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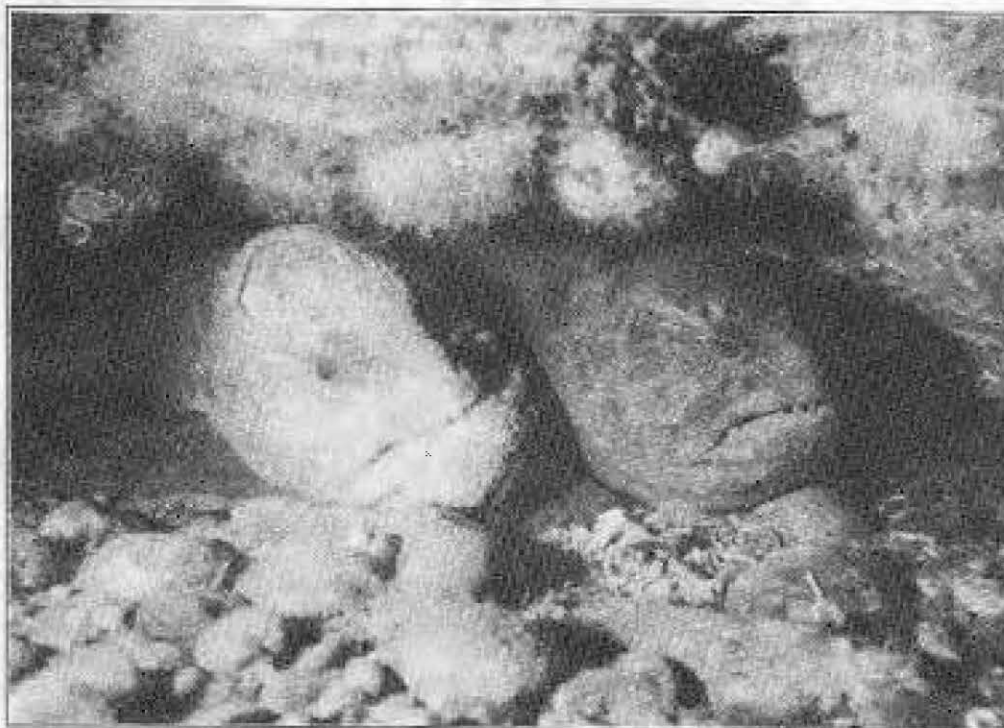
Inaugural day wind storm

80 mph winds hit the Puget Sound area, causing power outages in more than 700,000 homes. See stories and photos of local damage, pages 3 and 5



Fire Department is recruiting volunteers

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Move over, Charlie Tuna

by Susan Mendenhall

They may never be considered cuddly pets, but if Jeff Cuneo has his way, wolf-eels soon will be protected from spearing in the waters of Puget Sound.

Jeff is a local diver who became concerned about the fate of these docile sea creatures when he realized they were sometimes hunted indiscriminately.

Wolf-eels are not eels, but belong to the wolf-fish family. They are large animals, reaching eight feet in length and forty pounds, with massive heads and bulldog jowls. Despite their fierce countenance and impressive molars, wolf-eels are friendly to divers. Jeff has

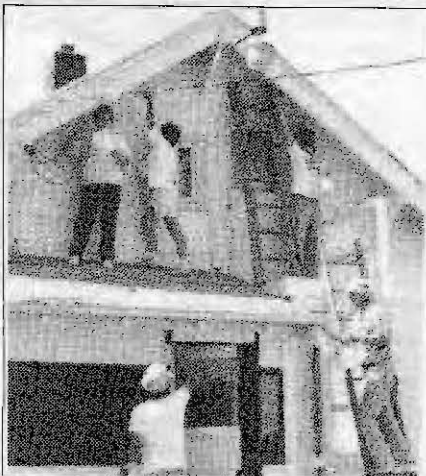
Wolf-eels in Puget Sound reach eight feet in length, 40 pounds

personally fed them by hand, and they do not seem to mind being handled—although Jeff is careful not to disturb their outer mucus layer, which protects them from infection.

Wolf-eels are intelligent animals who are extremely territorial and mate for life. Divers have been known to take these benign creatures for their trophy head, discarding the body, which, officially, is considered "non-consumptive and non-harvestable." Sometimes, a diver will only wound a wolf-eel, leaving it to die a slow, painful death, in the presence of its mate.

Jeff does not place these fish in the same category as commercially harvested fish, such as salmon and cod. He feels they are unique, and as such deserve the type of protection from spear fishing already awarded to the octopus and other sea life.

Jeff has proposed an official ban on the spearing of wolf-eels within the waters of Puget Sound. He is supported by Greenpeace, People for Puget Sound, many marine biologists and other interested parties, including many divers who want to continue to enjoy the presence of this friend of the deep.



Seniors: Free house painting available

Do you know of a low-income senior or a low-income disabled person whose home needs painting, but he or she can't afford to have it done? This may be an answer to their problem.

Applications are available for low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women, who own their own homes, to get the exterior of their homes painted at absolutely no cost. The painting will be done this summer by **Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful**, a program of Associated Ministries of Tacoma/Pierce County.

The painting is done by crews of volunteers, all the paint is donated or purchased at cost and there is no charge to the homeowner.

For applications and further information, call Sallie Shawl at 383-3056.

Citizens of the Year

The 1992 Citizen of the Year award will be presented Feb. 27 at the Civic Center after a dinner given by the Lions Club in honor of the nominees.

Festivities will begin at 6:30, Sat., Feb. 27, with a social hour, followed by a dinner (prepared by Frank Geary, Linda Reid and Rhys Wood) and then the presentation ceremony.

Cost is \$7.50 per person or \$25 for a group of 4. Tickets are available at Key Center Key Bank, Continental Tire and Sunnycrest Nursery.

The NEWS has had opportunity to speak with most of the 13 nominees. Each has been nominated for special work done for our community, and each was a pleasure to talk to. See pages 6 & 7 for stories and photos of the nominees: Megan Aprile, Ida L. Curl, Susan Mendenhall, Glen Pszczola, Ron Quinsey, Shirley Rettig, Howard Reynolds, Tom Rolfzen, Luther Siefert, Dale Skrivanich, John Van De Brooke and Robert & Marilyn Vogeler.

Vision for KP

What is your vision for Key Peninsula? Public meetings will commence in February to work toward our goal of a **Community Plan** to replace our existing Interim Zoning Regulations which will expire in 1994.

This project will be jointly sponsored by the Peninsula Neighborhood Association, The Key Peninsula Business Association and the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

Over a period of months, public input will be taken on a variety of issues. The initial organizational meeting is scheduled for **Wed., Feb. 24, 7 PM at the Key Peninsula Civic Center**. Please help plan the future of your Key Peninsula.

DOT study on its way

The State Department of Transportation is conducting a traffic study that will directly impact many of the residents of Key Peninsula. It will primarily look at Route 302 and how to move people more efficiently from Allyn to Purdy. DOT is currently meeting with departments from Pierce, Kitsap and Mason counties and asking their input on future traffic conditions and needs in this area.

You may want to start thinking about what improvements, if any, you would like. Soon, DOT will be asking for **public comment** on the alternatives they devise. Would you like an interchange at 144th and SR-16? How should Burley Lagoon be protected? Interchanges are already planned at

See DOT study, page 15

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DEADLINE



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No Bingo

Phyllis Olson reports a decline in bingo. Attendance is down. The board will look into advertising alternatives.

In addition, Phyllis is going to retire from her position as bingo manager. Long a tireless worker, she's decided it's time to pursue other activities. The board is forming a committee, and one of its goals will be to find a new bingo manager. Dale Loy will be heading the bingo committee.

So, until further notice, there will be no bingo.

Skating



Skating is doing well, the kids continue to have lots of fun and the kitchen continues to sell a good amount of pizza.

We still are looking for help in the kitchen. Remember, if you help make pizza your kids can skate FREE! Call Terry Thomas at 857-4076 if you're interested in helping.

Friday nights are wild. Bring your kids or just yourself and come have a good time. But be prepared for the noise level.

Dance classes



There is still a possibility of dance classes being held at the Civic Center—ballet with Fay Sloan; or jazz, tap, flamenca and hula with Rebecca Petersen. Call if you're interested (884-3456), we'll take your name and number and get back to you when plans are finalized.

Gym floor

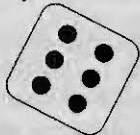


The gym floor was refinished again on Jan. 17. Thanks go to our regular users for being patient a week while it dried—skaters, karate masters, walkers, basketball- and soccer players. The shiny new floor is always worth the wait. Many thanks go to the floor refinishers.

Curtains

Claudia and Dale Loy have found material to be donated by Constance and Ed Kessler for curtains in the Whitmore Room and maybe in the VFW Room.

Reno Night!



It's coming up again March 6. The November Reno Night was fun and exciting for all involved. If you missed it last time, check it out in March.

If you're interested in learning to become a dealer, see photo story on this page. We welcome new or experienced dealers.

Remember, you'll get to wear a fancy silk vest and a visor and look really cute.



Trainers wanted for Reno Night March 6

Reno Night is a fun night at the Civic Center. The Center's gym is transformed into a casino, complete with a bar and dealers wearing visors and silk vests. Everyone has fun at Reno Night.

