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New Civic Center Manager



Stacy Smith
Civic Center Director
By Dave Freeman

The Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association has selected Stacy Smith as their new Civic Center Manager and she appears as a ray of new inspiration, very bright, with an engaging personality. She is already involved in the complicated task of organizing and running the New Key Peninsula

Civic Center as it's full-time manager.

ager.
In August, the Board of Directors approved a big change in the method the Civic Center was going to be operated. It's recommendations included hiring a full-time center manager to oversee the daily operations of the center, hiring a security person to open and close the center and reside on-site, and finally, to employ a part-time janitor/carpenter/handy person to keep the center clean and in good repair.

This restructuring will allow the Civic Center to be used much more efficiently and often by a wider variety of community members through the development of new programs. Scheduling will improve and daily involvement will be possible with all user groups and their chairmen. The new manager will be responsible for seeking grant money for new programs and capital improvements that will benefit the center for years to come. This, coupled with scheduled remodeling projects to the gym,

toilets, and stage, will significantly improve the versatility and function of the Civic Center.

The installation of Stacy Smith as the center's manager will also improve avenues of communication between the Board of Directors, the user groups, and the public. She will be the one point of contact (communication) for all center activities, projects, new ideas, etc. Now, for example, if you have an idea for a new program at the center, or a way to improve an existing one, Stacy will be there to listen and act on those ideas. She will help each user group chairman with organization, scheduling, and promotion through the Key Peninsula News.

Stacy will have her offices located in the center's lower level, under the covered walkway, easily accessible to the public and program directors.

You will hear more about and from Stacy in next month's Key Peninsula News, so come on over and meet our community's newest member, Manager Stacy Smith.

Friday Night Skating Program

We, the volunteer's and staff of the Key Center Civic Center Friday night skating program, have seen a lot of changes over the last year. In February, the general traffic pattern was rerouted, alleviating a congestion problem in the foyer. This past month the cashier has been moved, improving the foyer area both before and after the session. We had a successful summer program, which allowed skating to continue through the summer months. A new glitter ball was added, making for a nice skating atmosphere. More skating games have been introduced. There is better supervision of the floor, reducing accidents. We had a fun float in the pioneer day parade. Our

FLASH

At press time we have learned that building permits should be issued in mid February for the Home fire station and the Wright-Bliss fire station. Commissioners expect to call for bids in February and to award bids in March. Construction should start in late March with substantial completion scheduled for eight months later.

Commissioners expect to call for bids in June on the Longbranch fire station and the Lake Kathryn Village station which has been delayed due to the need for a public hearing. current managers began in September, Elwin and Tini Salter. Carol and Melony Davidson managed from the first of the year through August. With each new manager, improvements and changes have been introduced.

Current issues being addressed are encouraging more parents to volunteer, volunteer identifiability (T-shirts), volunteer accountability, parental responsibilities, a new sound system, games for non-skaters, improving skating conditions for new and young skaters, the transition between skating and teen night, consequences for misbehavior, and rules being posted.

Last month's skating report mentioned vandalism. We, the volunteers and staff at the center on Friday evening, have not seen vandalism occurring. Behavior problems are dealt with as they occur. Consequences vary, from suspension to verbal reprimands.

We are proud of our skating program and are excited about improvements being made. We would like to thank the community for their support of the Friday evening skating program. And thank you to all the great kids and parents who come out and skate, or just "hang out". Any suggestions are welcomed.

Joan Cyr Toni & Elwin Salter Lonya & Bert Easton Jeremy Jacobson





This is not a "Drill". Fire District 16
Personal help a victim of an
auto accident South of Home.

Photo by Ed Taylor

Key Peninsula Business Association

On December 17th, 1993, the following new officers were unanimously voted on and accepted: Joyce Tovey, PRESIDENT; Fred Ramsdell, VICE PRESIDENT; Marvin Keizur, TREASURER; and Barbara Granquist, SECRETARY.

KPBA was thanked for their sup-

port in attaining a grant for the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce to establish a Small Business Assistance SCORE counselors, machines and programs to help small business owners will be available. A representative will be hired to work with prospective participants.

Civic Center Board Endorses Park Funding

By Ed Taylor

The Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, in an unusual move, has endorsed the February 8 Volunteer Park levy to raise \$120,000. The board usually shies away from any political or religious endorsements. Spokespersons cited the brand new Park Commission Board and expressed a desire to

give them the tools they need to run the park in an efficient manner.

The Park District, which held title to the Vaughn Civic Center until early in 1992, transferred the property to the association which has conducted fund raising events and accepted donations to maintain the Civic Center. Lack of Park District funds necessitated the move.

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CIVIC CENTER BOARD MEETING

Donna Bosch was appointed acting secretary.

Skating: Friday night skating age limits have been set at 8th grade or 14 years if not accompanied by a parent. Sign up sheets have been formulated to be used by all that attend.

Remodeling: Plans are being drawn for remodeling of the restrooms, skating room and storage areas. Engineering work is proceeding on the new heating system for the gym.

Gym Floors: Gym floors will be refinished on January 29th and the gym will be unusable for 5 days.

Board of Directors: An all day retreat was held with formulation of policies and a new fee schedule being the result. Directors expect they will need another full day to finish their work.

Park Levy: The KPCCA Board will be officially endorsing the Park District levy with ad space in this paper purchased by personal donations.

Bingo: Wednesday night bingo starts at 6:30PM with over 40 people attending each week. Fun for all!!

KPNEWS: Ed Taylor is still looking for somebody to assist in add sales. The Jan and Feb issues have been combined.

