evolution of the current law in calculation of child support has given parties and the courts more certainty in establishing the relative obligations of parents. As we all know, child support is a required obligation of the parents of dependent children through high school, and perhaps through post-secondary education. There are exceptions allowing child support to continue beyond the age of emancipation and completion of post-secondary education.

The Washington State Legislature has created a schedule by which they have forecast the cost of raising children within certain age groups. The first category is between ages 0-11 and the second category from ages 12-18. The level of support is based upon the incomes of both parents. However, often, the receiving parent does not recognize that he/she has an opportunity to request a modification of the support obligation every two years from the entry of the existing order upon changes in income and within a shorter period under certain circumstances. A modification of the existing order of support can occur automatically if it is specifically required within the existing court order, or by filing the appropriate action with the superior court.

In looking at the obligation for support, issues often arise as to credits or deductions to the relative incomes. If a person is self-employed, the question arises as to what are reasonable business deductions for expenses? Is there a transportation cost so that the children can visit with the other parent? Are there expenses for special educational needs or health care issues? Does one parent pay a premium to cover the children for medical and/or dental insurance?

Other issues can include the following: Is overtime counted as income? Are bonuses included? Is the income of the parties in excess of a basic level such that support should be higher due to the excess of wealth of one or both of the parties? Or, is there a reduction due to the fact that the children spend almost equal time with both parents? The decision whether to commence a modification proceeding rests upon many issues. However, it is a given fact that when a child moves into a new age category, a review and modification are warranted. It is essential that a parent receiving child support be vigilant when a child is approaching a higher age

group and/or graduating from high school.

The complexities in calculating child support require a thorough evaluation of the financial circumstances of the parties. In addition to income, children of a second marriage, as well as dependent step-children, could have an effect upon the support calculation. Before a decision is made whether to proceed or not to proceed with a modification action, an investigation of the financial resources of the parties should be made. This will give all concerned an opportunity to determine whether modification is warranted.

Mary E. Dicke has been a family practitioner serving the Gig Harbor community since 1978.



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major effort by the Players, some 16 actors and actresses who labor almost nightly under the able direction of Jim Corroo while Producer Pat Thompson and his crew work on publicity, stage design, costuming and the like. There may even be a message for you here: are you working too hard? Do you have hobbies to relieve stress? If so, why not just quit your job and ignore the stress altogether!

This play is worth a look. Come for an excellent dinner and theater at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 1st or for the play and no dinner on Saturday, August 2nd. The cost is \$10.00 for the play, \$20.00 for the play and dinner. Tickets are available at Sunnycrest Nursery at Key Center, The Home Country Store or from Producer Pat Thompson at 884-5286. The Tacoma Little Theater had better watch out! You'll enjoy it and the Longbranch Improvement Club and Longbranch Players will appreciate your attendance.

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To Your Health



by William F. Roes MD

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The most significant change is that the state is now requiring all children entering Kindergarten to have begun the Hepatitis B series of shots. This is a relatively new vaccine that was not routinely given to newborns and infants until about two years ago. The vaccine protects against the most serious form of viral hepatitis, once called serum hepatitis. Although in the past doctors felt it was spread only by sexual contact or blood, we are seeing an increasing number of people with Hepatitis B who have no identifiable high risk behaviors, and the current feeling is all children may be at risk. The vaccine is safe and very effective; it is given in a series of three shots, the second at least 1 month after the first, and the third at least six months after the first. It can be given along with the other traditional childhood immunizations (DPT, Oral Polio, and Hemophilus -B), and can be given even if the child has a minor respiratory illness.

The state is also requiring all students entering high school to have another tetanus booster. Many children have had one at the time of an injury or accident, but if your child has not had one since kindergarten it's time to bring him or her in.

