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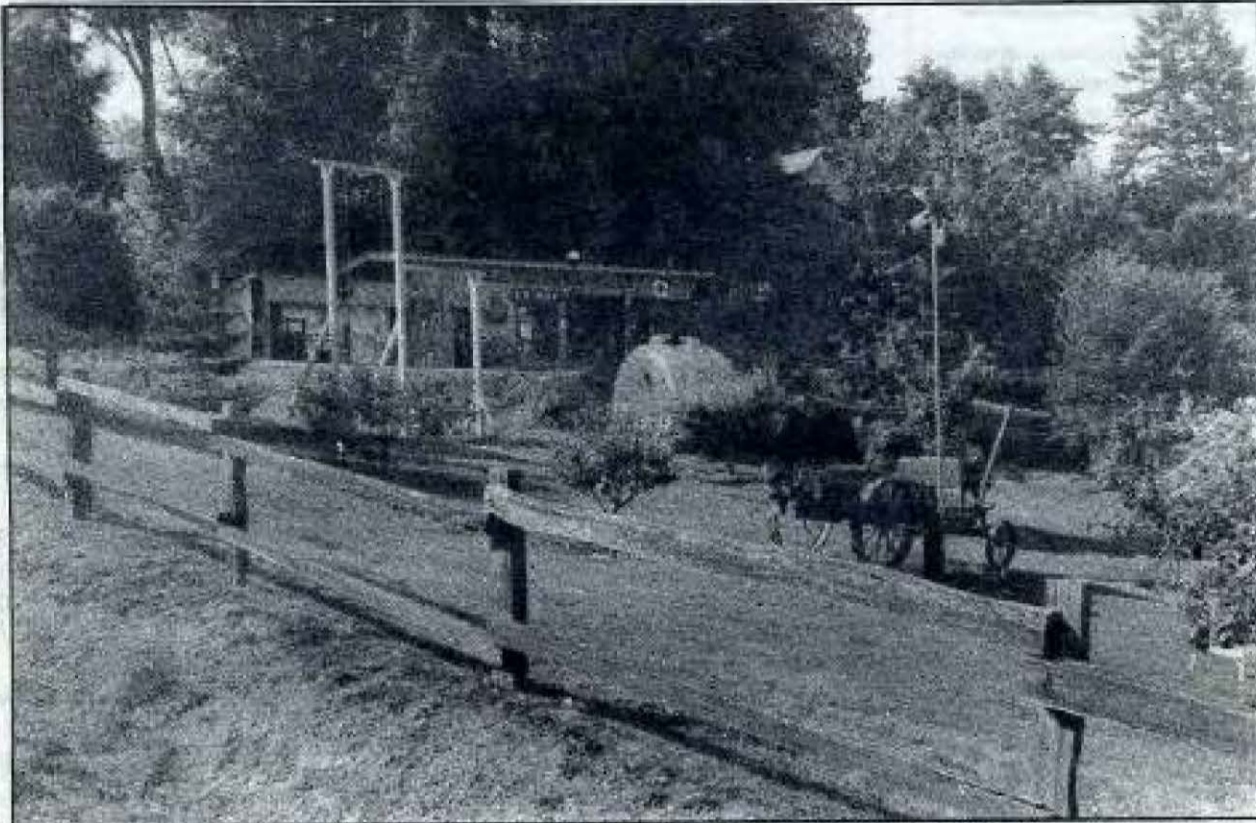
PIONEER DAY ISSUE

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The home of Paul Woodman shows that the Pioneer Spirit of our area remains a vital and thriving part of the Key Peninsula

photo by Hugh McMillan

Parade Route

The Key Peninsula Business Association sponsors the Pioneer Day Parade. Parade entrants will begin gathering behind the fire station. The parade will begin at the Key Center fire station at 10 am.

It will pass directly in front of Walt's Fine Foods, Sunnycrest Nursery and Key Western Hardware, then turn north on Highway 302, passing National Auto

**Parade
10 am**

Parts, the Huckleberry Inn and the New Key Center Tavern on the way to the Civic Center on South Vaughn Road. The parade will continue past the Center to disband at Olson Drive.

Please note that Highway 302 will be closed briefly on Saturday, August 3, from 9:45 until the conclusion of the annual Pioneer Day parade. Those traveling southbound may detour to Elgin-Clifton road. Northbound drivers may use Lackey Road. See page 16 for a detail map of the parade route and detour routes.

Live coverage of the parade from downtown Key Center will broadcast by Keith Stiles on KGHP 89.9 or 89.3 FM in the Gig Harbor area.

Grand Marshalls this year will be Ida Curl and Bill Otto. The two long-time residents of Longbranch were picked as living examples of the 1991 parade theme, "Pioneer Spirit of America."

Please see page 12 for a fascinating interview with Bill Otto.

Ida Simon Curl, a native of Longbranch born in 1907, was featured in the 1990 August issue of the Key Peninsula NEWS. Ida's parents, Julius and Pauline Simon came to the Longbranch area as children with their German immigrant parents. See page 17 for more about Ida Curl.

Pioneer Day '91

Organized to commemorate our Northwest roots, the annual Pioneer Day celebration is a Key Peninsula tradition. It serves as a major fundraiser for the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, a non-profit organization support for our local park district. For more about the Civic Center Association, please see page 4.

**Prizes
Bingo**

Nestled
Civic

in the tall firs at the end to the picturesque Vaughn

Bay, the

Center has been the site of nearly 20 Pioneer Day celebrations.

Part of that tradition is the annual raffle. For a \$1 donation, you have a chance a trip to Victoria, B.C. via Black Ball Ferry with car, two nights lodging at Hen-House Bed and Breakfast, a tour of beautiful Butchart Gardens and High Tea at Dale and Tom

door greenhouse.

Van Slyke have once again truckload of logs to be Pioneer Day Raffle. and stacked anywhere delivery beyond this accept an alternative

**FREE
Parking**

to win
derson
Crystal

generously
awarded as sec-

ond prize in the

That's four to five cords of wood which will be split, delivered within 20 miles of the Civic Center. If the winner wants area, a small delivery fee will be charged. The winner can cash prize of \$180, if desired.

**FREE
Entertainment**

Third prize is a \$100 gift certificate from Walt's Fine Foods.

Minnie Pearl, Bart Simpson, Opera-

There will be several contests as well. Make yourself look like tion Desert Storm's Stormin' Norman or Shirley Temple to win a gift certificate that you can redeem at any member business belonging to the Key Peninsula Business Association. Check the ads in the NEWS for the KPBA logo.

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An Invitation...

This is your Souvenir Pioneer Day issue, mailed out to over 30,000 people in the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor, Fox Island, Ollala, Burley and Grapeview/Allyn/Belfair areas.

We hope you enjoy our paper, and that you will plan on joining us for Pioneer Day, August 3, 1991. In the special centerfold pullout, starting on page 13, you will find helpful maps and a schedule of the day's events.

Come and meet your neighbors, enjoy the comfortable friendly atmosphere, and let us know you read about it in the NEWS.

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next issue:
September 1
deadline
August 15

Letters

To the editor:

I'd like to add my voice of support for the upcoming levy for Emergency Medical Services for Fire District #16. As medical director of the district, I have the opportunity to review all of the emergency medical runs and interact with the paramedics. They're doing an outstanding job and literally saving lives every month. This is an excellent program which deserves our continued support at the polls in September.

Sincerely,
William F. Roes, MD

To the editor:

With so many outdoor things to do during the summer it may be easy to forget that August 17 is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming September election.

Those who have moved to the Key Peninsula recently, those who have moved to a different location and those residents who have not been registered in the past (including those recently turned 18) may register at a number of places, including the Fire Station in Key Center, through August 17. Absentee ballots may also be obtained using requests that are available at the Fire Station.

The Committee to Continue the Emergency Medical Services Levy hopes that all of the Key Peninsula's registered voters will turn out on Tuesday, September 17 to support this very important issue.

Yours truly,
Keith Stiles, Chairman
Committee to Continue the EMS

To the editor:

I certainly hope that before people pull the lever in the voting booth this September 17, they carefully assess the full import of just what damage Initiative 553 can do to our state.

The Initiative is designed to limit the number of terms our elected officials can serve in office. Sounds tempting. It is the product of voter frustration with rising taxes, rising unemployment, incursions of foreign buyers of America, gang wars, drugs, the S & L scandals, etc.

The imprudent answer to all our woes is to blame our elected officials. Out with the rascals!

It is my understanding that a lot of the money behind this initiative is coming from beyond Washington's borders. From places like the deep south, for example. Or from those power-base states in the East whose demographics have shifted in such a fashion that they are losing some of their seats in Congress.

You don't see them pushing for term limitations. Wonder why?

Could it be a move to get rid of some of those bad guys in the far west - guys like, say, Speaker of the House, Tom Foley?

There's got to be a Speaker. He ain't going to get the job without seniority. So who's next in line? It won't be a Washingtonian; you can bet on that. If 553 passes, there will never be a Washington congressman or senator in a position to do anything of merit for our state.

553 is a simple answer concocted by simpler minds - and in the case of other states, devious minds. In short, it is no answer at all.
Hugh McMillan
Home

Volunteers to paint Peninsula homes - free

Volunteers from local churches and service clubs will paint four homes belonging to low income seniors and low income disabled Peninsula residents this summer.

The homes are being painted at no cost to the homeowners thanks to Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful, a program of Associated Ministries of Tacoma/Pierce County.

This is a seven year old program, but it is the first year it has been expanded past Tacoma city limits.

The volunteer paint crews on the Peninsula are coming from Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, the Gig Harbor Rotary, and the Gig Harbor and Key Center Wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

The goal is to paint 50 homes in all, and thus far the locations range from Longbranch to Orting. The four homes on the Peninsula are in Purdy, near Crescent Lake, in Wauna and in Longbranch.

For information about applications to have a house painted next summer or about volunteering to help paint this summer or next, call 383-3056.

Cootiette national convention

Members of several Cootiette clubs in Washington will be leaving August 7 for Albany, New Jersey to attend the national Cootiette convention.

Congratulations to Judy Wilson of Penn Ants #609 of Vaughn, who will be installed as Supreme Grayback (national president) of Supreme Cootiette Clubs of the United States.

The Cootiettes are a service club. Their name is based on a wry joke about conditions in the trenches during World War I. Each month Cootiette members spend the second, third, and fourth Tuesdays traveling to either a nursing home, service hospital, or home for retired veterans. Sometimes these compassionate women are the only visitors to some patients. They bring cookies or other goodies, and help provide entertainment, such as Bingo. The club is involved in other service projects as well.

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Coming Up In August *Firefighters' Ball*

Old Timers Day

by Hugh McMillan

The staff and volunteers of Key Peninsula Community Services are gearing up for the annual "Old Timers Day" at the Longbranch Improvement Club from 9 am to 8 pm on Saturday, August 24.

Old Timers Day is a major fund-raiser for the organization and everyone is invited to join in the fun. There will be clowns, food, horseshoes, the annual logging show, and music provided by Victory Music.

Raffle tickets for a two night stay at Rosario's luxury resort on Orcas Island are available for \$1 at Community House at the corner of Hoff Road and the Key Peninsula Highway in Home, Sunnycrest Nursery or the Key Center Liquor Agency.

