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KPFD Trains Ruston Volunteers

by Hugh McMillan

A couple months ago, Ruston's volunteer Fire Chief Don Torbett told Key Peninsula Fire's Captain Tracy Lyon that the Ruston fire department of 14 volunteers had an opportunity to burn a small Ruston structure in a live fire training exercise.

Torbett added that it had been twenty years since he had been involved with a live structural training fire. He told Lyon, "I could sure use some help."

On Sunday morning, Lyon and KP firefighter/trainers Ken Foss, Peter Rigelman, Dan Nadeau, and Joshua Materi brought an engine and a pickup with appropriate fire fighting equipment to Ruston. They spent the better part of the day directing a live fire mutual training exercise.

"We all benefit from this sort of activity," said Lyon, "we're able to train fellow firefighters while honing our own skills as training instructors."

"The Ruston Fire Department has always been an all-volunteer department," said Chief Torbett. With the demise of the Asarco smelter industry and loss of jobs, the Ruston tax base withered away. Ruston sought help. It came in the form of training on "interior attacks, emergency abandonment, rapid intervention and de-



KP Firefighter Joshua Materi creates a wall of water to keep flames from damaging other materials during a KPFD administered live fire training exercise in Ruston for the Ruston Fire Department.
Photo by Hugh McMillan

contamination at the fire scene," said Lyon's pre-planning report. It was administered by KP Fire.

It was a hot day and a hot fire. A major concern was protection of another structure barely 15 feet from the fire training scene. This was successfully accomplished, in part, thanks to a homemade invention of the Ruston FD, a device which literally provided a fire wall between the two sites. No damage occurred to the protected

building.

The exercise was called to an end when the Ruston Department's supply of air bottles was exhausted. Chief Torbett said, "in order to fill them, we'd have to drive them to the Firecrest Fire Department where those nice people fill them at no charge." That would take too much time.

All personnel were satisfied that the day was a very successful experience for everyone involved.

Flavor of Fall '98 Update

There are many flavors of fall to look forward to, but here in our neck of the woods we have The One so named: our main annual fund raising event at the Civic Center. The dinner auction will be held on **October 3rd** this year. It is the eleventh year we will put on this festivity, completely run by volunteers in our community. The theme for this year's Flavor of Fall is a 1920's "Speak-easy". You will, for an evening, enter that world of glamour, elegant food, drink and music under a veil of secrecy in a totally transformed Civic Center. Yes, the latter is possible, ask people who have attended earlier years' extravaganzas and been to the Carnival in Rio, the Orient, the Mediterranean, South of the border and last year stayed in the Northwest for gourmet treats. We will pamper you and you will pamper yourself while supporting the Civic Center when you bid on all the interesting items offered in both an oral and a silent auction. In the language of the Jazz age, this event is the bee's knees and the cat's meow

and that's not bunk! Dress up as a flapper, her cohort or in otherwise spiffy attire. Don't be a gatecrasher, but buy your tickets from Claudia at Sunnycrest Nursery at a mere \$35, or if you already are on our mailing list, send in the form enclosed with your invitation. We run out of tickets earlier every year so hurry! No tickets will be sold at the door!

Now for the reality behind this fantasy: we need volunteers and donations, donations and donations. All donations are, of course, tax deductible and it's a great advertisement for your business. We auction off services as well as physical items, having a professional auctioneer for the oral part. As a private donor you have much to choose from, offer a dinner per month to be delivered, for example. If you need ideas of what you can donate, ask Claudia at 884-3937, Vicky at 884-1940 or Betty at 884-4126. As for volunteering, call them for that too. We have an awful lot of fun putting this on and that's no banana oil, apple sauce or hokum. In

fact, everything about this event is copacetic, including the clean-up the day after!

See you at the club on **October 3rd**, where there will be no flat tires, just sheiks and shebas enjoying the, almost, real McCoy!

DON'T FORGET RENO NIGHT!

November 7th 6:00 PM - Midnight



FUN!
BEAT-THE-DEALER!

ENTERTAINMENT

BLACKJACK!
MONEY WHEEL!
CHUCK-A-LUCK!
BINGO!





UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

September brings a plethora of things for us to take under consideration! School starts, and we have to remember to watch for children on the roads and to keep an eye out for those big yellow busses! Christmas, although I really hate to mention this, is only three months away!

Flavor of fall is coming up on October 3rd. This year, the much-looked-forward-to event will feature a 20's "Speakeasy" theme. Attendees are encouraged to dress in clothing of that period. A wonderful dinner and an auction, both silent and oral, will follow. Ticket information can be obtained from Sunnycrest Nursery at 884-3937.

Reno Night follows on November 7th with great games, great food and a good time for all! Games include Bingo, Blackjack, Beat-the-dealer, Chuck-A-Luck, Money Wheel and musical entertainment for your listening pleasure.

VFW Post #4990 and its Auxiliary will be preparing a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for those who have no other place to be on that holiday. Call Eileen Young at 884-4551 for more information.

On the Saturday right after Thanksgiving, November 28th, is our annual Christmas Bazaar. The gym is filled with beautiful homemade items and gifts, and the kitchen will be providing those mouth-watering "Center Burgers"! Check this issue for the application to participate.

Construction is moving along, and we hope to get most things back in order by October. We do appreciate your cooperation during this period of inconvenience.

Pioneer Day was great fun thanks to many dedicated volunteers. I know I'm

probably going to forget someone, but I will mention as many as possible. Tim and Kathy Hale made a truly hectic day run more smoothly. Kathy was co-chairman along with Dave Freeman, and those two worked the whole day (and into the night) to make sure everything was going as planned. Dave was also responsible for the "Fish Pond". Marty Marcus (our new President) and Ann Waldo were everywhere, picking up garbage and cleaning up after the event. Vicky McClung and her Beer Garden crew did a great job, too. Krys Wylie was in charge of the new "Midway" for the kids. The gym was full of games and prizes for the younger set to win. Stephanie Zampini was in charge of the booths and did a great job. Members of the "Citizens Against Crime" ran our information booth at the entrance of the grounds and helped lost parents find their children, announced various activities and did an all around great job.