With the assistance of the Key Peninsula Health Center, we have been sponsoring a Well Child Clinic every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM on a first come, first serve basis. The Health Center cannot bill insurances for this, but the fee of \$10 covers the exam and all immunizations given, and the fee can be waived in special cases. Please bring your child's shot record and anticipate that we will be needing a urine specimen so plan accordingly (or bring one from home). The Well Child Clinic is held in the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th St. KPN, in beautiful uptown Key Center. By the end of the month the clinics are packed and we are limited to the number of children seen each session. So beat the rush and come in early in the month. We will also be planning sports physicals for Key Peninsula Middle School athletes after school starts, so check with the school for this.

In The Critter Corner



by Jeffrey W. Irwin D.V.M.

Last month I began my series on breed specific diseases in dogs. This month I will touch on diseases and conditions seen in Poodles and German Shepherds.

Poodles often suffer from various skin conditions. Many are allergic to pollens they inhale on a daily basis. This allergy can cause seborrhea, (excessive scaling of the skin), pyoderma, (bacterial infection of the skin), and excessive itching which is often manifested by perpetual licking of the legs and feet. Poodles also have a tendency to develop ear infections because they usually grow a lot of hair in their ear canals. This excessive amount of hair impairs air circulation which can lead to yeast and bacterial overgrowth. It is wise to either learn to remove this hair yourself or ask your groomer to do so to help prevent ear infections.

Some poodles have a tendency to overproduce tears or to adequately drain their tears into a canal called the nasolacrimal duct. This duct drains tears produced by the tear glands into the nasal canal. Excessive production of tears or inadequate drainage leads to a spillage of tears down the fur beneath the lower eyelid that causes a brown staining. This phenomenon is usually more of a cosmetic problem than an actual medical problem.

Some poodles are genetically predisposed to develop a luxating or dislocating patella or knee cap. Poodles with this condition often have a skipping type of gait as they hold the affected leg up off the ground while walking or running for a short time. Many do not appear to be in any pain but while their knee cap is out of place, find it hard to extend their knee joint. Sometimes no lameness is noted, but an owner may occasionally feel or hear a pop when the knee cap moves in and out of place. Although surgery is the only cure for this problem, many poodles live with this condition without much discomfort.

Poodles are also frequently seen with various eye disorders. They often develop cataracts which can quickly blind them. They occasionally develop diseases of the back of the eye or retina which can also cause blindness. Poodles with retinal diseases often look normal physically but demonstrate to their owners that they are sight impaired by running into objects or not recognizing them until they are close enough to smell them.

Congestive heart failure is very common in poodles. It is usually a result of progressive degeneration of the heart valves. Poodles in congestive heart failure usually cough and frequently do so at night or first thing in the morning.

They may experience exercise intolerance and difficulty breathing as well. These symptoms are also seen in poodles with bronchitis as well. Congestive heart failure and bronchitis can be differentiated by a physical exam and x-rays usually, or in some difficult cases, by response to treatment. Generally, but not always, poodles with congestive heart failure tend to be thin whereas those with chronic bronchitis tend to be overweight. Anytime your poodle develops a cough that does not go away by itself quickly, it should be examined by a veterinarian.

German shepherds are a very popular breed in the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula area and they, like many other pure bred dogs, have a number of known diseases and disorders that plague them.

German shepherds are well known for the development of an eye disease called Panus. It is an inflammatory disease that affects the outside layer of the eye called the cornea. The lesion on the cornea is easily visible to an owner and is often initially thought to be a result of trauma. Most shepherds with this disease experience discomfort and often tear. This disease can be treated but rarely cured.

German shepherds, like poodles, can frequently develop ear infections even though their ear canals are erect. This is not because of excessive hair in the canal but because they too can frequently become allergic to inhaled pollens, a condition called atopy. Shepherds with atopy often have itchy ears and skin. In some cases the skin can become secondarily infected from the itching leading to what I mentioned above as pyoderma. German shepherds can frequently develop very deep pyodermas without having atopy for reasons that are not completely known. These unfortunate pets usually have severely infected skin that exudes pus and is very sensitive to touch.

