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50th Wedding Anniversary

Shirley Rickert and Donald Olson were married May 24, 1947 in Longbranch, Washington. They have lived in Key Center, in the house they built, for forty-five years. Here they raised four daughters who hosted a 50th Anniversary party, which was held at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on May 24th, 1997. Daughters are Donna Summerharp of Tucson, Arizona, Claudia Loy, Key Center, Washington, Debra Koehn, Shelton, Washington, and Darcie Long, Santa Rosa, California. Also, six grandchildren, Kyle and Kara Koehn, Amy Cronin, Taryn Loy, Bryan and Brandon Long and one great granddaughter, Kelsey Croxin, were all here to help celebrate. Don and Shirl would like to say to their daughters, grandchildren, and friends, you did a great job! To the friends who came and some who couldn't, thanks for all the beautiful cards. It was a great celebration.

Flavor Of Fall

It is only the beginning of summer, but these next months will pass quickly and it will be time for the Civic Center's major fall fund-raiser. The annual *Flavor of Fall* dinner and auction marks our tenth anniversary for this event! We are planning a more festive occasion than ever before! The date is **October 4th**, and this year's theme will be *Northwest Gourmet*, and will feature mouth-watering delicacies from our part of the world. Earlier years we have had menus from the Orient, the Mediterranean and the Southwest. There will be wine tasting available, with the folks from the Hoodspout Winery setting up their wares.

Letters to corporations asking for auction item donations have been sent out and now we are starting to solicit items from our own community. So

far we have a pool table, an electric organ, and the famous garden tour donated by Sunnycrest Nursery. This year Claudia and Dale might give the tour a little different twist by offering gardens further away, like the Bellevue Botanical Gardens and the like.

If you have something you want to donate to be auctioned off, please contact Kristen Bottiger at 884-5420 or Claudia Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery at 884-3937. All donations are tax deductible. We, as always, need volunteers to help with all the steps involved to pull this event off. If you would like to get involved, contact Kristen or Claudia.

All monies raised by this event go towards improvements to the Civic Center.

More next month!

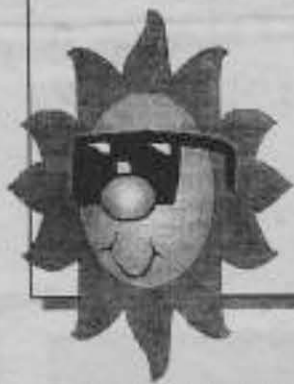


Pioneer Day is Here!

The fun begins with the big Pioneer Day Parade at 10:00 AM in downtown Key Center. The parade winds its way down Olson Road to the Civic Center, where marvelous things await you!

Bring the whole family for a rousing day of games, entertainment, good food, wonderful handmade treasures! Horseshoe tournaments, the famous Beer Garden, music, and lots more!

See you there!



UNDER MY HAT

by Irene Zimmer
Facility Coordinator

Happy Fourth of July! Please have a safe and sane one! Don't forget, you can buy your fireworks right up through the 4th at the VFW fireworks stand at Lake Kathryn, or the Civic Center's booth in Key Center. All the monies raised stay right here in our own community!

Come join us in Key Center for the start of the big Pioneer Day parade! It starts at 10:00 AM, and wends its way down Olson Road to the Civic Center. If you want to be in the parade, applications are \$2 before July 15th and \$5 after that. We'd love to have you participate with your group, float, motorized unit, band, horses or anything else you can come up with! The plans for Pioneer Day are firming up and will provide another great get-together for the whole community. Games, booths, good food, entertainment, the famous "Beer Garden", and much, much more await you and your family. See you there!

Flavor of Fall will be on October 4th this year and will have a Northwest theme. Donations are needed, so if you have something really special you can donate to the auction, please contact Claudia or Dale Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery and let them know. You can reach them at 884-3937.

November will bring the final "Reno Night" of the year. Make plans now to attend. Lots of good food, good fun and entertainment!

I want to personally thank all of you who donated to the Civic Center's fund drive! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Without your help we could not survive. Thanks, too, to those of you who donated time and effort to our various causes.

The garage sale was a great success! We had so many wonderful things donated to the sale! We had oil paintings, a horse trailer, a canoe, and even a kitchen sink or two! Hope all of you that attended found marvelous treasures! I know I did!

Skate Night is over for the summer, and we need to find a new Skate Assistant before the new season begins. Our last assistant was Sarah Brewer. Sarah has gone on to find a "real" job, and will be working at Walt's Fine Foods. She did a great job for us for almost five years and we really miss her! She was reliable, dependable and responsible, and that's just what we were looking for in the new person, whoever it may be. The skate assistant must be at least sixteen years of age and, preferably, able to drive. Duties would include running the skate room during the Friday night skate and being available for the private skate parties. The pay is \$5.25 per hour. If you are interested, please send a resume to: Key Peninsula Civic Center, P. O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394.

See you next month!

Skate Night Closes For The Season

Skate Night has come to a close for the season. In the middle of July we will start remodeling for our new skate room. This will be a great improvement, with lots of extra room! During the summer months we will be taking applications for a new skate room assistant and also a kitchen worker. These are paid positions. The rate is \$5.25 per hour, you must be at least 16 years of age, and the jobs are lots of fun! If you are interested in either of these positions, please send your resume to: Key Peninsula Civic Center, P. O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394. We also need parent volunteers. If you wish to be a parent volunteer, please contact Lila Garrison at 884-3278 before August 24th, so we have time to meet and make plans before the new season

starts.

