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In historic move, Civic Center property returned to Civic Center Association

It all happened very quietly: Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation District Commissioners voted unanimously at a January 22 public hearing attended by about 35 people, to transfer the Key Peninsula Civic Center property back to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, the former owners of the property.

The Association was organized in 1956 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) Washington corporation to fund and operate a community center to provide social, recreational and other community needs. Funds to make a down payment and assume ownership of the building and grounds of what was then Vaughn High School were raised. The building was renamed the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The building was purchased from the local school district.

In 1973 the building was deeded to the park district, because of the financial burden of the property taxes. There was a proviso in the deed

stating that the property would revert to the ownership of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association if the park district should be unable to operate the premises for the social and recreational needs of the residents.

After the failure of the last levy, in November of 1990, the park district was again left without funds to operate the building. Ed Taylor, president of the Association, attended a meeting of the park district and requested that the center property be transferred back to the Association. Park District commissioners indicated a willingness to accomplish the transfer after all legal arrange-

ments were completed.

A resolution was then unanimously adopted at the next meeting of the Association on December 12 to accept a quit claim deed and a satisfactory document transferring the property to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

The Commissioners had voted to consider returning the Civic Center to private ownership because the park district was unable to maintain the building. Since the park district received the property in 1973, only four maintenance and operations levies have passed, leaving the district without enough funds either to cover the \$60,000 plus annual cost of operations or to do repairs and maintenance. The annual \$8,000 to \$10,000 income received from user fees covers only a small portion of those expenses.

The testimony given by Henry Stock, longtime local resident, past officers of the Civic Center Association, and past park district commissioners was all in support of the transfer. Some of those testifying had held positions on both boards.

Local resident Jim Penfield, who was instrumental in creating the park district, voiced his concerns about trying to run the center "with no possibility of levy money." He said that although the last levy did not receive the required 60% majority, it did receive a majority of yes votes. Similar notes of financial caution were sounded by former president Bob Schottland.

KPCCA board members expressed confidence in their ability to fund the center. The Association completely funded the center in 1991 through a combination of user fees, fundraisers and donation drives. The Association will be applying for grants, and will be exempted from the payment of property taxes. Association members are now working on new fund drives and fundraisers for 1992.

Civic Center users: reconfirm space reservations

Effective the first of the year, new caretakers have taken over the management and reservation duties at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Any organizations or individuals who have made reservations for 1992 are asked to call again and confirm their space and time reservations. The Civic Center office can be reached at 884-3456.

Citizen of the Year Banquet

Gary Ostlund of the Key Peninsula Lions reported that eleven nominations of fifteen individuals deserving recognition as Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year for 1991 had been received.

All nominees will be guests of the Lions at the Eighth Annual Awards Banquet which will be held at 6:30 pm, Saturday, February 8, 1992 at the KP Civic Center, Vaughn. This year's keynote speaker will be Gig Harbor's Mayor Gretchen Wilbert.

Tickets, \$7.50, or for groups of four, \$25.00, are available at Continental Tire on SR 302 or at Sunnycrest Nursery and Puget Sound Bank in Key Center.

"The annual awards," said KP Lions' President Bob Campy, "are recognition of those whose volunteer work has contributed to making Key Peninsula a better place to live, who have helped those in need, who have provided leadership, who have encouraged others to realize their full potential, who, in brief, have gone the extra mile for others."

"We are all winners thanks to the efforts of these caring people. The banquet is to let them know they are appreciated."

This year's nominees are Med and Marie Schwenka, Eleanor Rippon, Marilyn Vogeler, Mary Seidelman, Tim Kezele, Dave Freeman, Fred and Mary Ramsdell, Bev Pedersen, Tracy Manning and Kriket Stephenson, Nat Knox and Judy Wilson, and Dee Adams. *see pages 12 & 13.*



School levy election February 4

VOTER TURNOUT IS A BIG CONCERN

by Megan Aprile

The Peninsula School District will be asking for operating funds for the next two years in the February 4 election. In order to validate the levy, 6,000 total votes are needed, almost twice the required number for the last levy election. The number of voters required to validate a levy is determined by the voter turnout at the last general election. Turnout was high in the November 1991 election because of the abortion and "death with dignity" issues. If not enough people vote, the district would be left without 20% of its budget, and would have to pay additional election costs for another ballot offering.

The district is asking voters to approve about \$7 million for 1993 and about \$7.5 million for 1994. The amount of money local districts can ask for is limited to about 20% of state and some federal education funds. In general, state monies provide for salaries and enrollment growth. Local district monies go mainly to operate existing programs. Each operating levy replaces the previous levy. The estimated tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation should be around \$6.06 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 1993 and \$5.90 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 1994. The rates for the last levy were \$5.48 for 1991 and \$4.83 for 1992. Peninsula ranks near the bottom in M & O levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Voting booths around the peninsula will be open from 7 am to 8 pm.

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We regret that, due to reasons of space, the remainder of the Cecil and Margaret Paul interview will not appear in this issue, but in the March issue.

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Feb. 18
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Feb. 24**

Material received
after the deadline
will not appear in
the paper.

Preschool Skating

Sunday roller-skating at the Key Peninsula Civic Center is available for children of preschool age up to grade two in school.

Skating begins at 2 pm and lasts until 3:30 pm each Sunday from January to May.

The program will be managed



by members of Cub Scout Pack 213, according to Wendy Dolly, (shown above), a Tiger Cub mother. The leader of the pack is Marion Bates. Cub Scouts assist in the operation of the program. Several three and four-year-old children have been observed gliding around the floor.

The charge is \$1.50 for children and parents skate free. Each child must be accompanied by a parent. For additional information, call Wendy at 884-4302.



Missing equipment

Civic Center caretaker Nick Nichols has been informed by the karate class leader that the class's practice kickbag is missing. During the ten years that karate has been taught at the center, the kickbag, which is grayish in color and resembles a stuffed army duffel bag, has always been stored at the center.

When last seen, the kickbag was near the piano on the stage. If you have accidentally taken it, please return it, as it is an important piece of equipment for the karate students. Call 884-3456 if you can help.

Civic Center Finances

1991 Rental Income & Expenses - Unaudited

Rental Income	8487.00
Insurance,	
Permits	7119.00
Fuel	4337.00
Utilities	4881.00
Caretakers	12,000.00
Benefits	2000.00
Supplies,	
Repairs	
Maint.	4700.00
Capitol Imp.	15,664.00
Total Expenses	50,701.00



New care-takers named

Nick and Marcy Nichols have been named as new caretakers of the Key Peninsula Civic Center and have moved into the caretaker's quarters from their home in the Palmer Lake area.

Nick has an extensive mechanical background and has skills in several trades including carpentry, plumbing and electrical troubleshooting. Marcy has experience as a food service manager with numerous office skills. They are both busy with organization of the maintenance and record-keeping activities needed at the center.

Civic Center roof repair planned

The building and grounds committee of the Key Peninsula Civic Center is busy making plans for the repair and replacement of the roofs on both buildings at the center.

Fund-raising activities have commenced and the committee is pleased to announce they have received a pledge of \$2,000 from an anonymous donor to be applied toward material costs. Additional funds are needed and contributions can be mailed to the Key Peninsula Civic Center at P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394.

The committee members are: Dave Freeman, chairman; Ann Larson; Mike Salatino; and Nick Nichols, Civic Center caretaker. Freeman stated, "We have an urgent need to accomplish these repairs as the leaks are causing internal damage." Visitors to the center have often seen parts of the gymnasium ceiling flutter to the floor.

Those interested in contributing time or materials can reach Dave Freeman at 884-2313.

Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Officers

Ed Taylor, president	884-3600
Stephanie Zampini, past president	884-9821
Dave Freeman, vice-president	884-2313
Terry Thomas, secretary	884-4685
Ann Larson, treasurer	884-3562

Civic Center Calendar of Events

Jan., FEB., Mar. 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			JAN. 22 BINGO 6:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING PK. BD. 7:30 PM	23 SENIORS 11-4 PM BASKETBALL 5:30-7 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	24 gym walk 8-10 AM SKATING 6:30-9:30 PM	25 P.A.A. BASKETBALL 9 AM-3 PM
26 BEGINNERS SKATING 2-3:30 PM VOLLEYBALL 4-6 PM AA 7-9 PM	27 BASKETBALL 5-7 PM	28 gym walk 8-10 AM WIC 8:15-4 PM B.BALL 5:30-7 PM T.O.P.S. 6-8 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	29 gym walk BINGO	30 gym walk 8-10 AM SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA	31 gym walk SKATING HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING 2-3:30 PM	FEB. 1 P.A.A. BASKETBALL
2 RENO NITE TRAINING-3 PM SQUARE DANCING 4-6 PM VOLLEYBALL AA	3 BASKETBALL GRANGE 6 PM ABATE 7 PM	4 gym walk W.I.C. BASKETBALL T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	5 gym walk BINGO	6 gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA	7 gym walk SKATING	
9 VOLLEYBALL AA	10 BASKETBALL VFW 7 AUX 7 PM KPCCA BD. MTG. 7:30 PM	11 gym walk W.I.C. BASKETBALL T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	12 gym walk BINGO PARK BD. MTG. 7:30 PM	13 gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA KPCCA MTG 7:30 PM	14 gym walk HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING 2-3:30 PM SKATING 	15 P.A.A. BASKETBALL 
16 VOLLEYBALL AA SQUARE DANCING 4-6 PM	17 BASKETBALL	18 gym walk W.I.C. BASKETBALL T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	19 gym walk BINGO	20 gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA	21 gym walk SKATING	22
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Special to the NEWS:

an eyewitness report

The Loch Ness monster was seen by dozens Saturday morning coming on shore near the Civic Center, according to Alan Heaven, a visitor here from the Anacortes area. Alan, who works in an auto body shop and inhales lots of on-the-job paint fumes said,

"At first I thought it was the mermaid I spotted two weeks ago, but when I put on my glasses I could see it was Old Loch himself." Local resident Henry S. added,

"Yeah, I saw it too."

The monster came onto shore and climbed up the reader board post at the Vaughn Civic Center to read the announcement about the next Key Peninsula Civic Center

Association meeting.

"Then," said Civic Center caretaker Nick Nichols, "the town marshal pulled up and said, 'What seems to be the trouble here?'"

"Everyone in the crowd pointed to the monster," said Mike S., "but the officer acted like he didn't see it and gave us all a weird look."

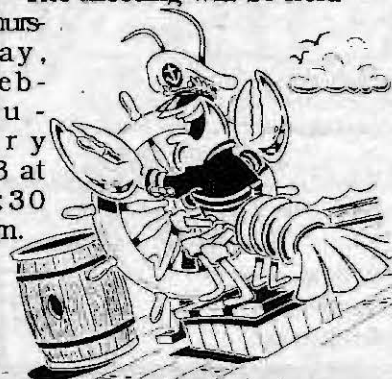
Civic Center Association President Ed Taylor, when asked about why the sea monster was interested in the reader board said, "It must be because of all the interesting things that are going on at the Center what with the property transfer, new roof plans, Reno Night training, new caretak-

ers and Henry's button sales efforts."

He added, "All residents of the Key Peninsula are members of the Association and are invited to attend the meeting and vote on the issues. I guarantee it will be interesting what with the sea monster and all."

The meeting will be held

Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm.



December's crossword puzzle answers. Sorry, no puzzle this month, but look for one in the March issue.

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4 Civic Center Aging and Long Term Care office staff changes, but office will stay open

The Pierce County Department of Aging and Long Term Care will keep its office open in the Vaughn Civic Center despite budget reductions and staff changes. The office provides information and assistance to persons 60 years of age and older at no charge.

Duane Dailey, a case manager for the county during the past two years, will be increasing the time he spends on the peninsula. Mr. Dailey will be available, by appointment, three days a week at the Civic Center office and can also schedule home visits. He replaces Karen Hudson who had assisted seniors in the Peninsula area over the last four years.

Persons wishing to discuss problems or concerns can call the Civic Center office at 884-9833 or toll-free at 1-800-642-5769.

Jim Updike will continue assisting at the Vaughn office and delivering frozen meals to home-bound seniors each Friday. Persons interested in the Home Delivered Meal Program can call the American Red Cross in Tacoma at 597-7309.

ASHES rummage sale - clean out your closet

The ASHES, (Auxiliary to Fire District #16) are planning a rummage sale for Saturday, April 11. Set-up for the sale will be Friday, April 10. Hopefully, the fire station remodel will be completed by then, and the building will be open.

If there are any changes concerning the rummage sale, they will be published in the NEWS. In the meantime, ASHES will be looking forward to your donations of good, clean, usable articles. Thank you!

During remodeling, the ASHES have been meeting at President Sally Cornman's house at 17305 Hall Road in Vaughn. The 1992 officers are President Sally Cornman, 884-2565; Vice President Gail Bonn, 884-2124; Secretary Alice Palmer, 884-3882; Treasurer Coretta Van Antwerp, 857-7607; and Sunshine Chairwoman Darlene Brown, 884-3091.

Anyone wishing to join the ASHES is welcome; a potluck is held at each meeting, which is on the first Thursday of the month at 10:30 am. Normally, the meetings are held at the Key Center fire station. There are no dues.

Key Dates

~BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS~

Allyn Comm. Assn. Feb. 6: 7:30 am breakfast Allyn Inn
8 am meeting

KPBA Feb. 7, 21: 7:30 am Huckleberry Inn

~CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS~

Angel Guild Jan. 28: 10 am KC Library/Brones rm.
Feb. 25

ASHES Feb. 6: 10:30 am - potluck Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime Feb. 6: 7 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

Cootiettes: Feb. 11: Cottesmore
Feb. 18: Retsil Veterans Home
Feb. 25: Naval Hospital - Bremerton

meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot
Feb. 20: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore Room

Longbranch Imp. Club Feb. 19: 7:00 pm - potluck Longbranch Imp. Club.
7:30 pm - meeting

KPCCA Feb. 13: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

KPCS Board Feb. 11: 7:30 pm Community House - Home

KP Comm. Services Feb. 24: 7:30 pm Community House/Home???

annual general meeting; elections for board positions

KP Lions Feb. 5, 19: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn - Key Center

~COMMUNITY SERVICES~

Adult Literacy classes Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm Purdy Fire Station
sponsored by Altrusa 857-2633 - info

CPR classes Feb. 6: 7-10 pm 884-2222 for reservations

food bank Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm Community House - Home

hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon " " " "

respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm KC Library/Brones rm.

sewing classes Tuesdays: 1-4 pm KC Library

W.I.C. Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment

~OF INTEREST TO PARENTS~

Peninsula School Board Feb. 13: 7:30 pm ESC center/Board rm. - Purdy

KPMS Activity Nights Jan. 24; Feb. 7, 21: KP Middle School

For KPMS students - Basketball & pickle ball; music, dancing, crafts & food.

.50 admission or bring a can of food for the food bank.

~PUBLIC MEETINGS~

KP Fire Com. Feb. 12, 24: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station

Future Planning Feb. 12: 7:30 pm KPFD Headquarters

Committee meeting; public is invited Key Center

KP Park Board Feb. 12: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

~SELF HELP GROUPS~

AA Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm KP Community Services;

Sun.: 6 pm; Lakebay

Narcotics Anonymous Tues. & Thurs.: 7-8:30 pm KPCC/downstairs

Single Parent Support Group Feb. 4: 7 pm Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359

T.O.P.S. Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 KPCC/VFW rm.

mtg. 7-8 pm

~SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS~

ABATE of Wa. Feb. 3: 7:30 pm KPCC

Bayshore Garden Club Feb. 21: 1pm Longbranch Imp. Club

program: Judy Tauscher - "Perennial Planting & Care"

Peninsula Neighbors Feb. 12: 10 am Longbranch Church

Ruth Circle Feb. 17: noon Longbranch Church

Senior Society Thursdays: noon KPCC/Whitmore rm.

foot care and blood pressure

Upper Sound Grange Feb. 3: 6:30-9 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

Vaughn Garden Club Feb. 19: 10:30 am

at the home of Lee Stiles; program to be announced

VFW & Aux. Feb. 10: 7 pm KPCC/VFW rm.

~EVENTS~

Citizen of the Year Feb. 8: 6:30 pm KPCC/gym

Awards banquet sponsored by Lions Club

Community House Feb. 16: 8 am - 1 pm Community House, Home

Breakfast adults \$3/kids \$1.50


Longbr. Church Potluck Feb. 20: 6 pm Longbranch Comm. Ch.