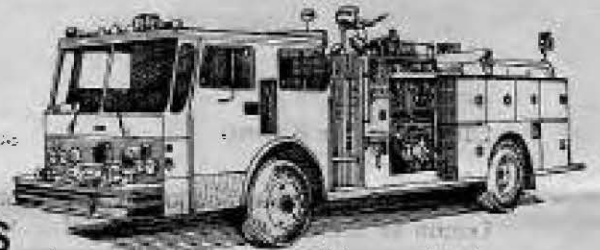
New dealers are always needed, so, you might consider giving us a call and coming in to train. If you want to train, YOU MUST SIGN UP IN

ADVANCE. Sessions will be held beginning 7:30 PM every Tuesday during the month of February. We welcome new or experienced dealers.

Contact Mike Salatino (851-4556) or Nick Nichols (884-3456).

Pictured above is a training session involving (from left) John Thomas, Ann Larson, Terry Thomas, Dave Freeman and Dale Loy.

Fire bell rings for new stations



The architectural firm of Snodgrass Freeman Associates (SFA), located in Gig Harbor, has been selected by Pierce County Fire District 16 to design four new fire stations.

The Fire District's goal of replacing four aging fire stations is one giant step closer since the passage of a 3.8 million dollar bond issue this past November.

Dave Freeman, SFA project leader, says, "Each fire station has been designed to house six full-time fire fighters and has apparatus bays for four engines in an 8,696 s.f. floor plan. Each also has the ability to expand to house six engines in the future."

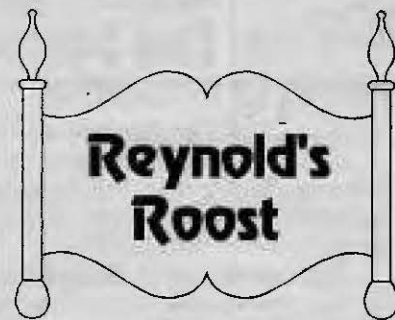
The SFA team, working with officers, commissioners and staff of the Fire District, has developed a floor plan usable in all four locations. Each station has alternate exterior treatments designed to satisfy individual community aesthetic needs while bringing a sense of tradition and permanence to a multipurpose building which can truly be a community center in the remote areas of Pierce County.

SFA is an award winning, full service architectural design firm, providing a personal service approach to its clients. Since 1984, SFA has designed hundreds of corporate, governmental and individuals' structures.

Groucho can rest easy—aid is on the way

In January, Spy magazine telephoned 20 incoming U.S. congressmen and asked what they were going to do about the nation *Freedonia*. All 20 promised either to look into it, to give it their support or to make it their highest priority.

As Marx Brothers fans know, *Freedonia* is a fictional country in the film *Duck Soup*. This means our freshman congressmen A) never have time to watch AMC, B) were out sick when their classes studied geography, or C) have instructed their secretaries not to take any more calls from *Spy* magazine.



How you can tell when it's going to be a rotten day:

You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business. Your boss tells you not to bother taking off your coat. Your twin sister forgot your birthday.

Payday at my house is like the Academy Awards. My wife says, "May I have the envelope, please?"

Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Pierce County 24-hr hotline:

1-800-750-RAPE (-7273)

Inaugural day wind storm

by Joan Lawrence

On the morning of Jan. 20, most of us were unable to watch the inauguration of President Clinton. Winds had stolen away the power we take for granted.

"I was scared to death," Key Peninsula resident Connie Silva told the NEWS.

"I watched a tree fall in my neighbor's yard, and a tree fall in my yard and I said, 'That's it, one's going to hit my house.' I was sure of it. I grabbed the baby and the kids and we drove to Walt's and sat in our car in the parking lot for two hours, where no trees could hit us."

Fallen trees became a familiar sight. It was fallen trees the staff of our fire department spent much time clearing from roadways.

According to Fire District 16's Battalion Chief Tim Lemon, the Department responded to 55 tree/powerline incidents and 9 tree/house incidents. Between downed trees, lack of water and medical calls, over 200 contacts were made with the Department; and 13-14 units were on the road at any given time.

"This was an opportunity for us to test our responses and capabilities." - Fire Chief Horace Kanno

"Our troops did a good job," Chief Lemon said, modestly—"with lots of

help from citizens. . . . We suffered some equipment loss, but no lives."

And "no injuries to the staff," added Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell.

A report on the storm was given at the meeting of District 16 Fire Commissioners on Jan. 26. Dr. William Roes, in attendance, said that during the Key Center power outage, his clinic only had one emergency—a woman in need of stitches—and, though at the time the fire station's power also was out (from loss of a generator), he used the station because "there was more ambient light" there.

"Don't trust a generator" 100%, said attendee Rhys Wood. The Department's failing generators (which were quite old) cost about \$435 apiece to replace two small ones and \$10,000 to \$11,000 to replace the large one, according to Chief Ramsdell. This takes a bite out of District funds.

"We don't have the money to operate and maintain the equipment we have," said Fire Commissioner John Hendrickson. "Our costs are going up, our revenues are going down."

According to Commissioner Hugh McMillan, it cost \$72,000 to bring the fuel tanks up to the new government code: \$40,000 more than the estimate 18 months earlier. (When we plan bonds and levies, we need to take rising costs into consideration.)

On behalf of the community, the NEWS would like to thank our Fire District personnel—the volunteers, the career firefighters; and the administrative staff who answered phones—for their over-and-above efforts during the storm crisis.

"We have a first rate administrative staff," said Commissioner Don Tjossem. "Second to none."

"In my estimation, for an area this size, this fire department is the best."

- Darrell Lambert, retired Fire Chief, Humbolt Co., CA

At the Jan. 26 meeting, suggestions were made that citizens should make a greater effort to help themselves during a crisis, and not to rely 100% on others.

"We want people to stay home during a storm," said Chief Lemon. It's safer. But, citizens only should call the Department in an emergency.

"I think the Key Peninsula Fire District should change its name to Key Peninsula Fire and Logging District."

- Rhys Wood

"People should get off their duffs and help themselves," said attendee Rhys Wood. "Cut the old, dead trees on your property" before they hit your house (or a neighbor's house) in a storm.

Key Center attorney/volunteer firefighter Glen Pszczola suggested that we get the message to our community that if a power outage lingers for many days, perhaps we "should look at a response to a longer term, 'softer' type emergency, if you will." He suggested that people in need of water, for instance, might come for only 5 gallons of water from the Key Center station.

"I checked it today," said Pszczola. "The tank holds 100,000 gallons." With 100,000 people drawing from it in an

emergency, that won't last long.

"We had one lady come with a big garbage can for water for her horses," Chief Kanno told us.

Chief Lemon said that in an emergency—providing the Narrows bridge is open—water can be trucked in through Pierce County emergency facilities.

During the Inauguration day storm, many of us learned some lessons that will help us prepare for the next emergency. Michael Grimsley of Michael G's told us he lost a lot of food; while Ed Clement of Pizza Plus managed to save his food by moving from refrigerator to refrigerator a small generator borrowed from Glen Pszczola.


Between trips to buy generators and batteries, there is much we can learn from this storm. As Chief Kanno said, the storm was an opportunity to test our responses. Let's all be prepared for the next emergency. It's true that we have the best fire department there is; but, as Rhys Wood said, we have to help ourselves, too. It seems that America has grown a little wimpy since the days my great-great-grandmother weekly forded a river with a team of horses to take produce to market. We have spoiled ourselves.

Let's make it a reversible trend. We're still made of the same stuff our great-grandparents were. Give the Gig Harbor Emergency Preparedness Committee a call (851-2731 or 858-3729) and become involved in a neighborhood block watch program. There will be more storms. And earthquakes.

Be prepared.

For more on the storm, see page 5

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - FEB/MAR 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.	February 1 gym walk 8-11am Grange 6:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm ABATE 7:30 pm GED 7:30 pm	2 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15 am - 4pm Lakebay bb 5:30-7pm WA Actor's Workshop (WAW) 6:30 - 8 pm TOPS 6:30 pm soccer practice 7-9 pm Free Black Jack training 7:30	3 gym walk 8-11 am Softball 5-6 pm Volleyball 6:30-8:30 KPLF 7 pm	4 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm	5 gym walk 8-11 am Homeschoolers 2-3:30 PAA 3:30 - 5:00 Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	6 First Aid Class 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
7 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30 Craps training 5 pm	8 gym walk 8-11 am GED 7 pm Karate 7 pm VFW & Aux 7 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30	9 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS soccer practice Black Jack training	10 gym walk KPLF Softball Volleyball	11 gym walk Seniors Karate KPPCA Board meeting 7:30 pm	12 gym walk Skating	13 Gym closed - private rental
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From the Publisher's Desk

Legislative alert: Fireworks from KPCCA/VFW viewpoint

For many years the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, in partnership and cooperation with the VFW, has engaged in the sale of fireworks on and before the 4th of July. The proceeds from these sales have greatly benefited both organizations.

Jim Wooldridge of the VFW has advised us that a bill has been introduced in Olympia to ban the sale of all fireworks in the state. This bill is now in committee.

A phone call or two from you would be very helpful in putting a stop to this bill.

Who to call? Ron Meyers, 786-7964; Wes Pruitt, 786-7802; Bob Oke, 786-7650; Loraine Wojahn, 786-7652. They're on the committee. If you are a KPCCA/VFW supporter who is interested in retaining fireworks for the community, ask the committee members to vote against Senate Bill 5168.

