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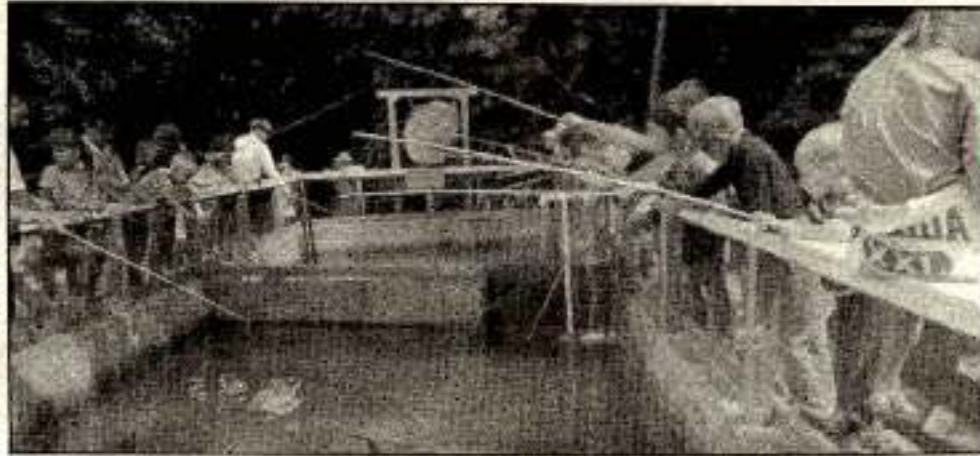
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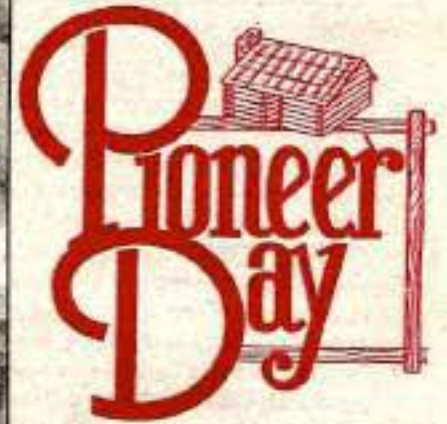
Inviting a fish home for lunch from  
the BOMAC Fish Pond.

### Still Looking For Help, Pioneer Day Two Months Away

August 3, 1996 is just two months away and there's plenty of room to help in some way with the Key Peninsula's biggest event.

As you may or may not know, the parade which winds from Key Center to Vaughn starts the one day event at 10:00 a.m. Fred Ramsdell is again this year's contact person. The theme is "Education, the Key in Key Peninsula." Supporting our schools after its recent levy success will give a good start to the school year.

At the Civic Center, look for new and old displays, plus all day entertainment. There will be food served all day.



The Down Home Band tootling their way down the  
parade route to the Civic Center.

### Fire Stations #3 And #5 Invites Everyone To Open House

Saturday, June 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon new fire station #3 at Home, and at 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. new station #5 near rocky Bay on Wright Bliss and Route 302 will hold open house and dedication ceremonies.

The Key Peninsula Fire Department cordially invites everyone to join us for these auspicious, long-delayed events

## Flavor of Fall

Spring has barely begun, but some of us are already thinking autumn as in FLAVOR OF FALL. The auction and dinner is the Key Peninsula Civic Center's biggest fund-raiser and is in its ninth year! The planning committee has just met for the first time. October 5th is the date this year. (Mark your calendar - you know how fast it fills up!) The theme this year will be: *La Fiesta - South of the Border Flavor.*

Here comes an invitation to all of you to participate, even before the actual date, by becoming a part of the committee! We have lots of fun

and it's a great way to get to know new people. We need people in many different capacities, so please call either Claudia Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery (884-3937) or stop by to see her. You can also call Sharon Miller at 884-2536. The next meeting will be in July. Donations will be gratefully accepted from now on. As soon as we get a written donation, the donor's name will appear in the next issue of the Key Peninsula News. Hope to hear from you soon, either as a donor or as a potential committee member.

## President's Message

With sun and warm weather somewhere in the future, we start to think of being outside more and enjoying the great Northwest. The center can still help with your leisure time needs. Our tennis courts are there to use, also basketball, horseshoes and the big toy.

Our board of volunteer supporters meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitmore Room. We would like to see additions to our cause at the center.

Have a good summer.  
Tim Kezele



## Under My Hat

by Irene Zimmer  
Facility Manager

June is busting out all over and we're already planning the events of the fall! The first meeting of the Flavor of Fall committee met last week to begin building the October event. They need volunteers and donations. Why not join them?

VFW Post #4990 is having the big fireworks demonstration on June 22nd at dusk in the Civic Center parking lot. Come and see the fireworks that will be available for sale at the booth in Key Center from June 28th at Noon through the 4th of July.

A hard decision has been made by the Key Center board concerning the distribution of the Key Peninsula News. Because of rising expenses, (as of September 1, 1996) the paper will not be mailed to all the homes on the Peninsula. Instead, the paper will be available at regular points around the local communities. This decision was difficult, as we have all gotten used to getting the News in our mailboxes. On the down side, many papers have been discarded by the uninformed right at the Post Office! Those of you loyal readers who wish to insure the delivery of the Key Peninsula News can subscribe at \$10 per year. This will guarantee delivery every month. On the up side, this will allow us to distribute papers to a larger area, including Gig Harbor proper, Shelton, Allyn, Belfair and Port Orchard. By closing one door, we're opening another by providing a wider area for readership! A list of pick-up spots around the Peninsula will be printed each month.

The Summer Fun program begins on July 8th and runs through August 15th. The Children's Home Society has an interesting program planned with a variety of activities. For more information, please call 884-5433.

We have a new lawnmower! The board has purchased a brand new Craftsman mower and it works great! It's not a riding mower, and the field out back takes a lot of

walking and pushing, but it beats not having any at all and having to rent one every week.

You'll find a copy of The Destination, the yearly publication put out by the Key Peninsula Business Association, inside your paper this month. Take a look at it - it's well done and very informative about the local history and places to go and see. Kathy Hale was in charge of the production, with help from Fred & Mary Ramsdell and many others who contributed articles and photos.

Don't forget that Pioneer Day is coming! August 3rd is the big day this year. If you want to participate in the parade, the fee is \$2 if paid before July 15th. After that, it's \$5. Fred Ramsdell is organizing the parade again this year and the Civic Center is going to have a float! If you'd like to work on it, let me know by calling 884-3456. Stephanie Zampini is organizing the booths and you can reach her at 884-9821. Tim Kezele is the chairman of the whole thing and Howard Reynolds is in charge of the Beer Garden. The theme this year is "Education - The Key in Key Peninsula". Come join us! Applications for the parade and booths are in this month's paper. The forms are also available at the Civic Center in the newsroom.

We're looking for a new janitor/custodian. If you'd like to apply, send a resume to the Key Peninsula Civic Center, P. O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394. The job is 30 hours a week, \$6.50 per hour, and includes grounds maintenance.

Don't forget the KPCCA Board Meeting on June 13th. We'd love to have you come and help us keep the Center running smoothly by giving us your ideas and input! The meeting begins at 7:30 pm in the Whitmore Room.

The Historical Museum is open every Thursday and Saturday from 1 pm to 4 pm. See our local history come to life!

See you next month!

### Key Peninsula Civic Center Executive Committee

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For information about the Civic Center, phone 884-3456

### "Briefly Speaking"

by Rogers S. Wilson

"For all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these: It might have been". -John Greenleaf Whittier-

There has been much criticism in comment and print of the mother of Jessica Dubroff, the 7-year-old dubbed a pilot by the public and the media and whose life was tragically ended in the crash of the airplane she was riding in several weeks ago. I describe her as riding in the airplane because she was not, either in the legal or factual sense, a pilot. She sat in the left seat behind a set of controls which were identical to those of her flight instructor.

It is inconceivable to any pilot, and I am counted in that fraternity, that Jessica was flying the airplane at the moment that she came to grief, or even at the take-off if the weather has been accurately reported. The decision to take off, and most certainly the take-off itself, was made by the instructor pilot who sat in the right seat next to Jessica.

The instructor can and should be legally blamed for dashing his airplane on the rocks, but let me say a few words in his mitigation, if not his defense. For those among us whose view from an airplane depends on whether we get a window seat, looking from the cockpit would teach a lesson. Many airline trips judged safe from seat 24A start with a windshield full of angry clouds and pelting rain. Pilots routinely take off in such conditions, anticipating a turn away from threatening weather. There is a saying among pilots that it doesn't hurt to take a look. Okay, sometimes it does. However, in defense of that attitude, an airplane or a car wouldn't have much utility if we parked it every time it rained.

The blame for whether Jessica

## In Praise Of Courage

should have been where she was seems unfairly to have focused on the mother. The thinking seems to be that fathers have no say in such things, forgetting that this father did have a say, and he said it with his life.

But what of a parent who makes such a choice? Should she, as some have suggested, be criminally prosecuted for placing her child in harm's way? Whatever one might think about the propriety of the decision, legal sanctions aren't likely, and they shouldn't be. Our laws have accorded great deference to parental rights and have given parents wide discretion in making choices for their children. In our own state, parental rights are constitutionally protected and are based on the right to privacy and the goal of protecting the family unit. While a parent's rights are not absolute, they are strong and absent of reckless behavior - - which this was not - - the government ordinarily will and should stay out.

On the other side, there is something to be said for courage. While a less rigorous life is adequate for many, Jessica's parents wanted more than to have her marry and produce two children who work at the car wash. I am convinced that those who go on to push boundaries are marked early, and I cannot but feel that a child who accomplished such a feat, pilot or not, would always feel compelled to dream big dreams and do bigger things.

While I have no proof, it just might have been that at seven years of age Bill Gates faced a task that no seven-year-old had yet done, and a strong and slightly eccentric mother said, "Bill, you can do this."

### KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER

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or classes in the main building.

