

Kids' Civic Center contest

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Working together for the social and economic good of our Key Peninsula

Citizens seek temporary protection for KP

The Key Peninsula reaches almost twenty miles from Purdy to Longbranch and separates the Case and Carr Inlets. Since Pierce County instituted zoning laws, most of the Key Peninsula has been designated as a general use zone. This designation allows virtually any use, from residential to power plants, anywhere within this general use area.

In the last few years, the Key Peninsula population has grown significantly. This population increase has had an impact on the Peninsula in many ways. Traffic has increased, destruction of natural buffers has occurred and development of all types have sprung up randomly

throughout the area. These changes are cause for concern among many citizens living around the Key Peninsula. While three significant campaigns to achieve more desirable growth patterns have been mounted over the last five years, each campaign has failed.

But growth continues, bringing strip development, water and sewer problems, loss of agricultural and forested areas and undesirable changes in the quality of our Key Peninsula lifestyle. Clearly, the Key Peninsula deserves its own land-use plan.

Typically, an area-wide land use plan takes twelve to twenty-four months for completion and approval. To temporarily

protect this fragile peninsula while such a plan is developed, a cross section of concerned citizens have come together to promote three initiatives: 1) Limit new commercial development to existing commercial areas such as Key Center, Home and Longbranch. 2) Retain a fifty (50) foot natural buffer area of existing vegetation along both sides of the right-of-way along Highway 302 to Key Center and the Key Peninsula Highway to Longbranch, outside of existing commercial centers. 3) Minimum lot size outside of commercial areas and waterfront will be 2-1/2 acres per dwelling unit (waterfront is governed by the Pierce County

Shoreline Master Plan).

These three initiatives, if supported by Peninsula residents in the form of a petition, can be temporarily adopted by the Pierce County Council. While they are in effect, residents of the Key Peninsula will be able to develop an area-wide plan. We urge Key Peninsula residents to show their approval by signing a petition to be mailed to all property owners and circulated to residents in the next few weeks. People to contact for further information are John Nichols (Key Center) 884-3686, Bill Evans (Home) 884-4401, Jim Penfield (Longbranch) 884-2359 or Don Mastro (Minter) 851-4606.

ALS public meeting set

by Keith Stiles

The Citizens' Advisory Committee, appointed to study the ALS/BLS service issue, has continued to meet on Wednesdays at the fire station in Key Center. The committee's focus has remained the consideration of what services residents of the Fire District need and how those services can best be delivered and paid for by possible combinations of the public sector and those actually served. The committee is charged with producing a report on the overall situation and a set of recommendations to give the Fire Commissioners by May 1.

The committee set a date for a public hearing prior to the final report. It will be devoted to receiving input from local citizens on the ambulance issue. The meeting will be April 26 at 7:30 pm at the KC Fire Station. There will also be a meeting of a special Pierce County Emergency Services Task Force at the Civic Center April 10 in which public input will be received on Pierce County participation in EMS/ALS services. The public is invited to these meetings and opportunities for public input will be provided. Public input by letter is being solicited by the committee and may be addressed to the chairman, Dr. William Roes, c/o Dist. 16 Fire Headquarters, Key Center.

Reno Night is here!

Saturday, April 8 could be your lucky day! Reno Night is back this year bigger and better than ever! From 4 pm to midnight at the Civic Center you'll be able to play the best organized Reno games in the area. Chairman Stephanie Zampini and Co-Chairman Mike Salatino are confident it will be the best gaming day possible.

Claudia Loy will be running the kitchen which will be open throughout the evening. There will also be a well-stocked bar available again this year.

All proceeds to the Civic Center Association will go to help maintain the Civic Center. This year's Reno Night is dedicated to the memory of long-time Civic Center worker and former bartender Bob Steele who has passed away since our last Reno Night.

Come on out and try your hand at Bingo, Chuck-a-Luck, Hi-Lo, Blackjack - make April 8 your lucky day!



Key Peninsulans on a roll at RENO NIGHT, 1987

No Alar in our schools' fruit

by Megan Aprile

The Superintendent of Public Instruction issued a press release this week stating that apples, apple juice, applesauce and other processed apple products served in school lunches are safe and not treated with the additive Alar.

School districts have two sources of food. One is the State Superintendent's office. Food distributed through the State Superintendent's office comes from private suppliers who have a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Contracts are made through a bid process. If the food is a homegrown product, which is definitely the case with apples, the Superintendent's Office will usually request that the supplier be in the state. Blue Chelan, Inc. of Chelan, Washington, the USDA supplier for whole apples, has confirmed that its apples are not treated with Alar.

In addition, a letter of finding was issued nationwide by the USDA after a survey, done by Agricultural Marketing Services, of all USDA suppliers of apple commodities was completed. The survey showed that all the suppliers involved either do their own testing for Alar or require certification from growers that Alar is not used.

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will
come out on April 10. Please note the
deadline for notices, articles and ads
for that issue is Monday, April 3.

Community garage sale

The Longbranch Improvement Club
is sponsoring a Community Garage Sale
at the Clubhouse on Key Peninsula High-
way on Saturday, April 8, from 9 am to 5
pm. The proceeds will be used to pur-
chase a sound system for the Clubhouse.

If you prefer to sell your own items or
have craft items you wish to display and
sell, there will be tables for rent at \$10 and
\$15. The Club is soliciting articles of
saleable quality that are cluttering up your
house or your garage. For any informa-
tion about the sale, renting a table and
space for your personal use, donating
articles or requesting pick-up of your
donations, call Joe Gilfillan at 884-4614.

To the Editor

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A couple of misconceptions need
clearing up.