Out of all the disorders seen in German shepherds, probably the most frequent and at times the most heart wrenching are those associated with their musculoskeletal system. One of these disorders is seen in young, fast growing puppies and fortunately is completely reversible. It is called panostietis or long bone disease. Shepherds with this disease appear acutely lame without a history of any known trauma. They can become lame in either the front or rear limbs or both. This lameness has also been known to shift, they appear sore in one leg for a short time and then all of a sudden, appear sore in a different leg. This condition can be diagnosed by an examination and x-rays if indicated. This disease often has to be

differentiated from another disease seen in shepherd pups called elbow dysplasia. This condition always causes a foreleg or front leg lameness which often worsens as the puppy exercises and should always be diagnosed with an x-ray. Unlike panostietis, which a shepherd puppy will grow out of, elbow dysplasia usually has to be cured surgically. Many German shepherd breeders have their breeding stock x-rayed for this condition much like for hip dysplasia to keep this genetic disorder in check.

Hip dysplasia is very well known and unfortunately still a common disorder of shepherds. Many researchers believe it is caused by both genetic and environmental factors but still believe genetics plays a much larger role. This disease can manifest itself in very young shepherds or at times not show up clinically until the dog ages and secondary arthritis develops. Dogs with this disease often have a stiff, hunched up gait that involves both rear limbs. Affected dogs often rise with great difficulty in the morning and have a difficult time jumping. They will demonstrate pain when their hips are variably extended on an examination.

but should be x-rayed to confirm the condition. The only cure is surgery but some of these dogs will respond for a variable period of time to anti-inflammatory treatments. Unfortunately, many shepherds with hip dysplasia are eventually humanely euthanized because of how poorly they often do without expensive surgery.

Older shepherds are sometimes presented for progressive weakness in their hind limbs that appears to be non-painful. They often are unable to get up without help from their owners and sometimes cannot hold their urine or stool. This condition of the older shepherd is called Degenerative Myelopathy and is a result of progressive degeneration of nerve fibers in the spinal cord. It is unfortunately resistant to medical or surgical therapy and, although does not appear to be painful, renders the affected pet incapable of walking and at times appropriately eliminating. The most heart wrenching aspect of this condition is that dogs affected with this condition are often otherwise quite healthy, but still must be put to sleep due to their inability to ambulate.

AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving

We will be conducting AARP 55/Alive Defensive Driving classes on Key Peninsula, every odd numbered month. The classes will be held in the new fire station in Home.

Home July 30 & 31, 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Pierce County Fire District 16 Home Station. Call 857-4815 for required reservations.

Home Sept. 17 & 18, 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Pierce County Fire District 16 Home Station. Call 857-4815 for required reservations.

We also have classes scheduled the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month at one of the Fire Stations in Gig Harbor. Hours are 8:30 to 12:30 both days. Call 857-4815 for reservations.

Stone Enlisted In Army

Sergeant David B. Hendershot, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Port Orchard, Washington, says that Joseph Stone has enlisted as a Cavalry Scout and has enrolled in the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP). With this joint program of the U.S. Army and the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges, Stone was able to sign up for the Montgomery G.I. Bill for up to \$15,403.32 toward his tuition and pre-confirm his admission into Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas before leaving for basic training. He recently left for basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

He is a 1997 graduate of Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Washington and is the son of Charlie J. Stone and Barbara E. Stone, both of Gig Harbor.

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

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Last month we looked at some issues related to the pollution of our nation's waterways. Let's now take a look at what we breathe. Actually, we shouldn't be able to see what we're breathing, but there aren't any places left on our planet where the air is that pure all the time. Another part of the problem is that some of the particles and molecules in the air that are harmful are also colorless (carbon monoxide, for example), or too small to be seen without a microscope.

We have made some great strides forward in cleaning up our atmosphere by means of smog control devices and filters and scrubbers used by many industries. Yet, by taking some additional measures, we could save from 15,000 to 35,000 lives every year. These are people, mostly children and seniors, who die from diseases either caused by or exacerbated by air-borne pollutants. And this doesn't even include the millions of allergy and asthma victims who might thus be able to

breathe a little easier.