Tickets are also available for a chance at a 1972 Cadillac which is described by Bill Adams as, "in beautiful condition, almost like new." The very low mileage vehicle was contributed to Community Services for the purpose of raising money to operate Community House and acquire food for the food bank.

Booths are also available at \$10.00 per space for those interested in participating. For information about booths or general information, please call 884-4440, Tuesday through Friday, from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

Thank you, Pioneer Day supporters

Many hours of work went into this year's Pioneer Day celebration and there are literally a hundred people to thank, but it could not have happened at all but for the generosity of some special people.

First, our sponsors, Puget Sound National Bank, Budweiser of Bremerton, and the Key Peninsula NEWS, who provide general support for Pioneer Day.

Many thanks to the members of the Key Peninsula Business Association for organizing and chairing the parade. It's a big job and a lot of work.

Thanks to all of you who sold raffle tickets, and thanks would not be complete without special recognition to Mary Seidelman, who gave many hours of her time and talent to sell hundreds of raffle tickets. A special thank you to Tom and Dale VanSlyke of Vaughn Bay Lumber Company for donating the truck load of logs for our Pioneer Day raffle.

Thanks also go to Tom Taylor, publisher of the Peninsula Gateway, who donated money for the purchase of gift certificates which will be awarded to contest winners. Lucky winners of the certificates may redeem them at any Key Peninsula Business Association member business.

Thanks, Hank Clinton of Clinton's Music House in Tacoma for the loan of a Yamaha Clavinova electric piano for some of our entertainment segments. Hank is a local resident.

Thank you Tim Kezele, Key Peninsula Park District president, for giving the time to run and organize the horseshoe tournament again this year, and to Jerry Benoit for recruiting and scheduling all of the entertainment acts for the beer garden. The fishpond will be run again by Henry Stock and his crew, and we thank them for providing a lot of kids with a lot of fun.

Thanks too, to Dale and Claudia Loy for putting up signs and to the members of Citizens Against Crime for helping with parking. Special thanks this year to the members of ABATE for providing security. ABATE is a non-profit organization of motorcycle enthusiasts. They plan on holding their annual Fall Bash this year at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association is voluntarily staffed by members of the community who are concerned with the quality of life all of us enjoy here on the peninsula, and they all deserve thanks for the many hours of hard work they put in on Pioneer Day.

Model horse show to be held at Burley

Sherri Johnson is organizing a display show of model horses, to be held at Burley hall on August 17. The show starts at 9 am. The show is free, and some collectors may have items for sale.

Entry deadline is August 1, but is negotiable. Call Sherri at 876-4452 for more information.

Parent Support Group forming

A support group for parents of infants is forming now. Call 884-9749 for more information.

Firefighters' Ball

In an evening filled with prizes and surprises, Gerry Andal and the Roughriders will provide "music for everybody" at the annual Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association's Ball. The always fun event takes place Saturday, August 17, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Dancing, which begins at 9 pm, will continue through 1 am.

Members will be able to enjoy a scrumptious baron of beef dinner prepared by chef Marty Pedersen beginning at 6 pm through 8 pm. Ice and mixers will be available.

Sustaining Memberships in the Key Peninsula Firefighter's Association can be obtained for \$20 the night of the Ball or, in advance, at the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters Station in Key Center.

TOPS will help you lose that weight

Come and join us at the Civic Center VFW Room on Tuesdays. Weigh-in is from 6:15 to 7 pm, and the meeting follows from 7 to 8 pm. For further information, please call Betty at 884-25948 or Maureen at 884-4437.

Key Dates ~ Key Dates ~ Key Dates

~business/professional groups~

Allyn Comm. Assn. August 8: 7:30 am breakfast Allyn Inn
8 am meeting
Speaker - Ralph Lartz on proposed Mason County Transit system (rescheduled from July)
KPBA August 2, 16: 7:30 am Huckleberry Inn

~civic organizations~

Angel Guild August 26: 10 am KC Library/Brones rm.
Citizens Against Crime August 1: 7 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Coolettes August 13: Cottessmore
August 20: Retsil Veterans Home
August 27: Naval Hospital - Bremerton

meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot

Longbranch Imp. Club August 15: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore Room
August 21: 7:00 pm Longbranch Imp. Club.

Family Picnic and Game Night

KPCCA August 8: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
KPCS Board August 13: 7:30 pm Community House - Home
KP Lions August 7, 21: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn - Key Center

~community services~

Adult Literacy classes Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm Purdy Fire Station
sponsored by Altrusa 857-2633 info
CPR classes August 1: 7-10 pm 884-2222 for reservations
food bank Tues. - Fri.: 10 am-3 pm Community House - Home
hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon
respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm KC Library/Brones rm.
sewing classes Tuesdays: 1-4 pm KC Library
W.I.C. Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

~of interest to parents~

Peninsula School Board August 8: 7:30 pm ESC center/Board rm. - Purdy

~public meetings~

Mason Transit plan August 13: 5:30 pm Theler Community Ctr. - Belfair
KP Fire Com. August 14, 26: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board August 14: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.

~self help groups~

Al-Anon Mondays: 7 pm Lakebay Comm. Church
Narcotics Anonymous Tues. & Thurs.: 7 pm KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group August 6: 7 pm Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg. 7-8 pm KPCC/VFW rm.

~social/hobby groups~

Senior Society Thursdays: noon KPCC/Whitmore rm.
foot care and blood pressure
Twilite Dance Club August 17: 8 pm-midnight KPCC/gym
Upper Sound Grange August 5: 6:30-9 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
VFW & Aux. August 12: 7 pm KPCC/VFW rm.
Christian Women's Club August 14: 9:30-11:30 am The Cimarron - Brunch: \$6.50
of Gig Harbor Lois 851-5522, Lorraine 851-3163 Reservations req.
Historical Society August 10: 2 pm Marine Historical Museum
meet to carpool at Key Center, 1 pm; tour of museum, 2 pm

~events~

Community House Breakfast August 18: 8 am - 1 pm Community House - Home
& Bake Sale adults \$3/kids \$1.50
Firefighter's Ball August 17: 6-8 pm dinner KPCC/gym
9 pm-1 am dance
music by Gary Andal and the Roughriders
Labor Day Weekend dance August 31: 8:30 pm - 1 am Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbrancheros Play days August 10, 24: Improvement Club Arena
registration 10 am
Old Timers Day August 24: 9 am-8 pm Longbranch Imp. Club
Pioneer Day August 3: 9 am-11 pm KP Civic Center
Pioneer Day Parade August 3: 10 am Downtown Key Center

Pierce county folks to turn on outdoor lights August 6

Tacoma and Pierce County are gearing up to join millions of citizens across the nation to give neighborhood crime and drugs a going away party on

Tuesday, August 6.

National Night Out urges citizens to turn on outdoor lighting for security, safety, and to demonstrate cooperation between the community and law enforcement in the fight against crime.

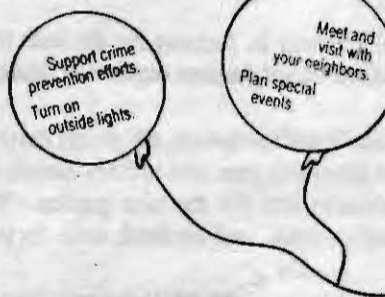
In Tacoma and Pierce County, National Night Out is jointly sponsored by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, the Tacoma Police Department, the Puyallup Police Department, the Gig Harbor Police Department, Tacoma Public Utilities, Puget Power, Peninsula Light Company, Safe Streets, Gig Harbor/Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce, Key Peninsula Citizens Against Crime, 7-Eleven Stores, Philips Lighting, and Brinks Home Security. The



program is designed to heighten crime awareness, generate support for local anti-crime efforts, and strengthen neighborhood spirit.

Residents are asked to leave on a porch light or other outside light from 6 to 10 pm, and to consider making a habit of leaving on a light at night.

More information on National Night Out is available from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, 593-4930; the Tacoma Police Department, 591-5840; the Gig Harbor Police Department, 851-2236; and the Puyallup Police Department, 841-5430.



What is the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association?


The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association was started more than 30 years ago for the express purpose of looking after the Civic Center, formerly Vaughn-Union High School.

With expenses mounting and taxes soaring, the Association created the Key Peninsula Park District, establishing in one motion an entity that could raise money through property taxes to support this civic run facility and which could own property not taxable by the state or county. The Association sold to the Park District, for \$1 and other valuable considerations, the property and improvements of the Civic Center, pledging to continue fund-raising for the support and well-being of the facility and agreeing to run the facility for the Park District and the residents of Key Peninsula.

Through thick and thin, the Association has kept that promise. Through contract negotiations with the Park District it had created, through good times and bad, the Association has had a single purpose - the preservation of a community facility for all people, used by any segment of the resident population and available to all whether they had the ability to pay rent or not. To keep the doors open and the programs maintained takes tens of thousands of dollars each year. The Civic Center Association pays a considerable portion of that yearly expense.

Pioneer Days has been one means of raising funds for Civic Center activities. Others include: two sessions of roller skating for the youth of the community each Friday night of the school year; Bingo on Wednesday nights; Reno nights; spaghetti dinners; dances; auctions; Mother's Day Brunch; Arts and Crafts shows and much more.

Volunteers make the community what it is. No one gets paid in money for keeping the Center open and running; instead the payoff comes from doing a job well and knowing the work benefits the entire community. You can't put a dollar value on the sense of satisfaction gained from this kind of work.



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884-4169

Auction time again

1991 Auction Donors

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| 2. Fireplace tool set | JR Welding |
| 3. 5 lb. homemade Italian sausage | Joe & Stephanie Zampini |
| 4. Unspecified | Sunnycrest Nursery |
| 5. 2 wind toys | Kingsbury Enterprises |
| 6. 6 hours drafting | Snodgrass, Freeman & Assoc. |
| 7. 2 hours Christmas decorating | John & Terry Thomas |
| 8. 2 nights at the WestWynd Motel | Ed Taylor |
| 9. 6 week class in childbirth ed | Vicky Schauer |
| 10. Unspecified | Continental Tire |
| 11. Answering Machine | PSB |
| 12. MaryKay Nailcare Collection | Annette Sowers |
| 13. Self-hypnosis lessons | The Key Center Institute |
| 14. 2 weeks child swim lessons Adams | Aqua Skills |
| 15. Unspecified | Bob & Ann Larson |
| 16. 1 week stay at the Oasis in Palm Springs at a deluxe condo | Ted & Dukie Fleischbein |

Our most exciting donation so far has come through the generosity of Ted and Dukie Fleischbein, who are donating the week of February 1 through 8 (high season) in their Palm Springs time share condominium. This 2 bedroom deluxe unit sleeps six. Silent bids will be accepted for this auction item. Your sealed bid may be left at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center. Be sure to include your name and phone number.

All expenses to run the Civic Center are being paid by the KPCCA. Operation expenses through the first six months of this year total about \$32,500.00. Your auction donations will be used to help keep our center open. Won't you help? All donations will be listed each month in the KP NEWS. Call Ann Larson at 884-3562 or Claudia Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery, 884-3937.

Civic Center Donations

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Thank you for helping support the Civic Center!