First: The Citizens Advisory Com-
mittee formed to study the issue of Emer-
gency Medical Service (EMS) on the Key
Peninsula was not "appointed by the
Commissioners of Fire District 16" (KP
NEWS, March 13, 1989). Members of
the committee were selected by the staff
of the Key Peninsula Fire Department
(KPFDF) to voluntarily serve on the com-
mittee. KPFDF's Fire Commissioners had
nothing to do with their selection; the
Board merely sanctioned the creation of
the committee.

The irresponsible charge that the
Committee is a "white wash committee"
is simply meretricious. The impartiality,
objectivity, integrity and intelligence of
each member of this committee, let alone
each member's concern for the well-
being of this community, is beyond re-
proach and is deserving of the gratitude of
every caring citizen in our community.

Second: The US Senate has been
called the "world's greatest deliberative
body." Whoever coined that phrase has
never witnessed the proceedings of the
KPFDF Board of Fire Commissioners.
That Board has approximately 60 collec-
tive years of experience in the fire service.
All three commissioners have served
KPFDF as volunteer firefighters and Emer-
gency Medical Technicians.

One commissioner's family has been
affiliated with KPFDF since its inception;
the commissioner himself has served the
Department for 27 years and, before be-
coming a commissioner, had worked up
through the ranks to serve as a Battalion
Chief. He also did most of the work over
many months to remodel Station Number
1 to accommodate resident firefighters. He
serves as well on a major committee of the
Washington Fire Commissioners Assoca-
tion. He also somehow finds time to
operate a fairly large farm, hold a very re-
sponsible supervisory position at the
Bremerton Naval Shipyard, to raise a
beautiful family and to contribute his
support to many of our citizens who have
sought his assistance.

Another commissioner has served as
KPFDF Fire Commissioner for almost 18
years, many of them as Chairman of the
Board. He has served on the Board over-
seeing the operations of the Law Enforce-
ment Support Agency which is the com-
munications center for Tacoma-Pierce
County Emergency agencies. He is also
one of eight members appointed by Gov-
ernor Gardner to the Fire Protection Pol-
icy Board of the State of Washington. He
has served as President to the Pierce
County Fire Commissioners' Assoca-
tion (PCFCA) and as a member of the
Board of Directors of the Washington
Fire Commissioners' Association (WFCA).
He is also highly respected for
creating a system for insuring fire districts
at a time when other insurers regarded the
fire service as "too hot to handle." His

advice is sought throughout the western
states.

The third of these three commis-
sioners served as a substitute firefighter with
the Tacoma Fire Department while at-
tending college and, before assuming his
profession with the federal government,
was a full-time paid firefighter with the
Mt. Rainier Ordnance Depot Fire Depart-
ment. He held senior supervisory posi-
tions within the federal government for
some 27 years before retiring to Key
Peninsula. He was elected Vice President
of the PCFCA for two years, is on his fifth
consecutive year as Chairman of that
body's Legislative Committee, was
elected for two years Director of WFCA's
Region Seven and, as such, is one of nine
members of the WFCA Board of Direc-
tors. He is also affiliated with Citizens
Against Crime, the KP Community Serv-
ices Food Bank, the KP detachment of the
Puget Sound Sea Rescue Team, KP Lions
Club and KP NEWS, among other things.

All three of these commissioners are
native to the Puget Sound area where they
received their educations, two are gradu-
ates of the University of Puget Sound, one
has done graduate work at several other
universities.

All three of these frequently arguing
Commissioners are highly respected as
extremely well-qualified, honest, dedi-
cated public servants throughout the
County and State fire service and law
enforcement agencies. While friends "in
the service," the three commissioners do
not socialize home-to-home with one
another; they run in different circles; they
are most assuredly not a group of "good
ol' boys."

While we often disagree with one
another, there is no predicting which two
will take exception to the views of the one.
That is the democratic process. Not one of
these commissioners knows how to "rub-
ber stamp" anything.

To refer to any member of this Board
as a "bad apple" is unconscionable.

One of the mottos of Citizens Against
Crime, is perhaps appropriate at this junc-
ture: "Anyone can find fault; solutions
require a bit more responsible effort."

Let us, all of us of the Key Peninsula
community, bring an end to the fault find-
ing and start pulling together to find solu-
tions to the manifold problems with
which we are now and will continue to be
faced. We will doubtless have our dis-
agreements but that's no reason to take
potshots at one another. As Winston
Churchill said "Democracy is the world's
worst form of government...until you try
something else." Let's work together.

Hugh J. McMillan

To the Editor

After reading the "Your Opinion"
section in the March 8 Gateway where 5
people were asked their thoughts about
the clear cut/logging devastation along
302, I was impressed that all five agreed it
should not be allowed but were willing to
accept the misnomer that it need be ac-
cepted in the name of growth and prog-
ress. If progress cannot be controlled then
progress becomes regress. Since much of
the 302 corridor is under the Gig Harbor

Comprehensive Plan which requires a
green belt area that, if enforced, would
protect the trees along the roadways, it
would appear that what we need is an
enforcement of the rules that already ex-
ist. A hefty fine issued to the violator as
soon as the first tree falls might convince
the guilty that the rest of us are willing to
spy and report on those who want to
destroy the natural beauty of the Key
Peninsula.

Give us a local ombudsman whom we
can contact - who in turn has the power to
do more than write warning letters; who
can go in and red tag a project with im-
mediate fines and "Stop Work" orders. The
channels we now have to go through are
so slow to inspect and notify that people
have given up and decided that the good
people can't win and the guilty can thumb
their noses at us all. Those who believe
the Meek Shall Inherit the Earth may find
it is not worth receiving.

Get involved - write letters or make
phone calls to the people we elected and
pay to solve these problems. Hopefully
when the new zoning and planning is
decided for the area it will include a way
to enforce and demand obedience.

Juanita Short

To the Editor

I applaud Robert L. Coatney's letter
(March 13 issue) but he did not go far
enough. I'm not sure the people realize
we have lost not only our Advanced Life
Support (ALS) but our Basic Life Support
(BLS) as well.