These life-saving measures could become a reality by implementing and enforcing some new EPA regulations; but that's obviously easier said than done. To start with, there seems to be a lot of loose tongues trying to tell us that just to save the lives of a few children we will end up putting thousands of people out of their jobs. Added to this typical health vs. jobs blather, a so-called "research" group put out the "news" that the EPA was planning to outlaw backyard barbecue grills. They made sure that this "news" got to the appropriate talk-show hosts and newspapers, and really provoked angry responses from a lot of people. One state legislature even passed a resolution asking the EPA not to ban backyard barbecue grills.

The truth of the matter is that the EPA never even considered such an idea. The whole thing was a ploy to get people so steamed-up about "government regulations" that the EPA would back

off from the actual plan which was to propose some new regulations to cut down on the amounts of sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and very fine particles which are currently being spewed into the air by steel mills, chemical companies, utilities, smelters (remember Tacoma's Asarco?), wood product companies and paper mills. By the way, the head of that so-called "research" group that released the phony "news" about the EPA just happens to be a paid lobbyist for the steel industry.

The Administration is now saying that while they want these new regulations to become implemented, there's no hurry about enforcing them. But the people in Congress who get a lot of their campaign funds from these polluters are now threatening to change the law to keep the EPA from ever being able to issue or enforce these new regulations.

In the meantime, people, mostly children and seniors, are still dying from diseases related to air-borne pollutants. Is that what we really want for our country?

Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTF

To deduct a gift to charity that's worth \$250.00 or more you must obtain a letter from the charity acknowledging the gift. IRS also rules that if you make a series of gifts that are each worth less than \$250.00, but which total \$250.00 or more, you do not need the acknowledgement letter. If you make several gifts to charity that are each worth \$250.00 or more, you don't need to obtain a separate acknowledgment for each. A single letter from the charity can cover them all.

Did you realize that more tax cheats are going to jail than were a decade ago? 70% of those sentenced were sentenced to home or jail detention, whereas a decade ago they received only probation.

Reynolds Roost



by Howard Reynolds

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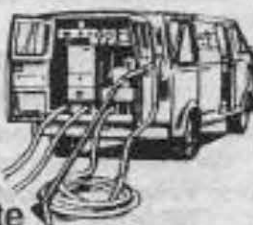
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Bees Swarms Complicate Firefighting Efforts

by Hugh McMillan

"I've never seen so many bees in my life," said Key Peninsula firefighter/paramedic Mike Reigle catching his breath before returning to fight a fire at 4010 Whitman Road Friday, July 11. "They were really (indignant)!"

The alarm at 2:03 PM sent firefighters scrambling. They were on the scene within ten minutes, and within seconds of getting the wet stuff on the red stuff, were forced to do their fire drowning at a slightly longer range. Swarms of angry yellow jackets and honey bees, outraged that their homes had been torched, attacked.

Earlier, owners had attempted to burn a nest of paper wasp yellow jackets attached to the cedar shake wall of the two story frame house. They were unaware until minutes later that the wall had ignited. When firefighters arrived, flames were coming from the roof and two sides of the structure.

Subsequent inspection revealed that, "there was a honeycomb in the wall," said Chief Gary Franz, "that's an accelerant that just fed the fire." And a honeycomb means there were also honey bees who, at least as angry as the paper wasps, augmented the furious attack force. Several firefighters were stung, some many times.

Six KPPD volunteers, eight KPPD career firefighters, and seven emergency vehicles dealt with this emergency. Volunteers: Robert Fearnough, Dee Dee Kerkes, Christie Lyon, Kathy Schmidt, and Dean Shriner; Career: Chief Franz, Assistant Chief Eric Nelsen, Captains Chuck West and Tom Lique, Lt. Tracy Lyon, firefighters Paul Bosch, Gary Way, and Mike Reigle.

Gig Harbor's fire district 5 joined in the firefighting with an engine and five personnel, K. Dybdahl, M. Metsker, M. Miller, and M. Romero under command of Assistant Chief Robert Black.