Director: Stacy Smith, the new administrator, is getting settled in her new office and reports many calls and lots of rentals

Aerobics: Classes to start in March. Call the instructor at 884-5677 or call the center at 884-3456.



A Civic Center Christmas Dinner with "Chef" Mike Salatino

Photo by Ed Taylor

New License For Fishing

The 1993 Legislation passed into law changes the Washington Department of Fisheries licenses fees, format, and requirements determining who needs a license.

Beginning January 1, 1994 the Washington Department of Fisheries (WDF) will issue only two types of recreational licenses; a Personal Use Foodfish and a Personal Use Shellfish/Seaweed license.

For further information contact: Tony Floor, (206) 902-2251, or the Washington State Department of Fisheries.

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		GYM CLOSED WIC 8 am - 4 pm GED 7PM AAU 3-5:30 TOPS 6 - 8 pm	GYM CLOSED Bingo 6:30	GYM CLOSED Seniors 11 am-4 pm LBB 5:30-7 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm	Homeschoolers Skating 2:00-3:30 AAU 3-5:30PM Skating 6-9pm	BASKEIBALL TOURNAMENT 9AM-6PM PARK RALLY 6PM-9PM
Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	AAU 3-5:30 LBB 5:30-7 pm Grange 6 pm Karate 7-9 pm EXFC BD Mtg 7:30	WIC TOPS GED 7PM AAU	9 Bingo	LBB Karate KPCCA Public Mtg; 7:30	11 Skating AAU	12
KPLF 13	AAU LBB Karate VFW & AUX 7pm	WIC TOPS GED 7PM AAU	16 Bingo	Seniors LBB COOTIETTES 6:30 Karate	Homeschoolers Skating Grange 7:30PM Skating AAU	Grace Community Church Basketball 1-4PM
20 KPLF	AAU LBB HEALTH DEPT 6-10 pm Karate	WIC TOPS GED 7PM AAU	23 Bingo	24 Seniors LBB Karate	25 Skating AAU	Lions - Citizen of the year
KPLF 27	AAU LBB Karate	Thi	s space available f	or advertising. Call	884-4699	

Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Officers

Terry Thomas, President 884-4685 Stephanie Zampini, Treas. 884-9821 Rich Eyrish, VP 884-3909 Sylvia Haase, VP 884-3603 884-2313 Dave Freeman, at large Mike Salatino, at large 851-4556 Ed Taylor, Past President 884-3600

For Information about the Civic Center, phone 884-3456

Citizens Of The Year, 1994

by Hugh McMillan

The tenth annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards Banquet begins at 6:00 pm with a social hour to be followed by dinner at 7:00 pm at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn on Saturday, February 26.

Keynote address this year will be a surprise. Previous keynoters have included former governor Dixy Lee Ray, United Airlines' Captain Al' Haynes, KIRO radio's Jim French,

KOMO TV, Channel 4, plans barring the unforeseen - to film the event as a news item.

The following candidates have been nominated for recognition:

Bill and Marge Adams, for devoting thousands of volunteer hours to the KP Community Services/Food

Ruth Guintoli, who donates some 200 hours each month to the Longbranch Community Church and to the Angel Guild;

Linda Hacker, President of the KP Health Center, is also active in the KP Little League prorgam, an RN at the Rocky Bay Health Center, and pours volunteer hours into KPHC organizing activities, cleaning the facility, and just doing unnoticed-behindthe-scenes work.

Wilma Haines, for countless hours volunteered at the Pierce County Sheriff's Peninsula Detachment, at the KP Fire Department, at the Peninsula detachment of the Washington State Patrol, and as Treasurer of Citizens Against Crime with which she is in her sixth year, as president of the KP VFW Auxiliary, and on the Board of the Lake Minterwood Community Association.

Tim Kezele, for countless hours dedicated to the success of KP's Volunteer Park, the KP Historical Society, the KP Civic Center, and other organizations;

Lauren McClintock, who established a business employing local citizens and contributes to the Lakebay Comunity Church, KP Civic Center, and an international children's organization;

Dick Noble, for hours generously given to the KP Lutheran Church, KP Sportsmen's Club, and the Peninsula Historical Society;

Fred and Mary Ramsdell, whose professionalism in KP's Fire Department extends to many hours volunteered to ensure successful KP Civic Center activities, Santa's visits throughout the community, and being dedicated to making KP a better home for us all;

Henry and Eleanor Stock, for being Mr. and Mrs. KP Civic Center to which they have contributed not mere hours, but years of hard work building facilities, raising funds, chairing committees, and making the KPCC a success;

Terri Thomas, for many hours of service as President, Secretary, and chair of various committees of the KP Civic Center, activities with the KP Business Association, the Purdy Boosters Club, early participation in Citizens Against Crime, and involve-



Jim & Irene Wooldridge



Eleanor & Henry Stock



Fred and Mary Ramsdell



Marge & Bill Adams



Tim Kezele



Lauren McClintock

Photo by Hugh McMillan

ment in a variety of communitysupportive activities;

John Van de Brooke, for well over 100 hours monthly of volunteer work with KP Community Services/Food Bank of which he is President and was secretary, for by-weekly dona-tions of blood, for activities at St. Nicholas Church with St. Vincent De Paul of which he is president, and Jim and Irene Wooldridge, who

volunteer some 1,000 hours annually to support KP's VFW Post 4990, KP's Lutheran Church, the KP Sportsmen's Club, and KP Civic

Please come and recognize these citizens who have given so much to make ours a special place to live.