In closing, I have some personal thank yous to pass around. I took a bad fall on the day before Pioneer Day and sprained my ankle. Although I tried to continue participating in the activities, I couldn't. During the following week, I was ordered to stay home and keep my foot elevated. Thanks to Marty Marcus who opened and shut the gates every morning and evening, made sure that the building was secure each night, and yelled at me when he caught me trying to walk around! Thanks to Cy and Eileen Young who shopped and ran errands for me. Thanks to Tim and Kathy Hale who finished much of the clean up after the Pioneer Day festivities. I am truly grateful to all of you! See you next month!

Living And Learning On The Key Peninsula

Are you new to the Key Peninsula? Have you wondered why the Lakebay post office is in Home? Or where is the town of Lyle anyway? The answer to these questions and many others can be found at the Key Peninsula Historical Society Museum. Learn about your community while teaching others, docent training will be September 26. For more information call 884-2712.

The museum has recently installed its newest exhibit, From Sea to Street - A Collection of Postal Memorabilia. It features the 98-year-old post office boxes from Vaughn, a canceling ma-

chine from Lakebay and copies of the newspaper, Discontent, which was mailed from Home. This exhibit can be seen every Thursday and Saturday from 1 - 4 or by appointment. Call 884-4538.

After a very successful Old Timers' Picnic and Pioneer Day the Museum has 162 members! We also have sold over 270 copies of the book, Early Days of the Key Peninsula. You can get your copy at the museum or visit our booth at the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Christmas Bazaar, November 28.



THE FAMILY ROOM

As families are preparing for their children to return to school, there are many issues to think about, such as purchasing school clothes, supplies, and updating immunizations. As the school year begins, many parents may experience an additional concern of children missing school due to head lice. Here are some myths, facts, and tips on prevention and treatment to keep on hand for the upcoming school year.

MYTHS:

1. Many people think you only need to use a treatment shampoo to get rid of head lice. Actually, additional measures need to be taken to get rid of head lice.

2. Only dirty people get head lice. Actually, head lice will live on any head, regardless of cleanliness.

FACTS:

1. Head lice are small, gray bugs without wings, about the size of a grain of sand. They live on human blood and can live up to three weeks after the "nit" (egg) stage of their life span.

2. Head lice lay very small oval, white eggs, which are usually found attached to hairs at the back of the neck or the hairline.

3. They spread through close contact with things such as hats, combs, pillows, backs of chairs, car seats, or personal contact with someone else who has lice.

PREVENTION:

1. Children should not share clothes or hats.
2. Each child should have their own combs and brushes and should not share them with others.
3. Children should not play with each other's hair or hair ornaments, such as barrettes, ribbons, etc.
4. Check children with itchy heads.

TREATMENT:

1. Use head lice treatment shampoo on the whole family and comb through hair with lice comb to pick out and destroy all eggs and live lice.

2. Put all stuffed animals, in the washing machine and dryer on hot setting, or put in closed plastic bag for 2 weeks.

3. Wash all clothing, bedding, pillows and towels in the washing machine and dryer on hot setting.

4. Vacuum furniture and floors, and spray furniture with lice spray.

5. Continue checking heads for lice.

The treatment cycle may need to be repeated after two to three weeks as missed eggs may hatch. If you have any questions or are having recurring problems with head lice, please call your community nurse Maureen Alfonso (884-2205), your family doctor, talk with your school staff, or call The Family Resource Center (884-5433).

REMEMBER ANYONE CAN GET HEAD LICE!

Labor Day Dance

The Improvement Club is offering a Labor Day Dance on Saturday, September 5th. The Dance will begin with doors opening at 7:15 PM and dancing to live music beginning at 8:00 PM and continuing until 12:00. Yes, we have moved the entire dance up one hour this year. The Community Center will participate offering hamburgers and other snacks at the Dance and a shuttle service between the Club and the Longbranch Marina. We also plan to offer a 'water taxi' between the docks and boats at anchor in Filucey Bay. Music is by "Oasis", the band that we have had play at this event and our Memorial Day dances over the past few years. This is a great Band and we look forward to a fun and lively evening.

Tickets are \$12 each. Tickets are available at the Longbranch Marina, the Longbranch Mercantile, the Home Texaco and Sunnycrest Nursery. Tickets may be purchased at the door, beginning at 7:00 PM on September

5th. However, capacity is about 350, and tickets are only offered on a first-come basis.

John Biggs
Dance Chairman

"George Washington Slept Here"

Where? Here? No, but the comedy will definitely not put you to sleep. The Longbranch Players are perfecting their talent once again in preparation for the play "George Washington Slept Here" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. It's a little later this year and will be held on the 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th of October at the Longbranch Improvement Club. A delightful evening of dinner and theater will be offered during the Friday night performances. Further information on tickets and times can be obtained by calling Vicki at 884-4468.

Another Old Timers' Success Story



Jason Henningson, left, and Jeff Davis, right, watch Jordan Henningson, center, saw through a log in the handsaw bucking competition. Davis is also oiling the cut to prevent the saw from binding. Photo by Hugh McMillan

by Hugh McMillan

"I think this is probably the biggest and best OTD we've ever had," said Fade Saxer. He was referring to the 12th annual celebration of Old Timers' Day, Saturday, at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Saxer is a long time member of the Board of Directors of the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank/Senior Center which sponsors the event. It is the KPCS' largest fund raising project each year. KPCS works out of Community House in Home near the junc-

tion of Key Peninsula Highway North and Hoff Road. It serves the entire Key Peninsula for which any resident is automatically a non-dues-paying member. It puts on free luncheons each Wednesday for anyone wishing to attend, provides holiday food baskets, supplemental assistance with power and heat, and a large number of other free services to the community. For information, call 884-4440 Tuesday - Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 PM.

Angel Guild Notes

By Frankie Johnson

Summer has been and gone and it is BACK TO SCHOOL time already. The thrift shop is featuring jackets and school clothing at this time. There are a lot of good buys to be found.

With all the vacations during the summer, it took special efforts for the Angels to keep the store running smoothly. A big "Thank You" to all who worked extra shifts.

There have been many wonderful donations left on our back shed doorstep and they are greatly appreciated. Good useful items are what makes the Angel Guild successful and able to make monetary contributions to our community. Sometimes people leave trash and junk that no one can use. This just cuts into the money available to give back to our area, since we have to pay to have it hauled away. Please, please don't drop off your trash. We don't have space for large appliances or big furniture pieces. If you have good useful things, give us a call and we will try to find a home for such items. Thank so much for your continued help and support.

We always are happy to have new Angels join us. Many hands make short work for all. Contact any Angel at the store for details. Watch for holiday sales coming up. Halloween will be here before we know it.