Watson Benefit Dance Feb. 15: 6 pm-midnight KPCC/gym

music provided/donated by Gig City band

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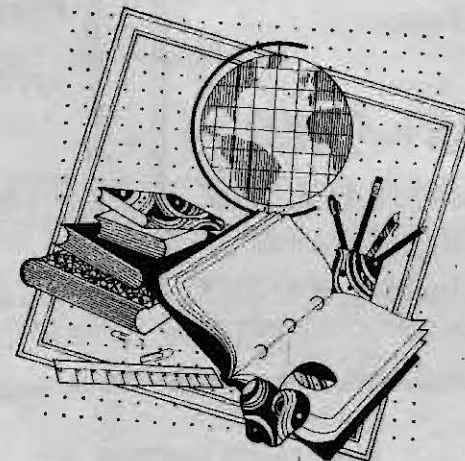
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Contributions are being solicited from donors interested in supporting the maintenance and operating needs of the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Contributors receive a receipt for their records and those giving amounts equal to \$25, \$50 or \$100 receive buttons suitable for wearing. Heading this effort is Henry Stock

(shown at right) who can be reached at 884-3739. Call Henry who will be glad to pick up your donations. Henry could also use some help in picking up contributions.



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Mail donations to: KPCCA, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394. Checks may be made payable to KPCCA.

Thank you for helping support the Civic Center!

Local fire district's plan

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Fire Department invites the community to attend the final session of the Future Planning Committee on February 12, 1992, at its Headquarters Station in Key Center at 7:30 pm.

This will also give the public an opportunity to look over the newly renovated station building which has been brought into conformity with building codes over the past few months of construction.

The department wishes to express its gratitude to Chairman Dave Freeman and members of the Committee, Ross Bischoff, Ruth Bramhall, Ken Buck, Bob Cole, Jim Larson, and Ron Quincy who devoted countless hours over the past eight months to bring the study to fruition.

During the course of its preparation, committee members, staff, and commissioners visited all of the department's facilities, examined equipment, and most importantly, predicted personnel needs for the next five,

ten, and beyond years to meet the growing demands the Department faces.

The final document, over half an inch thick, will be available for examination by the public at the Key Center Headquarters building. For information, call 884-2222.

Readerboard

Happy Valentines Day
xox

available for your special message

The downtown Key Center readerboard is available to rent for \$10 per day for personal messages. The rental money is donated to the Civic Center Association. If you would like to help the Civic Center and send a message at the same time, please call Sunnycrest Nursery at 884-3937.

Benefit raffle and dance to be held for Watson family



Don Tjossem, manager of Puget Sound Bank, Key Center branch, stands next to the wooden statue carved by Roger Shepherd, which is currently on display at the bank. The statue is being raffled off, and the proceeds will be donated to the Patty Watson family. Two family members were recently killed in a boating accident.

Tickets, which are \$2, can be purchased at many local businesses, including Sunnycrest Nursery and Marty's Clip Joint.

A dance benefit (see story on page 20) is also being held.

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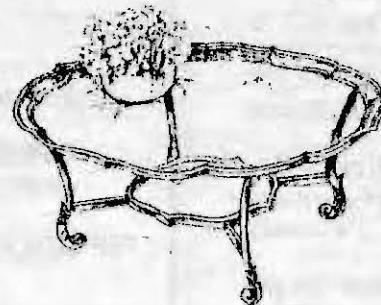
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The Aging Advisory Board is the primary link to those in need of aging and long term care services, and has a central role in planning and fund allocation, advocacy efforts, program monitoring, and enlisting and reviewing consumer input.

For an application, contact the Pierce County Department of Aging and Long Term Care at (206) 591-7219. Return applications to the Department of Aging and Long Term Care, 8811 South Tacoma Way, #210, Tacoma, WA 98499, by January 31, 1992. Appointments are subject to approval by the Pierce County Council.

HS student art competition

The Congressional High School Art Competition for 1992 is underway, and all high school students residing in the district are eligible to enter.

Artwork must be an original concept, two-dimensional, and no larger than 32 inches framed. The deadline for all works is May 1, 1992, when all entries will be judged and one selected to represent the district. The winning work will be displayed in the U. S. Capitol.

Representative Norm Dicks is serving again as honorary chairperson for the Sixth District for this national competition. For further information, call Representative Norm Dick's Washington D. C. office at (202) 225-5916.

Help people learn to read

Altrusa Adult Literacy will be training volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adults needing to improve basic reading, math and writing skills.

The free training will be held in Gig Harbor at the end of January and the beginning of February during the evening.

For more information, please call Marilyn Perks at 851-6552.

Volunteer for C.A.R.E.

The Chemical Abuse Resources & Education center needs student interns/volunteers to assist with CARE-calls and a variety of other agency duties. Hours count toward qualification as a chemical dependency counselor. Call Marina at 572-CARE for further information.

Help the local food bank

The up-coming February 24, 1992, annual general meeting and elections will be held to fill one Board position recently left vacant by the resignation of Barbara Henderson whose current schedule does not permit her to, in her words, "give the Board the time I feel it deserves."

Two other Board positions, currently occupied by Earl Saxer and Rhys Wood, will be up for re-election. Those wishing to run for these offices may obtain applications at KPCS, Key Peninsula Highway and Hoff Road.

All residents of the Key Peninsula are considered members of the KPCS. Those eligible to vote for the above-cited Board positions are members who have contributed at least ten hours of volunteer service, or \$50.00 in cash, or items valued at \$50.00. Exceptions are made for those physically or otherwise unable to contribute.

The Board also learned that food supplies are uncomfortably low. Donations of food or money will be gratefully received.

An agreement has been made with the Church of the Vineyard which will be serving free lunches to those in need every Sunday from 2:00 - 3:00 pm for the foreseeable future.

For information, call 884-4440.

Classes

Reno Night training class

Anybody with an interest in being trained as a dealer for the Key Peninsula Civic Center Reno Night is invited to attend a training session to be held at the Civic Center on Sunday, February 2, at 3 pm.

Experienced dealers in Blackjack will be on hand to offer advice and training. Reno Nights are held twice a year with the next session scheduled for the evening of April 4.

The Association is also looking for someone experienced in running a craps table and President Ed Taylor would like to hear from anyone experienced in such an activity. Taylor can be reached at 884-3600.

Additional information about the Blackjack training can be obtained by calling Mike at 851-4556 or Nick at 884-3456.

Intervention Classes

If you are concerned for family members, friends or employers who abuse alcohol, cocaine and/or other drugs, free intervention education classes are offered by the staff of Puget Sound Hospital located at 215 S. 36th in Tacoma.

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Interim zoning still on, citizens groups still planned

by Ann Hartman

The new year did not bring new zoning regulations to the Key Peninsula. A temporary zoning plan, in effect on the peninsula since 1989, was extended through 1994 by the Pierce County Council last November. The plan was set to expire in December.

"It would have been nice if the county could have started working on a permanent plan by now," said John Nichols of Citizens for Key Peninsula. But the interim plan is serving us adequately for now."

The current interim zoning regulations mandate a two and one-half acre minimum lot size, prohibit commercial building outside of existing commercial lots, and recognize a 50-foot buffer zone on each side of Highway 302 from Devil's Head to the Macon Bacon landmark.

County planners and local residents were supposed to begin drafting a more comprehensive (and permanent) land use plan last year, in accordance with state law. The state has mandated that each county must develop its own land use plan by July 1, 1994, but lack of county staff postponed the planning until recently. Chuck Gorden, special assistant to the county executive, said interested citizens will begin meeting regularly with county planners, probably around the end of February.

A 31-member citizens advisory group already has met several times. Members are council appointees and represent the entire county. Paul Alvestad, Jr., is a representative from the Key Peninsula, which will have its own "chapter" of the county comprehensive plan.

The citizen's advisory group will get its information from smaller advisory committees on the elements. The 10 elements of the county's comprehensive land use plan are: rural, urban, economic development, land use, transportation, housing, utilities, environmental and critical areas, capital facilities and community plan integration.

Any Pierce County resident can serve on these volunteer committees. If you are interested, write to Chuck Gorden, Growth Management Planning, Pierce County Annex, 2401 S. 35th, Tacoma, WA 98409. For more information, call Gorden at 596-2747.