# LETTERS

Letter to Editor

Dear Citizens,

The Pierce County Council will hold its annual meeting in District 7 on the evening of Tuesday, July 16th, at 7:00 pm at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. In addition to our regular business agenda, I invite you to mark your calendars and take this opportunity to meet your county legislators and participate in local government. We look forward to meeting you. Sincerely,

*Karen S. Biskey*

Karen Biskey  
Pierce County Council Member,  
District 7

Letter to the Editor

On behalf of all of us putting the pieces together for this year's 100th anniversary of Home, please accept our sincere thanks for the wonderful coverage accorded this once in a lifetime event in the *Key Peninsula News* May 1996 edition. Your generosity will go a long way to making the celebrations a resounding success.

Hugh McMillan,  
Home



## Fireworks Demonstration

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary #4990, in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Civic Center, are again presenting their annual fireworks demonstration. This year's demonstration will be on Saturday night, June 22, 1996 beginning at dusk in the Civic Center parking lot. Fireworks stands will be open starting at noon on June 28th. One stand is located in Key Center and another at Lake Kathryn Village. Come out and have some fun.

DeaBee Blum,  
Publicity Chairman



## Reynolds Roost

by Howard Reynolds

Customer, looking at alarm clocks, to salesperson, "I want one that rings once and then gives up". Franklin D Roosevelt on speech-making: "Be sincere, be brief, be seated".

# KPCCA Minutes

The meeting was called to order by the president, Tim Kezele. It was msc to approve the April minutes as corrected: "After discussion, it was unanimously voted to honor the September motion to sell the property to Wilma Haines." It was msc to accept the treasurer's report. The insurance proposals were discussed and it was msc to accept the proposal from Tom Taylor Brokers. We will have better coverage, and save about \$2,000 per year.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** The community service workers are busy painting, doing yard work, cleaning, etc. Our janitor will be leaving the end of June, and ads will be run to find a replacement. The new lease agreements have been revised, and copies were passed out to members. The board will vote on approval of these at the June meeting. A meeting has been set for May 20 at 9:00 a.m. between HUD, the furnace company and some board members in hopes of getting the furnace problems resolved. It was suggested possibly the board would be interested in showing prize fights from cable pay-per-view on a big screen for the public, rather than having live matches. We will check into that.

**NEWSPAPER:** The paper made a profit this month! The board discussed distribution alternatives to mailing the paper. A committee of Virginia, Sylvia, Mike Coffin, and Shari will study this and report back to the board.

**INDOOR PARK:** This was a great success this year, and Shari is already planning for next September. There has been an average attendance of 15 - 20 children each session.

**SPRING BAZAAR:** There were many vendors here, and a lot of them expressed interest in setting up tables at Pioneer Day.

**FIREMEN'S MUSTER:** The Fire Dept. has asked us to have a booth to provide cotton candy and popcorn. This event will be July 19, 20, and 21.

**SKATE NIGHT:** There have been about 100 in attendance weekly, but this will close for the summer June 21.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Membership is increasing. At noon, June 23, there will be an Old Timer's Picnic and Potluck. The Old Time Fiddlers will be playing also.

Several 4-ft. by 8-ft. mirrors in frames have been obtained free. We will be checking to see how these can be put up for karate classes and the funky footwork classes to use.

**PIONEER DAY:** It was msc to authorize \$500 for the raffle committee to buy items. The next organizational meeting will be June 6 at 7:00 p.m.

**PROPERTY SALE:** The deed is in the process of being transferred.

**VOLUNTEER DINNER:** This is scheduled for June 28. Plans are to have a barbecue/picnic.

**MEMBERSHIP:** We have openings for new members in various areas and welcome anyone volunteering.

The president read a letter of resignation from Ed Taylor.

An article advertising our gambling equipment for rent will be placed in the *KP News*.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Bosch, secretary

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Mother's Day at Key Peninsula Civic Center found the KP Lions Club staging its annual brunch for area moms and their families. Lions estimate that they provided a sumptuous pancake, scrambled egg, fresh fruit, ham, juice, coffee and tea brunch to some 200 happy diners. In the foreground in this photo is Clara Curren who will turn 100 years of age on Pearl Harbor Day this year. She is Key Peninsulan Hugh McMillan's mother and hasn't missed a Lions' Moms' Day yet.

## KEY DATES

### BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Jun 7 - 7:30 am	Home Port Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Jun 21 - Noon	Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
	Jun 25 - 7:00 pm	K.C. Fire Station

### CIVIC ORGANIZATION

ASHES	Jun 6 - 10:30 am	K.C. Fire Station
Cootiettes	Jun 20 - 7:00 pm	KPCC/ Wm. Rm.
KPCCA Board	Jun 13 - 7:30 pm	Civic Center
KPCS Board	Jun 13 - 7:30 pm	Comm. House/Home
KPHC Board	Jun 27 - 7:30 pm	Health Center
KP Lions	Jun 12 & 26 - 7:00 pm	Horseshoe Lk. Rest.
VEW & Auxiliary	Jun 10 - 7:00 pm	KPCC/VFW Room

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes	Call for appt.	851-6552/ Gig Harbor
Angel Guild	Jun 24 - 10:00 am	Brones/KCLibrary
CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY	Family Resource Center Mon. thru Fri.	
	9 am to 4:30 pm Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower level. Call 884-5433	
Food Bank	Tues-Fri. 10 am - 3:00 pm	Comm. House/Home
FREE Brunch	Sundays 2-3 pm	Comm. House/Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors	Wednesdays: NOON	Comm. House/ Home
Also food & clothing assistance: for more info. call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780		
Immunizations	Thurs. 9 am-2 pm	GH Chamber/Comm.
Overeaters Anonymous	Wednesday at 7:30 pm	St. Nichols Church
Penel on the Peninsula Friendship Dinner	Every Sunday 5pm	KPCC/WmRm
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues.&Thurs. 8:30-9:30 am	Comm House/Home
WIC (Womens, Infants & Children)	Tues. 8:15-4:15pm	KPCC/Wm. Rm.
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays for an appointment.	

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Jun 12 & 26 - 7:30 pm	KC Fire Station
KP Park & Rec.	Jun 10 - 7:00 pm	Brones/KC library

### SELF-HELP GROUPS

AA - Mon. & Fri.: 8:00pm	Sat/Sun. : 6:00 am	KP Comm. Services
Caregivers Support	May 9 - 7:00 pm	Library/ Brones Rm
TOPS - Tuesday - Weigh-in	6:15 - Meeting at 7:00 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm.

### SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	Jun 21 - Meeting	Longbranch Imp. Club
K. P. Hist. Society	Jun 6 - 7:00 pm Board Meeting-884-4538 for info.	
Longbranch Imp. Club	Jun 19 - 7:00 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors	Regular meetings resume in September	
LB Fuchsia Society	Jun 6 - 7:00 pm	Library/Brones Room
Ruth Circle Meet	Regular meetings resume in September	
Senior Society Lunch	Thursday - NOON	KPCC/ Wm. Rm.
Vaughn Garden Club	May 15	

NOTE: IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ORGANIZATION LISTED HERE, PLEASE MAIL INFORMATION BY THE 20th OF EACH MONTH TO:  
 DATES - KP NEWS, P.O. BOX 3, VAUGHN, WA 98394

## TOPS News

Our chapter continues to bask in the glow of State Recognition Days where Laural Johnson was crowned Queen of Washington State by reaching her goal weight 107 3/4 lbs. and losing more than any other woman in the state in 1995. We could not be more proud or excited. Our chapter of TOPS at Vaughn has become one of the most successful in the state.

Members have more successes to their credit. This past month we have lost (all together) over 180 lbs!! Some of our TOP stars are: Betty Ostoyich, Jan Glover, Delores Angabright, and Rosemary Brynstad. Jeanne Sagle is very close to her goal. Several members are at half-way to goal.

Our officers and chairmen attended two workshops during May. TOPS provides the seminars to help the new officers get the year off to a good start and provides ideas and guidelines to help all TOPS chapters. Those who were present had a wonderful time. It is always a great time to get together with other chapters.

The next big event will be "TOPS Walks Washington". This was started in our area several years ago and is now being adopted all over the country. As many members as we want to participate will walk one-tenth miles on June 1 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are many walking sites to choose from. Our main group will walk in Port Orchard where the host chapter has a "Wizard of Oz" theme. They'll have the Cowardly Lion welcome us at the start and finish, and start off on the yellow brick road. The walking plan will be kicked off in Washington, D.C. at the International Convention in July. Participants are asking for sponsors for money for miles walked. It is also a fund raiser. Our state legislative representatives will be invited to walks with TOPS delegates. Laural and Frankie Johnson will attend the sessions.

The programs have been out-



Laural Johnson,  
Washington State Queen

standing at our meetings on Tuesday evenings. Cathy Valley hosted a take off on "The Price is Right". It was a ball. There was a skit with TOPS cast, portraying a scale and the many types of weigh-ins including the "stripper", strangler, prayer, and hugger. Lee Johnson presented healthful diet tips.

You are welcome to join all this fun and lose the weight you want to. It is every Tuesday in the V.F.W. room at the Civic Center. Weigh-in starts at 6:00 p.m. The meeting is from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. It is \$16 to join for a year and \$5.00 a month chapter dues. For more information call 884-4102 - C-U-Slimmer.



### Angel Of The Month

new, brighter look of the store.

Bonnie is married and has two teenage sons. Her whole family has frequently been drafted to help the Angel Guild.

This month's halo is a good fit for Bonnie Stinson. She's a powerhouse of an Angel Guild Coordinator, now starting her second year at this demanding job. She has spent countless hours in this endeavor.

She sees to it that the store is stocked and provided with all the necessities for doing business. She trouble-shoots when there is a problem. And she is there at least daily to bring in the bags and boxes of treasures people have left.

She had had a lot to do with the

I would like to thank the beautiful gals who worked so hard on both days at the rummage sale. Thank you all for working at my place on Saturday. We had a pretty good sale, thanks to people who made donations. Thanks again.

Darlene Brown,  
President

### Thank You

## Pastor At Key Peninsula Lutheran Church Retires

The Reverend Richard A. Brandt, pastor of Key Peninsula Lutheran Church retires May 31, 1996. Reverend Brandt served as pastor of the church since 1989 when he was assigned as the interim pastor. The congregation responded by calling him as their on-going pastor, and have enjoyed his gentle leadership and spiritual guidance. "Dick" will be missed by many people in the community where he has been a counselor and friend.