The Fire Department is now not per-
mitted to transport patients except as a
backup unit if Peninsula Ambulance is
not available. We have no choice of
services. The aid truck will still respond.
The reason given for putting the ALS in
our immediate area was faster response
time. I understand Kitsap and Mason
units usually responded within 20 min-
utes. We have now been designated a
"remote area," so Peninsula Ambulance
has 30 minutes to respond. This is a
shorter response time? Kitsap and Mason
did not say they would not provide the
ALS service anymore, so why the change
was made is anybody's guess.

The commissioners just made the
change, with no public input. We were
not asked if we would support a levy to
have our own paramedics within our fire
department. They say it would be too
expensive, there is no money. With a trip
to the hospital costing about \$500 now,
we had better find the money.

Please learn the facts on this issue.
Attend the Advisory Board's meetings at
the KP Fire Department on Wednesday
evenings at 7 pm, and please sign the
petitions to have the issue put on the
ballot.

Anne Marie Champlain

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters! Must be
typed or neatly written with
address and telephone number
for confirmation.

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Calling all Pioneer Day planners

The next meeting of the full Pioneer Days Committee is Wednesday, April 26, at the Civic Center. All committee heads are required to attend and any interested persons or organizations are welcome. This is the time for your input. Once the planning is finalized, it will be too late for your ideas.

The 1989 Centennial Pioneer Day Celebration is for all of the Key Peninsula and interested organizations. Find out how you can be a part of this Celebration commemorating our 100th year of statehood by attending this April meeting.

Vaughn Bay Lumber gives Pioneer Day 2nd prize again

Our thanks to Tom and Dale Van Slyke for again donating a truckload of logs (4-5 cords of wood) as second prize in the Centennial Pioneer Day Raffle.

Vaughn Bay Lumber is one of many businesses on the Peninsula that support the work of the Civic Center and show their support with tax deductible donations each year.

Raffle tickets are on sale from any Civic Center Association board member and are available as a fund raising project to any organization that wants to sell them. Call 581-4556 for more information.

New Civic Center program ideas sought

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board is seeking input from the community for new programs and would like to see suggestions from children themselves for new programs for children.

A contest, which will run through May 31, is being held to award the young person with the best suggestion for a new program in his/her own age group. The prize is \$25 for each of the following categories: 3rd through 5th graders; 6th through 8th graders; and 9th through 12 graders.

Any young person, whether attending public or private school, who resides on the Key Peninsula is eligible to enter. Any organization with child members can enter as a group and win the prize money for their organization.

Entries should clearly state the child's name, address, phone, age, grade and school with the ideas, and organizations should also clearly state their name and the ages of the members. Mail entries by May 31 to M. Aprile, 15808 59th St. Ct. KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349.

New programs at the Civic Center

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association voted to fund new programs at the Civic Center and, at the same time, create opportunities by developing a matching funds bank.

The KPCCA will provide matching funds for any organization wishing to develop a program at the Center, if the proposal fits within these guidelines: It must support a youth, literary, educational, civic, social or other activity in the public interest; and the sponsoring organization must present a specific proposal with a budget and program description at a regular KPCCA meeting.

Programs which serve low-income people and programs which will operate during mid-morning and other times when the Center is not now being used are needed!

Last December the first ambitious experiment along these lines was tried successfully. The Gig Harbor Performance Circle Theatre staged a production of "Little Women" here. Funding was supplied by the Pierce County Arts Council with matching funds from KPCCA.

Sewing classes at KC Library

Spring sewing classes at the KC Library this year will include information on making shoulder pads and how to choose interfacing. Classes will be every Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm starting April 4 and running through June 27. For information please call Sueko Ericksen at 851-2888 or 884-3703.

Key Center classes

The Gig Harbor Peninsula College Center, co-sponsored by the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District, is offering three classes in April at the Civic Center.

A one-night course called Summer-time Seafoods, given by Kim Paeper of Shore to Door Seafoods, will be on April 11 from 6:30 to 9 pm. It will be an evening full of delicious summer seafood recipes for family meals and entertaining. The fee is \$18.

A course called Seafood Delights will also be one night and will teach you how to prepare hearty, healthy seafood meals for your family that are attractive, delicious and low in cholesterol, low-fat and low-salt. This course will be on April 17 from 6:30 to 9 pm. The fee is \$18.

The third course will be in four sessions and is called Business Writing. It will teach modern techniques of good business writing; basic writing principles for business letters, memos and reports. It will be on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This course is also at the Civic Center and the fee is \$25.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Monday, April 3 ...
 Senior Society Board meeting at KP Civic Center, 10 am.
 Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.
 Al Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.

Tuesday, April 4 ...
 Peninsula Social Club potluck, 6:30 pm, Longbranch Church Hall.
 Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
 TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meet at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, April 5 ...
 Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.
 Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
 Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

Thursday, April 6 ...
 KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, KPCC.
 Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
 Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families meets at KP Health Center at 7 pm.
 Citizens Against Crime meet at 7 pm in the Gold Room, KPCC.

Friday, April 7 ...
 KP Business Assn. meets at Huckleberry Inn, 7:30 am.
 Upper Sound Grange 705 meets at 7 pm, KPCC.
 Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Saturday, April 8 ...
 Longbranch Improvement Club sponsored garage sale, Clubhouse, 9 am to 5 pm.
 RENO Night, Civic Center, 4 pm to midnight.

Monday, April 10 ...
 Webelos Fox Patrol meets in Scout Room 7 to 8:30 pm.
 Al Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.
 Public meeting on County EMS/ALS issues, 7:30 pm.
 VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

Tuesday, April 11 ...
 Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.
 Cootiettes 609 visit Cottessmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.
 Wolf Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
 TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meet at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.
 Vaughn PTO meets at the school at 7 pm.
 KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 12 ...
 Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.
 Peninsula Social Club, 10:30 am, Longbranch Church Hall.
 Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
 Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10:30 am at Longbranch Church.
 KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

Dates to mark on your calendar:
 April 8 ... RENO Night
 April 22 ... Ashes Rummage Sale

Free tax assistance offered from VITA

Free tax assistance is available through VITA, the Volunteer Tax Assistance program sponsored by the IRS, from February 1 to April 17 throughout Pierce County.