"I would like to thank Sarah Brewer, who worked for the Civic Center's skating programs for the last five years. She did a wonderful job as our skate assistant and worked in the kitchen during skate night this year. Great job, Sarah, and good luck at your new job!

A big thanks to Karen Teague for all her help this year. Karen will be back only part-time next year.

A special thanks to all our parent volunteers and to *Purdy Pictures* for donating movies for the kids to watch during skate night. We all worked hard to make skate night fun, and we had a great time! Hope to see you all next year!

Lila Garrison
Skate Manager



THE FAMILY ROOM

Summer Fun is here at last! Before we give you an update on our programs there are many people that we would like to acknowledge. Without this community support we could not offer such quality programs to the community:

Individuals:

- Marilee Smithingell
- Paula Demoss
- Lila Garrison
- Ronda Lique
- Virginia Liebergesell
- Jacqueline Kahler
- Henry Stock
- Norma Bartlett
- Shari O'Quinn
- Ginger Donnelly
- Sylvia Haase
- Jim & Melina Norman

Groups:

- Key Peninsula Civic Center
- Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Coalition
- Prison Pet Partnership Program
- Monsoon Auction Club
- Longbranch Improvement Club
- Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness
- Mary Bridge Children's Health Center
- Washington University Extension
- Lifeskills
- Key Peninsula Fire Dept.
- Tacoma Community College

A brief description and schedule of the Summer Fun classes are as follows:

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE 6/30 through 8/4

Kids' Cooking class:

A hands-on class to learn how to make easy, healthy snacks. Register for either Monday or Wednesday, not both please.

Ages: 5-12 years Session limit: 10 children Time: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Basic Woodworking:

Learn to use basic woodworking tools while building your own birdhouse.

Ages: 9-12 years Session limit: 8 children Time: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Basketball:

An early-evening session for kids (entering 6th, 7th and 8th grade) and their parents.

Ages: 11-90 years Session limit: 30 kids/parents Time: 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE 7/1 through 8/5

Growing With Plants:

Building self-esteem in children while growing a healthy garden.

Ages: 5-8 years Session limit: 12 children Time: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Music Class:

Learning basic music skills through introduction to the flutophone (will be provided).

Ages: 5 and up Session limit: 15 children Time: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE 7/2 through 8/6

Slam:

Learning skill development, group cooperation, and conflict negotiating skills through basketball & conversation.

Ages: 9-12 years Session limit: 15 children Time: 1:00 to 2:15 p.m.

Kids' Cooking Class:

A hands-on class to learn how to make easy, healthy snacks. Register for either Monday or Wednesday, not both please.

Ages: 5-12 years Session limit: 10 children Time: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Story Writing:

Development of basic skills in creative story writing.

Ages: 8-12 years Session limit: 10 children Time: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE 7/3 through 8/7

Arts and Crafts & Non-Competitive games:

Introduction to a variety of crafts designed for children. Classes will be split with 5-8 year olds doing crafts while the 9-12 year olds are engaged in games, then the two groups will switch classes at 2:00 p.m.

Ages: 5-12 years Session limit: 20 children Time: 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Dog Obedience:

Focus is on teaching children how to work with their dogs. Basic obedience and fun tricks.

Ages: 7-14 years Session limit: 12 children Time: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ONE TIME ONLY CLASSES

Tobacco Free 6/30

Help in staying tobacco free

Ages: 5-12 Session limit: none

Time: 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

First Aid 7/14

Learn skills for emergency situations

Ages: 5-12 Session limit: none

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Emergency Preparedness 7/8

How to prepare for an emergency

Ages: 6-8 Session limit: none

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Water Safety 7/16

Awareness of safety issues & responsibility

Ages: 5-12 Session limit: none

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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KPCCA Regular Board Meeting May 8, 1997

Due to the resignation of president Tim Kezele, the meeting was called to order by the new president, Mike Coffin. It was msc to approve the minutes as written.

Al Yanity asked the board for use of the Whitmore Room to hold a public meeting on June 5. It was msc to grant his request with his agreement to submit an agenda and sign a contract. He asked if he would need to pay for advertisement of this meeting, and the president told him no he would be able to put something in the paper.

Dave Freeman, vice president, will be our representative at the Emergency Preparedness group.

People working Reno Night will no longer need to attend a school...now they watch a video, read the handbook and sign an affidavit.

MANAGER'S REPORT: The 10 person crew from McNeil did a lot of hard work and replaced many windows in the school building by cutting glass from the old windows taken out of the Whitmore Room. The Pioneer Day banner is being updated. The float is ready to pick up, but we need a theme and workers to decorate. The fire extinguishers have all been recharged. Irene would like to get an estimate for motion sensor lights on the back of the school building.

NEWSPAPER: The bookkeeping is being turned over to ATB starting in June. We have hired a new ad sales person, Stephanie Carter.

SPRING BAZAAR: Vendors were very pleased with the turnout and sales. The kitchen did very well.

SENIORS: Everything still going fine.