Prior to coming to Key Peninsula Lutheran, Reverend Brandt retired from a 30-year career as an Army Chaplain. After graduating from Pacific Lutheran College, he attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained in 1959 and entered the military chaplaincy. He served stateside in Texas, California, New York, Missouri, Colorado and Washington. During his military career, he received graduate training by the American Institute of Family Relations and was licensed as a marriage and family counselor by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. As a chaplain, he instructed counseling and pastoral care at the US Army Chaplain Center School in New York City. He

also served overseas. In 1968-69 he served as chaplain with the 9th Infantry in Vietnam. He retired with the rank of Colonel from Madigan Army Medical Center in 1989. His career military decorations include 2 Legions of Merit, 2 Bronze Stars, Air Medal and a Citation of Valor in Vietnam.

Reverend Brandt was also active in service to the Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church is a member. He assisted the Bishop in the planning of several Synod-wide assemblies, conducted parish council training seminars, served on the AIDS Awareness Committee and represented specialized ministries such as chaplaincy.

His family includes his wife, Gail and four children: Ross and Alicia of Clearwater, Florida; Amy and Duane Irish of Tacoma; Kari of Tacoma, and Jonathan of Gig Harbor. He has a granddaughter, Kaitlynn.

Key Peninsula Lutheran celebrates a farewell worship service on Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30 am followed by a reception. All friends are invited.

## Vaughn Church Camp

Camp Courageous Where Love is Contagious is the theme for Vacation Bible School at Vaughn Community Church June 24 - 28, 9:00 am to noon. Children 4 years old through fifth grade will have a week filled with crafts, recreation, Bible and missionary stories and refreshments. There is no charge. Registration is recommended by calling 884-2269 or 857-7296 (evening).

## Grace Church To Morning Time

Beginning June 2, 1996, Grace Presbyterian Church will hold worship services at 8:30 a.m. at Miracle Ranch on Horseshoe Lake. Rev. Phil Schiller will preach and serve communion on June 2, and also preach on June 9. Paul Bichay, 27, a Lebanese orphan and currently a campus evangelist, will give the message on June 16. For more information, call 857-4221.

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## Lutherans Install New Pastor

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church installs a new pastor on June 9th at the 10:30 am service. The Reverend Janis L. Otto will become the congregation's fourth pastor since its beginning in 1978. Bishop David Wold of the Southwestern Synod will be the preacher and installing minister at the service.

Reverend Otto has been a resident of Gig Harbor since 1976. Upon graduating from Pacific Lutheran University, she served the Peninsula Lutheran Church of Gig Harbor as director of education and youth ministries for 6 years. During those years she was commissioned as a church staff associate in the former American Lutheran Church.

After leaving Peninsula Lutheran, she attended seminary at Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia and continued on to Princeton Theological Seminary, where she graduated with a Master of Arts in Christian Education. After training in clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma, she attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. There she received a Master of Divinity De-

gree. She was ordained in 1989. The majority of her ordained ministry has been in the specialized role of interim pastor. She has served congregations in Gig Harbor, Puyallup, Parkland, Aberdeen, Enumclaw and Port Orchard in the transition between ministers. Working with congregations in grief and change has been a focal point of her ministry.

Pastor Otto has served the national church and the local Synod as an educational specialist. She has conducted curriculum workshops, teacher training events, and adult education seminars. She is a popular retreat leader and is a frequent Bible teacher at Holden Village, a Lutheran community above Lake Chelan.

Reverend Otto is married to Gail R. Otto, a sergeant with the Washington State Patrol. He is assigned to District 8 in Bremerton.

Key Peninsula Lutheran is located at the intersection of the Key Peninsula Highway and Lackey Road. All are invited to attend the installation.

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# Obituaries



## Marion Lucille Livingston



June Seick

## In Memoriam Of June Seick

It is with deep sorrow we in the Angel Guild note the passing of June Seick.

She was one of our most valued members. She gave so much time and effort to this organization, and through it, to the community. She did every job there is — worked retail, sorted goods, dressed dolls, took complete care of the crafts and sewing department, and other jobs too numerous to mention.

She served as treasurer for two years. Every single Wednesday found her working at the store, and she often worked other days as well.

We are proud to note that her work was acknowledged by the entire community when she was named "Citizen of the Year" by the Lions Club, as nominated by the Angel Guild.

She will be greatly missed.

Marion L. Livingston, 88, a 4-year resident of Vaughn, died May 15, 1996. She was born in Morgan County, Colorado on March 11, 1908, and was a life-long resident of Western Washington. She loved the sea and the Northwest and loved to travel. Her final years were spent living in Vaughn with John and Terry Thomas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kermit V. Livingston and her daughter Rosemary Schell.

Family members include: her son, Sam Livingston, Key Peninsula; grandchildren: Terry Thomas, Vaughn; Paris "Matt" Livingston, Tacoma; Stewert Schell, Seattle; Marie Smith, Gig Harbor.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, May 25th at 1:00 pm, at the Vaughn Community Church, John Hall Road, in Vaughn. Arrangements were by Haven of Rest.

## Did You Know?

### The Opera And The Results

by the Key Peninsula Historical Museum

In 1916, Longbranch was settled by loggers and farmers primarily, the Rickerts, Ottos, Summerfeldts, Guses and the Crevistons along with many smaller families.

Helen Nelson was a zealous 20 year old, first term school teacher. She was beautiful, coming from a quite wealthy family from Vashon Island, and she dressed beautifully.

She had grandiose ideas of bringing some sophisticated culture into Longbranch, so she used her womanly charms to convince the school board to afford her the luxury of an Edison phonograph, at the cost of \$12.00. She promised to repay the board, plus use any extra funds she raised to buy some necessary school supplies which might be needed to further education. The board agreed, so she brought some fine records from home, such music of Schubert, Hayden, Beethoven, Mozart and others. She baked some very fancy cookies at home during her weekend visit and brought the makings for punch, all prepared for her exciting night of opera in Longbranch. She sent home invitations, stating the cost would be 5 cents for adults, with all children 12 and under free. The opera would start at 8:00 p.m. sharp, so farmers could have plenty of time to finish their evening chores.

As the time approached and she and she saw the first family arrive, her excitement and anticipation

grew. She graciously greeted them and showed them to their seats, handing them a program as they seated themselves. Within moments, the small school-room was filled to capacity. When all seats were taken, the young single men offered to stand in the rear.

Helen's eyes sparkled, her cheeks were flushed with excitement as she announced her first piece, Allegro in b flat by Mozart. About half way through, the group in the back decided to see who could get the most attention from the charming school teacher. But their attention tactics disturbed the opera, so much to their surprise, Helen abruptly turned off the phonograph, turned and faced the group of young men. Now her eyes really flashed as she put her hands on her hips and sternly spoke. "If you cannot listen respectfully to the music, I suggest you leave the room immediately." The smiles left their faces and were followed by very sheepish grins as they quietly sat through the rest of the program. The program seemed to be enjoyed by all and as they left to go to their respective homes, Helen heaved a huge sigh of relief and cleaned the room in preparation for the next day of school.

As Helen thought about the pros and cons of bringing opera to Longbranch, she decided they were not quite ready for it yet.

Do you know how Longbranch got its hotel? Next month I shall tell you.

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# White Cane Days



story and photo by Hugh McMillan

The first weekend of every May, members of Lions Clubs take to the streets with little white canes which they encourage folks to wear to indicate support of the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation which provides funds for the Lions' Eye Bank at the University of Washington. The Lions are gratified when folk exchange green paper for those little white canes. It's what makes it possible to help people with sight problems, and for the Eye Bank to have implemented over 10,000 cor-

neal transplants since its founding in 1969.

Here, Key Peninsula Lions' White Cane Days chairman Mike McCowen is assisted in the effort by his son James at the entrance of Wolf's Fine Foods in Key Center.

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# A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

One of the topics that seems to be getting more publicity these days is the proposal to declare English as the official language of the country. Having an easily distracted mind, I began thinking of some of the implications and consequences of such a policy.

When we say "the English language", are we thinking about what they speak in London or Seattle? Are we thinking about what you hear on the street in Brooklyn, Boston or San Antonio? Does it include the jargon of the computer industry as well as comments heard on the baseball diamond?

And what happens to all the words we've borrowed from other languages, in fields as diverse as earth sciences and stand-up comedy? If, for example, we were to discontinue using the Japanese word "tsunami", currently being used by earth scientists, in favor of the more commonly heard "tidal wave", we would be ignoring the fact that these phenomena are caused by earthquakes and have nothing to do with the daily tidal fluctuations caused by the gravitational pull of the moon.

Are we going to disallow other

words derived from foreign languages, such as the Yiddish word "schlock", describing inferior quality merchandise sold in some stores? (We won't mention the name of a major merchandiser seeking to establish a business in this area.)

Actually, English is one of the more difficult languages to learn, because there are so many inconsistencies. Even material run through computerized spelling check software often appears in print with words that are correctly spelled but aren't the words the author intended. "Phased" often appears in print, but the right word would have been "fazed".

Where would English be if it hadn't acquired most of the vocabulary from Latin and Greek? From aardvark to zymurgy, we have adopted most of our language from others. Also, our language isn't static, as new words are added and other words take on new meaning. There's much beauty in our language; will making it "official" make it any more beautiful? Will it make life easier? Can you imagine trying to order a taco without using the Spanish word "taco"?

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## Home Centennial Celebration Home, Washington EST. 1896

By Lori Deacon

Preparations for the numerous events planned by the Centennial Committee are heating up. Regular committee meetings are being held the fourth Saturday of each month through June. They are held at the Home Fire Station at 10:00 a.m. and everyone is encouraged to get involved. The June 22nd meeting will include many of the final preparations for all the events scheduled

for July. Another new event has been added. "The Great Zucchini Race" will take place July 27th. If you are looking for a way to have fun, this is it!

Currently, fund raising efforts are in full swing. The very popular Home Centennial T-Shirt, which displays the artwork designed by Marty Marcus is available for a \$15.00 donation. These are going fast. Also available for \$20.00 is a beautifully made, 3' x 5' American flag. Plans are to have flags flying throughout Home all during the

Centennial year. There is also an official coffee mug available with a commemorative Centennial Logo for \$5.00.