Some things to consider:

1) Such a bill would stop us from selling, but the Indians are under another jurisdiction. Thus the use of fireworks will not be stopped, only the sale by organizations such as ours.

2) Current sales generate income to the state from taxes. With this new law, the costs of enforcement would rise and income would fall.

3) Patriotic issues. Let's not forget that July 4th is INDEPENDENCE DAY. (Freedom; Liberty; Liberation; and the Celebration of same.)

4) Any other valid ideas you might like to communicate to the people in Olympia who represent us.

Ed Taylor, President
Key Peninsula Civic Center Association

From the editor

Salesperson needed

KP NEWS is in need of an advertising salesperson. The commission isn't enormous, but we make up for that in personality and atmosphere. If you have sales experience, please call us, 884-4699. Put your skills to work and help out the community at the same time. Thank you!



Fire Department seeks members

A medical emergency, such as an accident or fire, is a traumatic and sometimes tragic event. Nearly every day such an emergency occurs on Key Peninsula. Most citizens are unprepared, neither trained nor equipped to handle the situation themselves. The Key Peninsula Fire Department has personnel trained and equipped as volunteer emergency responders.

The Department is in need of additional community members to become volunteer firefighters. The KP Fire Department provides the equipment and training to do the job effectively and safely; the volunteer offers his/her time and efforts.

The tasks are not always easy, but they do provide many rewards—including the satisfaction that you have given a little extra to make our community a better and safer place in which to live.

If you are of the age 18 or above, in excellent health, live on Key Peninsula and are willing to make the time commitment to do the job right, the Department may be looking for you. Join the 60 women and men who currently are volunteer firefighters. Members are needed in all areas of Key Peninsula.

The Department currently is accepting applications for volunteer membership. Applications may be obtained, and will be accepted through March 10, at the Headquarters station in Key Center. Ask for Battalion Chief Tim Lemon.

In 1992, the KP Fire Department answered 1,057 requests for emergency help. As this community grows, so will its need for trained emergency personnel. Be a Very IMPORTANT Person in our community—become a VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER.

Learn CPR at Civic Center

There will be a first aid course given in the Whitmore Room of the Civic Center on Feb. 6, 8:30 AM to 5 PM. Cost is \$20 per person. Please respond ASAP—we need to know how many instructors to ask for.



Thank you to the following people who helped us to refinish the gym floor again in January: Norm Brones, Michael Guess, Duane Riviera and Mike Salatino.
Nick Nichols

Key Dates

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Allyn Comm. Ass'n	Feb. 4: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg	Allyn Inn
KP Business Ass'n	Feb. 5: 7:30am; Feb. 19 noon	Homeport Restaurant
Caregivers support group	Feb. 11: 7-9pm	Key Center/Brones Rm

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	Feb. 24: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church
Angel Guild	Feb. 23: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm
ASHES	Feb. 4: 10:30 am	Key Center fire station
Cootiettes	Feb. 18: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm
	and Feb. 9,16,23	Visit Veterans
	Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot	
KPCCA Board Mtg	Feb. 11: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
KPCCA Exec. Comm.	Feb. 8: 7:30 pm	
KPCS Board	Feb. 9: 7:30 pm	Comm House - Home
KP Lions	Feb. 3, 17: 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn - KC

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon. & Wed.: 2-7 pm	Peninsula Learning Center
Food bank	Fridays 12:30-5pm	851-6552
Hot lunch for seniors	Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Comm House - Home
Free branch	Wednesdays: noon	Comm House - Home
	Sundays: 2-3 pm	Comm House - Home
	Also food and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4440; 884-4514; 857-4780	
Seniors exercise program	Tues. & Thu. 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants, Children)	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
	Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment	

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Peninsula School Board	Feb. 11: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd Rm Purdy
Greater Gig Harbor Home-school Support Assoc.	Feb. 18: 7-9 pm	Purdy Elem School
Mothers of pre-schoolers	Feb. 4, 18: 9:15-11:30 am	Lakebay Comm Church
Little League Board Meeting	Feb. 21: 6 pm	Lake Holiday Clubhouse
Homeschoolers Skating	Feb. 5, 19: 2-3:30 pm	KPCC Gym (884-3456)
Family Skating	Sundays: 1:30-3:30 pm	KPCC Gym (884-3456)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm.	Feb. 10, 15: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	Feb. 8: 7:30	Brones Rm, KC Library

SELF HELP GROUPS

AA	Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm	KP Comm Serv, Lakebay
Single Parent Support Group	Feb. 2: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge
TOPS	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm
Gym Walk	Mon-Fri: 8-11 am	KPCC Gym
G.E.D. Classes	Mon. 7-9 pm	KPCC

SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS

ABATE of WA	Feb. 1: 7:30 pm	KPCC VFW Rm.
Bayshore Garden Club	Feb. 19: 1-4 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club	Feb. 17 potluck: 7 pm mtg: 7:30	Longbranch Imp. Club
Pen Neighbors Craft Club	Feb. 8: 10:30 am 7:30-9 pm mtg	Comm House, Home
Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KP Lutheran Church
	foot care and blood pressure	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Upper Sound Grange	Feb. 1: 6:30-10 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Vaughn Garden Club	Feb. 17: 10 am	Lee Stile's home
VFW & AUX	Feb. 8: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW Rm

Obituary

Roxy (Wooldridge) McCurdy

Roxy McCurdy died January 7 at the Tacoma Lutheran Home. She was 97.

Roxy was born in Cushing, Oklahoma Territory, May 5, 1895. Her surviving family members include Richard H. Wooldridge of Shelton, James H. Wooldridge of Longbranch, 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Letter

To the editor:

Senator A.L. "Slim" Rasmussen, who died after a 12-year intermittent battle with leukemia, will be missed by the grassroots citizens of Pierce County.

For almost 50 years as a representative of the people—Tacoma School Board Member, State Representative, Tacoma Mayor, Pierce County Councilman and State Senator—he never forgot that he was there to help, to serve and to represent the citizens of Pierce County.

His dedication, and that of his efficient and faithful secretary John Richardson, will always be cherished and missed.

Slim's last wish was to maintain his health through the 1993 Washington State Legislative session, so he could continue to serve us. Sadly, he passed away just four days before it began. Let his twinkling star be a reminder to all elected officials that they have a sacred trust to help, serve and represent us, and not to execute their own personal agendas.

Rest in peace, Senator Rasmussen. It was a job well done. We thank you.
Mary E. Harris

Wind storm damage

by Joan Lawrence

Once again, the earth has reminded us who (or what) is in control.

On Wednesday morning, January 20, a storm blew in, felling trees and putting out power in several counties. Homes out of power in the Puget Sound area numbered close to 800,000.

In my area near Penrose, a neighbor's tree took out both the power and phone lines through our back yard, another large old maple blocked our driveway and took down power lines along the road, and the meanest of them all went through the roof of my neighbor, firefighter/EMT-D, Scott Marcus.

Marcus, a career firefighter in Seattle and volunteer with District 16, had just arrived home.

"I was in the house two minutes when the tree hit" with an enormous, startling thud, Marcus told the NEWS.

Inside, pieces of ceiling drooped into the living room. Looking up into the large holes, we saw daylight.

The tree fell close enough to Marcus' wood stove's chimney to prevent him lighting a fire to take the chill off the powerless house, before inspecting the chimney.



Scott Marcus examines the ceiling of his living room. "Looks like we'll be remodeling," he told the NEWS.



A neighbor's tree hit the Marcus home, framing the entrance like an insidious Christmas wreath.

"I do this on my job," he said. "I climb up on roofs all the time." But first, he had to clear another tree from his driveway.

Most homes on Key Peninsula had power by Sunday, January 24.

When is a blue bug a red key?

Bank merger means little more than name change to bank clientele

No, it's not a case for Carmen San Diego. Nothing is missing except the blue bug.

On Jan. 15, Puget Sound banks statewide traded their little "blue bug"—the PS logo—for the black, red and white KEY BANK sign when the New York-based Key Corp.'s buyout of the century-old Puget Sound Bank became official.

How will the merger affect you? Unless the six-bank merger turns up a duplicate, you won't even have to change your account number. You even can continue to use the same checks for up to two years, according to Don Tjossem, manager of the Key Center branch.

The personnel will be the same. The hours will differ only insofar as the lobby is now opening at 9 AM rather than 10.

Any other changes?

"Just the computers," Tjossem told the NEWS. "And a lot of our senior management elected early retirement. The main office is still in Tacoma."

What does the Key Bank slogan, "America's Neighborhood Bank," mean? To some, it doesn't

seem right, coming from a New York-based corporation.

"Key Bank in New York is mostly upstate," Tjossem said. "There's no branch in New York City. The average market place of Key Bank nationwide is about the same size as our Key Center branch, about 17,000 people. It's geared for small businesses, home improvement loans, car loans. . . ."

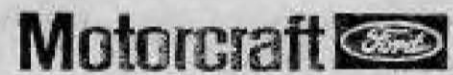
Key Bank is in 7 or 8 states, each operating its own without crossover.

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Megan Aprile

Former editor of Key Peninsula NEWS Megan Aprile has long been an involved member of our community. She has been actively involved with the KP Fire District Bond and Levy, KP Parks Levy, KP Business Association and KP Little League.

Friendly, organized, talented and intelligent, projects have a way of finding Megan, and she makes good use of her time and leadership qualities. Megan is one of the people who make up the glue that holds our community together.