PIONEER DAYS: Tim Kezele

will be chairing this event, but we need a chair for the Beer Garden. The Volunteer Coalition may be helping with this also.

FLAVOR OF FALL: Meetings for planning are already under way.

GARAGE SALE: Lots of donations coming in for the sale June 7.

LIONS: Everything is ready for the Mother's Day Breakfast and they are hoping to have flowers for the mothers.

CHS: The grant papers have been submitted to United Postal Service.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY: The museum is now open 2 days per week.

FIREWORKS: The VFW will handle the demonstration on June 22 in the parking lot.

VOLUNTEER DINNER: The invitations are being prepared for the dinner on June 27. The Center will provide the main course, and it will be a potluck for salads and desserts.

NEW BUSINESS: It was msc to accept the draft of a solicitation letter to be mailed to residents. We need an inventory of kitchen equipment as many pieces are coming up missing. We will be marking utensils, pans, etc. with an engraver. We will be reviewing policy for use of the reader board for non-Civic Center functions. Kitchen cabinets and appliances are needed for the manager's apartment so we are looking for donations if possible. We need to be sure to have procedure books for every event, and the event chairs need to secure committees for setup, cleanup etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Bosch

Old Timers' Day, 1997

by Hugh McMillan

Right now is the time to make plans to attend the 11th annual Old Timers' Day festivities in Longbranch on Saturday, August 16. The event, sponsored again by the Key Peninsula Community Services, will be held on the grounds and inside the Longbranch Improvement Club.

It will feature a repeat of the always exciting old time loggers show, a horseshoe tournament, scads of arts and crafts booths, a llama cart for kids' rides, the moonwalk, helicopter rides, a barber shop quartet, Irish dancers, the Kitsap Kickers with western dances, and, "with any luck at all," said KPCC manager, Marge Adams, "the put-put train for kids to ride aboard." There will be a flea mart, hamburgers and hot dogs with plenty of soft drinks, and, for the second year in a row, the "Classy Chassis"

antique vehicle display and competitions.

It all starts at 10:00 run and will continue until 5:00 PM when the drawing for the raffle will take place. The prizes: 1st: \$1,000 cash, 2nd: \$500, and 3rd: a \$250 shopping spree at Walt's Fine Foods. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased from any KPCC Board of Directors member.

For information call KPCC Tuesday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at 884-4440.

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Our Apologies

The News does its best to be accurate. Unfortunately, every now and then, we slip ... or should we say we fail to catch a slip which our computer, which can have a mind of its own, has cursed us with.

Such was the case with last month's article on the KPFD awards dinner and we apologize to Jay Latteri, Alien Wakeling, Carrie Morlang, Jim Blundell, Dee Dee Kerkes, and Bill Sawaya, all of whose names were misspelled, not by writer Hugh McMillan, but by our errant computer. Sorry!

Reynold's Roost



by Howard Reynolds

Seniors are the nation's leading carriers of AIDS!

- Hearing Aids
- Band Aids
- Rol-Aids
- Walking Aids
- Medical Aids
- Government Aids

Most of all, monetary aids to their kids!

KEY DATES

BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc.	Jun. 6 - 7:30 AM	Home Port Rest.
	Jun. 20 - Noon	Horseshoe Lake Rest.
Fire Fighters Assoc.	Jun. 30 - 7:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
Couriettes	Jun. 19 - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Board	Jun. 12 - 7:30 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board	Jun. 9 - 10:00 AM	Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board	Jun. 5 - 7:30 PM	Health Center
KP Lions Club	1 st & 3 rd Wed. - 7:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary Rm.	2 nd & 4 th Mon. - 7:30 PM	KPCC/VFW Room/WM

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor		
Angel Guild	Jun. 23 - 10:00 AM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Thurs. - 1:00 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call: 884-5433		
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri. 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home		
Friendship Dinner	Sundays - 5:00 PM	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays at Noon		Comm. House - Home
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Info., call 884-4440, 884-4514, 857-4780.		
Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Urgent Care, Gig Harbor		
KP Baptist AWANAS	Wed. - 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM	KPCC / gym
Overeaters Anonymous	Wed. - 7:30 PM	St. Nicholas Church
Parenting Network	Jun. 3, 10, 17 - 6:30 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Positive Fathering	Wednesdays - 6:30 PM	CHS - Civic Center
Seniors Exercise Program	Tues. & Thurs. - 8:30 to 9PM	Comm. House - Home
WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Civic Center, in the Whitmore Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.		

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners	Jun. 11 - 7:30 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
	Jun. 23 - 4:00 PM	Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec.	Jun. 9 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
PUBLIC MEETING (To Discuss Fire Stations)	Jun. 5, 7:30 PM	Civic Center
FIRE COMMISSIONER'S OPEN HOUSE	Jun. 5 - 7:30 PM at Station #5, Wright-Bliss Rd	

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Mon. through Fri. 8:00 PM - Sat. & Sun. - 6:00 AM at the KP Community Services - Home		
Caregivers Support	Jun. 12 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
Grandparents Group	Jun. 7 - 1:00 to 3:00 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.		
T.O.P.S. - Tuesday Evening - Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center		