Tickets, \$8.00, or \$15.00 per couple, or \$25.00 per group of four are available at Sunny Crest Nursery, Key Bank branch in Key Center, Continental Tire, Country Gardens, and all KP Lions' members. At the door: \$9.00 each. A no-host bar will offer a wide variety of your favorites.



Ruth Guintoli



John Van de Brooke



Dick Noble



Terri Thomas

"Three-on-Three" Basketball Tournament

The first annual Key Peninsula Adult Men's Basketball Tournament will be held on February 5th and 6th, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The format is "open play," and there is a one-time entry fee of \$100.00.

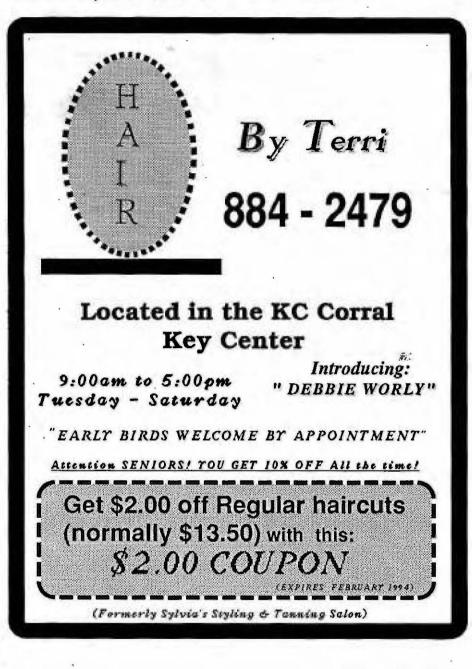
Twelve individual teams from Lakebay are needed. Businesses, students, and organizations are encouraged to enter. Trophys will be awarded to the top five teams. The first place team will also be awarded four unique tournament sweatshirts.

All proceeds will go to the Key Peninsula Boys AAU Basketball

Club and Programs. For further information contact Tom Edwards, who will also be leading a Lakebay lumber team, at 857-7550 or 884-

Honor Student

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Sea Rescue Team To The Rescue

by Hugh McMillan

Even though it proved a false alarm, had it been for real, the "sinking vessel" near Taylor Bay couldn't have picked a better time to become a maritime emer-

Members of the Peninsula Detachment of the Puget Sound Sea Rescue Team dropped their jet boat and Boston whaler into the waters at the Home boat launch at 9:00 am, Saturday, January 22, preparing for a "man in the water" rescue drill.

They drove across Von Geldern Cove and Team leader Chuck West, an acting captain with the Key Peninsula Fire Department, used his cellular phone to summon another Team member from his beach side home.

That member didn't make it to the shore before the two boats roared off responding to the Taylor Bay "emer-

gency."

On return, West, and career KPFD ersonnel Hal Wolf and Mike Reigle, KPFD volunteer firefighter Glen Pszczola, and Bill Howe, charter Sea Rescue Team member/diver/driver, said, "It was just a low-riding, fully loaded herring boat pumping fresh water to the cargo." They were proud they'd made the trip clear around the Key Peninsula to its west side in under 20 minutes.

Thereafter, the team practiced slipping a "man in the water" onto a floating stretcher and bringing the patient aboard the rescue vessel.

The group invites those interested in participating in its activities to be at the Home boat launch at 9:00 am, Saturday, February 19. For information, call 884-4824, 884-3120, or 884-3945.

BUS	SINESS/PROFESSIONAL GI	ROUPS		
KP Business Ass'n Fire Fighter's Ass'n	Feb. 4: 7:30am; Feb. 18: noon Homeport Restaurant Feb. 7: 7:30pm Key Center fire station			
	CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS	S		
ASHES	Feb. 3: 10:30 am	Key Center fire station		
Cootiettes	Feb. 17: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm		
KPCCA Board Mtg	Feb. 10: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm		
KPCS Board	Feb. 7: 7:30 pm	Comm House - Home		
KP Lions	Feb. 2 & 16: 7 pm	Horseshoe Lake Rest.		
	COMMUNITY SERVICES	S		
Adult Literacy classes	Call for appt.	Gig Harbor: 851-6552		
KP Family Services	Feb. 20: 7-8:30 pm	Key Center Library		
Big Brother	Feb. 6: 6 pm	Key Center Fire Station		
Food bank	Tues Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Comm House - Home		
Hot lunch for seniors	Wednesdays: noon	Comm House - Home		
Free brunch	Sundays: 2-3 pm	Comm House - Home		
	ssistance; for more info call 884			
Seniors exercise program	Tues.&Thu. 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home		
WIC (Women,Infants, Children)	 Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, 	KPCC/Whitmore Rm for an appointment		
Immunizations	Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm	GH Chamber/Commerce		
	or 851-72	282 552-1767 for info		
	OF INTEREST TO PAREN	TS		
Peninsula School Board	Feb. 14: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd Rm Purdy		
Little LeaguePlanning	Feb. 15: 8 pm	Key Center Fire Station		
Friday Skating	6:00 pm	KPCC Gym (884-3456)		
	PUBLIC MEETINGS			
KP Fire Comm	Feb. 9 & 21: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station		
KP Park Board	Feb. 14: 7:30 pm	Brones/ KC Library		
	real in 1130 pm	Dividu III Dividy		
	SELF HELP GROUPS			
AA	Mon. & Fri: 8 pm	KP Comm Serv, Lakebay		
TOPS	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm		
	SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUP	S		
ABATE of WA	Feb. 7: 7:30 pm	Volunteer Park		
Bayshore Garden Club	Feb. 1& 1pm	Longbranch Imp. Club		
Longbranch Imp. Club	Feb. 16: Ptlk 7:00; mtg. 7:30			
Peninsula Neighbors	Feb. 8: 10:30 am	Home Community Hall		
Ruth Circle Meet	Feb. 14: 12 Noon	Longbranch Church .		
Senior Society Lunch	Feb. 16: 12 noon	KPCC/Whitmore Rm		
		foot care and blood press		
Vaughn Garden Club	Feb. 16: 10:30 am			