Tree cutting limited by new County rules

by Ann Hartman

If you're thinking of cutting trees on your property, you might have to cut through some red tape first.

Since last July, Pierce County planners have been closely watching development in our area. In an agreement with the state Department of Natural Resources, the county broadened the scope of its timber-cutting jurisdiction to all Key Peninsula property except state-owned land or tree farms.

The agreement, initiated by County Councilman Paul Cyr, eliminated Class III (cutting on parcels of 40 acres or less, with no plan for future development) timber cutting permits.

Now, all Class III permits are reclassified as Class IV, which assumes the land will be developed at some point. The county has jurisdiction over Class IV permits to protect against erosion, denuding and wetlands degradation, for examples.

"The cutting of timber now has more stringent requirements in Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula than in any other part of Pierce County," said Paul Cyr, District 7

councilman. District 7 covers the Key Peninsula, Anderson Island, Gig Harbor and North Tacoma.

The area covered by the agreement includes Gig Harbor and Fox Island as well as the Key Peninsula. This area is designated by the state and county as land likely to be developed within 10 years.

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Shane will be hospitalized in Seattle about five months in all. His parents will also need to be in Seattle for those five months. Medical insurance will cover most of the medical expenses, but the costs of temporary housing in Seattle and maintaining the family home on Herron Island will run into thousands of dollars. The Cupps have already sold their business, cars, a previous home and many other things to pay for the costs of Shane's care to this point.

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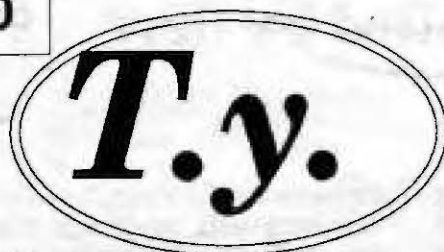
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It's important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices will appear in "T.y.," which is short for Thank You. If you would like to thank a person or group for their work, contribution or generosity, send your letter to the Key Peninsula NEWS, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. The deadline for each issue is on page 2.

We would also like to thank all the people who placed change in the containers that were in businesses throughout the area. Sincerely,
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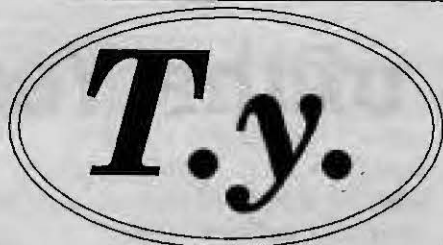
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Henry Stock

To Steve's Produce:

The ECEAP preschool parent group wishes to say thank you for donating the beautiful Christmas tree. It was very appreciated.
Laural Marquis, President of ECEAP Parent Group

To The Supporters of The Vaughn School Food and Toy Drive:

The Vaughn School Food and Toy Drive was another huge success! Over 1,700 items of food, toys, clothes, yarn and money were collected. The school was able to provide a substantial

amount of food and gifts for thirty-four children this year. That is over twice as many as past years. Another large amount of food and toys was also donated to the Lakebay Community Service Center. The yarn that was collected went to the Purdy Women's Correction Center to be made into blankets for the homeless.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Vaughn students, parents, community members, and staff. Christmas was considerably brighter for many! Thank you all!
Julie Blair

Many Thanks for the Wonderful New Years Eve Party:

Ninety courageous souls came out New Years Eve to say good-bye to 1991 and welcome in the new year. They had a great time dancing and listening to the band with all the old tunes. The breakfast at midnight was excellent! Our thanks go to Al Larsen, Dave Dahl, Keith and Lee Stiles, Harold and Alice Schlecter, the group from Community Services who put on the breakfast, and all those that stayed after the dance and helped to clean up. It was a good party, and next year all of us should plan to go and have a good time.
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Beverly Pedersen

Employed as secretary at Fire District Headquarters in Key Center for ten years, Beverly serves above and beyond what is required of her. Bev never loses her cheerful personality in dealing with those in need. A professional-quality artist, she makes beautiful signs for the annual Pioneer Day parade. She volunteers for the annual Halloween party for children. She has helped with the KPCCA annual fund-raiser, Flavor of Fall, and, this year, together with husband Andy, even fed the pig for the banquet to get it in shape for roasting.



Eleanor Rippon

Eleanor Rippon is known throughout the KP community for her caring ways. She is a volunteer with Respite Care at the KP Health Center. She donates her time and/or money to play the organ and/or piano for local churches and civic groups. She has taught at a school for native Americans in Alaska; tutored and helped set up a school for migrant workers in Texas; and worked at several hospitals or schools along the Mexican border. The Rippons have six children, four of whom live on the Key Peninsula.



Mary Seidelman

Mary Seidelman has been a long-time supporter of the Key Peninsula Civic Center and the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. She worked hard on the reorganized 1991 Park District levy. She sold hundreds of dollars worth of Pioneer Day raffle tickets for the Association as she does almost every year. She has also been very active at Key Peninsula Community Services, working many hours at the food bank.



Marilyn Vogeler

A tireless worker for Citizens Against Crime (CAC), Marilyn Vogeler has headed CAC's telephone committee. Given illnesses, vacations, and other assorted absences, this is no mean task. She pulls a full eight hour shift every week at the Purdy Sheriff's office. She has also served as CAC Vice President. During the summer of 1991 three day picnic on Key Peninsula by motorcycle groups, it was Marilyn who organized a group of CAC volunteers to provide snacks, lunches, and soft drinks to the large number of County-wide law enforcement personnel who were here to ensure that there would be law and order. Marilyn is just always on the job and one of the first to be called to help.



Long time Key Peninsula residents Fred and Mary Ramsdell hold a close tie to the community. Fred, a Battalion Chief, spends many hours working with the Pierce County Fire Department on the Peninsula. Mary, who has served as a volunteer firefighter for many years, has also served as a volunteer fire chief. The Ramsdells are always here for the annual Pioneer Days, Reno Nite, Flavor of Fall, KP community Christmas tree lighting, and Mary as "Santa and Mrs. Claus" for many hours to bring the joy of the season to the children.

Nat Knox and Judy Wilson

(no picture available)

Retired registered nurses living on KP, Nat Knox and Judy Wilson are both members of the VFW, Cootiettes, and the KP Sportsmen's Club and serve, or have served in elected positions. They were instrumental in the establishment of the KP Health Center and Clinic Board, are involved with the operation of the Angel Guild Thrift Shop in Key Center, sorting, pricing and when necessary taking items home to wash and prepare for return to the shop for sale. They often work in the Civic Center kitchen on bingo night and at other times.

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Nominees for 1992



Fred and Mary Ramsdell

Residents and devoted KPF D members combined total of 43 years of service as Fire Chief, has given many volunteer hours to the County Road Committee planning for KPF D's Support Services Secretary, Firefighter/EMT since 1973, and goes the extra mile as volunteers supporting Pioneer Fire Station #11, in support of the KPCC, and at the award ceremonies. Some know Fred and Mary as "the Ramsdells" as they volunteer many evening hours to the KP's youngsters.



David Freeman

Dave Freeman, an architect, lives in Vaughn with wife, Becky, and has served three years as KPCC Vice President. He served on the September 1991 Emergency Medical Services levy committee, and was Chairman of the KPF D Future Planning Committee. It is possible, but unlikely, that anyone other than Dave could have provided the leadership to pull off this excellently prosecuted task.



Tim Kezele

Tim has served as Key Peninsula Park District Commissioner and later, chairman, both unpaid positions. He has had the difficult job of getting the district through a financial crisis. He has worked untiringly to keep Volunteer Park operating in the black, and has worked closely with sports organizations to encourage more local sports play on the Peninsula. He has also given lots of support to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, and has worked hard towards maintaining a smooth working relationship.



Medrick and Marie Schwenka

"Med" and Marie Schwenka have been community supporters for as long as most of us can remember. Med served the Key Peninsula Fire Department in many capacities.

Marie was instrumental in creating the ladies KPF D auxiliary, the ASHES, which has for years held fund-raisers in support of the volunteer firefighters, and has been active in the Cootiettes and the Senior Society.

The Schwenkas are always available to help those in need with home repairs, especially widowed or low-income women. Both have been avid supporters of fire department and Key Peninsula Civic Center fund raisers and are always there behind the scenes lending a helping hand.