"The most interesting thing I've known her to do," said Tim Kezele of the Park Board, "was to video tape the KP Park Board meetings and have them broadcast on cable TV." However, Kezele reports, she did not receive an Emmy.

Not an Emmy—but maybe Citizen of the Year?



Ida L. Curl

There was no road to Gig Harbor when Ida Curl was six years old. Her father would row them from their home in Longbranch to visit her aunt in Purdy. Ida being the oldest of 15 children, we imagine they had to get a bigger boat every few years.

In 1926 Ida married, and pumped gas at the Hiway Garage her husband had bought in '21. Mr. Curl owned the first wrecker on Key Peninsula. Ida showed us a photo of the truck. She said it was a Rio (unsure of the spelling), and on its side was painted AAA and their phone number: 840.

Their Garage is now Longbranch Storage.

Ida—whose son was a volunteer firefighter for 25 years—has long been associated with the department.

"My son and husband and I used to go around to the different firemen to collect money to buy an ambulance," she told the NEWS. "I think it was '59 or '60 we got our first one."

Ida took on the job of disinfecting the sheets used in the ambulance.

Longbranch is Ida's home of 85 years. She has little need to leave her home, but, with daughter Marguerite Bussard, she is involved with the Longbranch Church, the Improvement Club, the Cemetery Board, the Garden Club, Ruth Circle, Wednesday Seniors' Session at the Ashes (a ladies auxiliary of the fire department), the VFW Auxiliary and the Thursday Seniors' Session at the Civic Center.

"Long... saddled with the responsibility of caring for an ailing spouse," says Fire Chief Horace Kanno, "Ida has emerged, with velocity, to be a highly recognizable citizen of the community."

"In honor of my son and son-in-law," Ida told us, she donated some of her land to the fire department for construction of a fire station.

"It has a ripple effect," says Chief Kanno. "The surrounding area benefits and most of all the taxpayers benefit. How (often do) we find a willingness to donate acres of prime real property?"

Soon we will have a safe and sturdy structure to house our firefighters and equipment in Longbranch.



Susan Mendenhall

"Sue works hard to make ours a better community, and in doing so is always a gush of good humor, intelligence and infectious enthusiasm whose spirited manner encourages others to want to do their share."

So ends a nomination letter for Susan Mendenhall. We choose to begin with this quote because it so accurately describes the Susan we know and love.

Susan is the sparkplug leader of a group dedicated to preservation in its near-natural state of the property on Key Peninsula deeded to the Washington State Parks Department by the Haley family. She was the instrument making possible formation of the Blue Heron Lagoon Community Coalition. Preparing for and attending countless meetings in support of this cause has cost her countless hours of her personal time in activity deemed vital to the interests of the KP community. In doing so, Susan prepares and mails at personal expense a newsletter to some 200 interested fellow citizens.

CITIZEN OF THE

As a member of the Peninsula Neighborhood Association, Susan attends Pierce County and state level meetings, more often than not as the sole representative of Key Peninsula, to guard our community's best interests in land and growth planning deliberations.

Susan was one of four KP citizens who took the initiative to establish a Candidates' Night Preparation Committee, which met to prepare a quality production for our voting and concerned citizens to participate in and to meet and question candidates for public office and to become informed on public issues. Susan was one of the three members who, together with one moderator, formed the highly praised panel for Candidates' Night on Oct. 20 of last year.

In addition, Susan Mendenhall is a volunteer writer-contributor for Key Peninsula NEWS.



Glen Pszczola

Glen Pszczola is a volunteer firefighter/EMT with the KP Fire Department, Key Center attorney, 1993 president of KP Business Association and a member of Puget Sound Sea Rescue.

Sea Rescue is an organization staffed by volunteers, working closely with the Pierce County fire departments, Sheriffs' departments and Coast Guard.

The primary vehicle for sea rescue in waters on and surrounding Key Peninsula is SR-5, a 22-ft heavy marine aluminum jet boat. It was contributed to the Key Peninsula detachment of Puget Sound Sea Rescue by the Deubler family of Northbrook, Illinois, in 1990, following the untimely death of their son Gary, Glen's friend and Sea Rescue supporter.

It was Glen who requested the vessel be bequeathed to Sea Rescue; and the boat has been put to good, life-saving use.

After SR-5's existing engine reached the end of its useful life span, again through Glen's efforts, Sea Rescue was donated another engine—which, unfortunately, also proved unserviceable.

Glen remains in touch with the Deublers, keeping them abreast of Sea Rescue's developments and sending along news clippings. In a telephone conversation Deubler asked, "How's the boat doing?" On learning of the engine problem he asked, "How much is a new engine?"

Within four days, Glen had received a donation of \$3,680 from the Deubler family for purchase of a new marine

engine for SR-5.

Because Puget Sound Sea Rescue receives no government funding and operates entirely on contributions and on funds raised by its membership through such things as yard sales, it is clear that Glen Pszczola's efforts are integral to Sea Rescue's success.

Thanks to Glen, SR-5 has been here to respond (more often than not, with Glen aboard) to over 35 maritime disasters at the request of the US Coast Guard, the Pierce and Mason County Sheriffs' departments and the KP Fire Department.

In the 1990 flood, Glen—along with firefighter/Sea Rescue volunteer Chuck West—rescued 17 people, piloting the jet boat at midnight over the tops of submerged cars. One of the rescue calls last year involved transport of an injured industrial diver from a telephone cable-laying barge off Anderson Island to a beach helicopter pickup near Filicy Bay.

Whoever says lawyers don't have hearts, come to the newsroom and we'll give you a (short) list of names to upset your hypothesis.



Ron Quinsey

Ron Quinsey served on the Future Planning Committee of the KP Fire Department, rarely missing a meeting, and produced many of the documents resulting from the approximately year-long studies conducted by the committee. The studies included examinations of five of the Fire District's stations and all of its equipment, including fire engines, tankers and ambulances.

Ron also served as Chairman of the Fire District's Financial Advisory Committee, which often met several times each month and provided leadership and enthusiastic inspiration for the group. He also created the explanatory brochure circulated throughout the District which contributed greatly to the successful passage of the Fire District's bond issue on Nov. 3—an act that will make it possible for the Fire District to construct four new earthquake-proof fire stations to replace those which are unsafe and no longer meet District needs.

These activities required countless hours of Ron's volunteer effort and talent in support of our community's safer way of life.

Ron is a career paramedic with Pierce County Fire District 2, Lakewood, and lives in Gig Harbor.

YEAR, 1992



Shirley Rettig

Shirley Rettig trained in classical music and turned down a scholarship to Juilliard. She married and had four children. Shirley's husband was an accountant and a "gentleman farmer." She learned to till the soil, can food, grind their own grain and serve homemade bread with butter she had churned herself, in the great 19th century American-woman tradition. (If you ask her the story about the Jersey who would be bull, prepare to grimace, or at least to ask for an animal rights update.)

After her children were grown and PTA involvement dwindled, Shirley's son, who is a paramedic with District 5, last September told her about the Gig Harbor Emergency Preparedness Committee—something new Shirley could throw her heart into. Chairman Ray Zimmerman made Shirley a sub-committee under Neighborhood Preparedness.

With her roots in tradition and her connection to the earth, it's only natural that Shirley continues to be involved with its movings and shakings—literally. Shirley Rettig teaches how to prepare the individual and family before, during and after an earthquake. "When people are prepared and organized," Shirley says, "it takes away some of the fear. When an emergency occurs, it's a bit like a Mack truck hitting the house."

Shirley teaches first aid, and about supplies you should have on hand in case of an emergency situation, and how to make your home safer. "The critical part of the program is to save lives," she told us. And, "the object of the program is not to frighten people. We want people to be prepared."

Toward that end, Shirley has labored 12-14 hour days, 7 days a week, to, as Fire Commissioner Hugh McMillan is wont to say, "improve our potential for survival when—not if—the Puget Sound area is struck by a major earthquake."

Howard Reynolds

Howard Reynolds is a vice president for the Civic Center Association. To his title he brings a dedication to keeping the Center alive and well. You will find Howard at all the fundraisers with a big, sincere smile on his face.

Howard also is the force behind the

restructuring of the infamous "Vaughn Intersection." Without his perseverance, we would still be daily dueling at that post.

Howard keeps people thinking with his letters to the editors of local papers; and amused by his anecdotes in Reynolds Roost, his monthly column for KPNEWS. When Howard goes south for a bit of vacation, he makes sure his issue of the NEWS is mailed to wherever he will be, and he gives us advance goodies for the Roost.

Howard Reynolds truly loves the Peninsula and his fellow man.



The above photo of Howard was taken during a Reno Night training session. His expression says it all.



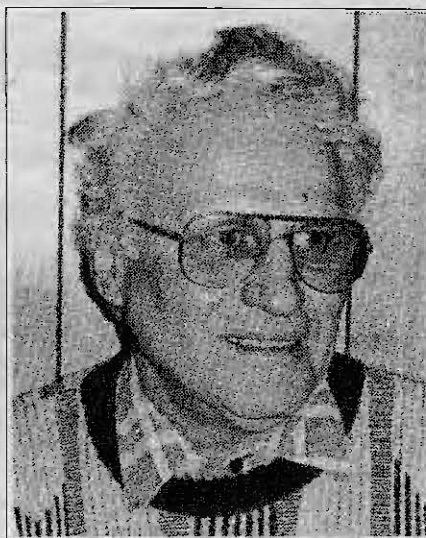
Tom Rolfzen

Tom Rolfzen owns and operates Lakebay Roofing. He is a highly qualified professional roofing specialist.