WHALE TALES: Human interactions with whales will be a multimedia presentation by naturalist Peter J. Fromm, Wednesday, September 9th, 7:00 PM at the Key Center Library.

Peter Fromm's book of the same title will be the heart of his presentation. He will also include the natural history, biology of cetaceans, and the changing relationship between whales and human beings.

Fromm, who lives on a boat in the San Juan Islands, has been a resident there for eighteen years. His formal education and experience in the areas of communication, photography, education, and as skipper of a whale watching boat has led him to the publication of this book, and subsequent lecture series.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES for ages three to five will be held each Friday at 10:30 AM, October 2nd through November 20th. Registration in person or by telephone, 884-2242, will begin September 1st.

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes July 9, 1998

This meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, by acting President Dave Freeman. It was MSC to accept the minutes as written.

The Pierce County Council will be using these facilities for their upcoming meeting on August 4th at 7:00 PM. The contract for the Black River Falls Band has been signed and received for Pioneer Day.

Treasurer's Report: Due to the heavy repairs that the Center has received recently and the renovations such as the doors and the Whitmore room, we have taken a loss this year to date. The Pioneer Day pay outs are included in this, so the actual loss is minimal, if any, once this statement is received.

Manager's Report: Irene announced that the surface water fee; discussed in the April Minutes; has been waived due to exemption. The garage door is to be installed on Tuesday, but holes do need to be cut into it to install venting due to the gas furnace. Mark framed the doorway of the garage for the installation. Thank you. The riding lawn mower is in need of repair again, and has already gone to the shop. Irene was given permission to lock up the Center for the Fourth of July, but still had to ask a large group of people to leave. The garage sale applications are coming in, and so far there are fourteen people signed up. Summer dance will be here on the 25th of July, and would like us to run the kitchen if possible. Irene put together a demographic form to complement the smaller forms that Sylvia and Sandy made. This form is a monthly form of all the users added up that is put together from the smaller broken down forms.

Newspaper Report: We're still rolling along!

Group Review:

Historical Society: The potluck was a huge success. 85 people showed up and 25 books were purchased. So far to date over 200 books have been sold, and Tim has ordered more books so there will be plenty to purchase at Pioneer Day.

Fireworks: We were again burglarized this year, and the damage is suspected to be higher than last year. Ed Taylor loaned Loyd the use of an alarm after this, and Loyd secured the doors with chains. The trailer is built

on untreated wood, and it was suggested that a new trailer be bought to set the stand on, or to build a new one.

Parade: Fred Ramsdell is looking for someone to take over next year. The float is almost ready, and the Brownies will be riding it this year.

Lakebay Fuschia Society: A letter was written by Rose reminding us that the contract we agreed on was to include water and a recycle bin for compost, which as yet has not been done. Several work parties have been out and the place is shaping up.

Halloween: Krys asked that she be allowed to build games for this year instead of renting due to the quality. She asked that anyone with scrap lumber please let her know.

Pioneer Day: Everything is coming together, and the committee is hoping for a large turn out.

Flavor of Fall: The theme this year is a "speak-easy", and the ticket prices will be raised to \$35.00, with a RSVP a must. Possible period clothing dress up.

Old Business:

Whitmore Room Update: The piping will be done this week, and then... TA DA!

Construction Update: The construction is due to start next week.

Doors: Irene will order the doors tomorrow. They will be dropped off at Tracy's Painting, then installed.

Drain Field Update: Phil Radcliffe will be here this weekend.

Lighting/Storage proposals: It was proposed that the Center take a 10 year mortgage to cover the costs of the ceiling, storage, carpeting, and removal of basketball hoops with a possibility of repainting the interior of the Center. Claudia asked that this be amended to a 5 year mortgage. It was MSC to accept the proposal with the amendment of 5 years.

Bylaws: The Bylaws were handed out, and will be voted on at the next general meeting.

New Business:


President Search: It was MSC to accept Marty Marcus as the new President of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, effective immediately.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Krys Wylie, Secretary

Key Peninsula Civic Center Executive Committee

Marty Marcus, President	884-2213
Dave Freeman, 1 st Vice President	884-2313
Sylvia Haase, 2 nd Vice President	884-3603
Kathy Hale, Treasurer	884-3619
Krys Wylie, Secretary	884-4370
Loyd Miller, At-Large	884-2536
Sandy McFarlane, At-Large	884-2633
Dale Loy, Past President	884-4169


OBITUARIES
David August Rickert

David died August 1, 1998 in Gig Harbor at the age of 66. Dave was born March 12, 1932 in Longbranch, WA, to Minnie and George Rickert. Dave lived the last several years of his life where he was born, on the property cleared and settled by his father, George Rickert, over 70 years ago.

Following high school, Dave played minor league baseball for the "St. Louis Browns". Later he served in the Navy Sea Base. His primary vocation was in the Carpentry trade. Dave's favorite hobby was stream and saltwater fishing.

Dave is survived by daughter Kim Bailey of Ferndale; two grandchildren; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Don Olson of Key Center, and Marge and Dick Radonich of Longbranch; and numerous nieces and other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to the Key Peninsula Historical Museum in Vaughn, WA, or the charity of your choice.

A Memorial Potluck was held on the Rickert-Radonich Beach in Longbranch on August 15th.

The family would like to thank all those who came to Dave's Memorial.

It was a great send off.

Shirl Olson

Alleda L. Smith

Alleda L. Smith, 89, a resident of the Lakebay area for 40 years, died July 9, 1998. She was born in DePere, WI on December 17, 1908. Alleda was a homemaker. Family members include: two half-brothers: Clifford, Pasco; Jim, Oregon; friend, Pete Borchers, Lakebay. No services will be held. Inurnment at Haven of Rest Memorial Park.

Cathryn O. Schafer

Born in Des Lacs, ND, February 16, 1913; passed away peacefully in her sleep on August 14, 1998. Cathryn was a civilian employee for the US Government and has been a resident of Vaughn 22 years.

Survived by son Michael (Dan) Schafer and wife Connie; 2 granddaughters, Jennifer of Vaughn, Jami Trout and husband Brad and great-granddaughter Ally of Puyallup; sister Donna Hull (Gene) of Yelm; many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by husband Michael Schafer, 2 brothers and a sister.