Civic Center Balance Sheet

as of July 1, 1991

INCOME

USER FEES	1014.00
MISC. INC.	180.74
INT. INC.	15.78
EQUIP. RENTAL	28.00
BINGO	1000.00
KP NEWS	50.00
SKATING	342.00
PIONEER DAY	385.00
MISC. PROG.	135.00
DONATIONS	625.00
TOTAL	3775.52

EXPENSES

CARETAKER	1,400.00
MISC.	26.90
OFC. EXP.	139.96
ADVERTISING	208.96
MISC. PROG.	23.40
PIONEER DAY	771.04
ELEC.	293.04
OIL	283.34
REFUSE	74.84
TELEPHONE	59.77
SUPPLIES	9.80
HEAT SYSTEM	576.73
TOT. EXP.	3867.78
NET INCOME	-92.26

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2 - 3 PAZAZZ Rock & Roll

9 - 10 NICK VIGARINO & the

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Food bank in need of food

by Hugh McMillan

Marge Adams, manager of the Key Peninsula Community Services, which houses our local food bank, reports that, "We are now only able to provide one food basket a month, because our supplies are so low." Needless to say, any contributions will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

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New sprinkler ordinance passed

LOCAL FIRE CHIEF TESTIFIES



KP NEWS photo by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula Fire Chief Horace Kanno (pictured above, third from right in back row) and Fire Commissioner Hugh McMillan joined an estimated 12 to 15 other Pierce County fire service officials at the chambers of the Pierce County Council. The meeting was held to hear testimony on behalf of an ordinance requiring sprinkler systems in all new hotels, motels and family dwellings with five or more units.

McMillan told the Council of training he took some years ago at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma. The classes, presented by members of the Firefighters' Burn Center there, included slide shows, "that made you flinch."

Jim Blankenship, Chief at the Graham Fire Department and president of the Pierce County Fire Chiefs' Association, said, "having sprinklers is the same thing as having a firefighter in your room."

The vote approving the measure was 4 to 3.

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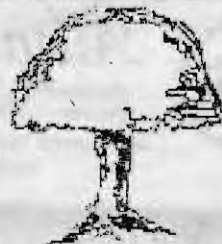
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CAC members had the beef for Volksmarchers

VOLKSMARCHERS FIND PENROSE TRAILS "BEAUTIFUL"

Co-chairmen of the Key Peninsula Lions' Volkssport Club's annual volksmarches, Don Tjossem and Hugh McMillan attributed the success of the July 6 and 7 Volksmarch to, "a happy combination of incredibly good weather, the excellent condition of the trails, and the fact that ours was the only such event in the area during the 4th of July weekend. We drew a lot of volksmarchers who would otherwise have had no place to go.

Tjossem said, "Our tally of registration forms documents that 918 people attended, but there is no doubt in my mind that more than a thousand Volksmarchers completed the 10 kilometer route. Some walkers don't know to or just don't bother to turn in their papers."

The only negative feature of the weekend was a fall on gravel by one male marcher who sustained cuts and abrasions and required ambulance transport to a Bremerton hospital by the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

McMillan said, "When I was making up the brochure for this, our third annual outing, I was really just sort of playing with words when I titled it, 'Primeval, Pristine, Primordial Penrose Point Park Promenade,' but as it turned out, the trails are just exactly that. They're really beautiful. I asked every walker what they thought of the trail and without exception they expressed enthusiastic approval."

Several walkers complimented the work of Rick Stout of Home who marked the route.

Citizens Against Crime again served their "world famous" (because they've been praised by walkers from Germany, Scandinavia, and Canada) Bar-B-Q beef sandwiches and softdrinks as a fundraiser for their group. "They've teamed up with us for the last two years," said Tjossem, "and have complimented our efforts very nicely."

Citizens Against Crime to hold Crime Prevention Fair

by Hugh McMillan

Planning for the Crime Prevention Fair sponsored by Citizens Against Crime at the Civic Center on November 2 is moving right along. The fair is expected to be a major event. "One, to the best of my knowledge, not previously staged anywhere in the Northwest," said Pierce County Sheriff's Department Deputy Sam Larson.

The fair committee learned July 15 that "Squirt," the talking fire-plug will be on hand to entertain and teach kids about fire prevention. Squirt will

join the department's crime prevention dog, MacGruff, and "Tommy Tug," the robotic water safety vehicle.

The Gig Harbor Police Department will be sending Officer Mark Gallagan with a D.A.R.E. program complete with official vehicle, and the department-sponsored Explorer Scouts will offer free finger-printing for children, which will be incorporated in the FBI's computerized Child Safe Program.

The Pierce County Sheriff Department's Marine Services Unit will provide a water safety program with hands-on experience for young people on one of the unit's rescue craft; Deputy Dennis Young will present a program on off-road vehicle safety; Krista Osborne, Crime Prevention Officer, will present a crime prevention program with special tips for children; and, contingent upon needs of the department, the K-9 unit will present a demonstration of the skills of a drug-detecting dog. It is rumored that the unit's newest weapon, a drug-detecting pig, might also be on hand.

Ed Troyer of the 6 pm Mondays' "Sheriff's Report" on Channel 29 will be there with a camera crew to videotape the fair for presentation each Monday in December.

Pierce County Fire Protection Districts #5 and #16 will provide fire prevention and safety programs, and trained Citizens Against Crime members will provide programs and a video on mail and telephone fraud operations which have increased dramatically over the past few months. CAC members will also hold crime prevention briefings which will feature a "Sheriff's Report"

video program involving locally situated sheriff's deputies and CAC "actors," which aired last year.

Admission will be \$1 or \$2.50 for families of four. "We really want to encourage people to attend, especially kids," said Larson, "They'll love it and they'll learn some very important things. That's why we kept the price as low as possible."

Contracts for booths are being signed by vendors of home security and personal safety products who will present programs displaying crime-prevention-related materials and techniques. Private business providers of locks, alarms, personal protection devices, vehicular locking equipment, and other safety devices are encouraged to reserve space at the fair at their earliest convenience and to advise whether electrical hook-ups will be needed. CAC sponsors note that several spaces have already been reserved and that space allotments will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, please call Karen Olsen at 858-6532.

Citizens Against Crime is a group of citizen volunteers founded to help our local sheriff's department by answering phones and assisting with office work, so deputies can respond more quickly when needed.



Citizens Against Crime members work hard to prepare their "world famous" Bar-B-Que sandwiches.

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Robert F. Kennedy Recreational Area? or Joemma

by Keith Stiles

Just north of Whiteman's Cove on the western side of our Key Peninsula there is a small bay, with sands shelving into gently rising backlands and forest views.

That quiet area, now the scene of a public park, holds evidence of earlier days in our local history that is now rapidly slipping away.

The story begins in Missouri, in 1873, when Joseph E. Smith was born to

parents of modest circumstances at a time that the great American western migration was beginning to fade, except for some areas of the Pacific Northwest.

The family came to southeastern Washington in September of 18-83, settling in the little town of Endicott in the wheat farming area of the Palouse country. There Joe Smith grew up as an active farmboy, learning to handle firearms and deal with horses and other farm animals.

Unlike other members of his family,

however, Joe Smith was not content with farm life. He liked to write, and he began to keep notebooks, setting down short descriptions of things and ideas that inter-

ested him.

bulbs, plants, trees, and flowers of the Northwest. To market his bulbs, trees and plants, Joe called upon his newspaper back-



photo by Lee Stiles

ested him.

Although his family was not wealthy, Joe was able to accumulate some college time. Before long he was working as a reporter for a nearby small town newspaper. As his work experience grew, he graduated to a daily paper in rapidly expanding Spokane.

As the 1800's came to an end, the United States found itself facing a war with Spain in the Phillipine Islands, and Joe was commissioned into a regiment raised in Washington that was dispatched to join the battle.

Before leaving the state Joe was hired by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer to cover the war's events, and thereby became that newspaper's first "overseas war correspondent."

He was slightly wounded in one minor battle, and sent home a stream of eyewitness reports of the various actions that were closely followed by P-I readers in Western Washington.

Following the successful conclusion of the war Joe was returned to Seattle, where he was mustered out and subsequently married Emma Gaard.

For several years the couple made their home in Seattle, where Joe ended up working for every one of that town's different newspapers. Politics was one of his main reporting "beats," and Seattle papers featured his various descriptions of the IWW "Wobblies," the Waterfront Labor troubles, and the many activist candidates of the 1905-1917 period.

It was also during those years that the Smiths welcomed two children into their family, a son, Gerald, and a daughter.

In 1917, perhaps tiring of the political wars of Seattle, Joe and Emma acquired several acres of beachfront property adjacent to Whiteman's Cove and named it "Joemma Beach."

There Joe built cabins in a sort of resort complex, and started a nursery for

ground. He acquired a small printing press, and began to publish "The Joemma Bulletin" a bi-monthly newspaper dated "Longbranch, Washington."

For the next several years, Joe Smith published "The Joemma Bulletin" from his little office near the beach. He and Emma shipped their plants out of the Longbranch Post Office, one winter reporting that they had shipped more than 6000 small rhododendrons to locations throughout the United States.

Some oldtimers here say that they can remember Gerald Smith driving down to the Longbranch Post Office with the family's Model "T" Ford bulging with various nursery items for shipment by parcel post.

It is perhaps a mark of those times that the property at Joemma Beach was thought of as "being a long way out in the country," and getting there was regarded as being more or less a major trip. Even so, young people frequently gathered at Joemma for various social events such as swimming, beach parties, and just plain visiting.

In about 1927, Joe Smith changed his business approach somewhat, retaining his newspaper for advertising, but becoming a distributor of nursery items instead of a grower. In doing so, he moved to Olympia, and then back to Seattle, where he continued his newspaper under various names until about 1947.

He did continue his ownership of Joemma Beach, employing a local resident, George Jones, as manager until 1936. During the time that Joe and Emma owned the property various marine and automobile road maps were published, all showing the property under the name of "Joemma Beach." Among the locals, everyone is said to have referred to the area by that name only.

After 1936, possibly as a result of the nationwide depression, the state of Wash-



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ington acquired the title to the property, and the site slowly reverted to its natural status as the years went by. The name however, stayed, and signs were erected identifying the beach and surrounding remnants of the nursery area for Joe and Emma. All residents of the Key Peninsula knew about "Joemma Beach," and many of them continued to go there and enjoy its hospitality.



Cecil Paul rekindles memories of the home of Joe Smith and his nursery at Joemma Beach.
photo by Lee Stiles

The beach site passed through various stages of bureaucratic process until it ended up with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, where some funds were found to develop a picnic and camping area, more or less on the site previously occupied by the Joemma resort and nursery. According to Key Peninsula residents, the Joemma Beach name was still in use by both signage and by custom.

Joe Smith passed away in Seattle in February, 1962, at the age of 89. A substantial historical record of his life, including 19 boxes of records, writings, and correspondence is among the holdings of the University of Washington in Seattle.

In addition, certain of Joe Smith's publications, including "Bunch Grass Pioneer" are available in the archives of the Washington State Library in Olympia.

In June, 1968, then Commissioner of Public Lands, Bert Cole, announced that the park area would be named for the recently deceased Robert F. Kennedy. Those who can remember the event say that state crews appeared and tore down all the various signs that said "Joemma Beach," and replaced them with the new name that had been chosen by Cole.

Longtime residents of the Key Peninsula could not understand why the Kennedy name was chosen, and insisted that it was a politically motivated act.

So far, no record has been located to show that the senator had anything to do with the property, and probably had never been closer than one or two political tours that touched briefly in Seattle.