The AARP program "Tax Assistance for the Elderly" will also be offered free by Jackie Higbee on Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm at the fire station. Jackie can be contacted at 884-4367 for more information.

KP youngsters win honors

Three Key Peninsula youngsters, Dustin Thompson of Minter Creek Elementary, Heather Ilan of Vaughn Elementary and Jeremy Hoskin of KP Middle School, brought home honors in the recent Peninsula School District Spelling Bee, held at Harbor Heights School in Gig Harbor.

Dustin Thompson won a first place in the 5th grade competition, Heather Ilan

won a second place in the 4th grade and Jeremy Hoskin won a second place in the 8th grade contest.

The Spelling Bee was sponsored by the Tacoma News Tribune and the coordinator was Sue Callow, Librarian at Kopachuck Middle School. The winners in the District contest will go on to an area spelling bee at Tacoma Community College at 6 pm April 10.

Report on Jackson Lake

A formal meeting was held on March 13 at Talmo, Inc. to discuss the issues brought up by the Jackson Lake Homeowners concerning development of land in their area which includes sensitive areas and wetlands. Present at the meeting were several representatives of the Jackson Lake Homeowners Association, a county official, Mr. Trent, and Mr. Jim Talman.

A moratorium and a two-year road maintenance program for homeowners were among topics discussed. The county has said that if Mr. Talman pays for 2,000 feet of paved road (from present pavement on Jackson Lake Road to Bass Lane) then those who have already bought property can obtain permits and begin building. All parties agreed that good management and planning for the area were necessities.

As far as paving the rest of the road - it is in neither the one- or six-year plan for the county and will not go through as 186th to connect with Herron Island Road for at least six years unless a county RID is petitioned for and the county considers it a necessity. In that case there would be public hearings and the public will be notified. The existing crowned and gravelled road will extend only far enough to service the present property owners.

Also discussed were the wetlands and the sensitivity of the area. It was agreed that county-required natural buffer zones in effect now are sufficient and are being adhered to by Talmo, Inc. It was agreed that careful planning and monitoring must be done and that landowner involvement and awareness are important keys.

It is important that Jackson Lake resi-

Farmers asked to report losses

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service is requesting that all farmers in the Pierce County area who have experienced crop losses due to the recent cold weather or who experience losses in future disasters report these losses to the county ASCS office.

"These reports by local farmers trigger a process by which the Governor's Office is made aware of the situation and can take action that may make special disaster programs available to farmers to assist them to recover from the losses," said Ken Shamblin, Director of the Pierce County ASCS Office. "Crop losses have occurred in other counties in Western Washington to such crops as cane berries, winter cabbage, Christmas trees and seed crops," Shamblin stated. "We need to know the extent of crop damage in Pierce County so that local farmers are provided the resources to assist them in recovery." If farmers have experienced losses on 1989 crops they can report these losses by calling 536-2837 Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4:30 pm.

dents and other concerned citizens do not drop the ball now. This is only the first step in successfully completing a plan for an ecologically sound environment. There are several groups on the Peninsula working for responsible growth and the protection of our environment. Make yourself aware of the causes - the Peninsula is your front yard.

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Hurry over

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We the People

by Paul Cyr,
Council member,
District 7



As a local elected official representing Pierce County District 7, I would like to comment on what I feel makes government work best.

When citizens rally around an issue and bring it to the attention of their elected officials, whether they be state, federal or local, it seems to me we best address the issue; when all levels of government work together to come up with a well-thought-out solution. As examples of this cooperative approach, I think local and state government are currently working on two important issues together.

The first is solid waste management and how best to reduce the amount of waste being generated, and recycling. Local government is being faced with the

responsibility of collecting the garbage and managing it and placing it in landfills. Updated technologies are being explored and we look to the legislature to provide incentives to local areas for better management of their waste. We look to the federal government for national leadership on appropriate packaging of materials so that recyclable products are used in product manufacturing.

The second example of this partnership and enlightened legislation has to deal with preservation of our wetlands. I know that Pierce County has studied this issue over the past 18 months with Department of Ecology and Department of Natural Resources funding. We, in the County, are formulating local legislation to protect existing wetlands and to provide incentives to property owners for preserving this valuable natural resource. Again, we look to the state and federal government for assistance, both in terms of funding for acquisition of wetlands of state-wide significance and for further research in this area.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 629 visited Vaughn Post Office as part of their requirements for their Centennial badges; they had to visit a business that was at least 100 years old. Patricia Cokely (left), OIC Vaughn PO, gave them a tour and arranged for them each to get first day cover cancellation Statehood commemorative stamps. Pictured (l-r, back row) are Becky Dudley, Harmony Absten, Rebecca Snape, (l-r, front row) Christie Wilkerson, Crescent Mello, Lynda Donnelly and (far right) PTF Vaughn Donna Fletcher. KP NEWS photo by Ruth Dudley

Civic Center program ideas contest for kids

Hey kids! Would you like to win \$25?

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board - the people who run the programs at the Civic Center, want your ideas so we're having a contest.

We want to have some new activities for kids, so give us an idea for kids your age in 25 words or less. We'll pick the best idea in each of the following age groups: Elementary School: grades 3 through 5; Middle School: grades 6 through 8; and High School: grades 9 through 12. The winner in each group will receive \$25!

The best ideas will turn into programs at the Civic Center. Programs for kids by kids - give us an idea and win \$25! Contest ends May 31. Be sure that you send the following information with your idea: Name; Age; Grade; School; Address; Phone number.