The Centennial Committee has established a budget of \$3000.00 to put on the entire Celebration. All funds will come from the community. The citizens of Home are asked to contribute from \$1.00 to \$100.00 if possible. However, there will be a community garage sale on the weekend of July 13th and 14th. If you have an item that could be donated, with funds going to the Centennial Fund, it would be helpful. Garage Sale forms are available from the Centennial Committee. Otherwise, 10% of the proceeds from individual garage sale locations are requested as a contribution.

Plans for the fireworks will need to be firmed up by June 15th. The Centennial Committee plans to donate \$1700.00 to the Fire Fighters Association who will be putting on the fireworks. Their additional contribution is very significant and generous and it will add to the festivities of the Home celebration.

Keep an eye open around local businesses for "fireworks donation cans". Fireworks are scheduled for July 21st.

A reminder to all local school kids that the Essay Contest entries need to be mailed by June 6, 1996. Check with your school principal for details and prizes.

The celebration is for the community and put on by the community. The greater the participation by all, the more successful it will be. A schedule of events can be found at most local business and in the *Destination Key Peninsula Magazine* published by the Key Peninsula Business Association (available June 5th). The Key Peninsula Business Association is also a co-sponsor of the event and will manage the contribution fund.

Funding is an important key to a successful event. However, the most important factor is community involvement. If you have any questions regarding events or donations, please contact Lori Deacon, Centennial Chair, at 884-4412. Everyone is encouraged to get involved and have fun.

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# Adoption Resource Center Plans Workshops

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**Attention Deficits And Adoption** will be Sunday, June 2, 1996 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Children's Home Society of Washington, located at 3300 N.E. 65th Street, Seattle, WA 98115. The cost is \$20 per person.

Have you been told that your child may have Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)? We will explore what those terms really mean, and why some adoptees may be mis-diagnosed. We will also discuss proven interventions for home and school.

**Adoption For Gay And Lesbian People** will be Saturday, June 8, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Children's Home Society of Washington, 3300 N.E. 65th Street, Seattle WA 98155. The cost is \$25 per person.

A chance to get answers about

family building through adoption, taking into account the concerns of gays and lesbians. The adoption process, agency selection, legal issues, and strategies for success will be covered.

**Introduction To The World Of Adoption** will be held Sunday, June 9, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Children's Home Society of Washington, located at 3300 N.E. 65th Street, Seattle, WA 98115. The cost is \$30 per person.

A workshop for those just beginning to look at adoption. Includes basic information on the process of adoption, selection of an agency, the risks and benefits of private adoption, and how to get started, along with a wealth of materials. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Children's Home Society is Washington's oldest statewide, private, not-for-profit organization serving children and families. Each year the society serves over 12,000 children and parents in communities across the state through 30 service sites.



by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM



## Flea Allergies

Many of us look forward to spring and summer with the expectations of blooming flowers, sunny skies and water time fun. Although our pets enjoy the outdoor activities that accompany nicer weather, they also must face this season's negative consequences, more fleas. For some pets, these fleas pose an added problem. Their bite not only causes a mechanical irritation but a chemical one as well.

A small percentage of our canine and feline pets actually have what is called a flea allergy. In reality, the pet is not allergic to the flea per se, but to the flea's saliva. Before a flea can take a blood meal on your pet, it must inject its saliva into your pet to keep the small amounts of blood it will consume from coagulating or clotting. This saliva contains protein components that are either accepted or tolerated by your pet, or in the case of the allergic pet, are not tolerated and "attacked" by the animal's immune system. The flea allergic pet's immune system produces what are called antibodies to "destroy" this foreign saliva. Although the immune system's intentions are good, the chemicals produced by it's "search and destroy" mission cause the innocent pet a lot of grief. I think those of you with pollen allergies can relate. All the sneezing, wheezing, runny eyes, itchy throat, or coughing, that you may experience are a result of your immune system's response to the dreaded pollen protein.

The flea allergic pet's symptoms are less numerous. They experience severe pruritis or itchy skin. Saliva injected into your allergic pet from

the bite of one flea can cause your pet to itch for up to three days. The severity of this pruritis can vary from mild to severe. Some pets experience only hair loss over parts of their body that they either scratch, lick or rub on inanimate objects. Other pets will not only have hair loss but exhibit small red bumps called papules or small yellow bumps called pustules. These bumps often indicate a secondary bacteria infection we call a pyoderma. Still others may demonstrate a very painful and often malodorous rash called a "hot spot." Cats often manifest small, crusted, millet seed-like bumps that feel rough to the touch and often appear along their backs, rumps, tail head and neck. Dogs with chronic or long standing flea allergies often have thick and blackened skin devoid of hair that erroneously leads people to believe they have "mange." If you've ever seen dogs like this, and there are many in western Washington, chances are they have a severe flea allergy.

Flea allergic pets can be controlled but rarely cured. Why? Because in order to be cured they must never receive another flea bite and that is a tall order.

Next month, I will discuss the treatments used to control flea allergies and a promising new flea control product soon to be available at veterinary hospitals that the manufacturer claims will be very effective for the flea allergic pet. If you believe your pet has a flea allergy that has yet to be diagnosed, see your veterinarian. We can help!

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# Firehouse



# News



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## From the Fire Chief



I am very pleased to introduce the following articles, information and members of the Key Peninsula Fire Department. Our Department is diligently working to be the best, most responsive fire service agency it can be. We are actively and regularly exploring modern, cost effective ways to deliver customer-oriented services to our Key Peninsula citizens. This newsletter edition is one of our recent team efforts to promote open communications and information sharing with the people of our local community.

The members of our Department are committed to excellence in the delivery of emergency services and community support. We are looking at many new and progressive

possibilities to improve our agency's services. As you read the information in these articles I trust you will see how active our employees and volunteers have been in the first months of this year, working on personal and professional development as firefighters and emergency medical providers.

Our community continues to grow and as it does demand on the fire department will both increase and become more diverse in nature. Our organization recognizes the responsibility we have to accept the "motion" around us and learn to adapt to changes in our local environment. In this process, we are committed also to continue the delivery of service in a competent and caring fashion, with a focus toward personalized, customer service.

This year, 1996, is characterized by us at the firehouse as the: NEW YEAR - NEW ERA!! Our Department has a rich history. We want to continue the traditions that benefit the organization and construct a future that will assure success and prosperity for the entire community. YOU are important to us and we would appreciate hearing your views on our progress, our goals and our fire, rescue and medical services. You are welcome to write, call, or stop by the Key Center Fire Station to tell us your thoughts. Thank You. Gary G. Franz, Fire Chief

## Eureka!

by Hugh McMillan,  
Fire Commissioner (ret.)

Once upon a time ... November 3, 1992, to be exact ... in a not too far away country ... the Key Peninsula to be exact ... the voters made available to their Fire Department \$3.8 million with which it was intended four identical new fire stations would be built to replace four old ones no longer meeting Department, County, State, and Federal standards.

It seemed reasonable at the time to believe that the stations would be ready for occupancy and to do the Department's business within at least two years and that they would be built well within budget.

That was before the awesome, awful hands of bureaucracy set upon us with costly mandates, permits, taxes, requirements, etc., etc.

But now, at last, a mere three years, seven months, and 26 days later ... on the 29th of June 1996, to be exact ... OPEN HOUSE and dedication ceremonies will be conducted at Station 3 in Home from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon, and at Station 5 near Rocky Bay from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to share in these ceremonies. Come and visit your new fire stations. See what took 2,331 days to complete.

I can hardly wait for their open house and dedication ceremonies ... but, of course, I will.

## CHANGES

by Fred Ramsdell  
Deputy Chief

This is a story about an old fellow who hangs around the Fire Station in Key Center. He started hanging around and coming to drills almost thirty years ago. Now, some of the young whipper snappers at the station do show him some respect by offering him a wheelchair or a walker once in a while.

The other day he was making his morning trip across the highway to get his morning cup of coffee at Red Dogs and he was almost run over. He came back to the station and said, "I don't understand it! I remember when I could just walk across the highway and not think of cars." By the way, part of the benefits he receives when going for coffee is the few words he has with the old timers at Red Dogs.

Someone said to him the other day, "You've spent a lot of hours with the Fire Department, haven't you? What for?" His answer was, "Well, I'm getting older and I may need help one of these days and I want the best help there is." When he first started hanging around here the first question asked was can you drive a fire engine. Good, we can now get the engine there! On the way to a call the siren may have unintentionally been turned on - it was operated by a second dimmer switch on the floorboard. When you arrived at the address the scene looked something like this - take the first-aid kit out and patch up any cuts, the old Cadillac ambulance would arrive with someone hopefully more knowledgeable than you, the patient was loaded and away to the hospital we went going as fast as it would go. Red lights flashing, big old Federal Q siren screaming, over the bridge to Tacoma. At the hospital things weren't much better. There were no emergency rooms or emergency room doctors. You waited for the hospital to round up a doctor, unloaded the patient, and made your way back home. I might add, at this time there were no standard



uniforms worn by fire department personnel. They were all volunteers and responded from whatever they may have been doing. There could be a mechanic with grease from head to toe or a farmer who was in the process of cleaning his barn.

The way volunteers were notified of an emergency was something to behold. When you dialed the phone number it would ring at each of the 60 or so volunteer houses. Each would pick up the phone and listen as you tried to tell what your emergency was and where you lived. Some of the key markers were the old red barn, the old German Church, and just by so-and-so's place. Thank goodness we now have 9-1-1, each phone identifies it's location, so even if you can not talk we have the address. At times we still have a hard time finding your houses. It sure helps us if the address numbers are posted on your driveway and house. That reminds me, I may need help one of these days - when I get home tonight I had better find those numbers I bought some time ago and put them up!

Those days are gone and I can no longer stroll across the road without looking. The Fire Department now has firefighters who have thousands of hours of training. They are equipped with the safety equipment necessary to protect

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Firefighter/Paramedic Marc Beal supervises the care of disaster victims



by Eric R.L. Nelsen  
Captain/M.S.O.