There is also no record that

anyone in the local area was contacted, or that the issue of naming the recreational area ever went through any type of political process.

Standard Washington state process for the naming of public areas is said to focus on using names of historical significance, or names of local physical features that fit with the

location.

For those who might be interested in this issue, there is an appeal process that might be started in order to restore the name of our local recreational area to honor the Smiths, Joe and Emma, who actually developed it over 70 years ago.

(Editor's note: The author, Keith Stiles, is currently doing research for the publication of a biography of Joe Smith, is a previous editor of the Key Peninsula News, and resides in Vaughn, WA.

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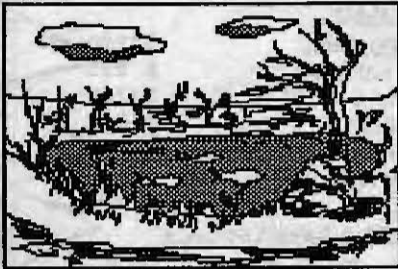
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by Megan Aprile

Bill Otto was born September 14, 1900, in Menominee Wisconsin, the son of William and Wilhelmina (Rickert) Otto, German immigrants. Bill was one of the five Otto children; Ernest, Martha, Arthur, Edward and George. The family arrived in Longbranch in 1901, when Bill was one year old, to join Mina's brothers, Adolph and August Rickert. Bill grew up in Longbranch in a close-knit community of other homesteaders like his parents.

Bill married Mae Curl in Longbranch in 1921, and they had three children; Marjorie (Hall), Jean (Guttormsen) and Myrna (Bradley). Bill logged, farmed and raised chickens. When Prohibition was repealed in 1932, he built the Maple Leaf Tavern, which is still in use as a business today, as Longbranch Mercantile, a general store. Bill has lived his whole life in Longbranch, and is now retired, but still gardens and is still active in the community. Bill was selected as one of the two Grand Marshalls of the 1991 Pioneer Day Parade held each year on the Key Peninsula, as an outstanding representative of the Pioneer Spirit of America, the theme of the 1991 parade.

This interview with him has been edited for clarity and content, but not very much, because Bill's words not only tell his personal story and some of the history of the area, they also show the Pioneer spirit that we celebrate each year.

The grit, the humor, the courage and perseverance that was necessary to be a successful homesteader - all are there in

the words of Bill Otto. You might also be interested to read about Bill's memories of a subject that is very controversial today - old growth forest.

How did your parents decide to come out to the Key Peninsula?

Yes, to Longbranch? I knew these Adolph Rickerts, they was the oldest Rickerts family Their oldest son came out to Washington and he was here about three years. I guess he worked in the woods. I don't really know what he done, but that's what I imagine, that's about all they was going on. He came back to Wisconsin and he talked his folks into coming out here. I guess his folks passed word back and forth, you know wrote them (The Ottos). About a year after that, a year and a half my folks came out here.

Do you know what year that was, that their son came out to begin with?

No, about three years, that would be about '97 or something like that ... He evidently liked the country, that's about all I know about it, But what he said and talked back to them, I probably wasn't even listening. (laughter) ... Then about another year and a half or two years, August Rickert came here and he settled up here on the Devil's Head road.

What relation was August to Adolph?

Brothers... They all came from Germany, to start with, and there was three brothers. Now, Charlie Rickert settled over in the Puyallup valley, I didn't know so much about him. I don't really know if he was one of the first ones, or just when he really did come.

The Rickerts were your relatives? Otto relatives?

Yes. My mother was a Rickert... There was about ten or so kids in that family, and my mother was the youngest and this was three of the oldest brothers. I had about 25 cousins in them three families The closest to my age was about a year and a half or two years

Bill Otto speaks about pioneering

older than I was ... and they're all gone.

That must be hard, to watch everybody go.

Yeah, uh, hum.

... Did your parents ever tell you stories about Germany, or what their life was like?

Oh yes. It was tough there. That's why they got out of there. I've talked to other people that came from different parts of Germany. I don't whether the folks lived in one place all the time, in one community, but where they moved away from was in Province-Posen, what's East Germany now. It and that was a poor peoples, they didn't pay nothing for wages. They just ... you just barely had enough to live on. I think that's what made all them people move out of there ... I've heard my dad mention this a lot of the times. Now, he worked for a farmer and I forget ... I didn't know how much a year, they got paid by the year, and it was only a few dollars. It just amounted to a few dollars for the year, but they got a acre of ground. He said it was good ground. You could grow anything on it, and ... a small house you got, that was threw in with your wages, and that was the only way they could live. They raised the biggest part of ... they lived like I do. I live mostly out of my garden too. And that's the only reason they could get along at all.

Yeah, I tell you, while we're talking about Germans, my folks talked high, regular German and then they talked Low Dutch. They must in Germany have lived somewhere in a low Dutch family ... Kind of a funny thing, the folks with us, [with] my brother and my sister they talked Low Dutch to them. Then they thought Low Dutch is not near such a popular speech, or whatever you want to call, but the High German ... then as us kids grew up, when they talked to my sister and my older brother, it was Low Dutch and us kids, we could always tell whether it was them they wanted or us by what language. 'Til I went to school, my folks didn't know much English.

Your folks were, when they came out, did they homestead? Or what did they do?

They bought forty acres. They wound up buying the forty acres adjoining the Adolph Rickerts.

You said August was on Devil's Head Road, and where was Adolph Rickert's place? It was next to his?

No, up the Rouse Road here, about a half a mile and then in on the Nelson road ... and then our forty was the one right in the corner. We butted the Rouse road and the Nelson road and the Rickerts were on the other side.

What did they do with that forty acres? Did they farm it?

Well, I tell you this, you know, in the early days, when we came here, people didn't want timber land ... It's different now ... They all looked for a place where they could make a home, and a little farm, where they could get enough land cleared to and they looked for something that had a few acres at least, or easy land to clear... My folks and Adolph Rickerts' had a swamp, that was a peat swamp in there, they just about split that in half. Somebody had farmed a little bit on the forty acres and had planted [a] garden or something in there, in that swamp and that's I guess what got him to build. He knew he could clear that up pretty quick. It was pasture. One of the old time loggers that lived up the bay here, they say he pastured his oxen in that swamp in the early days.

What did people bring with them to set up a place? Did they bring farming tools and that kind of stuff? I would think if you're coming by train you would be limited in what you could bring.

No, I think they bought it all in Tacoma. They had several implement places.

So you'd have to bring some money, is what you'd have to bring.

Yeah.

How much do you think it would cost to get yourself started?

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Right, but just to get yourself going, not with everything that you need, but just to get some kind of a basic ...

Gosh, I ... things didn't cost like they do now. You could buy the best kind of a milk cow for \$40, and a good horse for \$100.

How about lumber? Do you remember anything about what that cost?

Well, that was cheap in them days. This Rush, he didn't have a planer, everything was rough-sawn, but he was an old German planer, and you know, these foreign people, when they done a job, they done, they tried to do the best work. Old man Rush he was awful good that way. He sawed that lumber so even you know ... Course it needed planing when you wanted to use it for finish, but didn't use no lumber for finish much.

The main thing was just to get something up.

Yeah ... The Lakebay Sawmill was up in the head of Lakebay Cove, you know. Maybe you don't even know but the old timers ... I thought old man Rush dug that ditch all the time, but he didn't... I just found out in later years that Otto, Lawrence and Oscar, the old steam-boat guys, they lived in Lakebay. Old man Rush, another old German, ran that, and they dug a big ditch by hand from Lakebay to Bay Lake down to that mill. It was a water-power mill. I always thought old man Rush done that, but I found out later that the Lorenz ... brothers dug that ditch and had that first water-pow-

come and helped me roll them up on piles and burn them ... So always try to add another acre of land to the farm.

When you say slash, that would mean you would go in and cut down all the trees and then ...

Yes, the small stuff.

... the small stuff and the underbrush?

Yeah.

And then when that was cleared, you'd come back and cut out the bigger trees?

Yes, we slashed that about in the middle of the spring of the year, as soon as the weather got good ... figured on having that done by about this time of the year, and so it had the summer to dry. You know now they have such a fuss about burning anything. In them days, in all this log, timber that they logged off, the timber was thick you know.

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in Longbranch

ered sawmill in there. ... They even built some steamers right there, oh, I can't tell you ...

Do you know how big they were? Steamers are pretty...

Well, I only know of one for sure that they built. It was probably sixty, no it was more than that, probably a seventy-five foot boat. The average of these steamers that run the Sound, there was bigger ones, but a lot of them were around a 100 feet. They was all pretty good. They had to haul freight and everything. And another thing that's interesting to me — when we first started to farm here, if you raised a sack of rutabagas or potatoes or anything edible, why all you had to do was have a grocery store in Tacoma that would buy it and you sacked that stuff or boxed it and put it on the dock and the steamer picked it up and took it in to Tacoma. You could sell anything that was edible ... And then, when we didn't have Eastern Washington apples and that — we had everything, it was shipped in here... the business here like the apples, you know, they took good care of them ... but I think the people that come from Eastern Washington they thought it was a little better. I always thought they was bumper apples, because the people that had orchards in, they took care of them, not like now.

Did you have an orchard on your place?

We only had a family orchard. We never settled on them, but ... August Rickert ..., he bought a pretty big orchard up there. They made their living practically off their orchard. Another thing when we come here that was interesting to me almost all the big orchards, and there was a lot of land that was in orchards was prune orchards, Italian prune orchards. And, down here in Longbranch, there was three prune driers. They didn't sell any fresh fruit, maybe some of them did, but not most of them. They dried the whole thing and they had a market for all of them. But then that was like Eastern Washington with the apples. Oregon farmers, they raised Italian prunes, and they claimed their prunes were bigger and sweeter. And they put that over. I don't know whether they was or not, but they put that over, and by gosh the people in the cities began to buy the Oregon dried prunes. Then these guys tore out the prune trees and planted apple trees.... But, whatever you had, if you had a pretty big orchard you always had a variety, a little bit so you had a variety for your own use. There was a lot of nurseries already in them days. Of course, my dad was working, out away from the place, all the majority of the time.

What did he do?

He worked in the logging camp to start with and he just worked in the summertime because it was horse logging in them days and unless you was on real high ground you know, it got so muddy to work with the horses that they couldn't work some of the time, so he didn't bother to work for the camp unless it was the summertime. Where he was working he had to work away from home.


Then he stayed in this home in the wintertime and he cut cord wood. Most of our land was just, oh it had the nicest, the nicest old growth timber on there. You can't see anything like it anymore unless you go to some park or something ... He got somebody to slash another acre or two of ground and then we, when I got big enough, I helped him clear ground. Art, my brother younger than me, he was my mother's helper in the house, and I helped my dad. Soon as I got big enough to pick up the lines, Dad, he done all the other work, and I drove the team and pulled the stumps and the huckleberry bushes. Them days you know, the old logs that had laid here for hundreds of years, there were so many of them that had to be cut up and I took them out to a pile and then my dad he



Bill Otto

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Horseshoe Lake, shown below, is just over the Pierce County line, and is a popular summer swimming spot. A small fee admits you for swimming. Lifeguards are on duty, and there is also a playground and concession stand. The park is open from Memorial Day until Labor Day.

A new dock is part of the recent improvements at R.F.K. Recreational Area shown at right. Or should we say Joemma Beach? See the story on pages 8 and 9 for some interesting history.