Feb. 14 & 28: 6:30 pm

BE LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL INFORMATION BY THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH TO. DATES - KPNEWS, P.O. BOX 3, VAUGHN 98394

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION TO

KPCC/VFW Rm

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Mass Casualty Incident In Purdy

by Hugh McMillan

Tuesday, January 18, emergency radios crackled a call for four fire districts and a private ambulance firm to respond to a collision in Purdy involving a school bus with two drag-racing vehicles. A large number of casualties were reported, some critical, some dead. It was a dreaded mass casualty incident.

It was, in fact, a drill ... the largest on the Peninsula in the past five

Initially, many emergency personnel believed it to be the "real

The sight of the "tragedy" was the parking area of the King of Glory Lutheran Church at 6411 154th St. NW which opened it facilities for moulaging (making-up) 44 patients, briefing evaluators, and post-exercise debriefings. Ambulatory "patients" directed to the indoor "patient assembly area" were grateful to escape the cold accident scene.

Fire and emergency response personnel scrambled in mutual aid of Gig Harbor. They came from Key Peninsula Fire, Mason County's Allyn-based District 5, Kitsap County District 7 of South Kitsap, and the Peninsula Ambulance Co. Six fire engines, five ambulances, and eight other emergency vehicles were on the scene.

Lakewood-based Fire Com nandled communications between

all involved agencies which included the Pierce County Medical Control Center at Good Sam hospital in Puyallup. Tacoma-Pierce County Department of Emergency Management provided registration of the MCI with the State and insurance for all volunteers.

Forty students from Peninsula, South Kitsap, Franklin-Pierce, and Washington High Schools screamed in pain while displaying mock fractures, lacerations, and other "inju-They were sprawled in "agony" in a school bus provided by Peninsula School District and two cars towed to and from the scene by Town and Country Towing of Gig Harbor. The cars were ripped apart with the "Jaws of Life" by firefighters extricating the "dead and injured," four in each vehicle.

Simulated helicopter landing sites were established for air evacuation of critical patients.

A total of nine fire, EMS, and communications agencies, 125 people, and 19 emergency vehicles were involved in the training which was judged, "extremely worth-while," by everyone interviewed the night of the "disaster" and in days following.

"The exercise took two months of planning," said Key Peninsula cap-tain and drill coordinator Eric Nelsen. Gig Harbor's training officer and co-coordinator, Bob Black, and Nelsen agreed that, "this is some-



Medics Assist At "Tragedy"

Photo by Ed Taylor



"Victim" Is Removed From School Bus

Photo by Ed Taylor

thing that is a very real possibility emergency personnel might have to deal with on any given day. This

helps us all to be prepared to meld our several agencies into one effec-

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ARTS AND EVENTS

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a course entitled "Boating Skills & Seamanship" on five consecutive Saturdays starting Feb. 5. The course will be held at McCormick Library at North 26th and Adams in Tacoma starting at 9A.M.. Call Sandy Miller at 759-5238 for information.

The Peninsula Chorus will be accepting new members as it begins rehearsing for its Spring benefit performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's HMS Pinafore.

Call Paul Elgin at 851-1852

Friends of the Peninsula Library are sponsoring some 1930's Mark Brothers films to be shown at the 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr. Branch library on Wednesdays at 7:30PM. The schedule includes "Animal Crackers" on Feb. 9; "Duck Soup" on Feb. 16; and "A Night at the Opera" on Feb. 23. 851-3793.

New low impact aerobics class with certified instructor Jan Sidelburg will be held at the Vaughn Civic Center with the first class to be held on Saturday, March 5 at 10:15AM. Call 884-3456 or Jan at 884-5677 for details. (\$3.50 per

Freighthouse Art Gallery presents "Artists Walk On The Mountain" featuring Tacoma & Mt. Rainier. Dates are Feb. 11 to 28 from 10AM to 6PM. Gayle Shinstine at 863-5256. 440 E. 25th, Tacoma.

The Childbirth Education Association of Tacoma, in co-sponsorship with Bates Technical College, is currently accepting applications for the 1994-95 Childbirth Instructor Training Program. For fees, dates and application forms contact Becky McCorkle, 845-3619.

Theatre, Saturday, February 12th, at 7:00 P.M.: "The 1940s Radio Hour" musical presented by the Tacoma Little Theatre. Cost is \$35.00 per couple which includes show, flowers, gourmet treats, and more.

Theatre, Sunday, February 13th, at 1:00 P.M.: "The 1940s Radio Hour" musical matinee presented by the Tacoma Little Theatre. Cost is \$12.00 per

Concerts: The Filucy (fill oo see) Hootchie Kootchie Band will be performing their third annual Valentine's Day Concert at the Longbranch Improvement Club Hall on Key Peninsula Highway In Longbranch. The concert will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday February 13th, the day before Valentine's Day. This will be their first public performance since the release of their cassette "Not Far From Home." Reviews have described them as "good ole homegrown country fun", "down-home humor", and "like a family get-together." The band was featured at Seattle's Bumbershoot Festival this past fall. Admission to the concert will be \$5.00 for adults, and \$3.00 for children.