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club	Jun. 20 - Meeting	Longbranch Improvement
Cancer Support Group	3 rd Tues. - 1 - 3 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
KP Historical Society	2 nd Thursday - 7:30 PM	KP Historical Museum
LB Improvement Club	Jun. 18 - 7:00 PM	Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors	Jun. 10 - 10:00 AM	Longbranch Improvement
Lakebay Fuchsia Society	Jun. 5 - 7:00 PM	Brones Rm. /KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting	Jun. 16 - 10:00 AM	Bible Study, Lunch &
Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.		
Senior Society Luncheon	Thursdays - Noon	KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
Vaughn Bay Garden Club	Call 884-5403 for information	

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Fireman's Muster Plans Heating Up

by Hugh McMillan

The third annual Key Peninsula Firefighters Association-sponsored fireman's muster will be held at KP's Volunteer Park Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20. To get ready for the fun-filled, but surprisingly complex, labor intensive event, committee members continue to hold weekly breakfast planning meetings at the Home Port restaurant in Home and to form muster teams which practice for the event at Volunteer Park ... rain or shine.

"We're going to participate in the Roy muster on the 28th (of June)," said team member Karl Bonn. "If we want teams from other muster groups to participate in ours, we've got to reciprocate." Bob Fearnough, chair of the event, said, "We have commitments from teams in British Columbia, Oregon, and all over Washington.

All competitions must be conducted

on vintage fire apparatus; Key Peninsula's team will use its 1919 American La France pumper. All vehicles can be ogled by those attending as guests or fire muster team members and some of the equipment can be headed for photo taking by kids ... under supervision.

A unique highlight of this year's event will be a marriage ceremony bringing together Central Pierce volunteer firefighters Lumpy and Monica (soon to be) Lauer. "We believe this to be the first such muster marriage in Washington's history," said Fearnough.

"One thing we really want to emphasize," said Fred Ramsdell, "is that the event is FREE and that it is open to the public. We want people to share the fun and they don't have to be firefighters.

So, y'all come. Heah?



Just one of the many muster teams at last year's Fireman's Muster at Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park. The Key Peninsula Firefighters Assn., sponsors of the event this July 19 and 20,

encourage everyone to attend the exciting event. "It's FREE!" said team member Dee Dee Kerkes. Photo by Hugh McMillan

Tiny Store Makes Big Contribution

Small but mighty, that's the Angel Guild Thrift Store. During its last fiscal year, the store made contributions of over \$30,000 to the Peninsula community. Using the contributions from local citizens, and reselling them at bargain prices, Guild members have managed to pile up an impressive total of donations.

Major amounts were given to the Key Peninsula Civic Center, Key Peninsula Community Services, Camp Easter Seal West, and the scholarship fund.

Lesser amounts were given to the Respite Program, Sport Challenge International, VFW Post #4990, the Children's Service Van, Key Peninsula Historical Society, Key Peninsula Family Resources, Station KGHP, Key Peninsula Business Association Cider Fest, the Crime Report, Volunteer park skaters, the Prison Pet Partnership, Key Peninsula Community Pride, the Children's Home Society, Camp Coleman, and Adult Basic Education.

Earning this kind of money takes a major effort on the part of dedicated volunteers. The Guild is always running short handed, so if you are interested in a rewarding (and fun) volunteer activity, call President Molly Holmes, 884-9190, or Vice President Judy McDonald 884-3443, and join this busy group. Both men and women are encouraged to volunteer.

When you bring your contributions to the Guild, it is best to deliver them during business hours. Donated items are frequently stolen from the Guild's porch - so it helps if someone is

around to hustle the things inside.

While we appreciate the many lovely items, and the clean clothing, toys, etc., given to us, we have no appreciation for old mattresses, defunct appliances, and garbage in general. Dumping is a misdemeanor, and if we are ever to connect with people who are doing it, they will be reported to the sheriff. The Guild has an enormous garbage bill, caused by these unwanted items. Any money spent on garbage is money that does not go to this community.

The Thrift Store is located in the Key Center Corral, next door to Oliver's Smokehouse & Grill.

Cider Fest 1997

October 11, 1997 is only 3 months away and plans are well underway for Cider Fest 1997, which is sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association and the Key Peninsula Lions Club. The committee is hard at work and hopes you have been fertilizing your pumpkins and zucchini squash for the annual contest. The traditional apple pressing and pumpkin contest will be a part of Cider Fest, as well as entertainment, and a street fair with booths of various kinds including arts and crafts, food, education, etc...

If anyone is interested in having a booth at the event in Key Center, please contact Barbara Heard at 884-9022 or Barb Granquist at 884-4163 and keep watering those pumpkins.

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Adverse Possession When Does It Really Occur

by Jeffrey A. Robinson
Attorney at Law

It is not uncommon for individual adjoining landowners to utilize property in a manner to which they have been accustomed for many years. Use of the property often transcends an understanding of actual ownership. Use is based upon prior owner's usage, or physical characteristics, which appear to establish certain boundaries. The use of said property can be made with or without the knowledge that the property actually belongs to the user.

The concept of adverse possession is composed of various elements which, if met, provide that the possessor of certain real property will gain an ownership interest. The use of the property must be open, actual, uninterrupted, and exclusive, and exist for a period of not less than 10 years. The question which is tested is whether the party claiming adverse possession exercised control and use over the land in a manner consistent with the actions of a true owner.