If its scenery you like, you can't go wrong on the Key Peninsula. Travel the Key Peninsula highway for scenes like the Home bridge, shown at bottom right.



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They only was the tops of the trees, they was nothing growing under it but some huckleberry bushes and salal brush. If the logger that logged it didn't set it afire, or whoever the land belonged to, somebody waited until the later part of August and when they thought it was the driest time of the year all these ... and slashes, oh ... *They were all on fire.*

It got so smoky around here. They talk about smoke now. We really had ... if we had weather like we've been having a lot this spring, this heavy weather, it holds it down, but I remember when they had a big fire out from Olympia, down towards Grays Harbor, the first town down there ... They were logging alot in there then and that caught afire in the dry time of the year. You know that smoke was so thick from that fire, I know we were up on the hill clearing some more land. We quit working. We couldn't see to work, there such a smoke layer over the top of us.

Now, how long did it take to cut a cord of wood using hand saws?

Well, I imagine a man wouldn't cut over two cords a day.

With two man saws?

Two men would split it in piles. Now we're talking about wood, my dad cut wood and Krausers, the old timers that lived over here ... in them days all the steamers, that was all their transportation, they all had steam engines, but wood burners. You never heard of an oil burner in them days. And he (Krauser) built the big float out here in the bay, and he'd bring that in to shore and he'd haul it down there. The boats, oh even the boats that didn't run in here, that went down the Sound, a lot of them came in here and bought wood from old man Krauser. He sawed and split that wood and piled it and left it dry during the summer and then Krauser, he got a dollar a cord.

A dollar a cord?

A dollar a cord. Now, if you can get a cord of wood for about \$65, you're lucky.

Did your dad sell wood too, or was that just for burning in the house?

No, what he cut he sold. He used to try to cut 100 cords in the winter. Out of nice clear old-growth fir trees. They would try to examine your mind if anybody would do that now ... If they caught them doing that now, cutting up old-growth trees like that for wood. And another thing while we're talking about wood, we never thought of burning second-growth wood. It had to be old-growth wood.

Because it burnt a lot better, is that why?

Yes. Well, it was a little better wood. Second growth wood was harder wood, and if it was good, it was harder to dry too, but if you got it good and dry it made probably a hotter fire than the old growth, but old growth burnt more even ... You just knew every so often when you had to fill up your cook stove or heater.

A lot of these people asked me 'What'd you do for refrigeration in them days?' I say, well that's easy, I can tell you what our refrigeration was. We had a shallow well about 18 feet deep or something, and I don't know how many little pulleys we had hanging up over that and everthing that needed refrigeration, we had a bucket it went down in the well right down to just above the water and that was our refrigerator ... But we didn't have so much junk to pick from anyway in them days as we do now.... Now you'd have an awful time if you had to take home a family's stuff and put it in the well today!

to be continued - next time: Bill remembers his childhood

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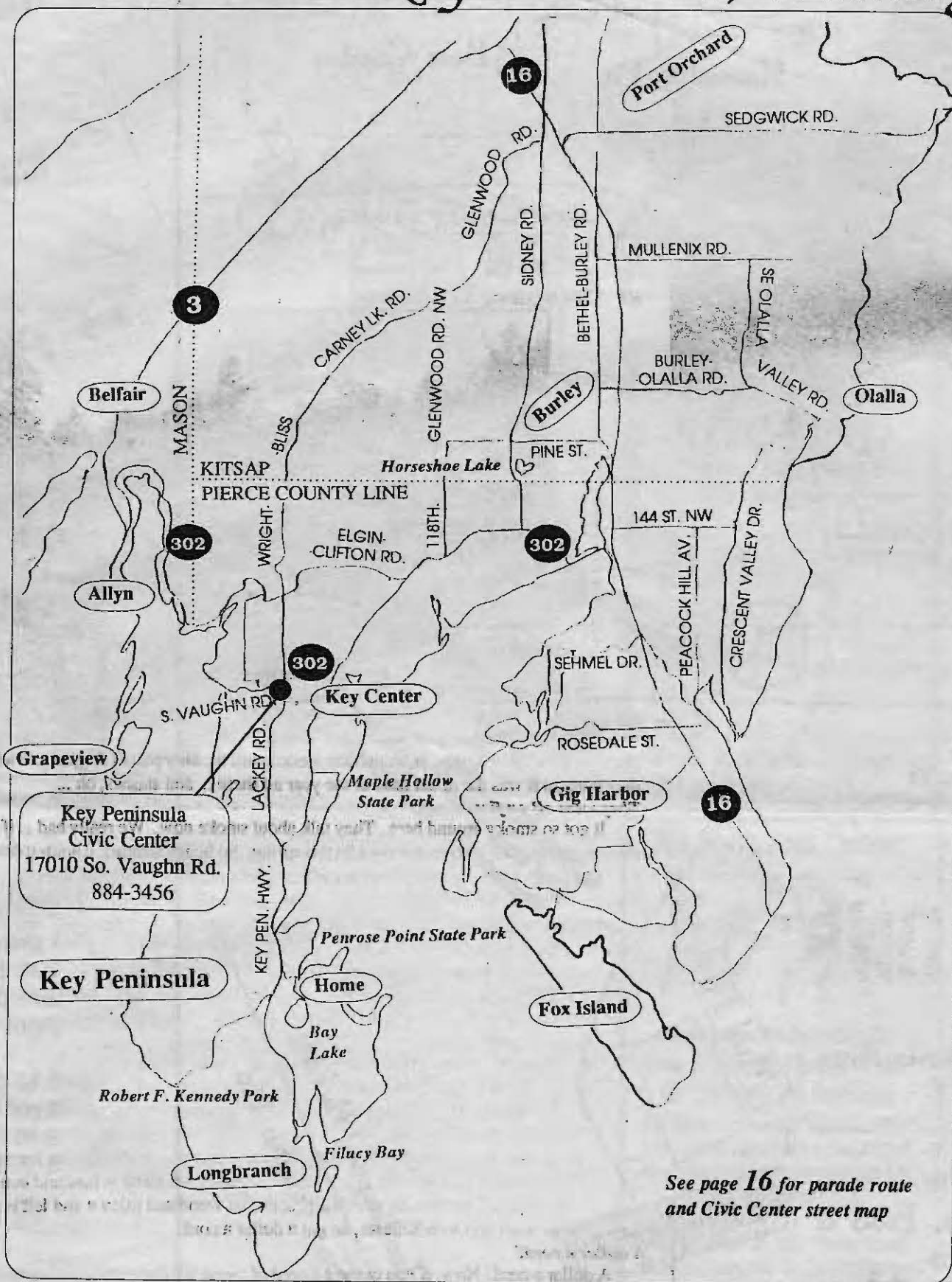
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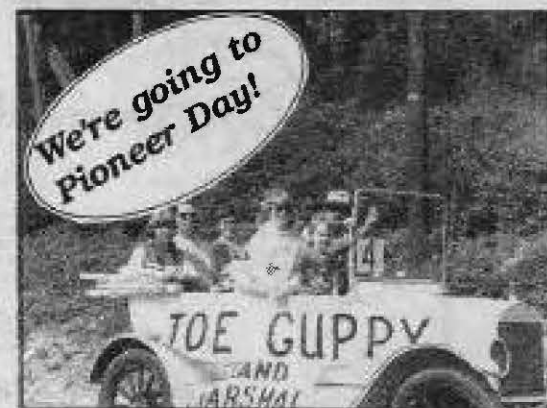
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See page 16 for parade route and Civic Center street map



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 Civic Center Annex
 see story on page 17

PRIZES



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Meet Stella Retherford and
Mary & Eleanor Stock
in the VFW room
Annex
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SUMMER FUN DAY

EXHIBITS

10 am-4 pm
11:30 am
11:30 am
1 to 4 pm
2 pm/4 pm
6:15 pm

Pacific Science Center
Childrens Games
Horseshoe Tournament
Bingo
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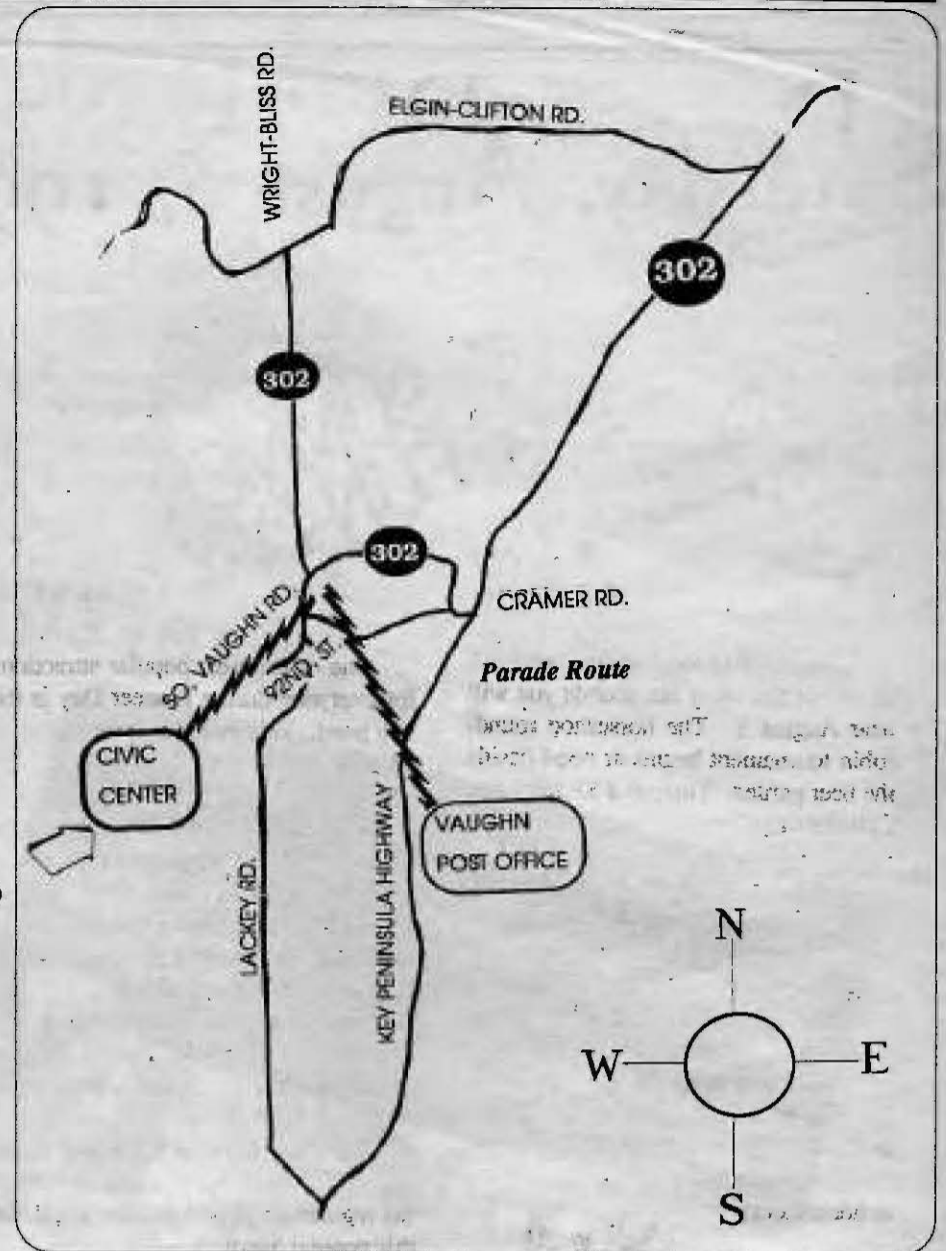
1991 Pioneer Day Parade Route/Civic Center Map

For parade entrants, lineup will start at 8 am at the parking lot next to JR Welding, behind the Key Center Service station. Walt Schmidt, Don Tjossem and Doug Blundell will be in charge of line-up.