Send by May 31 to: M. Aprile
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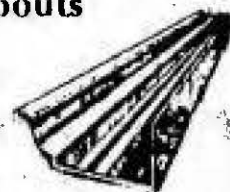
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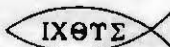
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Goin' Out

by Janice McMillan



Unbelievable!

In April 1989, right there in Key Center, a very "in" 1950s style diner. I was really suprised when I heard about the Low Life Cafe and Lounge (the lounge is called "the Mob Room," I think because it has a large capacity). The Cafe is an exact replica of a 1950s joint with plastic booths, Elvis music, bright lights, chrome, formica counters and greasy menus. The new owners have gone to great expense to replicate this style of thirty-five years ago.

For example, the cashier was selected from among 57 candidates to personify the perfect cashier for the Low Life Cafe - she is a golden blond person with long red fingernails and a "stylish" red satin dress that accents her very large - ah - physiognomy. She does an excellent job of giving the exact change.

The counter persons are very friendly and helpful to the younger clientele who may not understand the menu which does not have nicknames for any of the food. The menu consists mainly of burgers, fries and shakes. There are no mac-anynthings, no Hawaiian, Californian or lite items on the menu. The food is fried on the griddle and served on heavy white china plates, which are slapped down in

front of you by the gum chewing waitress wearing a nun-like frill of cloth bobby-pinned to her hair. She smiles and tends to say "How ya doin'?" She doesn't give you her name and wouldn't dream of commanding that you "have a nice day."

The attached lounge (open to those over 21) is quite a different matter. The lights are very low and the tables are close together. I was suprised to see the bartender who closely resembled Jack Nicholson; he wore black "shades" and a matching dark colored shirt and tie, and perpetually displayed a twisted smile. The same Elvis music was playing in the Mob Room but not at the cannonade decibel level of today's gathering places.

We were served our drinks by waiters in pinstripe suits, dark glasses and those same dark shirts and ties. The real touch of '50's authenticity was that they were all wearing white felt snap-brim

hats. The waiters were certainly better dressed than the customers. Key Peninsula people will love this place as the drinks and snacks (cheese balls, clam dip and California dip made with French onion soup mix and cream cheese) are very economical and generous in size.

Conclusions: The Mob Room didn't look big enough to hold a mob of people to me, and the waiters didn't seem to know much about service. I think I would avoid this place. The Low Life Cafe is certainly not very up-to-date and they have never heard of cholesterol either. The prices were very low, though.

A final note: It has been rumored that the Low Life Cafe is experiencing financial problems. It seems that in order to reduce costs the management bought up used 1950 menus but neglected to up-date the prices. I imagine that this place is not long for this world.

Today's grandma

In the dim and distant past, When life's tempo wasn't fast, Grandma used to rock and knit, Crochet, tat, and babysit.

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Nothing seems to stop or block her, Now that Grandma's off her rocker.

- Author unknown

Obituary

Della Ramsey (92) died March 17 near Key Center. She was born in Sprague, Washington, and married Prentice M. Ramsey in 1915. They farmed in the Yakima Valley and moved to work in the Tacoma shipyards during WWII. In 1948 they moved to a small farm on the Key Peninsula. Mr. Ramsey died in 1961 and Della buiit a home near Key Center where she lived until her death.

She is survived by her son Robert W. Ramsey of Tacoma, sisters Vera Creston of Tacoma, Edith Willis of Poulsbo and Esther Cole of Bainbridge Island, grandson Robert O. Ramsey, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

At her request no funeral services will be held. Memorials may be sent to the Snake Lake Nature Center Foundation in Tacoma. Arrangements were made by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

More about Alar ... continued from pg 1

The other food source for a district is the company which is contracted to supply school lunches. Marriott Food Services, which provides the school lunches for all Peninsula District Schools, receives the USDA commodities and also purchases food independently. Marriott Food Services has also provided documentation showing that their apples and apple products have not been treated with Alar.



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Centennial on the Peninsula

One hundred years on Lackey Road

by Megan Aprile

Last year Joe and Peggy Dervacs read an interesting article in the KP NEWS. It explained how family farms which had remained in the same family for 100 years or more could be recognized by the State as Centennial Farms. The Dervacs had been working hard collecting information about their long family history in this area, and immediately started the process of registering their farm. Their graceful cream-colored house and acreage on Lackey Road are part of the original homestead claimed by Gideon Davidson, Peggy's great grandfather. The original house was what is now the dining room, with rooms and wings added over the years until the house reached its present two-story size.

Back in 1889 Gideon Davidson, although he was seventy years old, came out to Washington Territory from what is now South Dakota to try his hand at fruit orchard farming. The US Government, in order to encourage settlement in the vast lands of the West, passed several pieces of

legislation to make land available to anybody with the necessary gumption to try and create a farm out of raw land. Under the Patent Act, homestead claims of 80 acres were given out. A homesteader had five years to "prove" a claim - in other words, to prove that he had improved the land, was living on it and was using it for agricultural production. If a homesteader proved his claim, he received the land free. If not, he had to pay for the land, at the terrible price of \$1.25 per acre.

Next time you drive down Lackey Road, you might want to take a look at the field across from Joe and Peggy's house. You will see a majestic madrona which is actually four trees planted by the four sons of Gideon Davidson, Robert (Peggy's father), Billy, Sherm and Clyde. The madrona is not quite ready for a centennial as it's only about ninety-five years old. Just in front of the madrona are the last remaining fruit trees of the 650 that were planted to prove Gideon Davidson's homestead claim.



The Dervacs Centennial home.

KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

CAC Country; Welcome

by Hugh McMillan

It wuz a tuff fite, Ma, but we finely won!