She was active in Cootlettes #609 and Senior Citizens Society. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Memorial services will be Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998 at 2:30 pm at the Vaughn Community Church, 17616 Hall Road KPN, Vaughn, WA. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral Home. 584-0252.

Burt Enlists In Army

Sergeant David B. Hendershot, of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Port Orchard, Washington, says that BURT's test score and enlistment in the Infantry (Airborne) qualifies him for up to \$40,000 under the Army College Fund program. He recently

left for basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

He is a 1997 graduate of Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Washington and is the son of Janet L. Burt of Othello, Washington and William R. Burt of Gig Harbor.


KEY DATES
1998
BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

<u>KP Business Assoc.</u>	Sept. 4 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Sept. 18 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
<u>Fire Fighters Assoc.</u>	Sept. 22 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
<u>Ashes</u>	Sept. 2 - 10:30 AM	Key Center Fire Station
<u>Boy Scout Troop #220</u>	Thursdays - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	KPCCA VPW Rm.
<u>Cootlettes</u>	3 rd Thursday - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<u>KPCCA Exec. Board</u>	Aug. 31 - 7:30 PM	Civic Center
<u>KPCCA Board</u>	Sept. 10 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<u>KPCS Board</u>	2 nd Monday - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
<u>KPHC Board</u>	4 Thursday - 7:30 PM	Health Center
<u>KP Lions Club</u>	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 6:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
<u>VFW & Auxiliary</u>	2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:00 PM	CC/VPW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment **851-6552** - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild Sept. 28 - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
Cancer Support Group 3rd Thursday - 1:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: **884-5433**
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
 Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon - Community House - Home
 Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call **884-4440, 884-4514, or 857-4790.**

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

Key Center Library **884-2242 - HOURS: Tuesday & Wednesday 1 - 8 PM, Thursday & Friday 1 - 6 PM, Saturday Noon - 4 PM**

KP Baptist Bible Study Wednesday - 7:00PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
KP Baptist AWANA Wednesday - 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center
Overeaters Anonymous Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network Sept. 1, 8, 15 - 6:30 PM CHS - Civic Center
Positive Fathering Thursdays - 6:30 PM CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9 PM Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: **884-3835** on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners Sept. 9 - 7:30 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
 Sept. 21 - 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec. 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 5:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
Caregivers Support Sept. 10 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Grandparents Group Sept. 5 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
 Contact Norma at **884-2205** for more information.
T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening-Weigh in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club Sept. 18 - Meeting Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group 3rd Tuesday - 1 - 3 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
KP Historical Society 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum.
MUSEUM OPEN Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
LB Improvement Club Sept. 18 - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors Sept. 8 - 10:00 AM Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society Sept. 3 - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting Sept. 21 - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church
Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club Sept. - Call **884-5403** for more information.

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Snacks Go To "Waist"

by Mary J. Nelson

"I'm in a hurry. I'll just grab something fast. A bag of chips and a coke? Sure I can eat healthy tomorrow.

Summer is a scary time for those of us with weight problems. Snacking can become a habit during this time of vacations, outdoor fun, and fast food. Routines fly out the window and we tend to make poor food choices, which ends up showing in your waist.

The Morning T.O.P.S. #FWA 1325 Group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets in the Key Center Community House, 8903 Key Peninsula Highway, one block south of the Home bridge. We are a local support group that can help you keep up your motivation to lose slowly and keep it off.

One way, is to get together with people from over a thousand other T.O.P.S. groups around the state for a Fall Rally. This is a recognition day for all who have lost and a new beginning for those who haven't done so well. Special attention is given to those who have lost their weight and kept it off. They are called K.O.P.S. (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly).

It will start at 9:30, October 17th in the Mason Middle School, Tacoma. Those of you who have been in T.O.P.S. know that it is an especially

memorable experience. The theme this year is "A Story Book Ending.

Best loser this month was Mary Nelson. Yah, this is not a misprint. I really did it. I owe it to the support of all my T.O.P.S. friends. Second place is held by Lois Crandall. She has lost all the weight she needs to lose and will be a K.O.P.S. by Fall Rally. We are so proud of you, Lois, and we wish you the best for the future.

Water aerobics classes are being offered at the Peninsula High School in Purdy. They are not well-attended and may be discontinued for lack of interest. If you are interested in attending these beneficial classes, call the school at 857-5533 for details.

Vaughn Bay Garden Club Begins New Season

A Welcome Back Tea on Wednesday, September 16, will start the new calendar year for the Vaughn Bay Garden Club. Hostess for the 1:00 PM event is Joyce Niemann, with Peggy Dervaes co-hosting. The program will be on Ornamental Grasses, presented by Mrs. Dervaes. Anyone interested in joining the group may call 884-5403.

TOPS NEWS

By Frankie Johnson

"HI, YA'ALL", Darlin', Sweetheart, Dear, that's what you hear in the South, even if they don't know you. After two months of traveling, it is true that there is no place like home. At TOPS you get sincere love and support for your continued struggle with weight. If you have dropped out for whatever reason, you will be welcomed back anytime with hugs and the support goes on..... Ya, Da, Da, Da, Ding. Yea the support goes on. You can have it too!!

Summer was not that easy to stay on a good program. Many of us had gains or just treaded water at the same level. However some members achieved record successes. Notably, Eva Roths reached her KOPS goal!! She lost 31.50 lbs. to her goal weight. Mary Nixon also made her KOPS goal with a loss of 24.25 lbs. Sarah Nixon, Mary's daughter reached her goal and is maintaining KOPS as a teenager. Our buttons are bursting with pride for these members as well as other super achievers that are doing very well. Dee Lamar seems to have found her groove and is only 7.75 lbs. from goal. Dee walks 5 miles or more regularly. Pauline Lonely is 4.00 lbs. from goal and also walks a lot. James Spezia, one of our teens, also a

walker, has lost 33.50 lbs since he joined in March with his mom, Colleen, who has lost over 50.00 lbs. Linda Satterfield has dropped 31.25 lbs since she joined us in Jan. 1998. Our hats are off to these members.

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Now that school is back in session, this, a very good time to get into the swing of a good weight loss program. Our leader, Carol Bischoff, has many ideas to help you in your quest for normal weight. She has instituted new contests and incentives to keep our members geared up and excited. If you want to see what we are doing, just come to the Civic Center on Tuesday evening as our guest to observe or just jump right in and lose the weight you have been carrying around. We will be there for you. For more information or even to talk, call Frankie at 884-4102. C-U Slimmer!!!