Concert/Festival: A Mid-Winter Bluegrass Festival with Bill Monroe and the

Bluegrass Boys, Father of Bluegrass—from the World-Famous WSM Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Bluegrass Band, IBMA '94 Entertainers and Vocal Group of the Year, Tony Rice Unit, J.D. Crowe and the New South, The Cox Family, and more. The festival will be held February 25 through the 27th. For further information and ticket packages contact the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel, or call (206) 792-5575 or (206) 871-7354.

Exhibition: "When the Bough Breaks: Pregnancy and the Legacy of Addiction." is a travelling a whitting of pactary and photographs open to the public

tion," is a travelling exhibition of poetry and photographs open to the public that will visit the Capitol Building in Olympia January 31 - February 11, 1994. It is the centerpiece of an effort to highlight the growing problem of prenatal chemical dependency, it's relationship to unhealthy birth outcomes and vio-lence, and to provide a forum for advocacy, education and early intervention. The March of Dimes is joined by a number of other sponsors who are helping to tell the "When the Bough Breaks" story. They include First Lady Mary Lowry, Representative Sue Karagalios (Island County) and corporate sponsor Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska along with numerous family and child

advocacy groups.

Vaughn Elementary School: Native shrubs, trees and plants are needed to landscape the hillside by the parking lot at Vaughn Elementary school. Children's groups (Scouts, Indian Guides, teams, etc.) and adults are needed to do this project. Please call Debra Langley-Boyer, the leader of the Dolphin

Campfire Group, for more information call 884-4235.

Parents of Preschoolers: There is an exciting opportunity for you to attend daytime parenting classes. Joan Rapkoch, formerly of Bates Technical College, will lead a 6 week class on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. February 1st throught March 8th at the District Office. The class is free to participants, but you will need to purchase the S.T.E.P parenting guide for \$12.00. To register, call Jan Berg at 884-5705 and leave a message.



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Thank You To The Community

The election is over and so is Thanksgiving, and Christmas. First, thank you to the many people

that supported me. I received calls from so many with offers to help wherever needed. There were others that helped without being asked. Ido not want to miss anyone, so I will not name you, but please be aware, I really appreciated it all.

I did not win the election, but 1 found that there are a lot of you out there that were very supportive.

I have been serving as a Commissioner for the last few months and feel that I have contributed and learned.

I will not go away and hide, I will find something to do and in two years will be back asking for your vote again. The election process can be a learning process without being degrading. All of the people running in District #16 can be congratulated for being fair and available.
You, the public, should all attend

any meeting where the issues are being presented, and the nominees and appearing. Listen, ask questions, make decisions, then please vote.

Again, my sincere thanks for your

support.

Ruth Bramhall

Thank You!

Another wonderful Christmas Dinner is now history, thanks to all the great support we received from the community!!! We were so happy to see many seniors who live close by come out to join us. Not only these guests but also the many who come from the homes in Tacoma, seemed to enjoy every part of the dinner, entertainment, and Santa's visit with

This whole endeavor could never happen without the use of the Civic Center to house us. Thank you, thank you! Also, we want to send our most sincere thanks to all the people who pitched in with all the preparations

Fifth Annual Missions Conference

Feb. 25, 26, 27

Keynote Speaker is Clive Pritchard with People International along with:

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Sincerely yours, Mike and Joyce Salatino

Thank You

To all our friends who have always been so supportive to me and my family through the years, all I can say is, "Thank you, from the deepest places in our hearts," and hope you will know what we are trying to convey; for I just do not have the words.

Gilman's passing was a hard blow for all of us. He will be sorely missed; your loving care has helped ease the

Lauretta Tank & Family, Linda Dalton & Family Fred & Kirba Haggu & Family,

It's important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices will appear in "T.y.," which is short for Thank You. If you would like to thank a person or group for their work, contribution or generosity, send your letter to the Key Peninsula NEWS, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394.

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KPCS To Hold Election

From 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm, Wednesday, February 2, at the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank's Community House on KP Highway and Hoff Road in Home, four positions on the KPCS Board of Directors will be open to candidates wishing to serve on the board for the three year term. This will be in conjunction with the annual general meeting of KPCS.

Incumbents in these positions are Hugh McMillan, La Vern Souers, Earle Saxer, and John Van de Brooke, each of whom has volunteered to

seek re-election.

Anyone who lives on the Key Peninsula is automatically a member of KPCS and eligible to seek the offices.

The eleven member BOD oversees the operation of KPCS, its Seniors' Association, the food bank, and Community House. The BOD meets at 7:30 pm the second Tuesday of each month at Community House.

The BOD encourages anyone wishing to serve on the board to contact Marge Adams, KPCS Manager, on 884-4440.

Santa Stops At Key Peninsula

by John Van De Brooke

Well, not exactly. But carloads of his helpers did. If you could have visited Community House at Key Peninsula Community Services the 10 days before Christmas, you would have thought that Santa's helpers had taken up residence. With about 26 volunteers running helter-skelter, over 85 Christmas food baskets were assembled and distributed to the Peninsula needy on December 16 and 17. With funds raised from the recent annual appeal of KPCS, extra food, toys and clothing were purchased and also distributed. Each home room at Peninsula High School sponsored a neighborhood family and showered the children with gifts on December 21 and 23. The employees of Private Label Film Inc. of Key Center also sponsored 20 families and provided them with gifts for Christmas. It was great to see the Christmas spirit sweeping over the Peninsula and coming to rest at Community House where it resides all throughout the year.