For parade watchers, the parade will start at 10 am. To name a few, Silverbow farms will have a big entry; and Sunnycrest farms will present cheerleaders of the past and the future

Key Center Tavern is rumored to be putting together the most fabulous float ever - a wagon train. Direct from the tavern, Tracy told us, "we don't know how long it's going to be. So far we've got a covered wagon and pack horses. We're trying to get everybody who rides horses to enter." Call 884-9766 if you want to be in the wagon train.

Speaking of entering, Wednesday night July 31, is the absolute last-minute deadline for parade entries. Contact Sunnycrest Nursery at 884-3937 for more information.



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Pioneer Day 1991

Pacific Science Center to bring display

The Pacific Science Center of Seattle has a series of excellent traveling displays which many school children have had the chance to see. The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association has booked the Center's "Science on Wheels" for this year's Pioneer Day celebration.

The display will be open from 10 am to 4 pm in the Whitmore room at the center. See the grounds map in our special pull-out section on page 16 for the exact location. Pacific Science Center displays are popular with adults and children, as well as interesting and educational.

Horseshoe tournament

The sound of steel against steel will be one of the many fun sounds you will hear August 3. The horseshoe round-robin tournament begins at noon beside the beer garden. There is a \$3 entry fee. Call chairman Tim Kezele to enter at 884-4538.

First place winners will each receive a trophy and awards will be presented to the top three teams. For after-tournament play, Jack Moore will pay \$10 to anyone who can defeat Dick Radonich in one game. Entry fee for that play is \$1, with proceeds going to KP Parks.

You need not be an expert to enter, or to watch. Come and ask Dick or Jack about that old saying, "close only counts in horseshoes!"



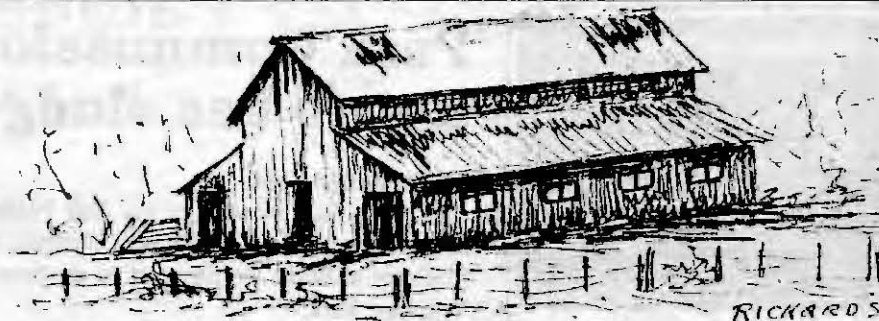
Fish at the fishpond

One of the most popular attractions for everyone during Pioneer Day is the fish pond. This includes "youngsters of all ages and "oldsters" who stand back and watch.

The fenced pond is filled with hundreds of gallons of water and stocked with over 200 fish nine inches or longer. The biggest fish caught wins a \$10 prize.

Poles with hooks and lines will be furnished and Henry Stock, his right hand man Swede Otten and his crew, Dr. Roes, Walt Schmidt, Tom Edwards, Shirley Marietta and others, will supervise the fisherpeople.

This year, there is a coupon in our special pull-out center section for 50¢ off the regular admission price of \$2.50 for this popular event.



RICHARDS

Pioneer Parade Grand Marshall is lifelong resident of Longbranch



Ida Curl is one of this year's Pioneer Day Parade Grand Marshalls. As the oldest of fifteen children, Ida spent her younger days on her parents' Longbranch homestead. She has lived in Longbranch her whole life.

Julius and Pauline Simon, (shown below) Ida's parents, arrived on the Key Peninsula in the 1880's. From our 1990 article, "Pauline was up in the morning early to build a fire in the wood cookstove, both for cooking and baking and for heating up the water in the big copper boiler for the daily washing. Julius carried

photo of Julius and Pauline

Simon provided by Ida Curl

in the water from the well near the cellar. Pauline also baked three or four loaves of bread every morning".

When she got bigger, Ida helped her dad cut wood and fell trees. She just "took up the slack" on the two-man saw."

In the pre-antibiotic age, if "almost dead," one might go to Tacoma on the boat to see a doctor. Two children lost within two weeks of each other "nearly got the best of Dad," said Ida.

During Ida's childhood there were about 300 people living in the Longbranch community. People got around by using horses and wagons, boats, or by walking. Basket socials at Penrose Hall were popular events. Families went everywhere together, or as Ida said, "where the kids went, the parents went."



KP NEWS photos by Joe Aprile

Volunteer Park will hold Pioneer Day Tournament

The Key Peninsula Park and Recreation district will sponsor a USSSA sanctioned tournament for E-division teams on August 3 and 4 in conjunction with Pioneer Day.

The First Annual Pioneer Day Classic will be kicked off at 10 am on Saturday, August 3. The concession stand will be open and teams from Ellensburg, Auburn, Tacoma and Bonney Lake will be among the competitors. The winners are guaranteed a berth in the state E-division playoffs.

For more information, call the tournament director, Tim Kezele, at 884-4538.



Pioneer Days Open Air Beer Garden

Come one, come all to the fabulous "Summerfest" Open Air Beer Garden at Pioneer Days. To absolutely tantalize your thirsty taste buds, there will be draft beer, wine, wine coolers and soft drinks. In addition, this year you will also find food items to munch during your respite in the Beer Garden.

The Beer Garden will be open from noon to midnight, and as evening comes, entertainment will be provided on the intimate "Summerfest" Open Air Stage. Entertainment and much more is FREE for your enjoyment as part of the Pioneer Days Celebration. Talent for this year's entertainment comes from *Etre*, *Today's Model and Talent*, directed by Kim Rogers.

The tennis courts at the south end of the grounds will undergo a magical transformation two days before the Celebration to become an authentic German-style Open Air Beer Garden. The garden will be decorated with plants from Sunnycrest Nursery and illuminated that night with strings of lights, giving it an ethereal quality.

Budweiser of Bremerton, who is cosponsoring Pioneer Days with the Civic Center Association, guarantees plenty of ice-cold Bud for thirsty attendees wishing to cut through the afternoon heat and hot August night.

Gather your friends, relatives and neighbors and have the time of your life in the relaxed atmosphere of our Pioneer Days Open Air Beer Garden ... "it just couldn't get much better than this!"

Local history program is part of Pioneer Day

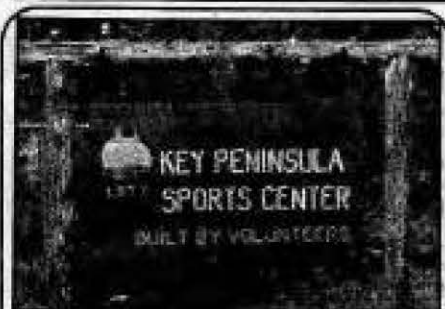
Beginning at noon in the VFW room, there will be an afternoon program combining history displays, presentations and live panels. Ida Curl and Bill Otto will be with us from noon to 1 pm to answer questions and talk about earlier days in Longbranch.

At 1 pm, a slide presentation with accompanying "Stories from the Key Peninsula" from 1900 up to the present will be shown by Mike Diamond of Sound Art Productions. The presentation will include stories of many local longtime residents and footage from last year's parade as well. A related video of the slide presentation will be for sale.

At 2 pm Stella will be available to answer questions about the history of the Home colony. Stella has written many interesting articles for the NEWS in the past, and has wonderful first-hand knowledge of the Home area. Appearing with Stella will be Henry and Eleanor Stock, who will talk about, and answer questions on, the early days of the Victor/Rocky Bay area.

It is not often that you have an opportunity to talk to older people about their personal history and the history of our area. Key Peninsula residents are fortunate to have a group of longtime residents who are still active and willing to give of their time to help keep our local history alive.

Please plan on attending this unique event, which will be held in the VFW room of the Civic Center Annex, and hosted by Megan Aprile, editor of the NEWS.



Key Peninsula Park District Financial Statement

January through June, 1991

Revenues	
Civic Center Operation	\$1972.01
Little League Concessions	265.00
Soccer	159.08
Adult League	9030.00
Civic Center - 1st Qtr	237.70
Civic Center Insurance	6505.14
Little League Fees	2600.00
Light Fees	150.00
Total	\$20,918.93
Expenditures	
Wages (park caretaker, bkkpr.)	\$3888.00
Personal Benefits	1459.00
Supplies	2027.07
Professional Services	80.00
Insurance	11,193.00
Phone	202.22
Power	1400.91
Garbage	539.19
Maint and Repairs	1563.57
Misc.	203.00
Total	\$22,555.96
Net Operating Loss	(\$1,637.03)

Key Peninsula Park District Commissioners

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Max Marlowe	884-3700
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by Hugh McMillan

An ongoing part of funding for Emergency Medical Services is provided by six-year levies. First approved by voters in 1979, the provision of emergency medical services was passed in 1985, when voters approved its renewal for continuation through 1991. The levy is for 25¢ per \$1,000 of property evaluation.

Park Commissioners decide not to use sludge on new field

by Megan Aprile

At the July meeting of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation district, park commissioners Tim Kezele, Gary Guintoli, Mike Salatino, Marsha Edwards and Max Marlowe re-heard the proposal to use sewage sludge on the planned new field at Volunteer Park.

Attending the meeting were presenters from the City of Tacoma Sewer Utility Division and the Pierce County Health department, a soils scientist and an environmental engineer from the Environmental Protection Agency. There were about 30 residents at the meeting, most of whom were opposed to the use of sludge because they were not convinced it was safe.

After hearing both sides, the park commissioners voted not to proceed with the sludge application. The commissioners will discuss further action on the field at the next meeting on August 14. The application of sludge would have meant that there would be no costs for fertilizer. Fertilization of the park's sandy soils will be costly, because the grass must have a strong enough root system to withstand sports play.

Election and registration dates

Tuesday, September 17 is the date of the Washington primary election, which will have a local issue on the ballot to continue Emergency Medical Services, and Tuesday, November 5 is the Washington general election, which will have the Key Peninsula Park district levy on the ballot. If local turnout is small, very small numbers of people can decide local issues.

Washington state law requires you to be registered 30 days before an election. To vote in the September 17 primary, you must be registered by August 17, and to vote in the November general election, you must be registered by October 5. You must re-register if you have moved or changed your name.

You may register at the Pierce

County Election Department, all public schools, and Pierce County rural libraries. The election department has a listing of additional registrar locations throughout the county. Call 1-800-446-4979.

If you cannot get to a polling place on election days, you may vote with an absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot by mail or from the Pierce County Election Department through the day before an election.

To request an absentee ballot, specify the election you wish to vote in and your address. Your written signature is also required. If you are 65 or over or handicapped, you may request on-going absentee status from the election department so that ballots will be automatically mailed to you for all future elections.