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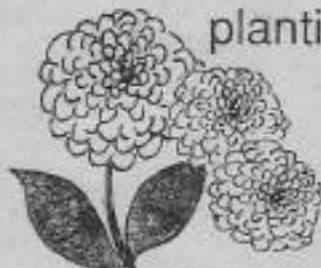
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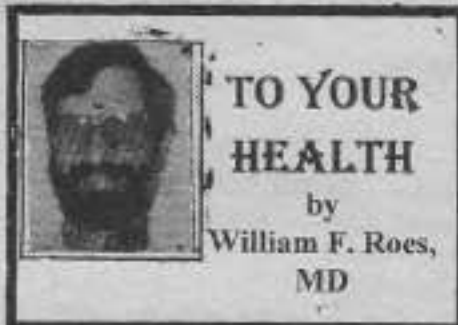
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TO YOUR HEALTH

by
William F. Roes, MD

With the kids heading back to school soon, one of the last things you want to get is a call from the school nurse telling you your child has head lice. Head lice (or Pediculosis Capitis if you have to tell your neighbors without getting them upset) is particularly common in the Peninsula School District, and, while not dangerous, it can be very irritating for the child and vexing for the parent. The louse is a small insect that lives and reproduces on the hair shafts. They lay eggs called "nits", which appear like dandruff sized spots of matter on the hair shafts, but unlike dandruff they adhere tightly to the hair. The symptoms are usually itching of the scalp and a high index of suspicion, confirmed by finding nits on the hair. They are passed from person to person by close physical contact such as sharing combs, berets, or hats, and when one family member has them the others will usually follow.

The treatment consists of killing the live louse and removing the nits, literally "nit picking". An over the counter medication permethrin (Nix Cream Rinse) is safe and effective and is the first choice for treatment. For difficult

cases a prescription medication lindane (Kwell) is available but clearly should be reserved for failures of permethrin. Lindane is actually an insecticide, and has significant central nervous system side effects if over-used or used in small infants or pregnant women. Probably the most important part of treatment is removing the nits as the developing larvae in them cannot be killed, and if every nit is not removed when they hatch you will have a reinfestation of head lice. The only effective way to remove them is a time consuming process with a special comb for nit removal after using the permethrin rinse. It is estimated it will take an hour of continuous combing (and rinsing the comb) for a head of 10 inch hair. In some circumstances the best choice is a shaved head, if you can convince your son the marine look is in (not recommended for girls). If you are one of the unlucky parents to hear from the school about head lice, ask the nurse for recommendations, and treat everyone at home at the same time.

While we're talking about back to school, our office, in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Health Center, will be setting aside an afternoon to do sports physicals for any student of the Key Peninsula Middle School. The cost will be \$15 paid at the time of the physical, with a sliding fee scale available if needed. The date and time have not yet been determined, so ask your child's coach, the school counselors, or the school nurse.

**Key Peninsula Health Center
Opens House and Flu Shots**

In conjunction with the annual Key Peninsula Ciderfest celebration on Saturday, October 10, 1998, the **KEY PENINSULA HEALTH CENTER** will hold an Open House, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at its facility located in Key Center next to the Library. As has been the custom in years past, flu shots will be provided (donation of \$7.00).

Please join us for refreshments and familiarize yourself with the services that are available to the community at our Center. Current tenants of the **KEY PENINSULA HEALTH CENTER** include the following:

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In addition, the Health Center provides a Respite program (adult day-care) every Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for a fee of \$12.50 per day.

Please come meet the tenants of the Key Peninsula Health Center. We look forward to meeting the new residents of our community, and seeing all our friends and neighbors who have supported the Health Center in the past. If you have any questions, please give us a call at **884-2234**.

AWANA Program Started

Key Peninsula Baptist Church will be starting their AWANA Program on Wednesday, September 16th, 1998, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. It will be from 6:40 PM to 8:20 PM each week. It is for children 3 years of age through the 6th grade.

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Roland And Betty Nease Celebrate 50th Anniversary

by Hugh McMillan

The offspring of Roland and Betty Nease of Key Peninsula, Patrick, Gary, and Linda - Michael was unable to attend - hosted a celebration of their parents 50th wedding anniversary at the Fort Lewis Officers' Club on Sunday. Their imitation read, "August 1, 1948 - a handsome young sailor asked a beautiful school teacher to be his bride. Luckily for all of us, she happily accepted and they began their life together.

Well over a hundred friends and neighbors were there. The food was great and the music was of the '40s. The "roast" of the Neases was of the "falling off your chair with laughter" variety. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Roland and Betty are both from

Missouri. She is a very talented artist and both are fine wood carvers. Betty writes and has been published several times in "Country," a national magazine, and "Springfield," a regional magazine, and is a member of the Gig Harbor Writers' Circle.

During WWII Roland served in the Pacific on submarines following a stint with the Navy's officer training program at such schools as Kansas State Teachers College. He spent his professional life in the security business at such places as Los Alamos. He retired from the Port of Tacoma as Manager of Safety and Security. He holds life memberships in the American Society of Industrial Security and the international Association of Airport and Seaport Police.

He has served as an active member of the Peninsulas' detachment of Citi-



Roland & Betty Nease

Reynold's Roost



by Howard Reynolds

1. Golf combines two favorite American pastimes: taking long walks and hitting things with a stick.
2. A pilot for a West Coast airline was completing preflight duties when a red-faced flight attendant entered the cockpit. "You won't believe what I just did in first class," she said. "I approached a very handsome passenger and blurted out, 'After we drink, what would you like to take off?'"

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zens Against Crime since its inception and is one of the small group which pooled its talents for about a year creating the recently activated Citizens Patrol. He was also a Civil Service Commissioner for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for six years.

Roland designed and drew all the plans for their Key Peninsula home on the beach overlooking the Olympic Mountains where they enjoy gardening and boating among their many interests.



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Scouts Rally At Volunteer Park

by Hugh McMillan

July 27 - 31 found the fields at Volunteer Park filled with 56 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and eight Girl Scouts and Brownies, siblings, and adult leaders. They were there for Day Camp and having a ball learning, eating, and playing. They came from the Key and Gig Harbor Peninsulas and were hosted by KP Lions-sponsored Cub Pack 220.

Cub leader and treasurer for the event, Lethaniel Ray, said, "we're so grateful for the way the KP Volunteer Park Board helps us make these events such successes. We just couldn't do it without their help."