Vaughn Elementary School fifth-grade students learned how to save a life recently when they took part in two days of Emergency Basic First Aid training, CPR training, and injury prevention. When the Key Peninsula Fire Department accepted the request to provide the training there were two main goals in mind - change the risk behaviors that can cause injuries to children and give the students basic skills on how to treat and care for an injured child or adult or cope with a serious life threatening medical problem, such as someone not breathing or having a heart attack.

The training included learning CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), rescue breathing when someone is not breathing, and how to identify airway obstruction when someone is choking on a piece of food or a small toy. The children learned the Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge objects caught in the throat and what to do in an emergency. They also learned the importance of accessing the Emergency Medical Service system early by calling 9-1-1. Every minute counts in an emergency situation and when CPR is started immediately the chances for survival are greatly improved.

First Aid training consisted of how to treat someone who is bleeding, has a suspected fractured arm or leg, neck injury from a fall or accident, and wound care.

Key Peninsula Fire Department believes that with injury prevention training, which changes attitudes and addresses risk behaviors that cause serious injury and death, the kids will think before they engage in dangerous activities thus protecting themselves and others from becoming injured.

Injury prevention training involved some real life scenarios illustrated by a slide presentation. The students were taught the importance of wearing seat belts and what can happen in an auto accident if they are not wearing them. Emphasized were the need for wearing bike helmets and protective clothing during bicycling,

## Students Learn to Save

roller blading and skate boarding. The Fire Department's main objective for providing the training was to decrease the number of injuries among our young people. There was hands-on training in CPR and First Aid that included working with applying bandages, stopping bleeding techniques, and performing CPR on maniquins. The training gave all 95 students confidence and basic skills on how to save a life and the importance of prompt action.

## KP Fire Dept

### Prepares for the Big One!

by Eric R.L. Nelsen  
Captain/M.S.O.

Remember May 2, 1996? The Puget Sound area had a 5.4 earthquake. Just imagine the magnitude of an 8.2 which is possible in this area. One area of concern for the Key Peninsula is our schools during a natural disaster. A few weeks ago the Fire Department held an earthquake drill in the evening at the KP Middle School. The entire department participated in the training. The Fire Department needs to be prepared to handle any emergency regardless of its size. The scenario for the drill was an 8.2 earthquake with multiple aftershocks.

The drill helped the Fire Department measure its readiness to mitigate MCI (Mass Casualty Incident). The Fire District has implemented a new Incident Management System (IMS) which is a National Standard for preparedness for handling emergencies. This drill also helped in evaluating how that system would work in an MCI during an earthquake.

Realism was the key to the success

of the drill. With the help of the Key Peninsula Middle School Drama class, Mr. Bill's students participated in the drill. They were the actors simulating the trauma patients. Applying moulage which is make-up that provides the look of real lacerations, broken bones, and large cuts, the students got into "role" of earthquake victims. Boy can these kids act! In fact, if you hadn't known this was a drill you would have thought they were seriously hurt. The District would like to thank drama teacher, Jonathan Bill, and his drama students: Adam Haskel, Mykel Ross, Chris Higgins, Holly Etherington, Breanna Barton, Jason Koon, Heather Noack, Nicole Frederick, Shayne Chakos, Brian Knight, Sterling Murray, Sarah Anderson, Sarah Miller, Sarah Gano, Melissa Bostic, Jessika Murphy, Becky Fredricks, Britt Gunmunson, Patience Churchward, Tony Andersen, Dan Mountain, parents Dan Haskell and Judy Haskell.



## Fireworks

by Chuck West, Captain

Many of our fires over the past few years have been started by fireworks. Not only wildland and house fires, but even car fires. Carelessness with what is called "Safe and Sane" devices have cost the taxpayers considerable money. We do charge a fine to the responsible party for this type of fire, but we cannot always find the guilty parties.

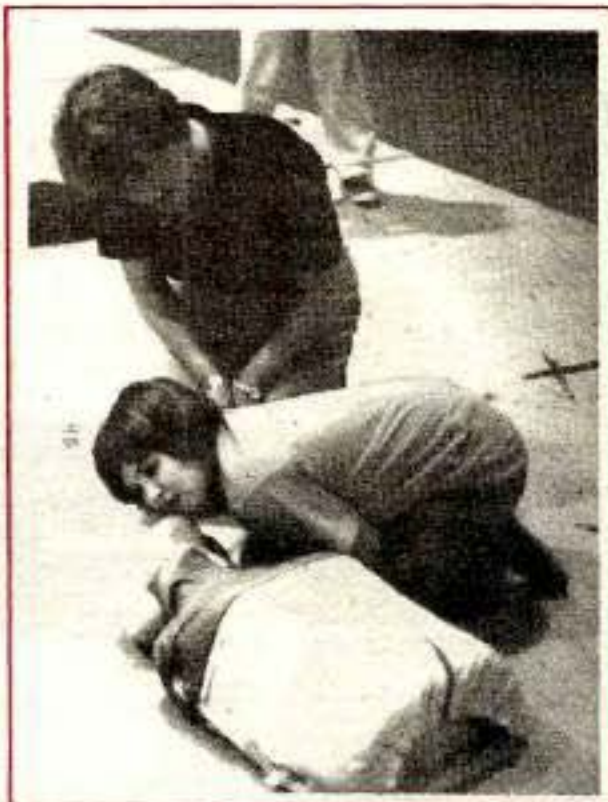
Even worse are the many children who have been injured and burned. There is no recouping the cost of a child losing a finger or having a permanent scar to a face. We must all look out for those using fireworks around us and be especially careful if we light them off.

Take the time to advise your children of the dangers associated with the use of fireworks. And if you must use fireworks, find a safe area to light them off. Have an adult look out for where the projectiles will go and supervise people in the area who may be unaware of what you are doing.

If you do spot a fire or see an injury, call 9-1-1 immediately to get help. The Fourth of July is often a busy time for emergency services. Please make safety a part of your holiday plans.

# Learn How a Life

There were 12 personnel from the Fire Department who taught in the training course over the two days and many hours of preparation time. This was the largest and youngest group of students to receive this type of training. Fire Department personnel were very impressed with the students' abilities and skills. The program was a major success thanks to the support of Vaughn Elementary's principal Craig Shurick and the school's teachers.



Vaughn Elementary student is learning how to "look, listen & feel" for breathing during CPR class



## Wildfire Defense

by Chuck West, Captain

Protecting your home from a wildfire is a simple thing to do if you plan ahead. Building a barrier to contain the fire or to stop it from spreading is the standard way we fight wildland fires. So why wait till it's burning to build this type of fire line, when you can do it right now?

A defensible space only needs to be thirty feet wide to stop most any fire from spreading to your home. This space can be made by a mowed lawn, having a driveway or some other form of non-combustible landscaping that surrounds the home completely.

The plants and shrubs next to the house should be trimmed back at least a foot from the siding. This will also help to reduce mildew and dry rot. Many plants such as vinea are considered flame resistant and can be planted to allow separation of the fuels. A fuel is what we call anything that is burning or in the path of the fire. Don't allow your home to be a fuel for fire.

Stop by the Key Center Fire Station to pick up a pamphlet on protecting your home from a wildland fire.

### CHANGES

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them so they can help you. We are always kidding our Paramedics about being miracle workers and being able to walk on water. But setting the kidding aside, they, the Paramedics, with the help of other medically trained personnel, have given us what many cities would like to have. As a rural area you have Advanced Life Support at your location in the same time that the State Standards set for urban areas. This is only accomplished by the support of all of you who live on the Key Peninsula. I like to call it my fire department, but it is our fire department.

As time marches on, my attitude changes from it won't happen to me to, it will happen to me. The odds are, each one of us will use the services of the Key Peninsula Fire Department one of these days.

I know that the rest of the members of this Department and I have enjoyed being part of the leading edge of the fire service. This department has many firsts to it's credit. They were not done so we could just say we were first, but to make our community a better place to live. The saying for this year around the station is, "New Year - New Era." And actually, each new day is a new era. The department is continually looking at the future with the help of citizen groups and personnel within the department.

I could tell you a lot about the changes and advancements of the Key Peninsula Fire Department, but time and space are running out. I just know if I have an emergency, there is no place I would rather be than here, on the Key Peninsula.

Say, if you are ever going through Key Center don't run over me crossing the street, stop in and talk awhile!

## Outdoor Burning Regulations

Pierce County Fire District #16 is responsible for all fire protection on the Key Peninsula. The District is under contract with the Department of Natural Resources to provide wildland fire suppression. Along with the DNR regulations, the District administers the Uniform Fire Code under State and County ordinances and the Clean Air Act under direction of the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency.

On the Key Peninsula, the same rules are in effect the year around.

### Recreational Fires with no permit required:

1. Recreational fires must be in a pit constructed of concrete or other non-combustible material. The bottom of the pit may be of sand, gravel, or mineral earth. The recreational pit shall not exceed three (3) feet in diameter. The depth of the pit shall be a minimum of four (4) inches and capable of containing all burned material. A minimum of five (5) feet shall be maintained around the entire pit, free of dry grass, shrubbery, weeds, vegetation, and any other combustible material, including overhanging limbs from trees.
2. Recreational fires are limited to burning of seasoned wood or charcoal briquettes, with a total fuel area of three (3) feet or less in diameter and two (2) feet in height, for the purpose of cooking, pleasure, and similar circumstances.
3. Fire extinguishing equipment, such as buckets of water, shovels or garden hoses shall be readily available for use at recreational fires.
4. Recreational fires must be twenty-five (25) feet away from any structure and ten (10) feet from property lines, fences, or docks.
5. An attendant shall supervise a recreational fire until such fire has been completely extinguished.