On Monday, March 20, members of Citizens Against Crime (CAC) met at the Pierce-Mason County line on State Route 302 to witness the erection of the organization's sign announcing that you are entering "Citizens against Crime Country WELCOME" thus marking the end to some eight months of effort by CAC members, most particularly Henry and Eleanor Stock, to let the world know that CAC is serious about combating crime. The event drew, among others in the media, a reporter and cameraman from KOMO and appeared on Channel 4's Five O'Clock News that night.

Funds raised for the signs were derived through the sale of CAC buttons and t-shirts, the latter of which were sponsored by local businesses. Mid-course in these efforts, County Executive Joe Stortini volunteered the County sign workshop's expertise and the signs were fabricated at no cost to CAC to meet design specifications voted for by CAC members.

The next step was more difficult. A special variance to State ordinances governing sign placements had to be obtained. The variance was granted for a total of two signs, one to be placed at the Mason-Pierce boundary, the other on the Purdy spit at Wuana. CAC plans to place them at the Peninsula end of the Narrows Bridge and the Kitsap-Pierce boundaries could not be granted; to do so would violate Federal ordinance. A further condition was that the signs must be provided by CAC (which was accomplished thanks to the intercession of Executive Stortini) and that the installation must be made by the State.

So what happened to all the money collected for the signs? The CAC membership voted to use the funds for the purchase of a computer with which to facilitate reporting and compiling quickly recoverable data supportive of the Pierce County Sheriff's Peninsula Detachment in Purdy. The equipment, now set up and operating there, is the property of CAC. As one CAC member put it "Nobody is ever going to transfer *our* machine to another location; it's ours and we're the boss!"

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Video Picks

by Megan Aprile

For Peninsula people video tapes are entertainment in a big way. There are no less than ten Peninsula places where video tapes are available. Starting from the Purdy spit, there is Puget Video, then driving along Highway 302 you can rent a tape at Movie Magic II in the Lake Kathryn Mall or at DJ's Mini Mart. When you get to Key Center there's Walt's Fine Foods, Red Dogs, Movie Magic in the KC Corral, KJ Feed and the Key Center Branch of the Pierce County Library where tapes can be checked out free if you're a cardholder. Continuing down the road, which is now the Key Peninsula Highway, you can rent a tape at the Home Country Store or Longbranch Mercantile.

All of these places get new tapes periodically. Here is a sampling of some current titles:

DJ's - Elvis on Tour; The Wizard of OZ; Big Top PeeWee; Midnight Run; Beany and Cecil.

Home Country Store - Friday the 13th, Part VII; Uncle Tom's Cabin; Dumbo; Full Metal Jacket; Harry and the Hendersons.

KJ Feed - How to Hunt the Majestic Elk; Animal House; The Guns of Navarone; Broadcast News; Square Dance.

Key Center Library - Little Women; The Color Purple; Houseplant Tips and Tricks; Cinderella; South Pacific.

Longbranch Mercantile - American Gothic; White Water Summer; The Best of John Belushi; Blue Velvet; The Whales of August.

Movie Magic/KC Corral - Big Business; Iron Eagle; Kansas; Crocodile Dundee II; Bull Durham.

Movie Magic II/Lake Kathryn Mall - Born in East LA; Biloxi Blues; Russkies; Wrestle Mania; My Life as a Dog.

Red Dogs - Garbage Pail Kids, The Movie; Moonwalker; A Nightmare on Elm Street 4; Elvira, Mistress of the Dark.

Walt's - Gotham; Tough Guys Don't Dance; Screwball Academy; Funny Farm; Falling in Love Again.

This month's review: Fringe Dwellers

Category: Foreign.
Available at: Red Dogs

This film about racial tensions and how they are felt by both sides is an Australian import. The film industry in Australia is new and robust and all the Australian movies I have seen have a vitality in them, similar to Hollywood films of the forties. Fringe Dwellers is mainly the story of Trilby, an aborigine girl who wants more for herself than life in a village. She is forced, in her view, to make some horrible choices. The movie sensitively portrays people of both colors trying to deal with racism built into the structure of their society. Usually films about racism show one side or the other; Fringe Dwellers is unique in its fairness.

In the Library

"Jay Fox, Anarchist of Home" is the title of a presentation to be given by Mary Carr, Director of Library Services for North Idaho College Library, on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 pm at Key Center Library. Her talk will include a biographical sketch of the life of Jay Fox, illustrated by slides. The sketch, pieced together from his memoirs as well as other primary and secondary sources, represents a brief but comprehensive look at the life of Fox, anarchist and labor radical, who was one of Home's most illustrious residents for over fifty years. The evening's presentation will be a preview of a forthcoming article which will appear in the summer issue of Columbia: the Magazine of Northwest History. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and is free and open to the public.

While Mary Carr was a librarian at Gonzaga's Crosby Library she discovered a box of papers written by Jay Fox that had never been opened. This led to her ongoing study resulting in presentations and articles.

An extensive history of Home is available at the Key Center Library. It has been compiled by Stella Retherford, a granddaughter of the original founders of that community. Each year Stella adds more material to the multi-volume history. One entire volume has been dedi-

cated to the subject and person of Jay Fox.

An excellent three-page summary of Salman Rushdie's life and writings is available at the Key Center Library. He is the author of the now infamous Satanic Verses. The summary is a reprint from Current Biography of November 1986.

A tour of Ireland will be happening August 26 to September 8, 1989. David McCourt, who presented last month's Friends of the Key Center Library program "A Celtic Interval with the Sanachie," sent us information concerning a tour to Ireland which he will be conducting later this year. Please make inquiries at the Key Center Library.

New books at the Key Center Library

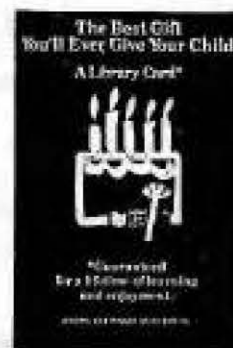
Mystery and suspense lovers have reason to cheer with some of the new books at the Key Center Library. The J. Alfred Prufrock Murders, set in a retirement home, has senior citizens with more energy, spice and nerve than any set of characters I have encountered in years. It's great fun as they delve into the pasts of their fellow residents. The author is Corinne Holt Sawyer.