In addition to Ray, adult directors for the camp were Cheryl Archer and Lethaniel Ray of Pack 220; Bob Shaw, Cub Master; Jeff Hals, T-shirts; and Bob Dietman of Tacoma Utilities, nature.

Paul Rossa, Den Leader of the

Gorgeous Girl Scouts said, "We have many exciting programs: archery, BB gun marksmanship, nature, first aid, safety, craft projects like bird feeders and leather craft, and field sports like Frisbee toss, kickball, soccer, and other things that delight the kids."

Each day the players gathered at 8:30 am and didn't slow down until official shutdown time at 3:30 PM. As you can imagine, disbanding did not occur instantly.

Of the 44 Cub Scouts registered for the event, five were from Gig Harbor's Pack 245. Nine Boy Scouts from Troop 220 were there to provide leadership as were two others from a neighboring troop.

Of the 18 Cub Scout siblings attending, eight were Girl Scouts.

The affair was pronounced an unqualified success by all who participated.



Key Peninsula Cub Scouts of Pack 220, Brownies of Troop 798, both of which are sponsored by the KP Lions Club, and Gig Harbor's Pack 245 Cubs line up with other scout personnel for the presentation of the colors ceremony.



Brownies of Troop 798 work and learn from a camp project. Photos by Hugh McMillan

Memories Of The Dosewallop River

By Aileen Rickert Froehlich

My parents took their Honeymoon on the Doses as did many other folks from the Longbranch area. In fact, they were married October 22, 1922, and my mother swore that they bathed in the basin of Rocky Brook Falls. Now I can swim in some pretty cold waters, but that would make me shiver. It seems like when the Rickert boys went on their Honeymoons, the rest of the family all joined them. My parents however were rained out a few days into theirs so they obtained a cabin along the beautiful Hood Canal.

So since I was raised in the camping vacation world, it was only natural that my children should be raised likewise. Every time we would take our sojourn to the river, my uncle, George Rickert, would come walking over to our camping spot with a nice meal's worth of fresh river trout. I don't think there is anything more delicious than a trout dinner cooked over the campfire. The only possible thing is to wake up in the morning to the smell of good old campfire coffee with bacon, spuds, eggs and, of course, some more fresh trout cooking.

Along with the food comes the fishing excursions. It's so much fun to get up at four or five in the morning, grab your pole and try to catch the big one. One morning I was taking a young friend out. I hadn't gotten too far from camp when I slipped on a slippery rock and kersplash, I landed flat in the river. Was that a rude awakening. Oh well, that's the life of a fisherman.

Another great joy of the Olympics is the many hikes you can take. Usually after going fishing, you either

take a hike or find someone who wants to get beat in a good game of Pinochle. One time we went up late at night and when we arrived, it was pouring down rain. We hooked up our resemblance of a tent and crawled in. My children were small, so I bedded the two older ones down in the car, but the baby, who was only eight months old, I kept in the tent with me. I don't believe I slept at all for fear the baby's face would get covered up and she would smother. That was probably the only time we gave up and came home early the next morning because the rain would not stop.

Just recently, I drove up there for just the day to just reminisce and visit some friends who were camping. It was so enjoyable, we sat and soaked our feet in the river, played Pinochle and enjoyed a lovely trout dinner. If you want to have a great camping trip, try the Doses; you will probably like it.

PEP-C Emergency Water Barrel Sales

PEP-C, your Peninsulas emergency Preparedness Committee (serving the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor) will sell barrels for emergency water storage on these upcoming dates: September 12th and September 19th.

Sale is from the Kimball Drive Fire Station, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on these Saturdays. Prices are \$10 for the 55-gallon size and \$5 for the 15-gallon. For low income families, chits are available at your local food bank. For more information call 265-8510.

Land Trust Scores 2nd Estuary Victory, Seeks Funds For Third

The Peninsula Heritage Land Trust has placed a second piece of land on the Wollochet Bay estuary under permanent protection from development. The first parcel, Property 7, is protected by a conservation easement PHLT purchased last winter. The land remains in private ownership. PHLT bought the new parcel, Property 1, outright. Plans are being made to allow use of the 5-acre property, which borders the south side of Artondale Creek and the head of the bay, for public education and low-impact recreation such as wildlife watching and view enjoyment.

PHLT embarked last year on a quest to preserve Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula estuaries—i.e., areas where freshwater rivers and creeks enter the saltwater—because of their great ecological importance. Development has rendered an estimated 75% of Puget Sound estuaries unable to perform vital functions, such as providing habitat for salmon and other wildlife, protecting Puget Sound from pollution and safeguarding groundwater needed for human use. For this reason the land trust is calling on community members for help in protecting the many still-viable Peninsula estuaries.

Wollochet fundraising efforts have

shifted now to Property 10, near the intersection of Wollochet Dr. and East Bay Dr. NW, which contains much of the saltmarsh that makes this estuary somewhat unusual and especially important for wildlife.

The land trust is working to raise \$50,000 needed to secure the 2.63-acre site, as well as another \$100,000 to protect Properties 2 and 3, which comprise 3.73 acres on Wollochet Dr. opposite the Gig Harbor Grange Hall. A group of ten project supporters recently bought Properties 2 and 3 in order to hold them while PHLT raises the necessary funds. Trust board member Vernon Young credits Thomas Lynch of Gig Harbor Realty with help in putting together the sale and Erin Rockery with installing concrete barriers to prevent vehicular entrance.

Young stresses that protecting the estuary is a community effort. "PHLT wishes to thank all the wonderful people who have contributed money and/or time to help protect this area for fish, wildlife and people," he says.

"We still have a way to go," says Young. Donations may be made to the PHLT Acquisition Fund, P.O. Box 1973, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. For information, call Vernon Young at 265-6162.

Thanks for Your Continued Support

The Gig Harbor/Peninsula Farmers Market Association wishes to thank all of you who have supported us this summer by shopping at the Volunteer Park Farmers Market. Knowing that you want a community market is very encouraging.

We will continue to operate

through the middle of September from 2:00pm to 6:30pm on Wednesdays for your convenience. It has been a small market as far as the number of vendors but we try to bring you a variety of produce, plants and crafts. If you are looking for something in particular, call 884 2496 and let me know - I will do my best to have it for you. The peaches, corn, tomatoes, and satza apples have been a big hit in August. The variety of plants have sold well and our vendors are happy to talk with you about them.