The requirements to meet adverse possession do not demand that the true owner has either actual notice or constructive notice of its adverse use by another party. It also does not require the adverse possessor to know that the property which is being used/possessed belongs to another person. If it is used continuously,

without interruption, for the required period of time, the adverse possessor may "quiet title" in the property such that ownership will change.

The continuity of use is a prerequisite. However, Washington law recognizes that a purchaser of real property may tack the adverse of his predecessor in interest to his own, so long as there is a connection. If successive purchasers utilize the property in a consistent and common manner, the accumulation of time among the various owners can be added together. Thus, if property owner A has adversely possessed an area for five years, and the purchaser of his property has adversely possessed the same area for five years, the requisite 10 year period has been satisfied.

The question before a court in determining whether adverse possession has been met is factual. Adverse possession can also extend to the use of another person's property for a specific purpose. In other words, utilizing another person's property to access his/her own property over a period of 10 years or more, will create a prescriptive easement on behalf of the adverse possessor. This does not give an ownership interest in real property. Rather, it establishes a legal right to continue to use the property in the manner it had been used and established over the prior 10 years. The characteristics of adverse possession

apply to establishing a prescriptive easement and the review process is the same. If the burdened property upon which the easement exists attempts to interfere with the continued use of the easement, an action to establish a prescriptive easement may be commenced in the court.

As with any area of the law, adverse possession requires a thorough review of the facts. Often times a survey is necessary to establish specific property boundaries and/or the physical location of the easement area that has been used. It is advisable that a prospective purchaser of real property have the property boundaries surveyed and determine, prior to purchase, whether an adjoining landowner has a potential claim for adverse possession and/or a prescriptive easement. This will alleviate the need for litigation and great emotional turmoil.

Attorney Jeffrey A. Robinson has been providing legal services to the Gig Harbor community since 1978.

Tax Tips



by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

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Are you still waiting for a refund from 1995? The IRS is still holding 96,000 lost refunds for 1995, totaling \$62 million, which were returned by the Post Office. If your refund is still missing, call the IRS's automated refund information service at 800-829-1040. Be prepared to give your social security number, filing status, and exact amount of your refund claim.

Did you know that the smaller your business, the greater your audit risk, if you file Schedule C? IRS targets small businesses with low incomes as well as low earners too. Figures show that unincorporated businesses with less than \$25,000 of revenue are 1 1/2 times more likely to be audited than those with more than \$100,000 of revenue.

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T.O.P.S. News

by Frankie Johnson

Congratulations to the seventeen members of T.O.P.S. #1019, Vaughn, who walked on June 7, 1997 for the T.O.P.S. Walks Washington Walk-a-thon event. This is the one day when all members of T.O.P.S. in the state walk for health. The Washington program got recognized by folks in Washington, D.C. and has become a national event. Our members had a great time. Later that same day, we helped with the Civic Center's garage sale.

New member, Jo Ann Holmes, was best of the group for May. Cindy Middleton was #2 and Jo Ann's daughter, Ramelle was #3. They all had a super month. We welcomed back former members Glenn Robare and Karen Legg.

Plans for new contests were announced by our leader, Arleen Lonning, to start the first of July. It sounds very exciting and lots of fun. We will have a float in the Pioneer Day Parade as well as a face painting booth and other fun booths for kids. A family picnic is planned for later in August. Of course, all will be to promote good health food plans and weight loss. We have volunteered to help with the VFW fireworks booth.

We have heard from our former state Queen, Laural Johnson and she has done a photo shoot for Woman's World magazine. She will be on the cover in August, so be sure to watch for that issue. What a thrill for us all to share her with the whole country. She is a beautiful example of what taking off pounds sensibly can do for you. Our own Alana Middleton was pictured in the *T.O.P.S. NEWS* magazine. Alana is a pre-teen member and always happy to join in all of our programs. The photo was from last year's Pioneer Day when Alana wore a costume of the T.O.P.S. official food plan guide, the monograph which spells out in detail how to follow the American Diabetes Exchange Diet and is the only approved method sponsored by T.O.P.S.

Our membership is open to men women and children over the age of seven. If you want to have fun and be supported in your quest to maintain a healthy life style and normal weight, feel free to join us at the Civic Center in the VFW room (white building) every Tuesday evening from 6:00 PM to 8:00 P.M. We always have a program to inspire our members. For more information call 884-4102.

T.O.P.S. Morning Group

by Mary Nelson

Don't miss the T.O.P.S. yard sale, Saturday, July 5, at 173rd and Hwy 302. Watch for signs.

Every Tuesday morning the main room of the Key Peninsula Community House is full of lively conversation. At 9:00, the men, women and teens of the Lakebay Chapter of T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) begin to weigh in and get acquainted with any new people who might have dropped by.

A special speaker, Nancy Marasco spoke to the group about the value of T.O.P.S. in your battle for a healthy body. As a member we receive:

1. **Accountability** - you know you are going to weigh in each week.
2. **Competition** - like this month's Lose The Weight Bingo with prizes.

3. **Recognition** - She compared a T.O.P.S. member losing one pound with a Sonics player sinking a basket. They both deserve a standing ovation, but which one is the most difficult?

We are proud to announce that Lois Crandle and Lourie Frayne are both half way to their goal weight. Melina Norman, our top loser for last month, has lost 50 pounds so far and is still counting. Congratulations, gals!! We are proud of all of you!