### Residential Burning with no permit required:

1. The pile must not be larger than four (4) feet in diameter and three (3) feet high.
2. A garden hose connected to a water supply is required on site for all residential fires, or a shovel and five (5) gallons of water must be at a remote property site when any burning is being performed.
3. A person at least 18 years of age capable of extinguishing the fire must be in attendance at all times and the fire must be extinguished before the person leaves it.
4. Only natural vegetation may be burned. Garbage, dead animals, asphalt, petroleum products, paints, rubber products, paper products and plastics may NOT be burned.
5. The burning of construction materials is prohibited. Material such as lumber, sheetrock, insulation, roofing, plywood, and all other man made or organic materials may NOT be burned.
6. Only one pile may be burned at a time.
7. Fire may not be within fifty (50) feet of a structure.
8. Fire must be at least ten (10) feet from a property line.
9. Fire may not be burned in ditches or on the public right-of-way.
10. Outdoor fires, with the exception of recreational fires, may be burned only between sunrise and sunset.
11. Outdoor fires are not permitted during any stage of an air pollution episode, during any period of impaired air quality, or during a burn ban period.
12. Materials to be burned must be site generated and may not be hauled from or to another site for the purpose of disposal. (WAC 173.304 and RCW 70.95 Solid Waste Act.)

**Burn barrels are not legal in Pierce County, by order of the Pierce County Fire Marshall.**

### All Fires Requiring a Written Permit:

All fires over four (4) feet in diameter require a permit. Permits are available at the Key Center Fire Station. The permit fee for burn piles less than ten (10) feet in diameter is \$15, and for piles over ten (10) feet in diameter the fee is \$25.

### Penalties:

Non-compliance with these regulations can result in the issuance of a citation and/or a civil penalty up to \$10,000 per day. You may be charged for the extinguishment of an illegal fire at rates set by the Washington State Fire Chief's Association. The District billed \$9,245 for illegal fires last year to persons found in violation of these outdoor burning laws.

## CALL 9-1-1 EARLY

It is extremely important when someone is having symptoms of a heart attack that 9-1-1 be called immediately. These symptoms include chest pain, neck pain, pain down the left arm, shortness of breath, and denial that any of these symptoms mean anything. The earlier the patient is entered into the

emergency medical system, the sooner the Fire Department can respond and begin treatment.

The Fire Department offers two CPR classes each month to any interested person, and a Basic First Aid class every other month. Call the Fire Department at 884-2222 to sign up! You might save a life!

## Timing And Teamwork . . .

Each year approximately 1.2 million people suffer an Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI, heart attack) in the United States alone. Of these nearly 490,000 die. Many of those who live have significant loss of heart muscle. According to the National Heart Attack Alert Program, shortening the time of treatment is the key factor in improving AMI outcomes.

Numerous clinical studies have confirmed that early therapy can significantly reduce death and heart damage from an AMI. Therapy is the introduction of drugs which will dissolve a clot in the coronary arteries which causes a heart attack and damages the heart muscle. These drugs work best when given within an hour of the onset of symptoms.

The use of 12 lead ECG's in pre-hospital settings is imperative to early identification of AMIs. Their use has enhanced the emergency medical services provided on the Key Peninsula by enabling us to perform ECG's in the field. Paramedics can provide information to the emergency room physician necessary for early identification. This information enables the receiving hospital to initiate appropriate treatment as soon as the patient arrives in the emergency room. Not only is the patient receiving appropriate treatment sooner, but the emergency room staff and doctors are better prepared to care for pa-

tients immediately upon arrival.

Our Fire District's 12 lead ECG Program can help reduce the number of heart attacks and the damage they cause to patient's hearts by identifying early the symptoms of an AMI and providing necessary treatment. Our goal is to expedite initiation of drug therapy for our patients upon arrival in the emergency room. In other words, working as a team with the ER staff, paramedics are able to perform a procedure that is normally done after the patient arrives. This new endeavor in pre-hospital technology and new equipment is very beneficial for rural communities such as ours. Often, depending on where you live on the Peninsula and traffic conditions, there are 30 to 45 minutes spent transporting patients to the nearest hospital. Performing ECG's prior to hospital arrival saves valuable and sometimes life-saving time.

Pierce County Fire District #16 recently purchased two Physio-Control Life Pak-11 Diagnostic 12 lead cardiac/defibrillator monitors and one Life Pak-10 cardiac/defibrillator monitor. The Paramedics working on the Key Peninsula Medic One Units have gone through extensive training on the use of these new cardiac monitors. This training included how to perform and interpret a 12 lead ECG. In the pre-hospital setting, this is the latest skill available to the para-



Captain Eric R.L. Nelsen and FFI Paramedic Tracy Lyon monitor patient having chest pains with the Department's new LifePak 11 - 12 Lead cardiac monitor

medic and other emergency medical personnel that can assist in the early detection of a heart attack, thus enabling necessary treatment to be administered much sooner.

The purchase of these new cardiac monitors have kept our Department's EMS capabilities state-of-the-art. The Key Peninsula Fire Department is the first department in Pierce County to have the complete Life Pak-11 Cardiac

Monitors in service. These new monitors provide emergency personnel with capabilities that until recently were only available in the hospital setting. Paramedic Tracy Lyon was quoted, when asked for his opinion about the new monitors, "with this new information, the paramedic can contact the receiving hospital to initiate proper treatment sooner because with a heart attack every second counts".

## Fire Department Rescue Programs

by Chief Gary Franz

For many years, the Key Peninsula Fire Department has responded to numerous rescue situations on land and in water that could be characterized as "hairy". These calls were "hairy" in part because of an inherent danger that is always present with acute rescue problems and in part, because our personnel had not been given the specialized training or provided the unique equipment necessary for some of the situations that have occurred.

Our department knows that they will be called to many over-the-side, low angle, patient rescues every year. The Wuana curves, among other locations on Peninsula roads, is a regular danger area for "vehicle over-the-side" emergencies. Water emergencies are just as certain to occur on and around our Peninsula waterways. Most everyone will remember the vehicle-in-the-water emergency that occurred last year that entrapped one victim for over ten minutes in Glenn Cove. Our firefighters did make the rescue in that case but, they did so at great peril to themselves because they had no formal

water rescue training, and we were not equipped in anyway for water-based emergencies.

With the help of several firefighters, our Department is making very strong progress in both land-based and water-based rescue programs. The land-based rescue program is being developed in large part by the dedicated efforts of F/F's Hal Wolverton, Gary Way, Don Blischke, and Marc Beal. These four are certifying as specialized Rescue Technicians and will serve as our Department's specialists in land-based rescue operations and training programs. Over \$3,500 in needed land-based rescue equipment has been purchased and team members are currently developing standard operating procedures to define protocols for us to follow during land-based rescue emergencies. Though only these four firefighters are currently being trained as specialists, land-based rescue team training will be opened to other career and volunteer fire department personnel in the near future.

I am honored to announce that on May 8, 1996, the Board of Fire Commissioners authorized me to implement a Fire Department sur-

face water rescue program using Personal Water Craft, (P.W.C.) as the boat platform. I am also proud to announce that Mr. Ron Callis of Tacoma Yamaha-Kawasaki has agreed to provide two new Yamaha Wave Venture Personal Water Craft to our Department, at NO COST to the Fire District. The value of this very generous offer by Mr. Callis and Yamaha is well over \$16,000. These P.W.C. should be ready for operations in June.

We currently have four team members who are acquiring the specialized skills, education, and equipment necessary to conduct safe and effective water-based rescue operations using these boats. They are myself, F/F-Paramedic Tracy Lyon, Firefighters Mike Joyce, and Mike Sammons. Our Department budgeted \$10,000 to support the acquisition and maintenance of modern equipment and to undertake the specialized instruction necessary to work in the unique rescue environment on and in the water.

It is important for all of us to recognize that as a Peninsula community, we will continue to be faced with land and water-based rescue situations. It is wiser to assure our

readiness with proper equipment and training than to avoid our responsibilities and simply hope that our firefighters can get the job done. In this regard, our Department goals for rescue programs are simple:

- \* Establish and deliver high quality, professional land and water based rescue programs;
- \* Provide rapid response to rescue emergencies on the Peninsula and its communities;
- \* Assure that modern rescue equipment is provided to support safe and effective rescue operations;
- \* Establish high standards of training and proficiency for all rescue team members
- \* Manage all rescue programs in a cost effective fashion.

The Key Peninsula Fire Department will be inviting the general public as our guests to a christening ceremony for the rescue boats, currently being planned for June, 1996. We hope you will make plans to be with us. If you have suggestions as to how our Department may serve you more effectively, please call 884-2222 or write to Chief Gary Franz at the Key Center Fire Station. Thank you!



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freedom. These sturdy threads create such a strength and unity that no opposing force can split or dissolve them. For interwoven within the fibers of this piece of cloth is a thought, a deed and the sacrifice of countless individuals. In short, it is a fusion of sincerity and devotion all loomed together to form one unique fabric. Yes, it's only a piece of cloth - but it's the American Flag!  
Author Unknown

## Voluntary Simplicity Study Groups To Meet

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Looking for more meaning in your life? Like to live more with less? Want to live a more sustainable life style? Come join us to learn more about sustainability and voluntary simplicity. The Northwest Earth Institute of Oregon has developed a resource manual for self-directed study groups. Since October, 1993, more than 3,200 people from 125 different businesses, government agencies, college, non-profit groups and churches have

participated in these courses.

Trevelyan Houck, PH.D., an advisory committee member for the Center For Sustainable Living, and Dennis Taylor, program director of the Center For Sustainable Living, YMCA of Tacoma - Pierce County, are the presenters.

The program will be presented on Wednesday, June 19th, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at the Key Peninsula Library. There is no admission charge. For more information, call Dennis Taylor at 564-9622.

## Tacoma Master Choral

The Tacoma Master Chorale and the Tacoma Symphony collaborate to present Mendelssohn's magnificent oratorio, *Elijah*, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Tacoma Symphony. *Elijah* is one of the most dramatic and glorious choral masterpieces of the nineteenth century - a favorite with audiences since its premiere in 1846 when it won immediate acclaim with the public. Few Choral works rival the popularity of Mendelssohn's great masterpiece.

"The exuberant drama of *Elijah* makes it especially appropriate for a celebration concert such as this," notes Jeffrey Stvrtecky, Music Director of the Master Chorale. "The Chorale is honored to join in celebration and express pride in a 50-year old artistic institution which has made a significant contribution to the cultural climate of our city - The Tacoma Symphony. This concert marks the first collaboration between our two arts organizations

and we are happy to present a work which has not recently been performed in Tacoma. We hope it will lead to additional collaborative concerts in the future."