Emergency Medical Services levy will appear on September ballot

Although the 1991 state legislature passed a law which increases the maximum EMS levy from 25¢ per thousand to 50¢, Fire Commissioners voted unanimously to hold the line at 25 cents.

Members of the Committee to Continue the Emergency Medical Services levy emphasize that the levy is for the continuation of emergency medical service to the community after December 31, 1991.

The levy must receive sixty percent

voter approval on September 17, the day of the primary election.

If you or your group would like to learn more about the levy, please call Chief Horace Kanno (884-2222), or committee members: Keith Stiles (884-3379), Ruth Bramhall (857-5184), Randy Carr (884-2724), Robert Cole (884-3660), Gary Ostlund (857-6474), Marty Pedersen (884-4211), Walt Schmidt (884-3325), Don Tjossem (884-9345), or Howard Wilson (857-5701).

Community Square opportunities for you

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Claire joined WSU Cooperative Extension in Pierce County in early February to implement a water quality educational grant awarded through Department of Ecology Centennial Clean Water funds. She has worked on developing two curriculas, one for adults and one for youth.

The adult curriculum is being patterned after the successful Master Gardener program. After taking training, the adult volunteers participate in service learning projects. Both the youth and adult curriculums are underway. Youth are learning how their actions play a part in the big picture of water quality. The youth curriculum will also work through the 4-H Challenge project.

Join the WSU Cooperative Extension effort by volunteering to be part of the water quality program. Please call 591-7180 for more information.



Key Peninsula Lion Scott Carlisle, shown above with his newly acquired guide eye dog, Elvin, recently introduced the dog to fellow members of the KP Lions' Club at the July meeting.

Elvin, born May 13, 1988, is a yellow, not golden, labrador. Scott met Elvin on May 26 this year and trained with him through June 22 when he graduated as a licensed guide dog user. The training school, operated by Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc. is a non-profit corporation entirely supported by contributions and is located in San Rafael, California.

Scott and Elvin returned to the Key Peninsula June 22.

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Outdoor Sports News

Fishing regulation meetings

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Comment forms will be mailed with each proposal package and will be available at each meeting. Written comments will be accepted until August 17, 1991.

This year the proposed changes for the 1992-94 regulation cycle include a statewide year-round ban on the taking of Dolly Varden/Bull Trout, a requirement to release all wild sea-run cutthroat caught in marine areas and in medium to large streams, and a proposal requiring release of all wild summer-run steelhead caught between June 1 - October 31 from streams that historically had native summer-run steelhead populations.

Fish managers are concerned about low numbers of all three species in Washington waters and hope the proposed regulations will help stocks recover and provide improved fishing for future generations.

Buoy-10 Season Set

The Buoy-10 sport salmon fishing season at the mouth of the Columbia River will open on Friday, August 9.

Fishing regulations are consistent with recent seasons at Buoy-10, including a two salmon per day limit (except September 3-30, three fish limit), one rod per angler, open seven days per week and minimum sizes for Chinook of 24 inches and 16 inches for Coho. Barbed hooks are allowed in the fishery.

Key Peninsula Little League Final Standings

ALL STAR TEAMS SELECTED

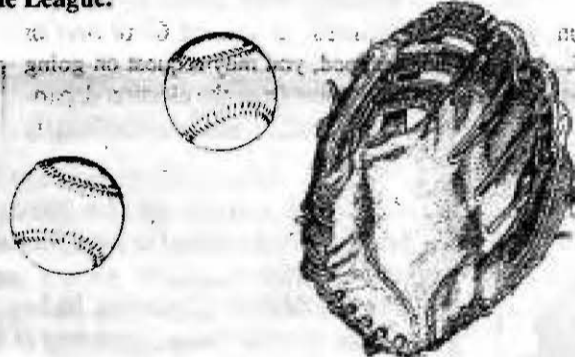
Congratulations to our Key Peninsula Little League All-Star Teams! Players named to the Majors were Ulrich Buri, Kenny Carlson, David Cordeiro, Tim Douglas, Scott Hacker, Zach Johnson, Kevin Kenmir, Rueben Menchenton, Pritchard Miller, Phillip Marr, Nick Papas, Brandon Sawaya, Rick Smotherman, and Stephan Thompson. The Majors were managed by Al Carlson and coached by Lynne Johnson.

Players named to the Juniors were Josh Bedient, Anders Bergstrom, Craig Coovert, Shaun Griffie, Kasey Gunnarson, Matt Hermanson, Corey Hoskin, Jens Jensen, Richard Leyes, Brian Lunore, Pat Mercado, Josh Ord, Max Sowers and David Tubbs. The Juniors were managed by Joe Mercado and Rick Coovert.

Players named to the Senior All Star Team were Raph Barry, Andy Erdman, Joe Evalt, Graham Mercado, Nate Phillips, Jeremy Sagle, Sean Bagley, Daryl Burns, David Cox, Matt Whitfield, Michael Susan, Curt High, Cory Crimm, and John Wilner. The Seniors were managed by Bill Hicks.

Players named to the Senior Girls Softball team were Tonia Aune, Ursula Buri, Tara Elliott, Janice Evalt, Shannon Geiss, Jennifer Giuntoli, Stephanie Gladstone, Claire Kelly, Corinee Lay, Kristi Osborne, Amy Rose, Bonnie Tarver, Shawna Tuttle, and Zada Woodworth. The team was managed by Kirsti Feldmann and coached by Jim Feldmann.

Thanks, coaches, managers, umpires, board members and parent helpers for giving your time and energy for Little League.



Minors	W	L	T
Key Western Builders	8	2	1
Charboneau Supply	8	3	
North Mason Fiber	6	5	
Fenton Logging	5	5	1
Action Athletics	5	6	
Minterbrook Oyster	5	6	
Manke Lumber	5	6	
K. C. Corral	1	10	

Majors	W	L	T
Firebusters	13	2	
Fordon, Misner & Robinson	11	4	
Charboneau Excavating	10	5	
R & M Electric	4	11	
Lakebay Chevron		4	11
N.W. Auto Clinic	4	11	

Senior Girls Softball	W	L	T
Key Peninsula #2	12	1	
Home Country Store	8	5	
Soundview Physical Therapy	4	9	
Key Peninsula #1	2	11	

Major Girls Softball	W	L	T
Olympic Pharmacy	11	2	
Lake Kathryn Village	10	4	
Country Carpet	7	8	
Lester's	2	12	

South Kitsap & Key Peninsula Little League Junior Division	W	L	T	PP
Properties NW	16	2	0	3
Toni Smith's Ins	15	5	0	1
Port Orchard Rotary	15	6	0	0
Dan'l Boone Construction	11	9	1	0
Key Peninsula Lions	10	9	0	2
The Prosecutors	8	11	1	1
Kitsap Bank	5	13	0	3
Morrison Gravel	4	15	0	2
Belfair Electric	3	16	0	2

South Kitsap & Key Peninsula Little League Senior Division	W	L	T	PP
Olalla Grange	18	2	0	1
Gig Harbor Ford Sales	16	5	0	0
Kitsap Bank	16	5	0	0
Kitsap Sport	13	8	0	1
Blue Cascade Construction	9	11	0	1
South Park Thriftway	9	12	0	0
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Art News

Performance Circle productions

Brigadoon will run through August 4, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 pm at Performance Circle in Gig Harbor.

Next the Performance Circle will present a written-for-young-people play.

The Land of the Dragon, by Madge Miller, will be performed in the open air amphitheater of Celebrations Meadow, 9916 Peacock Hill Avenue, Gig Harbor, on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, on August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 at 2:30 pm.

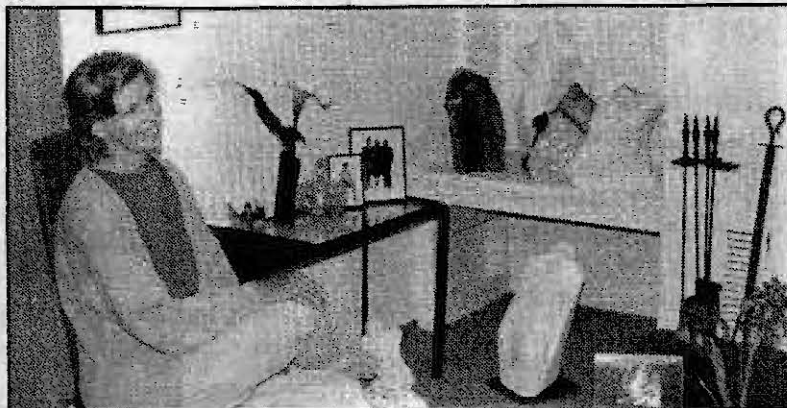
In addition, there will be two evening presentations on Saturday, August 17 and 24, at 7 pm. The presentation will be in the Chinese manner with the stage manager acting as narrator for the audience from scene to scene.

The story of the *The Land of the Dragon*: Lovely Jade Pure, Royal Princess, will be ruler on her approaching eighteenth birthday. But if she has not married by that time, she will lose all claim to the throne, and her scheming aunt, who is her guardian, will become the new ruler.

This clever woman has enlisted the aid of Jade Pure's cousins and a greedy Chancellor to convince Jade she is so ugly that no one will ever want to marry her.

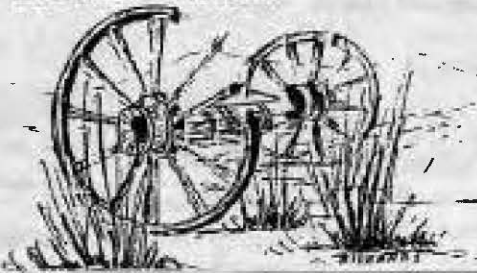
Jade Pure has never been allowed to look into a mirror, nor go out of doors to meet any one other than those who plot against her, so she believes she is ugly and has no hope of a suitor, until Road Wanderer appears to change the course of the story and Jade Pure's life as well.

Vaughn area sculptor has upcoming show



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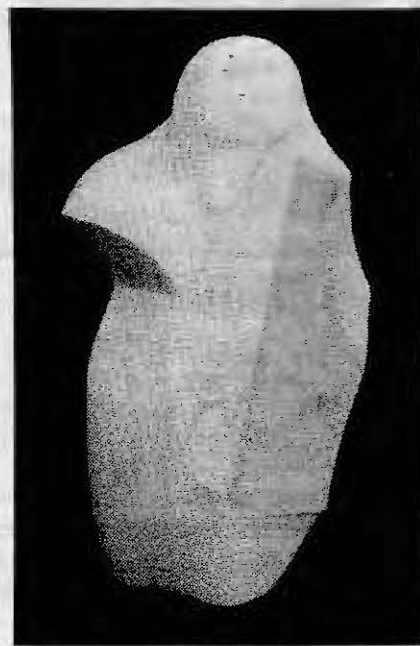
LeeAnn Perry at home in Vaughn, where she lives with her husband, aunt and cat, talked about her work, some of which is shown in the bookcase at her right, and her upcoming show at the Twin Cranes Gallery in Pioneer Square in Seattle.



The work *Cloud Walker* is shown at left. LeeAnn works in soapstone and marble. The statue shown is soapstone with a talc base. In creating her sculptures, LeeAnn starts with a human figure and abstracts from there. She says, "Whenever I approach a stone, I always see a person."