Seven Lakebay Chapter members participated in the Walk Washington Walk-a-thon which helped raise money for the T.O.P.S. chapters.

New activities and contests are starting all the time. Come and join us and make new friends and lose that weight. **GO T.O.P.S.!!**

KP Lions Install New Board

by Hugh McMillan

In the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Whitmore Room on June 28th, Lions District 19-C's District Governor Robert Wagers of the Gig Harbor Lions will serve as the installing officer for the 1997 - 98 Key Peninsula Lions incoming Board of Directors.

The new board is made up of Mike Coffin who will succeed himself as President; R. Marvin Keizur continues as Immediate Past President; Allan Twidt and Shirley Rettig as 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, respectively;

Russell Beckam, Secretary; Theresa Means, Treasurer; Judy Coffin, Bulletin Editor; Rhys Wood, Tail Twister; Hugh McMillan, Membership Director; James Updike, Chaplain; Myron Harr and R. Marvin Keizur, Two Year Directors; and Myrtle Cragun and Peggy Taylor, One Year Directors.

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Fred Ramsdell Retires After 30

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Civic Center was crowded with well-wishing dinner guests from across the state Saturday evening, May 31. There was some sadness, more than a few damp eyes, much laughter, lots of love, and an outpouring affection for Key Peninsula Fire's retiring deputy chief Fred Ramsdell. That's what the evening was all about, celebrating Ramsdell's more than 30 years of devoted service to the Fire Department and Key Peninsula community.

As part of the opening ceremonies, videos from chairman of the board of fire commissioners Don Tjossem, and Fire Chief Gary Franz, neither of whom was able to attend, praised Ramsdell's service. An emotional Marc Beal and members of local firefighters' union 3152 presented a plaque bearing a full-size gold-plated fire axe, the Pierce County Association of Fire Chiefs' president David Crossen awarded Ramsdell a plaque, KPFID's Firefighters' Assn. coupled their plaque with a miniature roaring, flashing, siren-howling, firechief-command-barking fire engine which,

amidst the howls of audience laughter, presenter and past president Kathy Schmidt couldn't turn off. The department's "famed" Jelly Bellies, founded by Ramsdell, gave their absurd performance which was followed by an excellent historical video, "Fireball Fred," created by volunteer Mike Fearnough, featuring clips of Ramsdell's life from rompers to live-at-the-emergency scenes. And the commissioners presented him a plaque bearing an old brass fire extinguisher on which was embossed a message of praise. All those attending contributed to providing Ramsdell and wife, Mary, round trip airfare to Hawaii where, as you read this, they are enjoying themselves.

The most touching and closing moment of the ceremony came with all past and present career and volunteer firefighters being called to the stage where they formed a semi-circle surrounding Ramsdell then, passed from hand to hand his scuffed and smoke-stained chiefs helmet before presenting it to a very damp-eyed Ramsdell.

Thank you, Fred, for all you've done for us. Enjoy your retirement.



Clustered around retiring deputy fire chief Fred Ramsdell are, l to r: Beverly Pedersen, Barbara Matheson, Fred Ramsdell, Kathy Hale, and Mary Ramsdell the four fire depart-

ment secretaries with whom he has worked over the years. The ladies were insistent that this photo be made to commemorate their association. Photo by Hugh McMillan

College Tuition Assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran's Children Scholarships, Scholarships for minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from the private sector. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research locating scholarship sources. The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance - College Bound is such an organization and supplies the public with over 700 different private scholarship sources. The scholarship lists include the scholarship names, addresses, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarship will pay your child.

Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; others can be applied towards tuition, living expenses, and/or other

fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools.

For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed, stamped, business size, #10 envelope to: **The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.**

AARP 55 Alive/Mature Driving

We will be conducting AARP 55/Alive Defensive Driving classes on the Key Peninsula every odd numbered month. The classes will be held in the new fire station in Home.

Gig Harbor: July 16th & 17th, Pierce County Fire Station 5-2 Call 851-6480

Gig Harbor: Saturdays July 16th & 26th, Pierce County Library on Pt. Fosdick Drive. Call 857-4815

Home: July 30th & 31st, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM both days at Fire District 16 Home Fire Station. Call 857-4815

We also have classes scheduled the third Wednesday and Thursday of each month at one of the Fire Stations in Gig Harbor. Hours are 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM both days. Call 857-4815 for reservations.

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**Letters To
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To The Community: Thanks!

The Civic Center's garage sale was a roaring success! We're happy to say that the sale raised more than half of the amount needed for the new flooring in the Whitmore Room!

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community who donated saleable items. It was greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank those who showed up on Friday night after skating was over, to help us set up. Thanks again to all!

Irene Zimmer
Krys Wylie

Editor:

It has come to my attention that our community is paying taxes and fees for a service that we are no longer receiving, and I feel that our community should be made aware of this.

Every year the Humane Society asks us to purchase licenses for our pets. This is not only for our pet's safety, but is for the easy return of a lost pet and to help fund the Humane Society shelter. We also pay taxes to help fund this shelter on a yearly basis. Even though we pay out all this money, the Humane Society now refuses to service our community. This means that your neighbor's dog who barks all night long will still keep you awake. That stray dog who looks lost, cold and hungry will stay that

way. Those wonderfully aromatic dead animals will rot on the road, and the neglected and abused animals will remain that way. The only service that the Humane Society will continue to provide, will be to pick up aggressive animals, or handle animal attacks.