Cricket Stephenson and Tracy Manning

Key Center Tavern have never failed to respond to any individuals in need. They permit the KPCC/VFW fire-truck to run it. The VFW Veteran's Assistance Van has been used for many years. One day, they raised \$1,300 to support the KPCC. When a baby was born to a bereaved family. A one week old baby needing care. This was just a few of the many examples of their work for the community.

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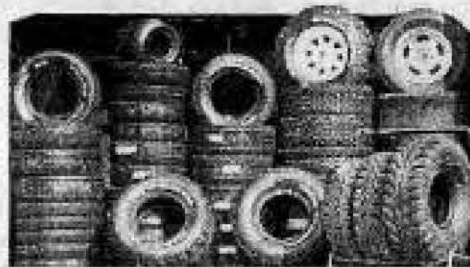
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by Stella Retherford

It is January, 1918. Captain Bert Bernston, with his wife and baby, and a friend Arthur Alberg, arrive in Lakebay from Tacoma after a "long, miserable" winter trip aboard the *Thurrow*, a forty-five foot gas boat.

Bert, now Captain of the *Thurrow*, had given up a good job to take her over. The venture was not immediately successful and Arthur Alberg withdrew. Bert stuck it out and things improved. In 1921 Lorenz and Berntson Navigation Co. bought the steamer, *Sentinel*, at a sheriff's sale. She had operated between Tacoma and Seattle for many years, and was known for her speed and sleek beauty. The *Sentinel* was an eighty-five ton, hundred and two feet wood-burning steamboat, built in Tacoma by Crawford and Reid Shipbuilders for the Hunt Brothers in 1898. She first served on the Seattle-Tacoma East Pass Route, then on the Quatermaster Harbor, Gig Harbor and Seattle run which ended in 1902. A.M. Hunt took over the *Sentinel* and sold it in 1905. She became an important part of life on the Sound in the 1920s.

Home residents loved all their regular boats and captains, but in my time, the *Sentinel* held a special place in our hearts. We sympathized and wished her well as the fog horn sounded its complaining notes while rounding Rocky Point. Captain Bert was listening for the reassuring echo from the cliffs to indicate his margin of safety.

After nosing gently to the wharf with cut engines, Jim Ulsh would

expertly toss the hawser loop over the piling, jumping lightly onto the dock to double and secure the loop. With his ready smile and good-natured banter, he was often referred to as "Cowboy" by his admiring passengers, as he expertly lassoed pilings.

Jim would swing back onto the boat to slide the gangplank down to bridge the gap from the cargo deck to the dock. When the tide was very high, passengers had to board by walking up to the cargo deck and then up stairs to the passenger deck. During a very low tide, passengers boarded by walking down the sloping gangplank to the hurricane deck. Moderate tides allowed boarding directly onto the passenger deck. Jim gave each passenger a hand as they crossed the green water on the cleated gangplank with no railing. With docking completed, he'd release the rope with an experienced flip; a short pull on the whistle rope by Captain Bert, and the *Sentinel* was off across Carr Inlet for Arletta.

The late afternoon arrival of the boat was an important event in the villagers' day. With a firm long whistle, Captain Bert alerted folks

to the arrival of the boat. The afternoon's activities climaxed with the arrival. Children would run to greet her and many people felt it necessary to see who and what had arrived. In summer, the arrival of the boat signaled the end of the day for the children; it was time for dinner when the boat came in.

On calm days, Bert steered his vessel with his head and elbow out of the window of his wheelhouse. On rare occasions he'd invite children

into the wheelhouse to touch the great varnished wheel, watch him ring the shiny brass bell or push the brass handle around to signal engine speed to the engine room. Many times he held school exercises as he listened to a recitation of the presidents of the United States in order, or heard multiplication tables. Captain Bert was a highly respected father figure and children adored him.

To a child, the fire drill was an impressive part of steamboating. After the Day Island stop, the hour long trip around Point Defiance and into Commencement Bay was long enough for the drill. With the sharp insistent ringing of the fire bell, all hands rushed to their fire stations. Passengers stood to watch this performance. Running deck hands dragged canvas hoses along the deck to attach to outlets. Great brass nozzles were manned by deck hands, ready for the pumps to be turned on, forcing great sprays of sea water back out into the bay. Then, moments of quiet attention while Captain Bert stepped from his wheelhouse. The drill was over.

Although we didn't know it as children, it would not be long until the steamboating era was over.

The *Typhoon* operated on the Tacoma, Hale's Pass, Home, Lakebay run until 1903 when she was sold to Matthew McDonald and rebuilt as the *Dove* to be used on the Tacoma, Seattle and East Pass route. In 1916 she was bought by the Washington Tug and Barge Company of Seattle and cut down into a tug. In 1924 she was taken to Shoalwater Bay by Captain Reid and abandoned soon after.



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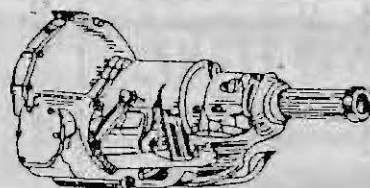
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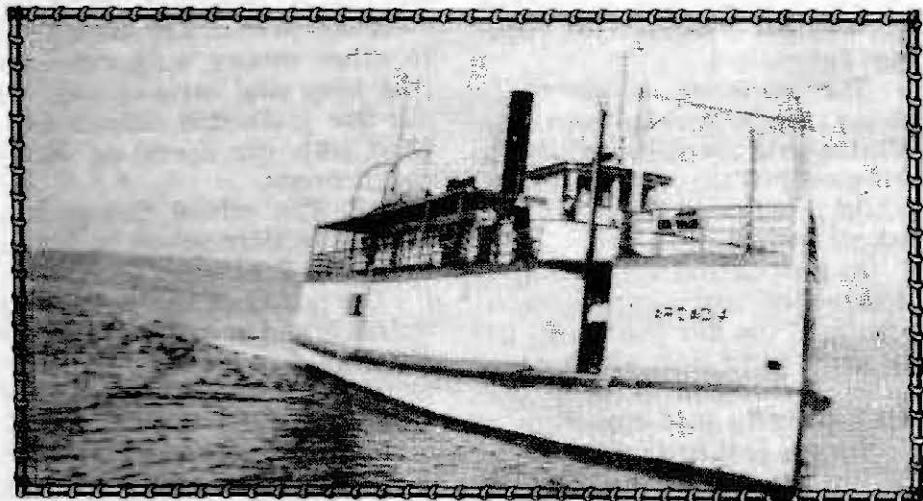


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Captain Carl Lorenz died in April 1907, but his sons continued the steaming tradition the four of them had established. They served and owned about thirty boats during their careers. The *Tyconda* was sold in 1914 to Captain Holbrook and Associates and taken to Stikine River, Alaska, where she burned in 1915.

Typhoon II was built in 1910 for the Lorenz Brothers' Henderson Bay - Tacoma run. She was 91 tons and 92 feet long. In 1914, she was sold to the West Pass Transportation Company and completely remodeled to emerge as the *Virginia III* to join the *Virginia II* on the Seattle-Tacoma West Pass route. In 1922 she was acquired again by Ed Lorenz and renamed *Narada*. She was put on the Seattle-Port Ludlow run, but was laid up a good deal after 1930. She served briefly as a passenger boat to Bainbridge Island under the name of *King Salmon* in 1942 and 1943.

Only four small steamers were built after 1920, the *Vashona*, *Virginia V*, *Arcadia* and *Concordia*. Captain Bert retired in Lakebay for a few years, but came out of retirement to become First Officer on the Tacoma ferries, *Defiance*, *Skanson* and *City of Tacoma*.

In 1947, Captain Bert bought the 50-ton capacity steamer, *Burro*, from Lloyd Hund to operate on the Gig Harbor and Lakebay co-op. Bert knew the old steam engine was on its last legs, so he installed a 65 hp Caterpillar marine diesel engine. The *Burro* served for a period of eight years. In 1955, Captain Bert, one of the last of the independent "mosquito fleet" vessel owner-masters of the Puget Sound, retired after sixty years of navigating its waters. His little steamer was withdrawn and sold to the Puget Sound Excursion Lines.