In mid-1992, of his own accord, Tom volunteered to collect other volunteers to repair the roof of the Civic Center—which was in serious need of help; it was leaking not just rainwater, but little black sooty-looking stuff that wanted to creep into the newsroom equipment.

Tom spent several weeks lining up low rates on materials. He arranged for a conveyor truck with which to load materials onto the Center roof—for FREE. He rounded up volunteers to work on the roof under his expert direction. He dragged his guests to the roof to help. He provided tools for his volunteers.

In the words of his wife, Vivian, "He spent lots of Sundays away from his family," and also involved son Robert in the project. He encouraged his employees to contribute their time and expertise to the roofing project. "He spent all of his spare time—for a long time—working on that roof. He just wanted to help make it happen."



Luther Siefert

Luther Siefert is a charming, snow-capped German import. When the NEWS visited Luther at his home in Vaughn, we were greeted by a dog, an old pale orange tabby, and a lost-looking mallard duck whose compatriots, Luther told us, had been abducted by a fox.

After moving up here from California, Luther became involved in the horse riding program Easter Seal Camp offers for the physically impaired. People of all ages benefit from the program. People who have been unable to move about on their own suddenly feel the strength and movement of a horse beneath them, they're ambulatory again, an extension of the horse. The program has given Luther much joy.

We are told the Easter Seal staff nominated him for volunteer of the year for nationwide recognition in their society, and Luther Siefert was honored in Washington, D.C.



Dale Skrivanich

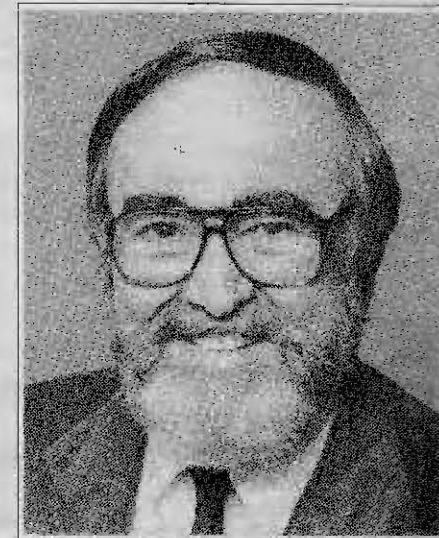
The activity list to which Dale Skrivanich is attached is maybe three inches long. Perhaps her most visible contribution has been the highway clean-up she does regularly, along with other KP Business Association members. Dale recruits volunteers and is the driving force behind the clean-up.

Community activities she is involved with include KP Business Association (chair for annual Ciderfest, Pioneer Day booth, yearly tourism brochure, Santa Express ad with KPNEWS in conjunction with KP Fire District, St. Jude bicycle marathon, KP Lions Club Volksmarch, Pioneer Day parade and litter pick-up); member, Gig Harbor Business Association; Member, Peninsula Neighborhood Association (chair for Northern Region); Citizen at large

for KP Park Board; Association of American University Women (scholarship fundraiser, active with legislative committee); Partners in Education; Board of Trustees for Lake Minterwood (fundraisers for community); Comprehensive Land Act (lead protest against spraying; active with Citizens Against Sludge at Volunteer Park).

Whew! When does she find time for J&D's Harbor Press?

Dale is dedicated to preserving our quality of life on Key Peninsula for the benefit of not only our generation, but those of the future. Her concerns cover a wide scope, educational, environmental, recreational.



John Van De Brooke

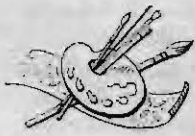
Working for Reynolds Aluminum, John Van De Brooke's territory covers nine western states. Soon he will retire from this position, but will continue with his active volunteerism. The day the NEWS visited his home, John was in Vancouver, training someone to take over his sales job. We had the enjoyable opportunity of speaking with his wife, Diane, and alternately holding hands with two beautiful white standard poodles and a nutsy, gorgeous Springer Spaniel.

The Van De Brookes have lived on Key Peninsula for nearly six years. During these years, John has been Lecturer at St. Nicholas Church in Gig Harbor; St. Vincent de Paul member, tending to the needs of less fortunate residents on Key Peninsula; coordinator of St. Nicholas Church, keeping Key Peninsula members informed; deeply involved in Blue Heron Lagoon Park activities; secretary and very active member of Key Peninsula Community Services—especially their Food Bank. As secretary for the food bank board, John has kept immaculate minutes, been responsible for revising the by-laws, obtained banquet permits and procured—at no cost—all the new carpeting in the building. John is always available for any job, such as cooking at fund raiser dinners and breakfasts.



Robert and Marilyn Vogeler

Marilyn and Bob Vogeler, born and raised in Tacoma, bought waterfront See Citizen of the Year, page 19



Arts • Books



Music



Theater

.....Music.....

MUSIC AT UPS: The Jacobsen Series presents "Copland's Musical Range", 8 PM, in Jacobsen Recital Hall, Friday, Jan. 29. Performing will be Duane Hulbert, Karla Flygare, Stephen Moore, Tatiana Benbalit and Joan Winden. 56/54, 756-3329. "The Well-Tempered Organist" series continues on Sat., Feb. 6 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM in Kilworth Chapel, presented by Professor Edward Hansen and Peggy Kelley Reinburg. The cost of a single session is \$12. The series concludes on Sat., Feb. 13. Call 756-3555 to register.

FILUCY HOOTCHIE KOOTCHIE BAND, four slightly crazed musicians with big horn, accordion, guitars and kazoo, will be appearing in concert at Longbranch Improvement Club Hall for their second annual **Valentine's Day** show. The concert will start at 3 PM, Sun., Feb. 14 and will feature material from their soon to be released album, **NOT FAR FROM HOME**.

Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 Seniors, \$3 children. For further information call 884-9705 or 884-2917.

POW/MIA Benefit

The Stone Hearts are staging a **Country/Western Benefit**, proceeds of which will be donated to the WA State POW/MIA Concerned Citizens Association. The show will feature Johnny Wakely and J.W. Hawk & C.J. Rags and The Stone Hearts. The affair, including a buffet, will start at 6:45 on Feb. 20 at the GH Eagles #2809. Tickets (\$12.50) are available at Marty's Clip Joint, 884-9162. Sounds like a winner.

Victory Music

If you are a music lover, it's time you discovered or re-discovered **Antique Sandwich and Victory Music** in Ruston (where the stack used to be), 51st and Pearl, a non-alcoholic, non-smoking environment. Tuesdays, 7 PM, are reserved for open mike and the cost is \$2 (Cheap!). To get a feel for the place, listen on KVTI 90.9 FM.

A **CONCERT FOR KIDS** is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 13 at 11 AM., \$2 Kids, \$4 Gen. Call for information: 752-4096.



.....Art.....

Oil Painting

A **FREE** demonstration of oil painting using palette knife technique will be presented by Barbara Bence at Country Gardens, next to Harvest Time Country Store at 9507 Route 302 on Sat., Feb. 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

.....Books, etc.....

Longbranch Improvement Club

On March 17, at the regular meeting of the **Longbranch Improvement Club**, Robert Wing will be the featured speaker. Robert, a resident of Longbranch, has written three books dealing with the history of Puget Sound. His presentation and slide show will be on the life of **Joseph Baker**, the subject of his most recent book, **JOSEPH BAKER**, who is best known for his exploration of Puget Sound with Captain Vancouver. Mt. Baker is named after him. The public is welcome to attend, 8 PM, Improvement Club Hall.



MOSTLY BOOKS of Gig Harbor is presenting three **book signings** during February.

On Feb. 6, a local teacher, Carol Olsen-Dick will present her children's book, **LEFT-OVER LOUIE**, which includes art by elementary students. On Feb. 13 you can meet Joen Wolfrom, from Fox Island, with her book on quilting, **THE MAGICAL EFFECTS OF COLOR**. T. Zepatos will sign **A JOURNEY OF ONE'S OWN** on Feb. 28, which explores all aspects of traveling alone, especially for women.

Twenty different classes will be offered at the 11th Annual CommUniversity beginning Feb. 7. The classes will include Africa, Bible Study; Buddhist-Christian Dialogues; literature; meditative dance; AIDS; spirituality of women and couples; family life cycles; environmental ethics; the New Russia; racism; making a living will and more! (Something for everyone, it seems.)

Classes will be held on Sundays on the **PLU** campus. Some classes will also be held Monday evenings and Saturdays at different locations. Call for specifics at 383-3056 or inquire at your local church. Costs range from \$10 to \$20.


UW TACOMA: Public Lecture Series, HISTORY OF TACOMA. This free lecture series continues Feb. 2, 25 and March 4 at 7:30 PM at the Perkins Building, 1103 A. St., Room 702. Information: 552-4450.

Great Discussions

The American Association of University Women is sponsoring their **Great Discussion Groups**, which are being held at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. The first meetings will be Jan. 28 (evening) and Jan. 29 (morning). If you want to know how you can join, please call 884-2945. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about foreign affairs in a time when the role of the U.S. is changing daily.


Some presidential thoughts

I hope I shall always possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man.



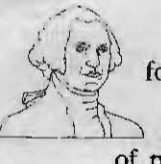
George Washington

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people? Is there any better or equal hope in the world?