Aaron Elkins fans should get their names in for his newest book Curses. This one is set in Mexico at an archeological dig. The "Skeleton Detective" has more than enough subjects to work on.

Joseph Wambaugh's new book The Bleeding tells the true crime story of an English murder case, the first to use genetic fingerprinting to prove guilt. This is a very impressive and very readable book.

For whodunit fans there is Murder at the Old Vicarage by Jill McGown. It keeps you guessing until the very end even though all the facts are revealed to the reader. The resemblance to Agatha Christie is not unintentional.

For edge-of-your-chair suspense The Day Before Midnight by Stephen Hunter is absolutely unbeatable. The story of terrorists who take over a missile silo will keep you up all night if you start it too late in the day. This is the best novel of this type I have read since Seven Days in May.
Review by Barbara Cobean, Library staff member



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To Your Health

by Wm F. Roes, MD



With all the recent controversy about Emergency Medical Services it seemed that some definitions of the terms would be useful (plus an easy column to write).

EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). This is someone who has completed a standardized course of 110 hours of emergency medical instruction. Fire District 16 has 37 EMTs, some of whom have additional training to use a cardiac defibrillator and MAST "anti-shock" trousers. EMTs have been and will continue to be the first responders to any aid request on our Peninsula. They are not licensed to give medications, start intravenous fluids or intubate people (put a breathing tube down their throat). EMTs are qualified to provide BLS (Basic Life Support) services.

Paramedic. This is someone who has completed a program of 1400 hours of college level instruction to become a paramedic. Fire District 16 has never employed a paramedic. Paramedics are licensed (under a specific set of protocol written by a physician) to use certain

cardiac drugs, to start IVs and to intubate people. ALS (Advanced Life Support) can only be provided by a licensed paramedic, MD, DO, or RN with an advanced degree. Up until January 1989 the only paramedic on the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas was at Peninsula Ambulance in Gig Harbor. Starting in January Peninsula Ambulance has stationed a second paramedic and ambulance in Key Center.

The timely institution of ALS to a person suffering a heart attack is critical to their survival and successful resuscitation. Studies have shown that the optimal "down time" before beginning ALS is less than 8 minutes to ensure the best outcome. Clearly the availability of ALS and paramedics in Key Center is a step forward. Beyond that statement though, the issues become much more controversial. Who should hire the paramedics? Who should do the BLS or ALS transports? What is the least expensive and most fair method of paying for these services? These are some of the issues the Fire Department Advisory Committee is wrestling with. If you have ideas or opinions please write us at: Fire Dept. Advisory Committee, FD 16 - Station 2, 8911 KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349.

Business Briefs

"Hair & Nail Artistry" is the new business next to the KC Barber Shop. They will specialize in haircuts, perms and highlighting and welcome the entire family. Their grand opening will be this week and they will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays and some evenings. No appointments are necessary but for more information call 857-3479.

A class for parents with pre-teens and early teens is being sponsored by Bates Home and Family Life Department. The class will explore the joys and frustrations of parenting teens. Topics covered will be the issues facing teens and setting limits the family can live with.

This class will be offered at Key Peninsula Middle School (next to Volunteer Park) beginning April 26. This is a 4-week course, held from 7 to 8:30 pm once a week and will cost \$8 for the class. For more information contact May Hudson, Coordinator, at 596-2260.

Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Keizer

Current deduction disallowed for refinancing points: The tax court has ruled that a current deduction involving prepaid interest applies only if the prepaid interest is connected with the actual purchase or improvement of a principal residence. The prepaid interest on refinancing of a principal residence does not qualify for current deduction status. It must be deducted over the life of the loan.

The tax court redefines "last known address": The tax court has established new rules governing the IRS's long-standing practice of mailing deficiency notices to the taxpayer's last known address. The new rules define "last known address" as the taxpayer's address on his most recently filed return. The IRS can countermand this only if it is given clear

and concise notification of a different address.


You may be entitled to a dependency deduction of \$1,950 on your 1988 return. To qualify a person must: receive over 50% of his/her support from you; be either a relative or a full-time member of your household; have less than \$1,950 of gross income for 1988; be a citizen or resident of the US or a resident of Canada or Mexico; not file a joint return with another person. In most cases each of these five requirements must be met for a person to be your dependent but there are exceptions. One of the main loopholes is if your dependent is a full-time student or under 19 years of age - check the IRS booklets for the other exceptions.

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Trapping a man

Ladies have always used a little window dressing to enhance the endowments the good Lord bestowed upon them, according to various books that we run into now and then. Young men may have wondered just what was concealed beneath the acres of cloth the girls were hiding inside of. The only way to find out was to marry one of them, in the old days. I guess things have changed some now though.

A 1902 Sears catalog removes most of the mysteries that must have bothered our grandparents. I bet the corset pages were well read by both the boys and the girls, but after looking through the lady's underwear section, I can understand why there were so many bachelors then. The farm pages were more exciting, with all those slick horses and cows.

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Now, turning the page, we come to corsets, with a few other odd looking devices that could only have been designed to fool *somebody*. Two "Fairy Bust Forms" catch my old eyes. The "Lightest, most attractive bust form on the market; thoroughly hygienic, is adjusted to corset, conforms to every movement of the body, gives figure a graceful form" 25 cents, but 4 cents extra if by parcel post. Corsets proper look much like saddles, and I bet they felt the same way; stiff and unyielding, especially on a hot day.

Next, the bustle department, with several models, including some with "Hip Pads." Those cost from 19 to 39 cents, postage extra - from 5 to 11 cents. Lucky Ladies!