Troubadour Jim has entertained us all with his music. He is very active in the community and we appreciate his taking this time to be with us.

This has been a combined effort with the Market Association and the Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District. We plan to get an earlier start next year and bring you more vendors and products. Call me if you would like to be a part of the Market next year.

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THE LAW COLUMN

by Michael Misner

I love golf.

I love the history of the links courses in Scotland and the legends of Old Tom Morris and the Road Hole at St. Andrews. I love the artistry of the game with its blend of power and touch. I love the people who have played and the knowledge that you need only say their first name for there to be recognition in the eyes of a similar nut-case: Walter, Bobby, Byron, Sammy, Lee, Jack, Arnie and of course, the two Bens, Hogan and Crenshaw. And so it was, while I was in the trees and lying 6 on a par 4, that old Cane Hog, (you'll remember him from last month's column) and I started talking the other day about a great young golfer, Casey Martin. Hog and Casey both call Eugene home.

About 22 years ago, fate decided to give Casey a couple of penalty shots right at the moment he was born. Seems Casey was born with a circulation problem in his lower right leg that is probably going to cost him that limb before much longer. Talk about a bad break - here you are already OB and you haven't even put your footprints on the birth certificate yet. Anyway, time passed, Casey grew up and he learned to play a little golf along the way. Got to where he was hobbling around the golf course and whipping everyone in the Willamette valley when he earned himself a scholarship to Palo Alto. That's where some guy named Leland stuck Stanford. In college, Casey continued to whip everybody including, on occasion, his college teammate, fella by the name of Woods. As in Eldrick. As in Tiger.

A couple of years ago, Casey and Tiger left school and pursued their dream of making a living at a game invented by Scottish shepherds 300 years ago. I mean if you had to eat haggis wouldn't you want to invent golf; if for no other reason than to get out of the house just so you could skip dinner?

Anyway, Tiger headed off to the show and Casey to the minor leagues where he, through skill and grit, qualified to play with the big guys on the PGA tour. Casey can now compete for the big money with the best golfers in the world in tournaments such as the Skeeter Grimes Screen Door and Aluminum Siding East Abilene Open in the temperate days of mid-July. Only Casey now has another problem.

You see, the minor leagues don't care how you get around the course you're playing. Walk, run, crawl, hang-glide, it doesn't matter. So Casey, he with the painful right leg, used

a cart. The Tour, however, does care. The Tour says that you must walk - okay, run if you want, but there can be no help at all - you use your own horsepower or you don't get to play.

What we got here now, is what my logic teacher called a real mess: Casey is just flat-out good and the Tour's rules just flat-out say a golfer has to walk a course. Not being afraid of a bad lie, Casey turned for some help - this time, it wasn't to his caddie, it was to his attorney.

Which gets me back to lying 6 in the trees and Cane Hog pin-high in 3 and wearing that "got ya' up to yur ears in gators, son" goofy grin he gets at times like these. "Hog," I said while wondering if I could convince him that the tree roots strangling my ball really lose impediments, "Since you live in Eugene, could you wander over to the Federal courthouse where Casey's case was heard and get me a copy of the judge's decision so I can share it with my readers?"

"Sure," he said, "but right now, son, if I was you, I'd start wondering if you have enough of that Yankee money that you carry, to buy this 'ol boy a fair size T-bone and a jug a' Jack Daniel's, since your ball ain't got anything good about it and my ol' ball is a-sitting up there on that green just lookin' cuter than a spotted pup sleeping under a wagon."

Good old Hog. Always there when you need him. Next month, a look at the thinking in *Martin v. The Professional Golfer's Association*.

Reptiles Around The World At Science Center

Reptiles Around The World is again the theme as members of the Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society display more than a hundred different kinds of reptiles and amphibians at Seattle's Pacific Science Center on September 26th and 27th.

Home resident Ann Waldo is once more in charge of arranging the exhibits, which last year attracted more than six thousand visitors.

Discount coupons offering one dollar off on the admission price are available at the Pet Place in Purdy. Admission to this exhibition includes admission to the other exhibits in the Science Center.

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VETERAN'S VOICES

By Eileen Young

September, the down side of summer but what a ride it has been!

Schools are again open and we are reminded to drive with caution. Our VFW chairpersons have been busy putting the essay and Voice of Democracy literature in the classrooms to enable each student to compete for the awards offered. Deadline for VOD entries is November 1st while essay deadline is December 15th.

We had a wonderful turnout at our annual picnic in August and quite a send off for Bill and Lola Howe. These two will be missed more than words can express but we wish them well in their new home. A big thank you is also due them for the donation of a standing canvas tent to be used for post and auxiliary events when needed.

October 10th will see Key Center celebrating Cider Fest and VFW will have their goodie booth for all to start thinking "Christmas" and some fresh apple cider.

Next big event is November 11th, Veterans Day and our beloved Aisle of Honor at the Vaughn cemetery. This year we will need help putting up and taking down 161 flags. Sure hope you can see your way clear to help either morning or evening (weather permitting). No service is planned for this day.

The state school of instruction, a useful weekend of information for all new officers, will be held at the Executive Inn at Fife September 19th and 20th.

Thanksgiving dinner for folks who are alone, couples with no immediate family, the homeless, the needy or

folks who have no one to celebrate the holidays with are welcome. Phone 884-4551 for information and RESERVATIONS. Dinner will be compliments of the local VFW and auxiliary.

The next big event is the annual Christmas bazaar at the Civic Center and we are again hoping all VFW members will enhance our sale table with their contributions. Craft items from pot holders to woodwork are welcome and Christmas gift ideas are great!

We are happy to report Ralph Kingsbury is home from the hospital and recuperating from his operation. To anyone not 100%, our best wishes for a better tomorrow.

Until next month I leave you with this thought: If you do not learn from your mistakes, why make them.

Grace Presbyterian Church Changes Time

Grace Presbyterian Church, meeting at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake, is now meeting at 10:30 a.m. for worship. September 13 will be Promotion Sunday, with Pastor Jim Christianson preaching. A brunch will follow worship. Sunday School classes will begin for children ages 5 and up. Evening adult classes start during that week with "Worship", taught by Karen Carlson. Choir, prayer meetings and prayer breakfasts are regularly scheduled events for the church. All are invited to attend. For further information, call 857-7284.