Abraham Lincoln

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.



Labor to keep alive in your heart that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

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A **slide presentation** geared toward the general public will be held Feb. 12 at 7:30 PM at the Westin Hotel, Seattle. It will provide an overview of seabirds and seabird conservation and will be preceded by a 6:30 PM reception that includes a seabird art auction.

A **cruise on Puget Sound** to observe seabirds and wintering waterfowl is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 13 and costs \$50. To sign up call Lee Robinson at (206) 842-0774.

.....Theater.....

The Performance Circle presents **ROUGH CROSSING**, a play by Tom Stoppard, in which he proves that true love never does run smoothly. Feb. 12-27; 851-7529

BOYS IN AUTUMN is playing at Tacoma Little Theatre through Feb. 13. The play finds Mark Twain's Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer in the autumn of their lives. They meet in the Roaring Twenties and reminisce about their youthful exploits and plot new adventures. Call for ticket information: 272-2481 (\$8/\$7).



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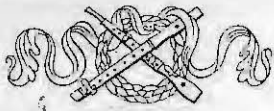
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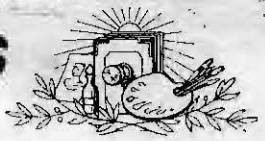
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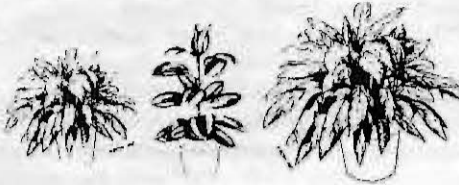


.....Dance.....

PUMA proudly presents an encore program of the VELA LUKA CROATION DANCE ENSEMBLE, Sat., Feb. 13 at Peninsula High School, 8 PM. This is a bigger group and will perform new dances so even if you've seen them before you're in for a new experience. The ensemble will perform their upbeat program of exuberant, festive dances, featuring fascinating instruments and gorgeous, authentic costumes from Yugoslavia. Tickets are on sale at Mostly Books, Sounds Great or at the door. \$9/\$5. PUMA will host a complimentary reception following the performance.

.....Events.....

The Seymour Botanical Conservatory, Wright Park in Tacoma, is holding their annual plant and book sale on Feb. 6 & 7. Don't miss the chance to see a lovely restored greenhouse and purchase unusual plants. (One of Tacoma's jewels.)



Hoquiam

If you are planning a trip to the ocean this spring, you may want to visit Hoquiam on March 19-21 when the town presents their 3rd Annual Ethnic Heritage Festival.

The festival features a variety of music provided by the Ethnic Heritage Council of Seattle. A concert on the 19th will feature flamenco, Croation and Quinault dancing and music from Ghana. A "Mountain Man Rendezvous" area and Children's Village will be part of the activities. Applications for booth concessions are now being accepted. Call KPNEWS for more information.

Key Peninsula Lions will hold their next regular meeting on Wed., Feb. 3 at the Horseshoe Lake Restaurant at 7 PM. The public is invited to hear Dee Molenaar, geologist, artist and mountaineer, speak about his adventures in Antarctica. He will show slides, also.



Little (Big) League



Casey Piwonski and Andy Ludlow (photo) play Big League in Key Peninsula Little League. They have been playing since 8th grade.

For the first time, the Big League teams will be able to play not only Kitsap and Mason teams, but Seattle-area teams as well. Last year our Big League teams won the district and state tournaments.

Casey and Andy are busy recruiting additional players for Big League. The more teams (they are hoping for three this year), the stronger the All-Star team will be at the end of the season. And, of course, they'd like some coaches and managers (call Sheryl Brown, 884-2118) and team sponsors (call Allan Tubbs, 884-4891). Practices are twice weekly, 5-7 PM and games are on Sundays.

Reminder: Pancake Breakfast, Civic Center, March 27, 8-11 AM.

Caregivers' Support Group

The new meeting site of the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Caregivers' Support Group will be the Brones Room at the Key Center Library Building. They meet from 7-9 PM on the second Thursday of the month. This may be more convenient for some of you.

On Thursday, Feb. 11, the group will be holding a CPR training class, 7-9 PM. Call for information: 1-800-642-5769 (Pam or Lisa). Cost is \$5.

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IN THE LIBRARY

GRIZZLY BEARS AND GREY WOLVES OF THE NORTHERN CASCADES, a slide discussion program, will be held at the Key Center Library, Wed., Feb. 17 at 7 PM. The program will be presented by Jon Almack, wildlife biologist for the WA State Dept. of Wildlife. A study of the population, status and habitat of the grizzly has been completed and researchers are now examining ways that recovery might be achieved.

Jon Almack has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Montana, and a Master's Degree from the University of Idaho.

A business meeting of the Friends will be held at 5:45 PM the same evening.

Last year at this time, Rebecca Bolin, a very special writer and teller of stories, presented BEAR TALES for the entire family. This year, she will introduce SALAMANDER TALES on Saturdays, Feb. 20 & 27 at 2 PM. Rebecca has written two wonderful, original salamander stories for each of the afternoons. In addition, she will offer activities and facts about these cute creatures.

Have you ever wanted to paint and sketch outdoors? Bev Pedersen will advise a new group which will meet at the library every Tuesday beginning March 2. During March the group will meet indoors and receive information about materials, equipment and composition. Please bring a notebook, brushes and colors (only acrylics and watercolors will be used).

(The above free events are sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.)

Preschool storytimes continue at the library for ages 3-5 through Fri., March 19, 10:30 AM.

On exhibit at the library during the month of February will be original art by Evergreen Elementary students. One group, entitled "Adaptations on Van Gogh's STARRY NIGHT," is from Mrs. Kraft's second and third graders. "Ruins from C.S. Lewis" are presented by Mr. Kepler's fourth and fifth graders.

Enjoy your library.

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More next month

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SCHOOL NEWS

School Board

The Peninsula School Board met on January 14 and voted to put the bond issue to the voters on May 25, 1993. There was very little discussion. Tom Morfee from the Peninsula Neighborhood Association addressed the board and said that while the organization supported the last bond election, it is concerned that the District is not charging enough impact fees from developers who build large subdivisions which severely impact schools. He also is concerned that sewer politics not be played by the District and that sewer lines, when necessary for schools, do not become a vehicle for increased building activity that creates the need for more schools.

January was School Board Appreciation Month but I'm sure our member, Keith Stiles, would welcome your appreciation (and comments) during any month. The Board puts in many hours and is not paid, unlike many others. Thank you, from KPNEWS.

The school district's annual report was published as a supplement to the Gateway. If you did not receive a copy, they are available at the district office.

Minter Creek Elementary

Minter Creek Elementary is planning its annual MinterLand Express on February 25 from 7 to 8 PM. This is an all-school event at which parents have a chance to see what is happening in the classroom. Students' work is displayed and demonstrations are presented. This is a way to increase communication between school and parents and an opportunity for parents to learn what their children are learning. It is an expanded open house; one which stresses the curriculum in the school. Sounds like an event not to be missed!

Parenting Seminar

The KPMS Parent Group is presenting a program called "Strengthening the Family." It will be held Feb. 8, 7 PM at Peninsula High School Auditorium. It is open to adults only and is free. Randy Okumura, from the Greater Lakes Mental Health Center in Lakewood, will be the speaker. There will be time for questions and printed information will be available. Questions? Call Robin Lerum 857-2068.

Happy Birthday, Keith

A big School Board happy birthday goes to Keith Stiles, February 8.

HERE TODAY, HERE TOMORROW



Linda, Diane, Phyllis, Don, Wendy, Dyanna & Christie the staff at the Key Center Branch of



America's neighborhood bank. SM

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Award Recipient Sought

The Tacoma-Pierce County Commission of Children, Youth, and Their Families is seeking nominations for the Nancy Carlson Children's Advocate Award. The selected resident will be honored at the annual United Way banquet on March 15 and a financial contribution will be made in the name of the recipient to the children, youth, or family service organization of the recipient's choice.

The nominee may be a non-paid volunteer, a business person, a health professional, an educator, a representative of the media, etc.

Call 596-2884 to obtain a nomination form. It must be submitted by Feb. 26.

Our legislators

State Rep. Wes Pruitt, D-Gig Harbor, was named chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. As Chairman, Pruitt will direct legislation dealing with increasing population pressures on this state's natural resources, including timberlands, water supplies and protecting open space and wetlands through the Growth Management Act. Pruitt also will serve on the Education and State Government committees.

State Senator, Bob Oke, R-Port Orchard, was chosen "Republican Whip," part of the leadership team. He will be responsible for making sure

senators know when to be where and for what. He also serves on the Rules Committee as well as Transportation, Governmental Operations and Natural Resources.

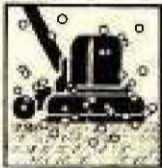
KPNEWS wishes all our elected officials a productive year. We're sure they will want to hear how you feel they should manage state funds, something there is not too much of lately. Leave a message for any of your state legislators at the toll-free hotline, 1-800-562-6000.

Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Pierce County 24-hr hotline:

1-800-750-RAPE (-7273)

Free tax help

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) offers free tax preparation help for individual tax returns. The service will run Feb. 17 through April 15 at two locations: Key Center Fire Station: Thursdays, 1-4 PM; Peninsula Branch Library: Wednesdays 12-3 PM and Saturdays 11AM-2PM. Interested individuals are asked to bring all W-2 forms, interest and dividend statements (1099s), a copy of last year's tax return and all other pertinent information.