From our Scrapbooks

by Margaret Paul

Tacoma Times, July 26, 1938:

A marriage license was issued to Raymond A. Schmel of Gig Harbor and Shirley E. Whitfield of Vaughn.

From the Peninsula Gateway, May 1940:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sorenson are the proud grandparents of another granddaughter, Linda Gail Stone, born at Tacoma General Hospital on April 26, the day after Easter Sunday.

Oak Harbor News (Whidbey Island), June 1940:

Cecil and Lola Paul of Lakebay are the proud possessors of three king salmon, weighing 44, 39 and 18 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. Paul, who spent the weekend in the Stephens' cabin, are strangers to these waters but say they are going to get acquainted with more of our fine fishing here. These fish were caught between Bene Ure and Strawberry Islands, just inside Deception Pass.

Tacoma News Tribune, June 1943:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Olson of Vaughn announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Phyllis Olson, to Harry Anker of the Coast Guard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Anker of Allyn. Both young people are graduates of Vaughn High School and Miss Olson has attended the University of Washington this year. Mr. Anker is stationed at Taft, Oregon where the first home will be made.

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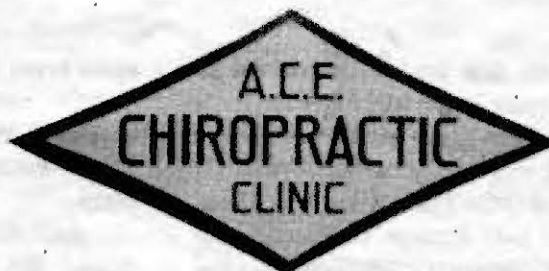
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Part 4

...And Felix Mendelssohn is yet so little a person, and the baby of Larry and Jean is grown more big. On the day I did hear him say to her that poetry, it was then I did find Felix Mendelssohn there in the lane next to them. He was only a wee little mouse, then. And every week that he did grow a more week old, I just put one more gray stone in the row of his growing. And there was nineteen more gray stones in the row when the angels did bring the dear baby to Larry and Jean than there was stones in the row when they was married. And now there are a goodly number more stones in the row of Felix Mendelssohn's weeks of growing old.

I have feels that there will be friendship between the dear mouse Felix Mendelssohn and the dear baby of Larry and Jean. For by the stump where he did say that poetry to her was the abiding place of Felix Mendelssohn, when I did have finding of him. This eventime, he did snuggle more close by my curls. I have so much likes for him. I did tell him that this night-time, he is to have sleeps close by.

When we were gone a little way, I did turn again to wave good-bye to the baby of Larry and Jean. After I waved good-

bye to the dear baby, I thought I'd go around by the lane where I first saw them and heard him say to her that poetry. It is such a lovely lane. I call it our lane. Of course, it doesn't belong to Brave Horatius and Lars Porsena of Clusium and Thomas Chatterton Jupiter Zeus and I and all the rest of us; it belongs to a big man that lives in a big house. But it is our lane more than it is his lane, because he doesn't know the grass and flowers that grow there, and the birds that nest there, and the lizards that run along the fence, and the caterpillars and beetles that go walking along the roads made by the wagon wheels. And he doesn't stop to talk to the trees that grow all along the lane.

All those trees are my friends. I call them by names I have given to them. I call them Hugh Capet, and Saint Louis, and Good King Edward I - and the tallest one of all is Charlemagne, and the one around where the little flowers talk most is William Wordsworth; and there are Byron, and Keats, and Shelley. When I go straight for the milk, I do so like to come around this way by the lane, and talk to these tree friends. I stopped tonight to give to each a word of greetintg. When I got to the end of the lane, I climbed the gate, and thought I had better hurry straight on to get the milk.

When I went by the barn, I saw a mouse run around the corner, and a graceful bat come near unto the barn door. I got the milk. It was near dark-time, so I came

again home by the lane, and along the corduroy road. When I got most home, I happened to remember the mamma wanted the milk in a hurry, so I began to hurry.

I don't think I'll print more tonight. I printed this sitting on the wood-box, where the mamma put me after she spanked me, after I got home with the milk. Now I think I shall go out the bedroom window and talk to the stars. They always smile so friendly. This is a very wonderful world to live in.

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2	3 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p Webelos 7-8:30 pm VFW & Auxiliary 7-9 p Teen NA 7:30-9 pm	4 KP Seniors 10-11 am Wolf Den 4 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm	5 Aerobics 9-10 am- Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 pm Bingo 6:30-10 pm	6 Senior Society 11-4 pm Bear Den 3 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm CAC 7 pm Teen NA 7:30-9 pm	7 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p Grange 7-10 pm	8 RENO NIGHT 4 pm - midnight
9	10 Aerobics Rocky Bay Webelos Teen NA FD Ambulanced issue, in gym, 7:30 pm	11 Wolf Den 4 Cooking class 6:30 p Karate KPCCA Exec Board 7:30 pm	12 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo Writing Class, Old meeting rm, 6:30 pm Park Board 7:30 pm	13 KP Seniors Bear Den 3 Karate Teen NA KPCCA Board 7:30 pm	14 Aerobics Rocky Bay	15 Twilite Dance Club 9 pm-1 am
16	17 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cooking class 6:30 p Webelos Teen NA	18 Wolf Den 4 Karate Road Use Com. 7:30p	19 Aerobics Rocky Bay Writing class Bingo	20 Senior Society Bear Den 3 Karate Teen NA Cootiettes	21 Aerobics Rocky Bay	22 Cub Scout skate party 10 am - noon
23 30	24 Aerobics Rocky Bay Webelos Paul Cyr 7 pm Teen NA	25 Wolf Den 4 Karate	26 Aerobics Rocky Bay Writing Class Bingo	27 KP Seniors Karate - Gold Room Teen NA Bear Den 3 Pack meet 7 pm, gym	28 Aerobics Rocky Bay	29

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