The 50-voice Chorale, noted for its unique Christmas Renaissance Madrigal Feast, has been augmented with additional singers for this concert bringing the total number of participants in *Elijah* to nearly 150 Tacoma musicians. The concert features the nationally-acclaimed Baritone, Erich Parce, in the role of Elijah. Guest soloists include Lisa Pyron, Mezzo Soprano of Seattle and Kerry O'Brenn, Soprano, and Bruce Johnson, Tenor both of Los Angeles. Jeffrey Stvrtecky serves as conductor. *Elijah* will be presented in the Temple Theatre, 47 St. Helen's on Friday, June 7, 1996 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$16. (Lower Balcony) and \$12. (Main floor and Upper Balcony); festival seating by section. For ticket information: 272-3994.

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### PIONEER DAY PARADE APPLICATION AUGUST 3, 1996

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## TO YOUR HEALTH



by William F. Roes, MD

It's a potentially tragic story which we hear far too often at our office. A young girl playing in the woods near her home on the Key Peninsula recently found a pile of used syringes. As it invariably seems to happen, she stuck herself on one of them, and then was too scared to tell her parents. When she finally did tell them 5 days later, it was close to being too late for the most effective preventive treatment to be received. My point this month is twofold: 1. Teach your children not to touch syringes and 2. If you are using syringes, be sure they are disposed of safely and securely.

I estimate we hear the above story or a variation three to four times a year. I haven't met a kid who ever wanted a shot, or one who wasn't intrigued by the syringe I give it with. We need to caution our children about the dangers of abandoned syringes. Tell them never to touch them or pick them up, but to tell a responsible adult. If you are that responsible adult, pick up the syringe with a pliers or another safe instrument and drop it in a pop

bottle and seal it. If there are several, you may wish to notify the fire department.

Most disposable syringes are originally used by diabetics for their daily insulin injections. I believe most patients with diabetes responsibly dispose of their used syringes in a safe and responsible fashion. I have known of kids going through garbage pulling out syringes, and I suspect this accounts for some of the syringes that are later found. Obviously illegal drug users are responsible for much of the litter of syringes found locally as well. I recommend that diabetics put their used syringes in a 2 liter plastic pop bottle, and when it's about 2/3 full, seal it and then dispose of it properly. All physicians, hospitals, and fire departments are now required to dispose of medical waste by shipping it to a medical waste incinerator. If a patients bring in their used syringes properly sealed, I'm happy to send it along with the medical waste we have generated. I suspect most physicians or hospitals are willing to do the same for their patients.

Finally, if you or someone you know has accidentally been stuck, save the syringes (safely in a bottle), and see your doctor as soon as possible. Although there is a slight risk of contracting AIDS from such an exposure, there is a much higher risk of contracting hepatitis. There

are very effective ways to prevent hepatitis B from such an exposure, but the treatment should be given as soon as possible. Unfortunately,

used syringes are showing up in many unlikely locations in today's world, and it's one more thing we need to protect our children from.

## The Lakebay Fuchsia Society

The day broke gray and cool. Every now and then the sun would peek through and give us great hope. We hauled truckloads of plants, plywood, sawhorses and umbrellas. By 9:00 a.m. it was pretty much set up. Over 300 fuchsias and numerous perennials and miscellaneous plants were displayed.

By 9:30 a.m. the fuchsia tables were looking lean. Off to the wholesalers for more plants. Despite a

minor truck breakdown, we were back by 12:45 p.m. to unload plants. Where did all you wonderful people come from? Our sale was a resounding success and all of us at Lakebay Fuchsia Society say thank you! We had a drawing for a beautiful Jack Shahan basket. It was won by Mary Knight and we wish her great success. We are looking forward to seeing you again at our 2nd annual plant sale.



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## Quality Professionals At Henderson Bay High School

Story and photo by Hugh McMillan

Henderson Bay High School principal, Jim Baker, explained that the Regional Meeting of the Association of Quality Professionals (RMAQP) is made up of organizations employing quality management or quality control systems as part of their operations - such as the Boeing Company, the Bremerton shipyards, etc. - and that at the group's annual conferences the past two years, students from Henderson Bay High have presented programs on how they practice quality management. "RMAQP sponsors of the conference were so impressed with the students work," said Baker, "that they asked to visit the high school. Hence, this presentation which took place Friday, May 10 at Henderson Bay High School." The thrust of the program is to involve administration, workers, customers, and anyone else involved with a given product or operation as a part of the decision-making process.

"The main idea," Baker said, "is to teach the merits of a system in which data are collected and shared to constantly improve work practices and products and to show that working together, learning from mistakes, getting feedback, changing programs and incorporating



Peninsula School Board member Barbara Trotter of Lake Holiday checks out an exhibit assembled by students for presentation at the Regional Meeting of the Association of Quality Professionals (RMAQP) held Friday, May 10 at Henderson Bay High School.

everyone's ideas is the route to success."

It is clear that the program is having positive influence on the students. Their sense of self-confidence and their poised, intelligent explanations of various projects

made manifestly clear that Henderson Bay High School is a place where students know that the learning process can be applied to all other aspects of life, and that will spell success in the real world.

### Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

If you are one of the taxpayers who is expected to pay estimated taxes, June 15th is not too far off to start calculating the amount that you should be paying IRS.

There has been much written about whether or not you have a business (for profit), or a hobby. The IRS does not recognize expenses of a hobby and will also try to disallow expenses on a business which does not show a profit within five years. The courts lately have allowed businesses showing a loss, if they have kept good records and have conducted the business in an effort to try to make profit. There are other things to consider on this. Consult your tax person.

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# Vaughn Elementary Heads For Goals 2000

by Diane Ramsey

The levy passed — thanks to the community support! But that isn't the end of it. Tax collection won't even start until next spring. It will take three to five years before revenues can be fully deployed. That means another bare bones year during which the school depends on its volunteers to keep the doors open. That's not all bad, though. The school district is learning how valuable volunteers are. We need to keep what we have and expand our efforts.

This year we've had a wonderful volunteer reading program. Student reading ability has improved dramatically and so has the self-confidence. The volunteers become special friends. We're very fortunate to have some special seniors, high school students and other members of the community come into our school. Thank you to: Howard and Marie Wright, Jim Nolan, Barbara Bramhill, Lois Blakes, Fannie Remiersma, Bob and Lou Mauk, and Suzanna Troth. Thanks also to Rike Addington and Georgis Turk (the next generation); and our high school students, Erica Lange, Sarah Walker, Stephanie

Sauter, Charlotte Palumbo, and Marissa Johnson.

Next year we not only want to expand our volunteer programs — the new laws on education reform require that schools find ways to involve parents and the community. Right now schools and school districts are allowed to develop plans that work for them. They will then send their recommendations to the state. We have until the year 2000 to get everything set, hence the name GOALS 2000.

So the question isn't "do you want to get involved?" The question is HOW do you want to get involved? We're going way beyond reading programs — to just about every subject you could be interested in including meeting with our management team or our planning committee. It's not too early to think about next year. If something interests you or you get an idea — write or call Vaughn Elementary, attention Diane Ramsey, Volunteer Coordinator, 884-5700, 17521 Hall Rd KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Meanwhile, remember to bring your aluminum cans and newspapers to the school for our recycling fundraiser.

# Cougar Corner

by Margo Macdonald

A big thank you and collective sigh of relief to all those connected with the passage of our school levy! Your yes votes will make a huge impact on the level of quality in our schools for the next few years. The levy was approved by 63% and drew 14,000 voters!

Our last activity night was such a success that we are offering it again on June 7th, Friday, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The highlight will be a cake walk choreographed by our resident DJ Ms. Dega, and open classrooms for budding artists, chefs, computer-nerds and basketball stars. Thursday, June 13th is our annual field day and Friday, June 14th will see our eighth graders celebrating at Wild Waves. These three events need parent volunteers to make them successful, so if you haven't received a phone call requesting it, please let us know if you are willing to help out. (884-4800)

The incoming sixth graders will be visiting campus this month beginning June 10th. Our last parent group meeting will be Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 pm, and the last day of school will be June 18th. The 18th will be a half-day following an end of the year assembly. At this point in time, I would like to thank those volunteers who were willing to tough it out this

year, specifically, Betty Kelley, Britta Brones and Kathy Beal, my fellow officers in the parent group. Another big thanks to Kathy Bowman for organizing all the treats for our Student of the Month celebrations and to all the other office and student store volunteers, chaperones, etc. This year couldn't have happened without your help! Now rest up because we start all over again in September!

## In the Library



by Dory Myers

The summer reading program will begin June 1st. "Get a Clue" is the theme; mysteries and adventure, nature and science, monsters and pyramids, hidden treasures, and history. Attractive posters with lots of pictures, clues, and room to place special stickers for each book the children read. (This includes books read to the little ones.)

Storytimes for ages 6 and up will be held each Friday at 10:30 am, June 26th through July 31st.

Come to the Library for a summer full of reading fun!

## Stadium High School Reunion

Stadium High School class of 1986 will celebrate its 10-year reunion on August 23rd through August 25th, 1996 at three different locations in Tacoma.

Chris Havel and John Williamson are co-chairs of the reunion committee. Over 170 of the 286 class members have been located and the committee is actively searching for the rest.

If you are a graduate of this class,

or know someone who is, and have not received a registration package, please contact Chris at 206/759-4695 or John at 206/581-6005.

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Representative Lois McMahan of the 26th district, who sponsored the event, recognized the special guests, including Representative Peggy Johnson of the 35th District, and thanked those present and the many who planned the event, gave goods and services, or took part in the ceremony.

Army Colonel Kendall presented Sgt. William Sorsdahl of Vaughn with his two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart and Air Medal, Spec 4 Douglas Houghton of Allyn with his Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Air Medal, Ralph Watkins of Port Orchard with his two Bronze Stars and Air Medal, Lt. Tim D. Olson of Bremerton his Bronze Star, Sgt. 1st Class Magno Tulfo of Lakewood with his Medal of Valor for heroism, Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Davis of Gig Harbor with his Bronze Star, and Capt. Bruce Hein of Port Orchard with his two Bronze Stars, Purple

Heart and Air Medal.