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Haley Park

Washington State Parks, currently studying development plans for the Haley Property on Key Peninsula, has been working with a group of interested residents who call themselves the Blue Heron Lagoon Community Coalition. Parks planner, Randy Person, said that they would not be appointing a task force: "You folks have gotten organized, you've done a good job of it." Coalition members represented all viewpoints, from no development to a road-access, fully developed park.

A majority of coalition members wanted the entire 178 acres to be protected from development; the minority hoped that a number of acres could be set aside for future development. The recommendation was sent to the Parks Commission.

Suddenly, the state says they want another task force—one that, according to Dick Fankhauser, chief site planner, "represents statewide interests."

The Parks Commission is holding a public meeting at 7 PM, Feb. 11, at Gig Harbor City Hall, 3105 Judson St. They will be discussing the naming and classification of the park land, and will be taking applications from persons interested in being on this new task force.

If you are interested in this project, it is important that you attend this meeting.

For more information call 884-3223.

Keeping KP beaches healthy



Adopt-A-Beach is a non-profit organization that helps communities learn about their water resources and how to protect them.

Currently, volunteers from Adopt-A-Beach collect shellfish samples for toxicity testing by the State Department of Health at several locations on the Key Peninsula. This testing provides information on PSP (Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning) and other potential health hazards and also documents the availability of shellfish in our area.

Pierce County Department of Health has now commissioned Adopt-A-Beach to study the Rocky Beach area, which has reported contamination. Volunteers are needed to gather baseline scientific data to be used in the study. No experience is necessary. Call 884-3223 for more information.

City of Gig Harbor, will collect phone messages left on the disposal line and update the recorded message for the pickup line. Residents will make their own arrangements to exchange materials. There will be no charge for this service.

Marty Erdahl, Pierce County Utilities Department, hopes that this service will reduce the amount of re-usable household products that enter the waste stream. Residents who have a question about disposal of hazardous wastes can call 1-800-287-6429.

Recycle by re-using

If your garage looks more like a household waste dump than a storage place for vehicles, help is now just a phone call away.

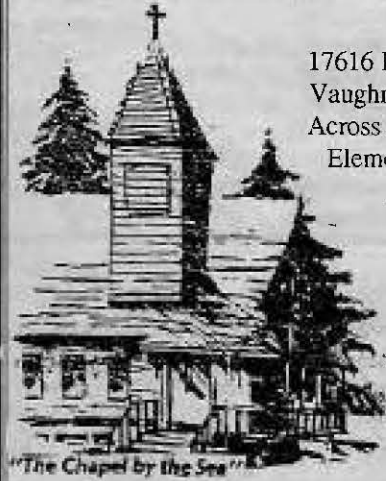
Two telephone message lines were opened this week for Peninsula residents who wish to recycle paint, paint thinner or fertilizers by sharing partially used containers. On one line, residents can leave messages about paint or fertilizers they no longer need (851-6373); on the other, they can advertise their need for one of these products (851-6393).

This is a joint pilot project of the City of Gig Harbor, Pierce County and PTI Communications and is being started on the Peninsulas.

Marilyn Owel, volunteer coordinator for the



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Underwater parks system

Olympia—State Senator Bob Oke, R-Port Orchard, announced in January he has filed a bill directing the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to establish a system of underwater parks to provide diverse recreational diving opportunities and to conserve and protect unique marine resources.

The measure, SB 5332—which directs the Commission to place a high priority on creating facilities where rare and assorted marine life exists or where there are natural or artificial features such as ship wrecks—will likely be referred to the Senate Ecology and Parks Committee for public testimony.

Oke, who has been working on an underwater parks proposal for several months with State Senator Jim West of Spokane, said he drafted the bill at the request of his constituent Don Larson, President of the Kitsap Diving Association, and the Washington Scuba Alliance.

"A system of underwater parks in our state is attractive from a recreational, educational and economic standpoint," Oke said.

Anyone wishing to be kept up to date on the progress of SB 5332 should contact Oke's Olympia office at 1-206-786-7650 or through the toll free legislative hotline 1-800-562-6000.

Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Notice of Bid Opening

Key Peninsula Park Board hereby solicits Statements of Qualification together with a request to be considered for the award of the 1993 Concessionaire contract.

Scope of Work: To operate and maintain the concession stand throughout the 1993 sporting season.

Contracts shall be negotiated in accordance with RCW 39.80 and the County selection procedures. The Key Peninsula Park Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages all qualified small and disadvantaged owned food service firms to respond for a bid package.

Submittals: Interested firms should submit Statements of Qualifications, Performance Data and requests to be considered for award of contract, to the Key Peninsula Park Board, P.O. Box 46, Vaughn, WA 98394, Attn Marie Rock, Commissioner, no later than February 8, 1993.

Dated this 12th day of January, 1992. Board of Key Peninsula Parks and Recreation, Max Marlowe, Chairman.

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If you have a high school diploma and can complete Basic Training, the U.S. Army just might have a flight suit your size. A program called WOFT trains candidates to fly helicopters. The train-

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by William F. Roes, MD

As I watched the ASARCO smokestack come down last month, I got to thinking about arsenic, cadmium and other heavy metals that can adversely affect our health. The most common one we run into is lead poisoning, and it seems to be making a resurgence.

Lead seems to be a by-product of our society: the modern man contains about 200 mg of lead, while preserved bodies from the pre-industrial revolution era contain less than 2 mg.

As of now, there is no known value in human metabolism for lead, but it certainly causes a number of problems. Lead predominantly affects the Central Nervous System, and is especially bad to developing nervous systems. Adults are felt to have lead toxicity at levels of 25 micrograms per deciliter of blood (a

microgram is 1/1000 of a milligram [mg]), but some studies show children can develop problems at as little as 10 micrograms/DL. The physical signs are quite subtle, and the only way to determine for sure is to test the blood for lead. While there are medications that can be used to remove lead from the patient, the best treatment is avoidance. There is no doubt that taking lead out of gasoline has helped to decrease the amount of lead we are exposed to, but many of our houses still have lead-based paint from decades ago. Like the asbestos wrapping our pipes, the lead paint does no harm unless it is disturbed and becomes airborne or part of the household dust. In medical school, we were taught to screen for children who peeled paint and ate the chips (a condition known as pica), but probably a more common occurrence in our area is the remodeling of an old house with sanding and filing of surfaces covered with lead-based paints. Children exposed to dust in this situation for prolonged periods may have higher than acceptable levels of lead, and should probably be tested. This is one case where an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cures.

Tax Tips

by R. Marvin Ketzur CFP

Did you know that certain fringe benefits are included in taxable income, e.g., bonuses, company automobiles, employer-paid parking, athletic facilities, employee discounts and dependent care.

Another item you should be aware of is that you, as a taxpayer, are re-

quired to file accurate returns; and few excuses for failing to file a return are ever accepted. Even though you take your return to a tax preparer for preparation, and you furnish all the appropriate information for preparation of that return, if the tax preparer makes an error in that return, you the taxpayer will be held liable for late filing and negligence penalties. Our advice to you is, take care in making your choice of preparer.

Another warning. If you are going into business this year, seek the advice of an accountant to guide you in setting up books of account, and for tax advice. I know I tell you this every year, but it is good to be reminded. Get your tax return to your preparer early.

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DOT study, cont'd from page 1

Purdy Drive and Burley/Olalla or Mullenix. Do we need three interchanges? Where would the new 302 be located? In your back yard? These are some of the questions Key Peninsula citizens should begin asking.

If you already have ideas or concerns or would like to be on the mailing list for this project, you can send your name to: Paula Hammond, Transportation Planning Engineer, P.O. Box 47440, Olympia, WA 98504-7440. You may call her at 357-2630.

Recycle Home bridge?

Soon, a new concrete superstructure will replace the old Home bridge. Afterward, will the old bridge be destroyed?

Some residents are considering the idea of lobbying to retain the old Home bridge, beside the new one, as a sort of community-supported park, for use as a foot path and fishing area for people of all ages.

This would keep people out of the traffic area. We all have had a few squeaks with pedestrians on the Home bridge.

The old Home bridge is a piece of our history. People such as Rhys Wood's father worked on the bridge.

Lakebay Chevron closes for 3-4 weeks for installation of new equipment

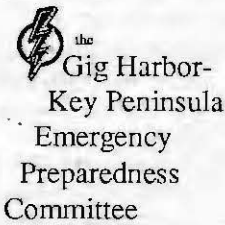
Because of new federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations on underground fuel tanks, nearly 20% of the state's gas stations have closed since 1989. Lakebay Chevron has been able to continue pumping because of a state grant program designed to help stations in isolated communities meet the new federal requirements.

New EPA regulations require underground storage tanks meet higher corrosion protection standards, and gas stations carry up to \$1 million in liability insurance by December 1, 1993.

The Lakebay Chevron upgrade will include a new tank and monitoring system for leak and overflow protection. Installation of the new equipment will require a pump shutdown of three or more weeks. The work probably will begin in March; no exact date has yet been set.

Once it is gone, we will have lost a landmark . . . a useful landmark . . . much as the lost Home pier.

If you are interested in supporting a movement to save the old Home bridge as a footpath, give the NEWS a call at 884-4699 and leave your name and number, and we will see if enough support is warranted to form a committee.