The Humane Society says that we are an unincorporated part of Pierce County and that our tax dollars, compared to Tacoma's, do not cover their costs. As of the first of this year, I no longer purchase licenses for my animals. If the Humane Society won't service the area I live in, why should I support them by buying a tag?

Krys Wylie
Lakebay

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Key Peninsula Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will begin on July 14th through Friday, July 18th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon. The school is located at 17010 South Vaughn Road, Vaughn WA.

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Lions Volkssport Club's 9th Annual Volksmarch

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Lions' Volkssport Club's ninth annual Volksmarch begins at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, over trails ravaged in last winter's ice storms. "We'll have them ready in plenty of time for this year's repeat of what proved to be a very popular event last year," said co-chairman of the event Rick Stout.

The event begins at the Lind family homestead in Home and wanders through beautiful heavily forested primeval terrain on the Lind's 80 acre holding which has been put into a land trust to preserve its pristine beauty in perpetuity. The trail passes through historic Home Colony cemetery and continues through one of the newest State parks on land acquired from the Haley family (of Almond Roca fame). Although the park has not yet been officially commissioned, arrangements have been made with the Park Department for this two day Volksmarch. The trail's halfway point

is on a picturesque Puget Sound beach where walkers can enjoy their packed in lunches.

It is an American Volkssport Association (AVA) approved 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) trail involving some lightly traveled country road walking, but is mostly through wild timber country. Water and restrooms are available at start/finish and near the halfway point. Pets under control on leash may participate but MUST obey pooper-scooper laws. Free walkers are welcome to enjoy the trek but must register, carry, and return a start card (for record-keeping purposes only).

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

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



Lions Club members, 1 to r, Don and Jan' Videen (separated by an out of town walker) and Frances Challender are prepared to sign up volksmarch.

ers at the 1996 8th annual Key Peninsula Lions-sponsored event. Photo by Hugh McMillan

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Down Home Band Seeks Tooters

The Down Home Band, ever vigilant for musicians, is still looking for a few good bandmen (and women) to join them in the Pioneer Day Parade and rumored concert at the Civic Center. If you're interested and play a wind instrument, please join us at our next practice at the Key Medical Center at 15610 89th St. in beautiful downtown Key Center at 7:00 PM on July 8th. If you can make it or just have questions please call Susan at 884-9221.

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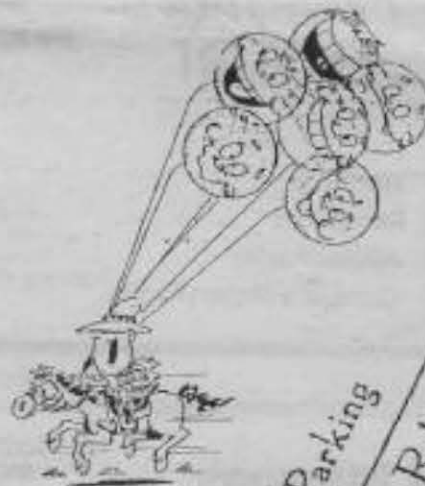


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Outside Stage II

Performance Circle - 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Dr. Tim - 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM
Ander's & Boys - 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Other Entertainment

VFW Flag Ceremony - 11:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Home Band - 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM
Hay Dive - 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM
Drummers - 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
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Commissioners: Amy Vandegriff, Frank Jeffries (Volunteer Park Manager, 884-5046), Fred Ramsdell, Betty Hicks, John Glennon. The park office number is 884-9240.

Boundary: From the Purdy Sandpit to Devil's Head.

News: Firemen's Muster at Volunteer Park on Saturday & Sunday, July 19th & 20th. Starts with breakfast at 7 AM put on by KP Firefighters Association. Contests start at 10 AM and go until 6 PM. Team participants come from Washington, Idaho, Oregon, and British Columbia, and use only antique fire equipment. There will be food vendors, a beer garden, T-shirts and memorabilia. The public is encouraged to attend both fun filled days for no charge.

Little League's district junior and senior tournament will be at Volunteer Park from June 28th to July 16th. The state tournament will be July 14th to the 22nd at Peninsula High School.

Batting cages at Volunteer Park are open to the public. Reservations can be made for team practice. Call 853-5897 for information.

PENINSULA PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT

Meetings: 3rd Thursday, 7 PM at the Swede Hill Fire Station.

Commissioners: Jeff Wilbert, 857-7150, D.D. Stolp, Richard Meyer, Marcy Powell, Dan Wilner

Boundary: From the Narrows to Purdy Bridge, outside the old city limits of Gig Harbor

News: An inter-local agreement between the two park districts and the School District is in place with Carol McLaughlin, Recreation Coordinator for Pierce County, working to schedule activities for the two peninsulas. For more information, call Carol at 851-7012.