Air Force Colonel Matson presented Maj. Andrew Opsata of Olympia, the only recipient from WWII, with his Silver Star, and Staff Sgt. David Vaux of Poulsbo with his two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

The Navy was represented by Bremerton's Lt. Com. Remy, who gave the invocation. Rev. Jerry McMahan, who conceived the idea for the ceremony after hearing Capt. Hein's story, presented the benediction with special thanks for the sunshine during the ceremony.

## Home Band Rides Again!

The annual resurrection of the Home Band will occur just in time for the Home Centennial Celebration as well as the Pioneer Day Parade. Previous band members and those musicians interested in joining us should bring their instruments for the first practice and organizational meeting on June 13th at 7:00 p.m. Practices are at the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th St. Ct. KPN, in beautiful downtown Key Center. If you have questions or would like to discuss participating, please call Susan an 884-9221.

## KPMS Families Enjoy Lion's Spaghetti Dinner



story and photo by Hugh McMillan

Early this year, the Key Peninsula Lions Club voted to "adopt a school." The school: Key Peninsula Middle School. "We selected KPMS," said Lions president-elect Mike Coffin, "because it represents the whole peninsula with students from Evergreen, Minter, and Vaughn elementaries."

Thereafter, a group of Lions asked KPMS principal, Steve Aspden, what he would like the Club to do. Aspden brought the proposal to KPMS staff members who voted to "do something to bring the students and their parents closer together and to recognize students for their community service activities."

When Aspden presented this idea to the Lions' Club, the membership decided to hold a free-of-charge spaghetti dinner for KPMS families at the school.

Thus, on Thursday, May 16, a crew of Lions among whom is newly initiated KPMS principal Steve Aspden, with help from members of the KPMS Associated Student Body Board and faculty members whopped up a super spaghetti and meatballs dinner with salads and other goodies for what they calculated would be a crowd of, perhaps, 25 to 30 students and their parents.

"We had to make a quick run to the grocery store to get more supplies," said Aspden, "in order to provide dinner to the more than 130 parents and kids who came to enjoy an evening's dining together. What a thrill for all of us who participated in this event."

Membership in Lions, the world's largest service organization, is open to men and women. If you would like information on Lions or how to become a member, contact any Lion or call 884-3319.

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# Key Peninsula Community Services

Saturday, May 11, the Key Peninsula Community Services/Food Bank/Senior Center held open house to show off its recently completed, Pierce County Health Department-approved kitchen and walk-in freezer, the latter of which obviates a previous need to turn away large contributions of frozen foods for the needy.

The KPCS, founded in 1982, is located in Community House at the intersection of the Key Peninsula Highway and Hoff Road in Home. It is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and provides food to the needy from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. From 9:00 - 9:45 am Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays it holds aerobic exercises for senior citizens. Each Wednesday a seniors' luncheon is held at no charge for upwards of 50 seniors and guests. Thursdays find gatherings of senior bingo devotees filling the lounge area.

Annually KPCS' foodbank provides some 1,080 food baskets feeding about 3,000 needy people. Approximately 3,120 senior meals are served in a year at the weekly senior lunches. Ninety two volunteers turned in over 4,000 hours in 1995.

The Center accomodates daily Alcoholics Annonymous (AA) meetings, weekly meetings of local Brownies, and monthly meetings of the local chapter of the Cootiettes.

On first and third Thursdays, the Center's van takes seniors to Gig Harbor, Tacoma, and Bremerton for shopping. Each month, at dates and times selected by senior citizens, outings are staged to such sites as Seattle's underground city, Northwest Trek, Boeing's Museum of Flight, the Bangor Submarine Base, etc.

KPCS supports all of the above through grants from HUD, United Way of Pierce County, the Boeing Employees' Good Neighbors' fund, contributions from Angel Guild,



Lois Conn, Lu Brown, and Pat Lavine are seen in the KPCS' newly modernized, restaurant-status kitchen during the open house celebration May 11.

the Key Peninsula Lions Club, other donors, and KPCS-volunteer-generated fund raisers including coffee and cookies at Interstate Highway rest stops, annual country-fair-like "Old Timers Day," a New Year's Eve dance, and a 4th of July dance. It is also generously supported by local residents' responses to an annual letter-of-request for funds which in 1995 raised \$10,000 which, augmented by a \$3,000 gift from the local Angel Guild, facilitated construction of the aforementioned walk-in freezer.

KPCS has one paid manager and one paid bookkeeper/Food Coordinator. All other work is handled by volunteers, one of whom is selected each month as "volunteer of the month."

KPCS is a 501-C-3 non-profit corporation, not a government agency, governed by an 11 member Board of Directors elected for three year rotating terms at annual elections by the general membership which is open to all persons living on the Key Peninsula.



Past president of the Key Peninsula Community Services, John Van de Brooke shows visitors to the KPCS open house on May 11 the new 12' x 12' x 7.5' walk-in freezer which will enable the KPCS to hold much larger stores of frozen foods for the needy.

Story and photos by Hugh McMillan



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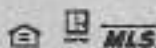
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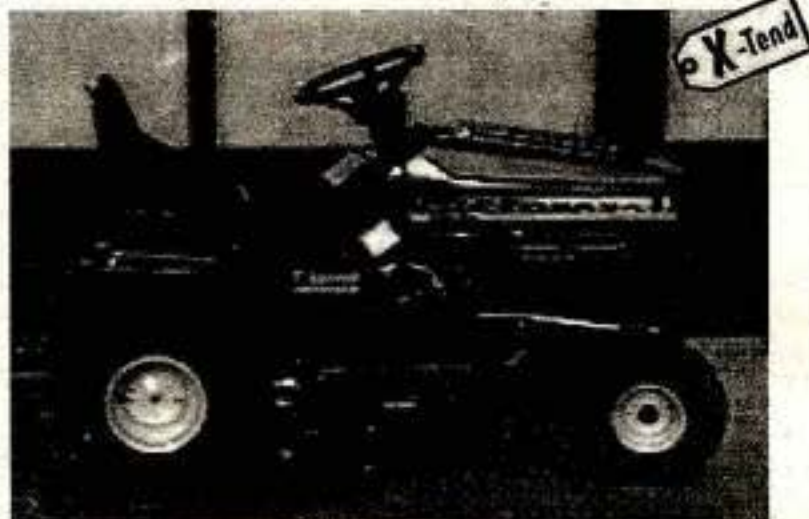
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## Lions Volkssport Club's 7th Annual Volksmarch

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Lions' Volkssport Club will stage its seventh annual volksmarch on Saturday and Sunday, July 13 and 14 over trails never before used for this purpose. It will begin at the Lind family homestead in Home, wandering through beautiful heavily forested primeval terrain on the Lind's 80 acre holding which has been put into a land trust to preserve its pristine beauty in perpetuity. The trail passes through historic Home Colony cemetery and continues through one of the newest State parks on land recently acquired from the Haley family (of Almond Roca fame), reaching its halfway point on a picturesque Puget Sound beach.

In volkssport language, the trail is classed a "2", which means moderately difficult but not suitable for strollers, wheelchairs, or the handicapped. It is an American Volkssport Association (AVA) approved 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) trail involving some lightly-traveled country road walking, but is mostly through wild timber country. Water and restrooms are available at start/finish and at the halfway point. Pets under control on leash may participate but MUST obey pooper-scooper laws.

Founded in 1989 under sponsorship of the Key Peninsula Lions Club, the Volkssport Club's first outing was around what was billed as "Beautiful Burley Lagoon" and drew over 1,200 volksmarchers, some from as far away as Sweden. The next year's event was a "Hike through Historic Home" and again played to international participants. For the next five years, thanks to popular demand, the club's volksmarches took place on a number of different trails within Penrose Point State Park on the Key

Peninsula. "This year we just couldn't pass up the chance to open this virgin trail," said the group's trailblazer, Rick Stout of Home.

Free walkers are welcome to enjoy the trek but must register, carry, and return a start card (for record-keeping purposes only). Volksmarchers desiring official AVA and international accreditation will pay the standard \$2.00 fee. Some cloisonne hatpins from previous walks are available at \$2.50, and "B" awards (Club-logo-bearing coffee mugs and cloisonne pins from previous events) can be purchased for \$3.00 by persons completing the 10 K walk. Modestly priced single-use cameras, pocket-size bee sting kits and first aid kits will be available at start/finish.

All proceeds are dedicated to support Lions Club programs for sight and hearing conservation, diabetes and drug awareness, food bank assistance, Little League, Girl Scouts, etc. "Not one penny goes to administrative costs," noted Lions Club President-elect, Mike Coffin.

For Volkssports' purists, the event's official sanction number is NW 96/121. The start point is at the Lind Homestead, 17619 24th St. KPN, Home, Washington 98349, and will be well marked for first-time visitors. Start time each day: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm; finish time: 4:00 pm.

**DIRECTIONS:** State Route #16 from Tacoma or Bremerton to Purdy/Shelton/Key Center exit. At Purdy, take State Route # 302 WEST (becomes Key Peninsula Highway), continue through Key Center into Home, right turn at 24th Street, straight about half mile to parking and Volkssport registration site.

**MORE INFO:** Call Rick Stout, (206) 884-3684, or Hugh McMillan (206) 884-3319.

## Small Business Assistance Available For Residents Of Key Peninsula

Small business assistance is now available for residents of Key Peninsula.

The Metropolitan Development Council is now operating a program called The Center for Economic Opportunity or C.E.O. for individuals wishing to establish a small business as a tool for economic growth. Whether it be individual job creation, self-sufficiency or supplemental income, the C.E.O. program will provide small business training; technical assistance and support services and financial packaging and loan assistance to help fund your business idea.

Free classes will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm starting on Friday, June 7th and run through August 2nd, with July 5th off. The classes will be held at the Fire Station in Home on the Key Peninsula.

Eligibility requirements are that you **must** be 18 years or older, be a resident of Pierce County and be at or below 100% of Federal Poverty Guidelines and/or AFDC recipient.

For more information on upcoming classes and services, contact Marilyn Perks at 858-1880 or call the main office at 591-7026.