In 1929 Lorenz and Berntsen Navigation Co. had the *Arcadia* built, using *Sentinel's* engines and boilers. During the period of changeover of the vessels, the passenger freight steamer, *Concordia*, served the run. She was 99 feet long and quoting Mrs. Berntsen,

"When finished and inspected, she was allowed to carry three hundred passengers and one hundred tons of cargo. Her estimated speed was twelve knots. She was operated by two licensed men; the captain and engineer, with one fireman and two deckhands. She burned

wood, many cords daily. The wood was furnished by local people living in the Lakebay and Home area. Later we converted to oil, which made the fireman happy, not having to stoke the hungry fire box."

In addition to her regular week-day Lakebay to Tacoma run, the *Arcadia* ran many excursions to Olympia, Poulsbo

and Gertrude on McNeil Island, before the government acquired the entire island.

The post World War I period saw increasing labor costs and declining revenues for most steamboats on the Puget Sound. Captain Bert became ill, and Captain Ed took over the *Arcadia* until he too became ill. Both were in the Marine Hospital at the same time, visiting one another.

Captain Ed died on Dec. 15, 1942 and Oscar Lorenz inherited his brother's half interest in the *Arcadia*. He sold the boat, which had cost over \$25,000 to build, for \$8000 to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. She was renamed the *J.E. Overlade* and used to carry passengers and freight for about five years, before they sold her to the Puget Sound Excursion Lines of Seattle, who renamed her *Virginia IV*, identifying her with her running mate, *Virginia V*, in the excursion fleet.

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Letters

To the editor:

The Key Peninsula Fire Department wishes everyone on the Key Peninsula—health and wealth during the year! Those two ingredients will make it a happy one.

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To the editor:

There was a rumor (an all-out lie) going around about me in which it was said I have "AIDS." Because of this I elected to go in for an AIDS test and the results were negative.

Please feel free to inspect the test results, which are in the barber shop (Marty's Clip Joint) for anyone to inspect during my business hours of Monday, 9 am to 5 pm; Tuesday, 9 am to 6 pm; and Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm.

Marty Sorlie, Marty's Clip Joint

To the editor:

This is a letter addressed to all the registered voters of the Key Peninsula concerning our school levy election scheduled for Tuesday, February 4.

The message is simple... please take the time and make the effort to go to the polls on that day and vote "yes" to support our local school program in the Peninsula School District.

As your elected representative to the school board for the greater portion of the Key Peninsula, let me share some facts with you:

1. Peninsula children are being offered a good education.

For the past several years our district has been either first or second in the achievement scores when compared with all other Pierce County school systems of similar size.

2. Your tax dollars are being handled with care.

The excellent achievement scores mentioned above have been accomplished with one of the lowest tax rates in all of Pierce County. In the school year of 1991 our district had the very lowest rate of the eight major districts of Pierce County.

3. This is not a new money issue, and it is not in addition to any other M & O money levy.

This is simply a replacing levy, which will pick up as the operating levy that we passed two years ago runs out. In that, it is very similar to other money authorizations that keep vital services such as our fire protection district supplied with the operating funds that it needs.

4. The school district has brought modern school buildings to the Key Peninsula.

The school at Minter Creek is almost brand new, Evergreen Elementary has been completely modernized and improved, Key Peninsula Middle School is very new and recently expanded, and an entirely new school building will open at Vaughn in September of this year.

5. The Peninsula School District provides excellent school bus transportation to the children and young people of the Key Peninsula. Our buses log over a million miles per year in serving our district at an exceedingly low cost to the taxpayers.

6. The school district provides a wealth of co-curricular activities for young people in programs ranging from debate and drama to athletic team experiences such as football, soccer, basketball, swimming, wrestling, track, tennis, cross-country running, and much more.

7. Our young people from the Key Peninsula are finding personal success on a national scale while working within our school programs.

Just last year Peninsula High School had a Presidential Scholar, and the PHS Outlook newspaper was named "Best in the Nation." We had a national winner in the "Invent America" program from Vaughn Elementary School, and the district's "Odyssey of the Mind" teams have scored wonderfully in national competition.

8. Currently the Peninsula School District employs approximately 1,000 teachers, custodians, bus drivers and other members of our community, either full or part time, to serve the educational program. Many of these employees make their homes on the Key Peninsula and, in turn, contribute to the welfare of our community.

These are some, but not all, of the reasons that justify your support for the school district's operation at the polls on February 4.

The funds from that levy will allow us to at least maintain our programs in the face of our rapidly growing enrollment.

This is a vital need as our young people of today receive their education to become our voting citizens and leaders of this country tomorrow.


Keith Stiles, School Director,
Key Peninsula District 1

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In the library

Dr. Scott Cochrane, a local resident and philosophy instructor at Pierce College, will explore the inherited traditions of value and meaning that form the foundations of our lives in a presentation called *The Myths We Live By* on Wednesday, February 12, at 7 pm. He will focus on the contributions of Joseph Campbell, and illustrate his points by showing excerpts from contemporary films. Dr. Cochrane's book, *The Mythic Dimension of American Classic Film* will be published early this year.

An exhibit of original watercolors by Sandra I. Newhouse will be displayed through February. Sandy majored in art in college, but it was not until 1984 that she discovered her love for watercol-

ors. Since then she has studied with several artists, and her work has been shown in Tacoma, Seattle, Gig Harbor, and in many local shows throughout the Puget Sound area. Sandy lives at Vaughn Bay.

Bear Tales, a series of stories for the entire family, will be presented by Rebecca Bolin on Saturdays, January 25, February 1 and February 8, from 2 to 3 pm. Following Bear Tales will be a sharing time of tea and homemade breads, favorite stories and thoughts about bears.

Preschool storytimes for ages 3-5 will be held each Friday at 10:30 am, through March 20. Please register in person or by calling the library at 884-2242. Storytimes for young children lay a foundation for future reading and introduce your child to the library in a friendly way.

infuses from the patch causing a steady level of nicotine in the bloodstream. The patches are available in three strengths, and would generally be tapered over a 6 to 8 week period.

Since the product is brand new, none of us has much experience with it, but the studies are promising, and with your willpower to quit, this may give you that extra help.

There are bound to be some side effects; certainly local irritation from the patch may occur. People with some illnesses, (insulin dependent diabetics and patients with unstable heart disease would be two examples), may not be good candidates for its use.

If you're a smoker and interested in keeping this year's resolution about quitting, ask your doctor about this new prescription drug.

Along with the Key Peninsula Health Center's Board, we will be sponsoring a session on February 5 at 7:30 pm in the Brones Room at the center to discuss the patch and explain its use. If you're serious about stopping cigarettes, plan on coming down and learning about this new technique.

Some explanation is necessary before you can receive a prescription, which is the only way currently available to receive the patch. I will be happy to write prescriptions that night for any of my regular patients. If you are seeing another physician, we can work out something with your provider.



To Your Health



by Dr. William F. Roes MD

If your 1992 New Year's resolution was to stop smoking and you need a little help, one of the pharmaceutical companies may have a product to help you achieve your goal.

I'm talking about the just released "nicotine patch," a new product that slowly releases nicotine through the skin from a plastic patch, or more technically a "transdermal therapeutic system" or TTS.

Nicotine is the newest drug to be incorporated in this type of delivery system, previously used for blood pressure medications, hormones and anti-seasickness remedies.

Nicotine is the component of cigarette smoke that appears to cause the physical addiction of smoking, and use of the patch seems to significantly reduce the physical craving for cigarettes.

The manufacturer recommends stopping smoking totally when the patch is first applied, as it is possible to overdose on nicotine, which is, after all, a poison in larger doses.

The idea is that a tiny amount

To the editor:

Hopefully this letter will serve as a reminder for people to get out and cast a 'yes' vote for schools on February 4.

I'm voting yes because I believe we live in a very special community and one of the reasons for this belief is the quality of our schools. We have one of the best school systems in the state.

Our schools not only provide our kids with an education, but also provide many activities that keep their bodies and minds active after school.

We all benefit from what our schools do for our community. Please vote yes. Thanks.

Claudia Loy
Vaughn




Vaughn artist Sandy Newhouse with one of her watercolors. Sandy, Lois Tucci and Ann Carlson operate Gallery Row in Gig Harbor. They also teach classes at the Gallery.