Disaster Readiness Tips

Disaster Readiness Tip # 2

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Following a major earthquake, local telephone service can be impaired for a long time - long distance service probably will be available sooner. Parents at work, children at school, or grandma at home elsewhere may not be able to reach each other by phone. Designate an out-of-state (or out-of-area) friend or relative to be your family's central contact immediately after the earthquake. Tape the phone number in school lunch boxes, cars, wallets, etc.

If your phone doesn't work, try your neighbor. If you pick up a phone and don't get a dial tone, it doesn't necessarily mean the phone is dead. There will simply be more people calling than the system can handle. Hold on. You'll get a dial tone when the next line is available.

Call ONLY if it is an **EMERGENCY!**

Coming: **Readiness Tip # 3, How to store safe water**

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Perspectives

by
Frank G.
Tucker



I stepped onto the mat for the last time. For the past five years I had wrestled on the school team. Now a senior, this was my last chance to win the county title.

One last opponent stood in my way. He had beaten me earlier in the year. For me to win, I would have to give my best performance ever!

Instinctively, my father understood my need for an added boost, and called out from the stands, "Son, you have to want it!"

At first I resented what I had assumed to be a chide, thinking of myself. Five years of wrestling practices, hardly missing one, along with religious adherence to a strict diet. What more could they expect, I thought.

My second thoughts shocked me

as I realized my father's challenge was warranted. Because, despite my outward efforts, I had not come to the place where I really was willing to compete to win, applying myself 100 percent. As I faced my nemesis, I mustered the inner courage to take my father's challenge. Over the next five and a half minutes, I wrestled with more heart and intensity than ever before.

The score was 4 to 3. I was ahead, but with 30 left on the clock I allowed an escape—making the score 4 to 4. Stamina had always been difficult for me, and for a second I was afraid I wouldn't have the energy to finish a winner. Pushing that thought away, I regained my resolve to compete all out. My opponent also was tired and took a second to take in a deep breath. I seized the opportunity and dove at his legs, driving him to the mat and gaining the takedown. Time expired. I won, 6 to 4.

Twenty-plus years have come and gone, but as I reflect on my wrestling days, the lessons learned are still valuable. From my perspective, many of us go through life's endeavors not really applying ourselves, simply going through the motions. I can still hear my dad's challenge: "You have to want it, son!"

Straight Talk

by Robert B.
Campbell D.C.



Sports injuries

With the increased interest in jogging, running, tennis, racket- and handball, and other active sports, the incidence of sports injuries continues to climb.

Because these injuries often involve a direct traumatic injury to our physical "machinery," modern chiropractic science—with its emphasis on aiding mechanical and structural functioning through totally natural means—offers effective treatment and prevention.

One of the more frequent injuries we see is Tennis Elbow. Golfers, ball players, even needleworkers and writers can suffer this malfunction (which also may be called Golfer's Elbow or Writer's Cramp). The joint is painful at the point of the elbow and active motion aggravates the pain.

Another particularly susceptible joint is the knee. Knee sprains, "trick

knee" and inflammation of the tendons around the knee are common.

In both Tennis Elbow and knee injury, the problem usually can be traced to a structural/postural abnormality (either genetic or due to accident or aging) or to trauma (either sudden or the result of continued misuse).

Prevention requires selection of proper equipment—especially footwear—and having postural examinations and evaluation of spinal functioning before undertaking active sports. Abnormal position of spinal segments may limit movement, causing strains on other structural elements, or it may change the shape of nerve openings, irritating nerves which supply arm and leg muscles.

The Doctor of Chiropractic is well equipped to deal with traumatic injury. Structural evaluation and treatment are critical. Depending on the nature of the injury, the presence or absence of inflammation and/or swelling, the Doctor of Chiropractic also may treat sports injuries by manipulation, active or resistive movement, heat (with or without moisture), traction or other natural aids to healing.

In general, when injury occurs, you should keep the injured joint or muscle inactive and see your doctor immediately. Further immobilization may or may not be necessary.



We ought not to look back unless it is to derive useful lessons from past errors, and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience. — George Washington



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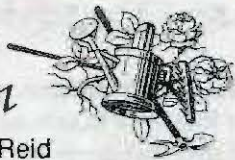
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In the Garden



by Olive Bell Reid

Here at Bellbrae Farm, we have just finished applying lime, sulphur and oil to the orchard, roses, lilacs, dogwoods, iris beds, peonies and along the hollyhock row in case any fungus spores are still lurking there. Next week we'll sharpen the pruners and get at the fruit trees. My father had pruned the dwarf apples to an umbrella shape, but we are attempting to allow them to develop leaders so they can eventually become more cone shaped. This will allow all parts of the tree to receive equal sunlight. This process has been difficult due to the dozens of water shoots put up by umbrella shaped trees. It may take a number of years to obtain the proper pyramid shape.

Washington State University Cooperative Extension Service has put out a new pruning guide (EB1619) which can be obtained by sending \$3.00 to: Bulletin Office, Cooperative Extension, Cooper Publications Bldg, WSU, Pullman, WA 99164-5912.

Do plan to visit the Witt Winter Garden in Seattle at the Washington Park Arboretum this month. Here you

will drink in the pervasive fragrances of winter blooming shrubs and trees. *Chimonanthus praecox* (Wintersweet) has pale waxy-yellow flowers with crimson-purple centers which appear on leafless branches and have a clove-like fragrance. Growing close by are several varieties of *Hamamelis* (Witch Hazel), which have spider-like flowers that fill the air with honey-like perfume. Their blossoms range from pale yellow to deep orange. *Corylopsis pauciflora* (Winter Hazel), sometimes called "Buttercup Hazel," produces very fragrant, yellow bells that hang from bare branches. Near the front entrance of the Arboretum's Graham Visitors Center you will notice a heady aroma emanating from some small shrubs cuddled up against the walls of the entrance way. These are a type of Boxwood called *Sarcococca*. Last year I purchased one at Sunnycrest Nursery and brought it inside to our solarium where it opened its bloom and filled the house with its heavenly scent.

Be sure to put out some slug bait in milk cartons by your bulbs as soon as possible. Last year I procrastinated and the slugs ate every one of my *Iris reticulata*. This month you can apply nitrogen to fruit trees. Add potash to apples, plums, pears, strawberries, gooseberries and currants. Cut back 'Nellie

Moser' *Clematis* almost to the ground. Prune hydrangeas, gooseberries, fruit trees and cane berries. **Don't prune or spray in freezing weather.** Spray fruit trees again about the third week in February with lime-sulphur—especially peaches and nectarines. Give hydrangeas some aluminum sulphate if you want to keep them pink. Wake up your begonia tubers and put them in a

flat of damp peat moss. Till lime and all purpose fertilizer into your vegetable garden. Plant garden peas and sweet peas the last week of February. They both like lime.

The theme of the 1993 Northwest Flower and Garden Show will be "Flowers of the World." It opens Feb. 11 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, and runs for five days.

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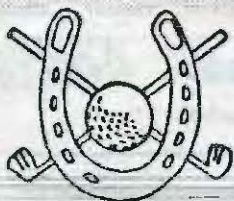
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Citizen of the Year, cont'd from page 7

property in Vaughn in 1955. A good time to buy waterfront.

In 1988, they rebuilt. That's about the time they retired out here and began working in the Sheriff's office answering phones.

The Vogelers are involved with Citizens Against Crime (CAC). Although manning the phones can be a thankless and frustrating task, Marilyn has ceaselessly conducted the business in good humor and with quiet, effective efficiency.

The Vogelers rarely miss a CAC meeting and are highly participatorial in the proceedings. Whenever help is asked for, Bob and Marilyn can be expected to step forward as volunteers.

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During the Crime Fair, Bob can be found parking cars, and Marilyn can be seen cleaning up afterwards.

"Clean up"—magic words to our ears. Wherever a group of people gather, a mess is left in their wake. We love those who will roll up their sleeves and pursue the "C" word.

There are others in our community who deserve recognition, who, for one reason or another, were not nominated. People like Bob Medlock, who did the major work involved in replacing the chimneys on the Civic Center. And Nick and Marcy Nichols, who give so much of themselves beyond the call their caretaker salaries require. And

Terry and John Thomas, who spend so much time helping out at fund-raising functions like Skating Night, where they make pizza. And Pauline Finn, who stepped in to rescue KPNEWS last spring when we lost our staff; and who gives so much of herself to causes such as support of the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. You will think of others. We just didn't get our ballots in on time. However, the above-named 13 people nominated for the Lions Club 1992 Citizen of the Year award are a good group—dedicated, caring people who deserve recognition. Some of them gave us the impression they are embarrassed by their nominations. At the risk of editorializing, your reporter would like to say that the most treasured volunteer is the one who does it not for recognition, but because the moment she stops caring and being involved is the moment her heart stops beating. So, to paraphrase Tiny Tim: God bless you, every one.



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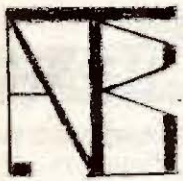
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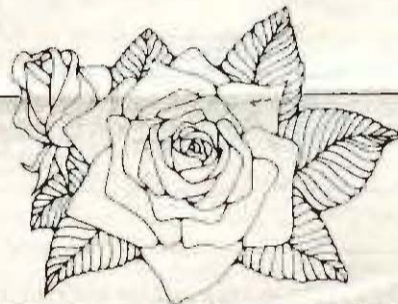
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