Pierce County Fire Marshal Wadell Hill and Peninsula Light personnel were at the scene, the former to inspect for causes, the latter to disengage electrical connections for safety. Pierce County Sheriff's deputy Bob Larson was there to render whatever assistance might be called for. The Red Cross came from Tacoma with food, clothing and an offer of assistance with emergency housing.

"Chief Franz and I have visited the owners to provide assistance over the past few days," said Nelsen.

"Our insurance man said the house is a total loss," said the owner who requested anonymity. When asked if she needed any help, she said, "The



Photo by Hugh McMillan

community has been so very helpful, they're just wonderful, their support has been overwhelming. We are so happy to

be part of this community." It takes a village. And you won't find a better one!

In the best interest of families, The Family Resource Center is gathering information which will help them in putting together their fall program. Please complete the following questionnaire and mail it to: The Children's Home Society, PO Box 123, Vaughn WA 98394. Thank you!

1. What is Domestic Violence; check all that apply
 - (a) insults partner
 - (b) shouts curses at partner, pounds fist on table
 - (c) hits partner but partner isn't physically injured
 - (d) physically hits partner and causes injury that requires medical attention
2. Who can be involved in Domestic Violence - check all that apply
 - (a) husband and wife
 - (b) grandparents
 - (c) dating couples
 - (d) neighbors
 - (e) ex-spouses
 - (f) business partners
 - (g) adult siblings
3. How prevalent is Domestic Violence on the Key Peninsula
 - (a) not an issue
 - (b) some what of an issue
 - (c) becoming a problem
 - (d) a serious problem
4. Do you know anybody who has been involved in a Domestic Violence situation:
 - (a) nobody
 - (b) one person
 - (c) a couple of people
 - (d) lots of people
5. Have you taken any action to reduce domestic violence?
 - (a) did volunteer work
 - (b) called police
 - (c) offered an abused person food, shelter, and or moral support
 - (d) intervened in a fight
 - (e) talked with an abusive person
 - (f) did not take any action

5. I agree/disagree with the following statements: Please circle your answer.

(a) most people would be afraid to get involved	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(b) most people don't really know what to do to reduce domestic violence	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(c) there is not much point in calling the police as they do not do anything	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(d) domestic violence is a private family issue	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(e) sometimes the victims bring it on themselves	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree
(f) some people become abusive because of drugs and/or alcohol	strongly disagree	disagree	agree	strongly agree

Survey participants please complete the following information:
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Volunteer Opportunities

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The Village Retirement Home is looking for a volunteer driver to shuttle residents to appointments around Tacoma. A valid driver's license and first aid card are required. For more information, contact Mildred at 597-7312.

Paske Enlisted In Army

Staff Sergeant Deborah L. Carter, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Puyallup, Washington, says that Charles Paske's test score and enlistment in the Infantry qualify him for a \$12,000 cash incentive. He recently left for basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He is a 1996 graduate of Puyallup High School and is the son of James and Debbie Paske of Gig Harbor, Washington.

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Parks And Recreation News

by Nancy Lind

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Park and Recreation Council (PARCS)

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Hill Fire Station Funding: Send tax deductible contributions to Randy Boss, 3400 56th St. NW #102, Gig Harbor 98335.

Trail Walk: Sat., Aug. 23, 10 AM. Meet at 14 St. and the Cushman Power Line Trail in Gig Harbor for a nice walk to the beach on the Narrows under the powerlines.

News: Improvements such as grading and filling will be made to the first leg of the Cushman Power Line trail this summer prior to the finalization of ISTEPA funds of \$400,000 to pave the trail next summer.

Pierce County Parks And Recreation Director: Jan Wolcott 798-4176

News: In 1994, the Pierce County Council created the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Comprehensive Park, Recreation & Open Space Plan (Plan). The Plan outlines the strategy for improving the level of Park & Recreation Services for these areas. That Plan identifies the need for Open space and under that need is the acquisition of a community park site known as the "Elgin-Clifton Park". The Plan further identifies the "Head-to-

Toe" trail network connecting the Narrows to "Devils Head" traversing both Peninsulas and passing directly through the "Elgin-Clifton" properties.

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