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Newly elected Commissioners Gary Guintoli, Marcia Edwards and Marie Rock are sworn in by Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Chairman Tim Kezele.

Year End Report for 1991

Revenues

Civic Center	\$1972.01 - 1991 rent
Concessions	1863.50 - Little League concession fees
Soccer	159.08 - soccer fees
Adult League	9660.00 - Adult slo-pitch playing fees
Little League	3900.00 - Little League playing fees
Co-ed League	640.00 - Co-ed League playing fees
Civic Center	605.45 - 10% of Civic Center rents
Insurance	6505.14 - Civic Center Assoc. share of insurance
Light Fees	150.00 -
Tournaments	1280.00 - money from fundraiser tournaments
School District	91.44 - 1/2 of expenses for mobile home set-up
Contributions	<u>160.00</u>
Total	\$26,986.62

Expenses

Wages	\$6400.00 - Volunteer Park caretaker's wages
Employee Benefits	2216.94 - state and federal
Supplies	2154.48 - adult slo-pitch season supplies
Professional Services	80.00
Insurance	11,304.00 - insurance on park & center
Phone	301.52 - phone at Volunteer Park
Power	2079.03 - power at Volunteer Park
Garbage	763.71 - garbage at Volunteer Park
Maint and Repairs	2649.42 - lime, repairing damage
Misc	203.00 - miscellaneous expenses
Umpire Fees	3455.00 - co-ed league fees
Total	\$31,607.10
Net Loss	\$4,620.48

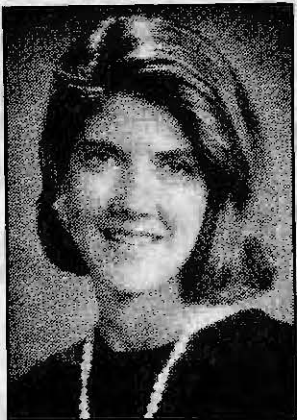
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Switchbacks, etc.

As time rolls on, a new language develops, leaving a gap between generations. Such may be the case with the word switchback. We commonly use it to describe a zig zag road winding up into the hills, without thinking much about its origin. Those who came over the mountains on the switchback railroad really did ride

on a train that painfully climbed the hills by actually switching back and forth on tracks laid one above another up the mountain.

Each track was laid to angle at a reasonable grade, always upward. When a track reached the end of its travel, there was a switch so the train could be moved to the next track which again would gain some altitude, or lose it, depending on which way it was headed. At the switching point, the train would run past the switch so the last car could move in the opposite direction to the other end of the section of track, where the operation was repeated until the train was able to continue as desired.

Plainly that was a slow way to get over a mountain. A man would manually change the switch so the train could reverse onto the next track at each change of direction. Part of the time the train was running ahead of the engine; the rest of the time it was behind. Compare that switchback with the same roadbed as a highway.

Cars and trucks whizz back and forth on the angled roads, easily making the wide turns at the ends of the switchbacks, gaining or losing altitude in a fraction of the time that it took our ancestors, but we still call them switchbacks.

Key Peninsula Business Association News



The Key Peninsula Business Association has been actively involved in community work since it was formed in 1986. Over the years, the Association has held community events, like the Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the October Ciderfest. It has sponsored the annual Pioneer Day parade since 1987 and has 'adopted' two miles of SR 302 for clean-up, as well as holding two clean-ups along the entire length of SR 302 and the Key Peninsula highway.

In addition, the Association has given direct financial support to organizations like the Key Peninsula Little League and Fire District 16's Santa Route.

The Association is now in the process of re-focusing its goals as an organization, with more emphasis on business-related activities and on offering programs of interest to business people, while retaining



President LaVonne Cartwright invites you to join and get the benefits of KPBA membership.

its most worthwhile civic projects. New members, with new ideas and interests, are needed. Any business owner or representative is welcome to attend, or to call Don Tjossem at 884-9345 for information. Annual dues are reasonable.

The present members, including representatives of Puget Sound Bank, Tacoma Telco and the Key Peninsula NEWS, represent most of the established businesses on the Peninsula and offer many opportunities for networking and other business contacts.

One important new change already adopted by the Association is the meeting format. Meetings are held twice a month, on the first and third Friday. The first meeting will be the business meeting and will be at 7:30 am at the Huckleberry Inn in Key Center. Join us for the second meeting, on February 21, featuring guest speaker Gordon Wohlfeil, executive director of the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce, who will speak on networking. The meeting will be held at noon at Michael G's in the Key Center Corral.

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Vice-prez Glen Pszczola is 'calling' on you to share your business' future with KPBA.

tax tips ... by R. Marvin Keizer

We are now entering the time of year when tax preparers face their busiest season. To make it easier for both you and your tax preparer, take the time to get your papers in order. Make sure you give all the information to him or her. You do not want to pay the IRS any more than necessary. If your tax preparer has a tax organizer available, ask for a copy for you to fill out. It makes his job easier but also helps you to remember all the legal deductions and income you should report. I do have a few extras on hand. If you would like one, give me a call.

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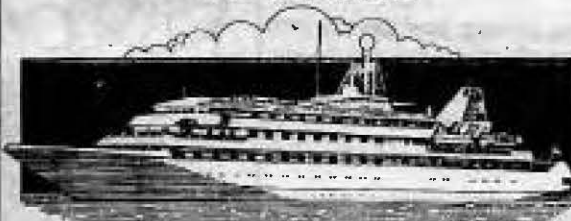
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Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of our Peninsula friends and neighbors...

Christian Thomas Myers

Christian Thomas Myers, an infant, died on November 25, 1991 in Seattle. Christian was born on October 16, 1991 in Tacoma and was a Gig Harbor resident. Christian is remembered by his family as "Our little angel; he stayed long enough to touch our hearts before he died."

Christian is survived by his parents, Sheri Lynn Reyes and Thomas Edward Myers of Gig Harbor; grandparents, Pauline and Felix Reyes, Jr. and Marilyn and Joseph Myers, all of Gig Harbor; great-grandfather, Felimon Aragon of New Mexico; great-great-grandmother, Clorinda Aragon of Colorado; uncles, Jeff, Jim, and David Meyers, and Vincent Reyes; and his aunt, Sharon Anderson.

Services were held at Haven of Rest Chapel. Remembrances may be made to Children's Orthopedic Hospital, P. O. Box C 5371, Seattle, WA 98105.

Benefit dance to be held for Watson family

Vaughn residents Jim Watson and his fifteen-year-old son were recently killed in a tragic boating accident in Westport. A committee of concerned citizens, chaired by Sharon Moore, have scheduled a benefit dance to help members of the family, who are in need of the help and support of the community.

The dance will be held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on February 15 at 8 pm. The *Gig City* band has donated their services for the entire evening and all proceeds will go to the Patty Watson family. Tickets are available at most Key Center businesses or by calling Sharon Moore at 884-2298 or Rhys Wood at 884-2539.