Veterans of Foreign Wars 1998-99 Voice of Democracy Competition

Did you know that the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4990 of Vaughn and its Ladies Auxiliary offers an annual scholarship program for students in your school?

The program is called the VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM and it is available to all 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

The National Audio Essay Competition is designed to give high school students the opportunity to voice their opinion on America and their commitment to our future.

Local, District, State and National awards are available. National awards are now totaling over \$125,500 with first place at \$20,000.

This year's theme is "My Service to America".

Student deadline to Post/Auxiliary for local judging is November 1, 1998.

For complete information call your school representative or Commander Cy Young at 884-1551.

In addition to the Voice of Democracy, a Youth Essay Program for grades 3 through 9 is also offered by the Auxiliary. The theme is "What Freedom Means to Me".

Participants must compose their own essay. The essay must be clearly

handwritten, typed or computer prepared.

Since this program is completely voluntary, a student does not have to go through his/her school to participate. Home schooled students are also eligible. Student deadline to the Auxiliary is also November 1, 1998.

Prizes will be awarded on Local, District and State levels.

Additional information and entry forms with parent signatures must accompany the essays. These forms can be gotten through your school or by calling DeaBee Blum at 884-9982.

Ashes

A Light Weight rummage Sale will be held on October 10, 1998, at 9:00 AM at the Key Peninsula Fire Station in Key Center.

Any donations, such as clothing, books, small appliances, and kitchen wares will be appreciated.

Please no heavy articles, such as furniture. If not sold, we have the responsibility of getting rid of it!

For more information call Secretary, Alice Palmer at 884-3882 or President, Darlene Brown at 884-3091 and Marie Schwenka at 884-2221.

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Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who helped in the Midway during Pioneer Day. The effort was appreciated. Since this was a new event for the Center, there are still last minute kinks to be worked out, and I think everyone who helped did a wonderful job, especially those who stayed beyond their designated time due to shortage of volunteers. I would especially like to thank the TOPS for all their Volunteer hours, The Brownies (sponsored by the Key Peninsula Lions) and their parents, and of the Lions, Mike Coffin, Austin Miller, and Coral Oreiro. A large thank you goes to everyone. I would also like to thank Jim Valley for his children's performance, many enjoyed his music. If you would like to purchase one of his tapes or CD's, please contact The Rainbow Connection.

The Brownies rode the float this year, which again won best float, and I would like to thank the Brownies for listening to the instructions so well that none of you fell off!! I hope you enjoyed yourselves. One last thank you goes to Cindy Myers, Melody Peasley, Janetta Eedy, Amber Myers, and Genevieve Eedy for taking the float apart due to vandalism. There was some damage done to the float after the parade due to kids tearing the

decorations apart, but thanks to the above mentioned folks, most of the decorations and personal items that decorated the float were removed.

Thank you again to everyone who made the midway and float a success.

Sincerely;
Krys Wylie

Thank You

I'd like to say thank you to the Civic Center Committee of Pioneer Day for having me as their Grand Marshal this year. The theme this year was "Volunteering."

I am proud to say that I have been on the Civic Center Board for at least thirty years, Manager of the Calendar Book for three years, treasurer for one year, chaired the New Year's dances for years, and I have always worked on the many functions held at the Civic Center.

The Center means a lot to me. I went to high school and graduated there. It holds lots of good times and memories for me in that building - one of the oldies.

Shirley Olson

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**A View
From Home**

by Marty Marcus

Having been the recipient of a hand-me-down set of twenty volumes of the Book of Knowledge at the tender age of four, I somehow learned to read before entering first grade. This should have been a real advantage, and in time it was, but I must have been a real problem for my first grade teacher because my desk was eventually relocated to a storage area/closet adjoining the classroom.

One of the big advantages that did result, however, was that people were always giving me interesting books, many of which I read by flashlight under the covers when I was supposed to be sleeping. One of these books, a volume on geography by Hendrik Willem Van Loon, an author who was born in The Netherlands but lived in the United States until his death in 1944, contained a short passage that became implanted in my brain and has sort of served as a guidepost for the way I've tried to live my life.

The statement in that book that has managed to stick with me is, "We are all of us fellow-passengers on the same planet, and we are all of us equally responsible for the happiness and well-being of the world in which we happen to live." The problem now is that as the world's population keeps increasing, it becomes ever more difficult for any one individual to do things to benefit more than five billion people. So, I guess what we have to do is follow the oft-quoted maxim, "Think globally but act locally".

The foregoing is really just my way of explaining to myself, and to anyone else patient enough to read my columns, why, with all the other commitments and responsibilities I have accrued, I now allowed myself to be

talked into being the president of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

I see our Civic Center as a home for various groups of people who are trying to help others lead happier, healthier and more productive lives. I see it as a place where a wide spectrum of performers could practice their arts, enriching the cultural life of the citizens of the Key Peninsula. I see it as a place where people with differing ideas can meet to find mutually agreeable solutions to problems. Unfortunately, I also see it as a place where some people pass by a piece of trash while wondering when someone else is going to pick it up.

And, finally, I see it as a unique challenge to our community. For there are two ways our Civic Center can go. As we encourage more and more people to make use of the facility, we are adding enough wear and tear to an already old building to hasten its demise. I prefer to believe that the more people use the Civic Center, the more they will realize its value to the community and the more they will volunteer both time and money to help maintain and improve this grand old building.

Gig Harbor Writers' Circle

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Mountain Men In The Park

by Hugh McMillan

In scenes straight out of Crow Killer, a great true story of the people who fought over and conquered the Rockies in the days of the pioneers, Key Peninsula's Volunteer park provided the stage for historically accurate recreations of the way it was for America's "mountain men" and the Indians with whom they lived, loved, and warred. Wearing dazzling buckskin pants, shirts, boots and hats, the

latter in a variety of shapes and styles, some 50 devotees to this historical memory turned the park into period dry goods stores, a working blacksmith shop, authentic Indian Tepees, a gunsmith with some genuine antique weapons and some recreations of same, a variety of tents, an expert hatchet and knife thrower and, in general, a rebirth of a piece of America's most romantic, brutal, remote, colorful, adventurous, and dangerous past.



Mountain man Bob Quick checks out a vintage fire arm belonging to KP resident Roland Nease. Photos by Hugh McMillan



Joel Fizette of Maple Valley prepares to enter his teepee during a lull in the proceedings of the Mountain Men at KP's Volunteer Park held August 15th.

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