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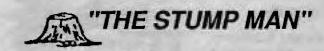
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Preservation Agreement Signed

By Ed Taylor

BOB and NANCY LIND are shown signing an agreement permanently protecting the LIND'S 80 acres of land on the Key Peninsula from all but minimal development. The signing marked completion of the first preservation project accomplished by a local land trust in Pierce County.

Bob talked about his life as a musician and school bus driver and about his dream of becoming a park ranger. A Veterans disability and failed physicals prevented his dream from becoming a reality - But now he has his own park. And a beautiful caretakers cottage which he and Nancy call home. They are particularly proud of the huge new wood burning boiler which heats their home and outbuildings. Bob says he only has to fire it up every three days as the rest of the time he draws on the heat retained in the hundreds of gallons of storage water.

Under the terms of a conservation easement agreement between the LINDS and the PENINSULA HERI-TAGE LAND TRUST, any future development of the property will be limited to no more than two homes and a link in a future cross peninsula

public walking trail.
The PENINSULA HERITAGE LAND TRUST is a non-profit, tax exempt organization dedicated to

preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas by acquiring land and property agreements from willing landowners. Land Trust projects are made possible through financial support and volunteer effort from the local community. The Land Trust recently raised \$5,000 to reestablish a permanent Stewardship Fund during the Land Trust's "Save a Piece of the Forest" campaign from June through November of 1993.

Nearly 70 acres of the LIND tract are heavily forested, providing a home for bears, coyotes, deer, and other animals. A year-round, springfed pond, a seasonal stream, and numerous old-growth snags provide cover and habitat for wildlife. The LINDS feel the land is an important aquifer recharge area, a corridor for migratory waterfowl, and a buffer for the Home Historic District and the old Home cemetery adjacent to the property. I walked some of the trails and paths that have been built by the LINDS and you feel like you are in another time and place. Bob says it doesn't take much work to keep up the trails and Nancy says it takes a lot of work to keep up the

A property owner's property tax and estate tax rates often motivate charitable giving or granting of conservation easements. Owners who



Bob and Nancy Lind (Center) with their advisors.

Photo by Ed Taylor

do not wish to develop their property often are forced to either develop or sell because they are heavily taxed on what the value might be if it were more heavily developed. The owner may substantially change the "high-est and best use" of the property and thus significantly reduce his or her property tax. Heirs to property often face monumental estate taxes which can be greatly reduced by the landowner entering into a conservation easement before his or her death.

The LINDS overwhelming reason in granting an easement is to permanently protect the things they value about their property. Heirs won't be forced to sell to developers to pay the taxes. A detailed forest management plan can be implemented to restore the forest to a condition more nearly approximating "old growth." Their goal is to preserve and enhance wild-life habitat, species diversity, and native plant life.



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by William F. Roes, MD

There is a new medication available for those who suffer migraine headaches that may give them some hope for a happier new year. The drug is called Sumatriptan (brand name imitrex) and is a new category of pharmaceuticals called serotonin receptor antagonists. We've had some

success with it and if you have migraines you might want to ask your doctor about it.

Migraines are episodic headaches caused by dysfunction of the brain, possibly due to alteration in blood flow to the brain. They are typically one sided, pulsing, and associated with nausea, light sensitivity, and sensitivity to loud noises. Migraine is not synonymous with a bad headache - those who suffer from the more common tension headache can hurt just as much, but the mechanism of the headache (and therefore the treatment) is totally different. The brain functions by sending tiny amounts of chemicals (neurotransmitters) between its nerve cells. Sero-

tonin is one of these neurotransmitters, and its blockage seems to alleviate the pain and nausea associated with migraine attacks.

Sumatriptan is available in only injectable form in the U.S., but is designed for the patient to use at home with an ingenious automatic syringe. There are significant side effects from it, such as flushing, neck pain, and chest pressure or tightness, which in some instances can mimic angina (heart pain). For this reason its use is limited to those who are unlikely to have heart problems, and the first injection should be given in the doctor's office, where its response can be observed. The other drawback is its cost, estimated at between \$60\$70 for the two injection pack for home use. This is still cheaper than going to the emergency room in the middle of the night, and in these days of cost conscious health care may be one example of an expensive drug that actually saves money.

There are many strategies for dealing with migraines. Many can be effectively prevented by diet as well as changes in habits, life styles, and some medications taken prophylactically. If these efforts have all failed, sumatriptan may be of some benefit once the headache starts, and it is certainly worth asking your health care provider about it.

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The group will hold its sixth annual volunteer recognition banquet at the Gig Harbor Eagles on Saturday

May 14.

Upon the resignation for personal reasons of president Marilyn Vogeler in late December, vice-president Hugh McMillan assumed the position.

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Park Support Requested

New Park Commissioners + a citizens fund raising committee + a resolution

New Park Commissioners + a citizens fund raising committee + a resolution from the outgoing Park Commissions + citizen support for the new Park Board may = the passage of a "One Time" Levy needed to fix up Volunteer Park to a condition where it can be self supporting in future years.

"A fixed up park means higher demand and higher user fees" stated Barbara Nimrick, Co-Chairporson of the Citizens for Park Support Committee.

Nancy Lind, new Park Commissioner and advocate of land preservation (See related article on page 9), stated "We will take all the help we can get." She stated that old problems at the park are "Water under the bridge" and "It's time to put all that behind us and get behind this needed effort.

to put all that behind us and get behind this needed effort.

Nimrick thinks we should ask for more money as there are "550 Little leaguers depending on the facility." She stated "We don't want the developers getting their hands on this property. Lats keep the park open and running.