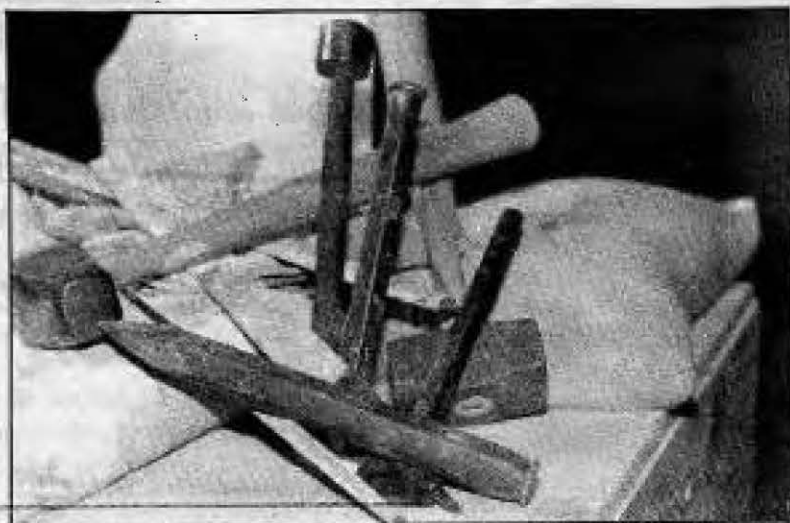
After working in soapstone for a number of years, she discovered marble when living on the East Coast. In the eastern marble mines, 30 to 175 lb. chunks of "rubble marble" are thrown away, unless, of course, someone comes into the mine and carries them out.

After researching marble at our local branch of the library, LeeAnn discovered it was formed about 600 million years ago from calcium lifeforms living in warm shallow seas, making it an antiquity beyond any of human making. The 175 lb. sculpture shown at left is Egyptian Warrior, carved from Danbury Marble



Shown below are the tools used in marble work; various sizes of hammers and chisels rest on sandbags used to cushion the piece as it is being worked on.

LeeAnn works each day for about six hours, or "until I can't see it [the figure] anymore."



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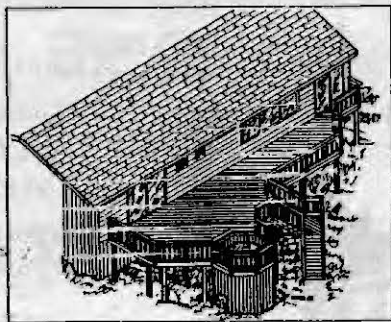
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To Your Health

by William F. Roes, MD

We've recently seen a number of injuries related to a piece of recreational equipment that's proliferating in the backyards around the peninsula, home trampolines. I'm not concerned with the small "rebounders" used for jogging in place, but with the full size ones that can cause serious injuries. So far we've seen a broken arm and foot, but the real risk is to the neck and back.

According to the book *The Injured Athlete* by Kulund, use of trampolines is "the most likely sports activity to produce a spinal cord injury, even when spotters are in proper position and alert."

I suspect that most trampolines are not being used with adult spotters and many of the things kids are doing are more dangerous than parents realize. Flips and somersaults are particularly likely to cause injury, even if the child lands on the trampoline. Dismounting is also a common point of injury unless the athlete is sitting on the side before climbing off.

Kulund continues in his book "A trampoline should never be used in a routine PE class; there are many less dangerous things for youngsters to learn."

I agree with this and do not feel a trampoline is an appropriate toy for your backyard. When your kids beg for one or want to use the neighbors, put down your foot and say no (blame me if necessary and tell them Dr. Roes says it isn't safe.) The risks for unsupervised play on a trampoline are too great.

With August, we're geared up for school physicals and measles shots for all children entering sixth grade. Call us at 884-9221 for information on school exams or the Health Center Board's MMR shot clinic. Enjoy the rest of the summer.



Modern Service

It has been over a month since I ordered a custom built "Island" as a Mothers Day present for Margaret. We liked the cabinet at our last place so well, we decided to have one here. Finally ordered one from a local discount store, with a promise of delivery "in a few days."

As days became weeks, we 'just dropped in' at the store to check on our order, now and then. Yesterday, the 13th, was one of those days. The clerk did not seem quite as friendly

as at the beginning. I was still civil although I was damn mad to tell the truth. Did I mention that we had paid for the cabinet at the beginning? Paid with an accepted Visa, and had since paid the Visa bank. Who said "a sucker is born every minute?" Think it was P.T. Barnum. I will drink to that; he was right.

So I was given a phone number to call. Rang it this morning and listened to a tinny recording for 10 minutes. Finally a nice voice came on. Of course I had to try to make her understand the computerized serial of what had happened. My pointed statement that I either wanted the cabinet or my money back seemed to set well with her. She agreed that was logical. But she had the wild card after all. She promised to "check it out" and would call me back. And I accepted that, and Barnum sure was right.

Here I sit, with work waiting, for the blasted phone to ring. Chances are someone else, lonesome to hear Margaret's soft voice, will tie the phone up for an hour. That will be when my call tries and fails. About 4 days from now I will get a sweet card. "Sorry I could not reach you, please phone 1-800-Har-Har!"

PS. The cabinet arrived Friday the 28th. Totally different than as ordered. So now we wait for our money back. What a business!!

Reynolds Roost



The flight log of a WWII Air Transport Command pilot returning to the United States contains this otherwise routine entry, "26 pregnant nurses on board, best damn trip ever."

At a gift shop a customer noticed an unusual necklace, "Excuse me", she called to the clerk, "what's this necklace made of?"

"Alligator teeth."

"But it's more expensive than a pearl necklace."

"Well," replied the clerk, "anyone can open an oyster."

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Key Peninsula Business Association News



by Marie Rock

August 1 brings the third KPBA road clean-up. We will meet at Key Center National Auto at 7 pm. Our members will be picking up litter and roadside garbage along the 2 mile stretch from Key Center north, which we have pledged to clean four times a year through the state Adopt-A-Mile program. Please contact Dale Skrivanich at J & D

Harbor Press, 851-7763, if you are able to attend and help the Business Association keep our peninsula clean! Dale also has information about the Adopt-a-Mile program. Give her a call.

Our Pioneer Day Parade will be broadcast this year by Keith Stiles and the staff from KGHP. Thanks to Don & Shirley Olson for allowing us to use their yard!

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\$ tax tips \$

by R. Marvin Keizur

IRS agents calling to arrange dates for audits have been reported to be extensively questioning taxpayers about their tax returns before the taxpayers have been informed of their rights or have had a chance to get professional advice.

The IRS admits such questioning is improper and says it will be stopped. Meanwhile, taxpayers should be aware that they do not have to answer any substantive questions posed by the IRS during such a phone call.

The average taxpayer had to work 128 days from January 1 to May 8 just to satisfy all federal, state and local tax obligations for the current year. This year's date, May 8, is the latest Tax Freedom Day in history, three days later than last year's.

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The maximum loan amount is \$15,000 and the maximum term is 20 years. Monthly payment on a 20 year loan of \$15,000 is \$69; on \$10,000, \$46; on \$7,500, \$35; on \$5,000, \$23. Monthly payment on a 10 year loan of \$5,000 is \$44.

If you are a senior citizen 62 years or older, we may be able to give a grant instead of a loan or a combination of a grant and loan, subject to availability of funds. The maximum grant amount is \$5,000, and the maximum combination grant/loan is \$15,000.

If you are interested in more information, please call the Farmers Home Administration office in Port Orchard at 876-5811.

Obituaries

It is with deep regret that we report the death of our Peninsula friend and neighbor...

Sean Erik Newhouse

Sean Erik Newhouse was born October 20, 1967 in San Jose, CA and died July 8, 1991 in a boating accident on Lake Mead in Nevada.

He graduated with honors from Peninsula High School in 1986 and from the University of Washington in 1990, where he was a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. After completing his commercial and instructor ratings at Aztec Flight Academy in Longbeach, CA he was a flight instructor in Chino, CA.

He is survived by his parents, Del and Sandy Newhouse of Vaughn; sister Samantha of Seattle, sister Rachel of St. Louis, MO; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Newhouse of Florence, OR and Mr. & Mrs. A.E. Morton of Portland, OR.

A memorial gathering was held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn, WA. The family requests that remembrances be made to the Sean E. Newhouse Memorial Scholarship c/o: Peninsula High School, 14105 Purdy Dr. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

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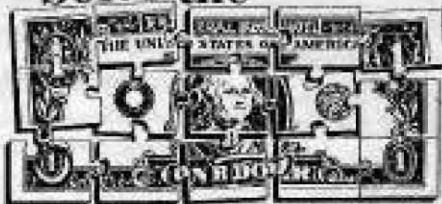
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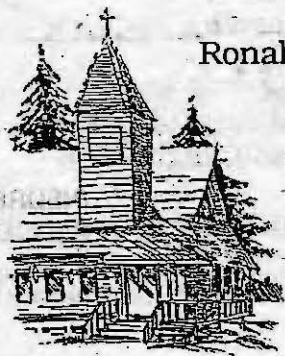


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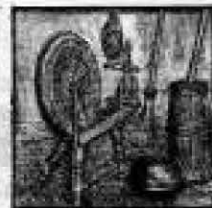
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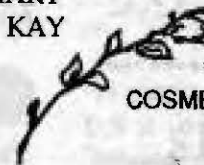
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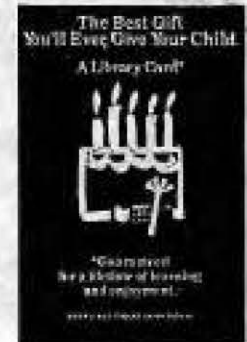
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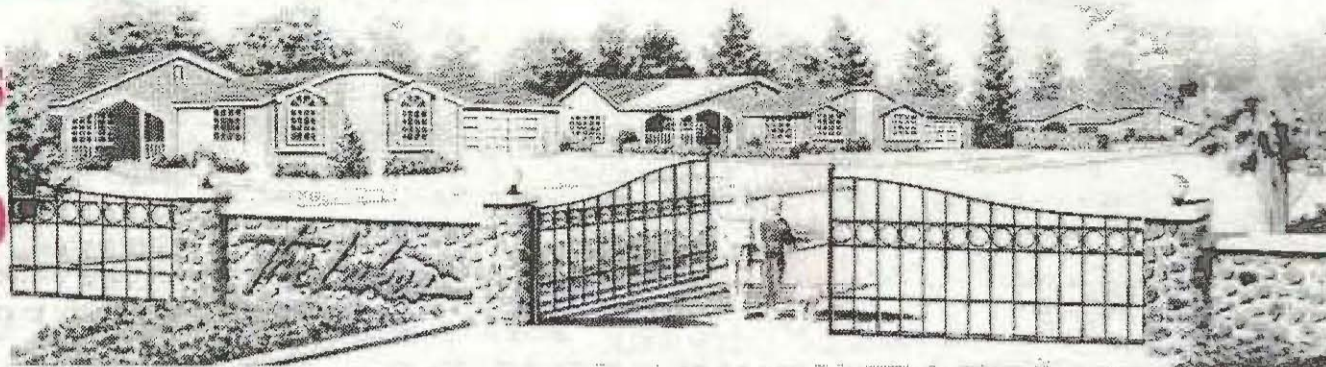
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