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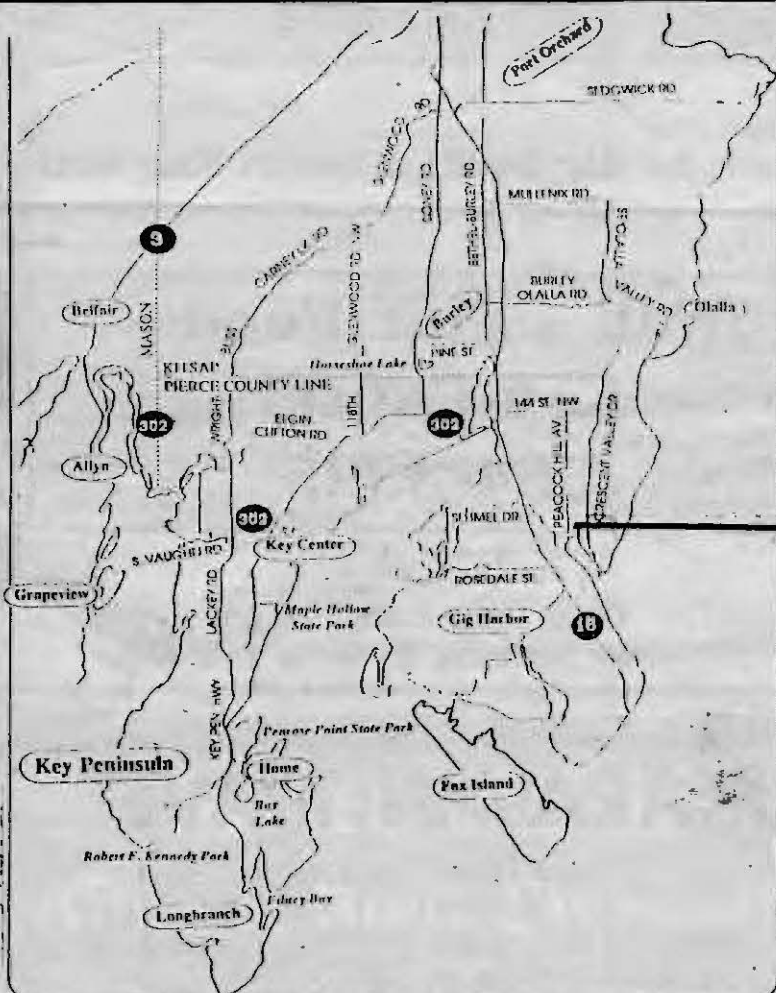
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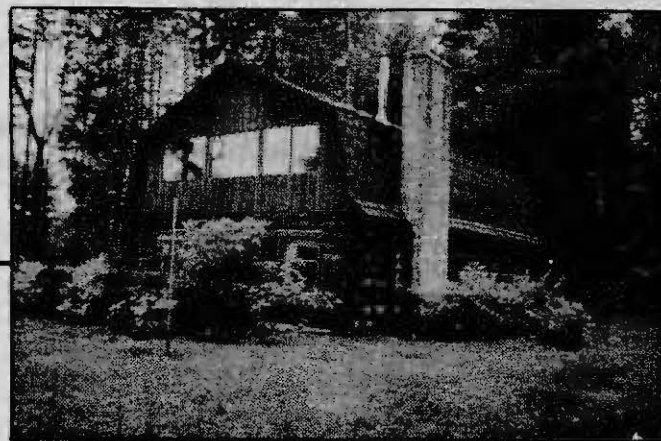
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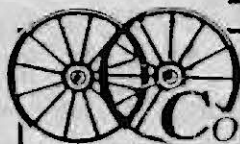
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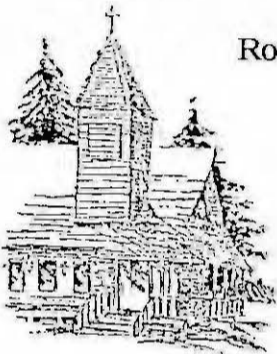


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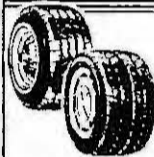
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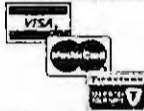
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Due to medical reasons, **Doug and Joanne Blundell**, owners of **Blundell's Longbranch Chowder House**, have announced regretfully that they are leaving the restaurant business and will not reopen the Chowder House. Doug told the NEWS that "We're sorry we had to do it, and sorry to inconvenience people. After nine years we had a lot of loyal customers and we just hate to let them down. The restaurant is for sale."

Local realtor **Joyce Tovey** has successfully completed courses leading to the prestigious GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute) certification. The GRI designation is awarded to realtors who complete 90 hours of continuing education course work. The program, certified by the National Association of Realtors and designed by the Washington Association of Realtors, offers professional real estate practitioners the opportunity to further their knowledge and skills.

Joyce is owner and broker of **Colony Real Estate** in Key Center and is a member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Realtors, Washington Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

We'd like to welcome the following new advertisers and local business owners:

Attention shoppers - your "everything" store has opened in Key Center

Frank and Jan Dickson have recently opened **Frugal Fare** in Key Center. The store carries nicer used furniture, antiques or "anything else at the right price," according to Frank. Business has been great, and "the acceptance we've had by this community has been way beyond our expectations," he continued. Frank invites all 'junkers' and 'tiquers' and similarly minded folk to stop by often as the stock changes continually. Frank says the "regulars stop by on Friday morning to check out the new items. Most of the store merchandise is purchased from estate sales, auctions, and 'somebody selling everything.'" The store also buys items. Although normally things are purchased, Frank will begin carrying used tack soon, on a consignment basis.

The Dicksons have been on the peninsula since the early '70s. When they sold their previous business, they decided to try doing something they loved to do; finding used treasures and dealing with people. Frank says the couple is not out to build a fortune, just "trying to be fair, and keep ourselves off the streets." Frugal Fare is located in downtown Key Center, on the hill be-

hind the Key Center service station.

Lake Kathryn Village is home to new clothing store

Chuck and Felicia Radziski have opened the **Focal Point**, featuring affordable family clothing in Lake Kathryn Village Mall. Focal Point is stocked with name brand clothing for men, women and children, including some infant things. The shelves are stocked with our local lifestyle in mind, with sweaters, jean jackets and jogging suits for men; and casual and work clothes for women. There is also a selection of earrings and other jewelry and accessories. Children's clothes are available in a wide range of styles as well.

When the Radziskis (pronounced Rad-ZIS-key) say affordable, they mean it. Felicia says "75% of our stock is \$20 or less. We are going to be increasing stock soon, especially in our men's department, so stop by and let us know what you would like us to carry. We are here to serve you, and we'll go out of our way to find that item that you're looking for." Although Focal Point clothing is reasonably priced, quality is important. "We're really pleased with all the things we've ordered," said Felicia. "If we're not, we send it right back."

The Radziskis live in Lake Holiday and opened the store because "we just decided there

was a need to fill out here, and so many people have to commute to get to work. On the weekends when there's limited time, they don't want to drive back over the bridge again."

Pet grooming with a difference

Debi Hanna and Judi Crowley have recently opened **Priority Pets**, a pet cleaning service. Debi and Judi would love to groom your large (50 lbs. and over) dog, a hard-to-find service. Debi and Judi say "All dogs are special and all get individual attention." They also do small animal grooming, so if you have a cat, ferret or Vietnamese pig that needs grooming, local service is available, and Wednesday is small animal day. Work is by appointment only, Monday through Saturday; they are located near Purdy Realty.

They don't do fancy cuts, just basic grooming and offer "very low prices," according to Debi, who added, "We meet your standards." They give discounts to law enforcement personnel, firefighters, handicapped and seniors. They also offer pick up and delivery service for housebound seniors.

"Most groomers don't want to do dogs over 50 pounds, so we decided to do it ourselves and have an in-home business," said Debi. Debi and Judi were both nurses who wanted a career change, and say that their business has worked out quite nicely since its opening in October.

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Around the Key Peninsula

Weather Kiosk at Purdy spit

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photo by Hugh McMillan

A housefire on New Year's Day gutted a Vaughn area home. The fire was accidental.

Three firefighters, KPFD Battalion Chief Tim Lemon among them, sustained minor burns from flashovers which result from extremely high temperature build-up causing blow-torch-hot explosion-like burst of flame across the full ceiling of a room. Lemon said the structure was fully involved when firefighters arrived.



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- ✓ DO NOT go near or try to move wires. A wire on the ground can carry sufficient voltage to cause death. Stay clear of fences, telephone or cable TV wires. They may be charged with electricity. Leave the handling of downed wires to experienced Peninsula Light crews.
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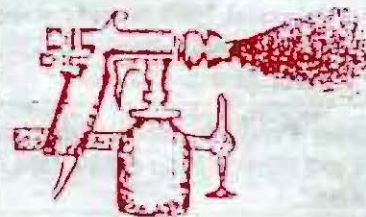
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Lakebay resident Andy Rebsamen will be performing on tuba, Patricia Spaeth on accordion, and Longbranch residents Steve and Kristi Nebel on guitar, madolin and bass, with vocals by all. Peninsula residents may have heard music from the groups' album, *Longbranch*, on Keith Stile's morning show on KGHP radio, or on NPR's syndicated Sandy Bradley Potluck Show.

Daniel Altig enlists

Daniel Martyn Altig has enlisted in the United States Army's Delayed Entry Program which allows an individual to join the Army, secure his/her guarantee, and delay their actual departure date for up to 365 days.

Altig has enlisted as a Light Wheel Mechanic. He will leave for basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on March 24, 1992.

He is a 1990 graduate of Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, and is the son of Charles and Peggy Altig of Milwaukee, Oregon.