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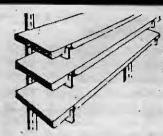
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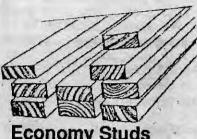
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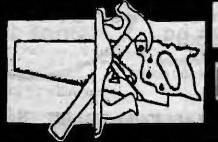
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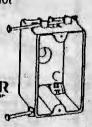




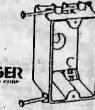
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Letter To The Editor.

With great interest I read the articles by Ed Taylor, concerning the Pierce County Planning Department re-quirements and perspective regard-ing the construction of a new Longbranch fire station. I was also intrigued with the article by Cecil Paul. Both of these articles were in the December issue of the Key Peninsula News. These articles only further confirm the bureaucracy and idiocy of the Pierce County Planning Department, as well as the EPA. I don't know which is the worst.

However, if observers are going to be hired to watch the trees grow, I want to be the first to apply. Of course my pay would be at least \$35 per hour, with all other perks and bennies. Right?

Last, but not leart, a squib on Page 17 of this same issue, talks about recycling newsprint by stapling them together and placing them in the garden to control weeds, and mulch to the soil, etc. I hope they are not talking about doing this in the vegetable garden. The last time I looked, staples were not biodegradable, so who would want to have staples in their carrots, beets, potatoes or rutabagas?

Howard Reynolds

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor.

The election on February 8th is most important to us on the Key Peninsula. I want to urge all voters to be sure to vote for our Volunteer Parks issue. This levy will cost the average homeowner on the Key Peninsula less than \$25.00 - One time!

Volunteer park is used by more of our residents than any other facility we have here.

Donald R. Tjossem, Vaughn

John"Mike"

Anderson

To the editor:

We need the parks!

Whoever came up with the irresponsible garbage that if we pass the parks' levy, our money will go to Gig Harbor should hang their head(?) in shame! I cannot believe that anyone can be so ill-informed, so intellectually lazy, so stupid as to believe such balderdash. Not one penny will leave the Key Peninsula. Next thing you know, some vacuum-head will claim the Civic Center's money, the Longbranch Improvement Club's, the Fire Department's, the Food Bank's, etc. will be sent to Bosnia. All those funds are generated by Key Peninsula and are spent only on the interests of Key Peninsula. And that includes the parks' money. It's the law!

To those who say, "we built it with volunteers and we can run it with volunteers," please contact Park Board members immediately and volunteer to mow the lawns, stripe the playing fields, clean the toilets, etc. If enough of you sign up, we might be able to avoid the pressing need to pass the park levy on February 8.

I will not be volunteering. I will be voting YES!

You don't use the parks? Neither do But, in the firm belief that kids playing soccer, baseball, tennis, horseshoes, etc., are kids not vandalizing mail

boxes, removing street signs, playing with fire or in the streets, or engaging in even more horrific activities, I will be voting YES!

Please join those of us who will be voting YES for parks. It'll be cheaper in the long run ... and you'll know you've done the right thing.

Hugh McMillan,

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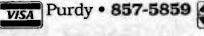
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Wednesday, February 9th, 7:00 P.M., Program: Pressed Flower Art, a demonstration by local resident Laura Wrzeski of Flowers Forever Farm. Laura will discuss making a flower press, which flowers and plant parts to press, and how to make a pressed flower picture. Laura's art, home grown and hand crafted, will be on display in the library during February and March.

P.M.: Jim Nicholson will lead a workshop on how to clean and sharpen woodworking hand tools. This is a learning, do-it-yourself workshop. Jim will be present to instruct, not to simply sharpen tools for those attending the workshop.

Jim is a retired navy carpenter's mate, a cabinet maker, and toll collector; he has taught furniture refinishing at Clover Park and is a member of the Northwest Woodcarvers. He modestly describes himself as an all around wood worker on cabinets and boats. His fine work is in many branches of Pierce County Library.

Since space will be limited to 25 people, registration for the workshop will begin February 1, either in person or by calling the library at 884-

2242. Items to bring to the workshop: Tools to sharpen, a wood chisel, wood plane, W-D 40 as a cleaning agent, two sheets #240 black abrasive wet or dry paper, old towel or rag, sharpening stones if you have them, optional: hand cream or gloves. Please wear old clothes or an apron.

Saturdays, February 5 and March 5, 1:00 P.M.: Reptile Round Up with Marty Marcus. February 26 will be for children ages 5 through 8; March 5 will be for children ages 9 and up. Adults are welcome to attend either session. This will be a "hands-on" learning activity, getting close and personal with an assortment of snakes, lizards, and turtles. Marty Marcus, who now lives in our community, has been a science teacher for twenty-four years. He has worked with students from kindergarten to college, as a classroom teacher, consultant, and traveling resource teacher.

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Volunteers in favor of the Volunteer Park Levy are planning two rallies on Saturday, Feb. 5. The first rally will be from 1-3PM at the Longbranch Improvement Club and the second rally will be held in Vaughn at the Civic Center from 6-9PM.

Supporters cite the brand new Park Commissioner Board as one of the best reasons why citizens should support the \$120,000 one time levy. Supervising the spending of the money will be Park Commissioners Nancy Lind, Gary Giuntoli, Dan Tilinghast, Larry Wingard and Jerry McDonald.

"It's a new ball game out there"

stated KPNEWS editor Ed Taylor at a recent Business Association meeting where \$500 was raised to help inform the public about the need. Total public contributions to the Committee for Key Peninsula Parks is nearing \$3,000 according to Chairman Glenn Robare. Robare states "Peninsula Pride is our campaign slogan".

Commissioners plan to spend the money on parking lot striping and sealing; septic tank cleaning; repair of lawn mowers, park tractor, weed eater and chain saws; painting; roof repair; windows repair; water fountain repair; fertilizing; playground equipment; ball field equipment; fencing; maintenance personnel; and maintenance tools.

Volunteer park was built in 1977 and consists of 27 acres, three ball fields, six horse shoe pits, family picnic areas, tennis courts, health trails, and a playground. The \$120,000 levy equates to \$.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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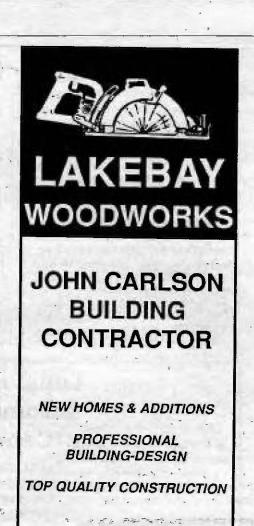
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The Department of Health has classified the lagoon as "conditionally approved" which allows commercial shellfish harvesting except after heavy storms, which generate large volumes of runoff that might carry pollutants into the bay.

Sound Waves, a publication of The Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, reports that Water Quality Authority Executive Director Nancy McKay noted recently that the Burley clean up project employed techniques that are emphasized in the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan, such as local action with state oversight, public-private partnerships, habitat restoration and public education and involvement.

"This shows us that the Puget Sound Plan works and can be used as a model for action in watersheds elsewhere in the Sound," says McKay. "When people take the environment to heart, they can make a real difference."



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Some of the new regulations are -- if you have business meals and entertainment, you will be able to only get to deduct 50% of the cost as opposed to 80% for 1993. Club dues will be non-deductible as a business expense in 1994.

If as a business person you didn't take advantage of the new limit on the once or immediate deduction on equipment depreciation - it has been increased from 10,000 to 17,500 in

Sorry that this column is so short this time, but with the holiday rush, I have found myself busy. So we all will wish you Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year, and if we can be of service to you, please let us

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By Ed Taylor

Paul Cyr, in commenting about a recent article in the Peninsula Gateway, stated that both the Comprehensive Plan and the Park Levy were discussed in the same article. "This has led to some confusion" Cyrsaid. "These are separate issues and it was my intent to keep them separate" he commented.

The Park Levy is a one time levy to be voted on in the Feb. 8 election. The Comprehensive Plan addresses future park plans on both the Key Peninsula and the Gig Harbor Peninsula. It also suggests that a merger of the two areas might

lead to some needed efficiency.
Cyr further stated, "The plan has
no bearing on the levy. None whatsoever. It's your money and your project. Any comment about money being used in Gig Harbor had to do with long term possibili-ties - way down the road" He also stated he was very interested in expansion of parks in both areas. "Don't let this misunderstanding be an excuse for not voting for the park levy" Cyr concluded.

CORRECTION

Recipe ingredients in the holiday issue should have called for red beets - not red peppers. Sorry for the heartburn. Editor



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We are on the little landing strip in Sitka, Alaska. The year is 1965, as we await the PBY planes onboarding the passengers as the last of the freight is loaded, and every person has his ticket in hand. It is October. We were treated to crystal clear weather for the few days we visited my brother and his family. Now it is departure time, and we look along the concrete landing strip across Shelikof Bay, from the western shore of Baranof Island. Down island, we know, the silvery skeins of waterfalls leaping off ancient escarpments are slowly turning to ice, and there's a hint of winter in the cutting wind, fresh off the Gulf of Alaska. How lucky we were on our first visit there, to have seen Sitka, (so often rainy and cloud bound) in this blue and gold weather!

Between the early autumn and the oncoming winter, always there may be sudden storms to trounce the fishing boats and ferries and immobilize the faithful planes.

We hear a different sound now over the white capped waves on the dark blue waters, and see white flecks against the snow geese, "one native passenger tells us. "This is the first of the migratory flocks in their annual journey from their nesting grounds near the Arctic Ocean. probably join other flocks that congregate on this Pacific flyaway, and move on down to the Klamath and Tule Lake areas." "Quite a show."

We are duly impressed, for the

beautiful white snow geese number into the thousands in these spectacular flights that take them down the Oregon-California border. Some may stay at Tule Lake, while most will move on to California's Central Valley. What a privelege to witness some of their flight, as our plane rolled down the ramp into the bay, its pontoons now sliding swiftly over the surface as it roared along, gradually lifting us up into the October sky to trace the route to Annette Field near Ketchican. We would be following the flight of the snow geese, higher and swifter, but heading south, just as they were.

The bays and coves dwindled in size as we headed down over the Alexander Archipelago, and saw the last of Port Alexander, on the S.E. tip of Baranof Island. Even the few old seasoned passengers were impressed with the clarity of the air and the incredibly beautiful scenery, and were proud of their knowledge of the islands, mountain ranges, and anything Alaskan in the settlements along the way. They argued a bit over various names or areas, but soon forgot it in absorbing the newer scenery always unrolling beneath us. We hummed our way over Prince of Wales Island as the plane turned S.S. E over Craig and Hydaburg settlements, our destination a bit south of Ketchican, on Revillagigedo Straight. We were just north of the Canadian city of Prince Rupert, and Canadian border, where the Skeena River empties into Chatham sound. The village of Metlakatla lay just north of the airstrip and featured a most interesting weather bureau. George and I had walked there from the airstrip on the way up, and had been shown around by the hospitable meteorologist and friendly crew. Then aboard the big jet. Goodbye little PBY.

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