PENINSULA PARK AND RECREATION COUNCIL

Meetings: 4th Monday, 7 PM, Swede Hill Fire Station

Volunteer Board: Randy Boss, 858-5100, Jennifer Asplund, Bill Schmel, Eric Guenther, Nancy Lind, Lu Winsor, Hal Engebretson, Buck Frymier, Jan Ortigieson, Carol McLaughlin, Lit Lathrop, Norene Glover

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Purpose: To implement the Comprehensive Park and Recreation Plan adopted by the Pierce County Council in December 1994 and to coordinate community support for Parks and Recreation in the Greater Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula.

News: The Cushman power line trail walk on June 7th for National Trails Day was a day of good walkers, perfect weather, clean trail, and beau-

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To Your Health
by William F. Roes MD



We recently experienced contamination of the distribution system of the water supply for Key Center. This episode created hardships for the businesses and raised questions in our office about the health impact of potentially contaminated water. We usually don't think much about the water supply until there is a problem, but it's something we should all pay a little more attention to. The Key Peninsula has no municipal water systems or supplies. We are served by one small water district, several for-profit water companies, several not-for-profit water companies, and hundreds of small systems serving one or two families. The larger the system the more rules and regulations they face, and the stricter the codes are for compliance. The system that serves Key Center proper tests its water twice monthly for bacterial contamination, and we were notified in early June that the test was positive for a type of coliform bacteria, E-Coli. E-Coli is a large family of bacteria mostly harmless (with a few dangerous species), and the ingestion of E-Coli is very unlikely to be harmful. The presence of E-Coli in the water represents the contact of the water with soil contaminated by animal fecal matter, and it is the other germs that go along with it that can cause more serious illness. The E-Coli is essentially just a marker for contamination, that's why it's important. When this marker is found in drinking water, the state and county advise the users to boil their water until the cause can be established and treated. This happened within three days in Key Center, but if you're not testing your water you might not know it's contaminated, and with the especially heavy rains this spring, more systems have been affected than usual.

Testing your system is as simple as bringing a water sample to the fire station in Key Center. On the first and third Tuesday's of each month Cascade Analytical Systems picks up water samples at the fire station and tests them for bacterial contamination (for a fee of \$14). If you're interested, stop by and pick up the information and sample bottle from FD #16.

By the way, we passed our last test with flying colors, so stop by any of our Key Center establishments for a sparkling glass of Key Center's finest.

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tiful wildflowers. To use the first leg of this trail (4 miles), go south from the Farmer's Market parking lot and through Stroh's supply yard (use caution) and underneath power lines.

Trail walk on the Elgin-Clifton property scheduled for Saturday, July 26th, 10 AM - 12 PM. Go south on the Key Peninsula Hiway, right on Elgin-Clifton (Highway 302) to 150th (Lake Holiday entrance). Turn right, go a short distance to dirt road on the left to park vehicles.

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

Contact person: Wes Hill 851-8145

Boundaries: Inside Gig Harbor city limits.

Facilities: City Park at the end of the Harbor on Crescent Creek, Jerisich Park, a waterfront park at the east end of Pioneer Way in Gig Harbor, and Grandview Forest Park (new) located near Henderson Bay Alternative School with restrooms, nature trails, and handicap access.

News: Working on plans to build a skateboard facility to be located near Henderson Bay Alternative School.

City Park cannot be reserved, but to reserve the picnic shelter, call 851-8136.

On August 4th through 8th, another All Abilities Day Camp for 7-14 year-olds will be held at City Park. That list is full with a waiting list. Camp Easter Seal had a similar day in June. This is an all inclusive learning experience day camp.

PIERCE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Director: Jan Wolcott 798-4176

Facilities: Hales Passage Park, Rosedale Park, and Sunrise Beach Park.

Other areas the county is working on are the Doc Weathers property, the Purdy Sandspit, and the Cushman powerline trail.

News: The County is working with DOT to provide a trail from the powerlines off of Goodnough Drive above Hiway 302 to the signal light at Purdy

for access to the Purdy Sandspit.

The Fox Island concrete fishing pier is completed and waiting for a caretaker before it can be opened to the public.

Recreation Coordinator for Pierce County and the Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Area Carol McLaughlin, 851-7012.

News: Pierce County is sponsoring an adult co-ed softball league at Volunteer Park and a summer recreation program in conjunction with the school district's summer school.

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SPECIAL ITEMS:

FISH & WILDLIFE: Rich Costello will be taking over as Fish and Wildlife manager in this area as of July 1st. One of his priorities will be to upgrade the boat launch at the north end of Jackson Lake which he feels is a disgrace. At top of the list will be the engineering department doing grading, fencing and establish a maintenance schedule.

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Logging In The Glory Days

by Aileen Rickert Froehlich

John A. Larson, with a friendly handshake and a welcoming smile, is one of the last of the "Glory Days" loggers.

He is also a pioneer of our beautiful peninsula. He was born to Carl and Fannie Larson, Sept. 20 1915, on Lackey Road, just across from Campbell Chiropractic. He had one brother, Clarence and a sister, Virginia, who later married Wally Tillman. They had the Home Service Station for many years.

John's father was a logger and chicken farmer. Some of the different places he logged were at Fredrickson, Mud Bay, and Brinnon, working for England and Peterson.

They used a tram to haul the logs to the bay. Mr. Larson owned approximately 200 acres. This is where the Larson, Roberts, Barkus, Movall, Nordquist, and Pete Hanson families most likely bought their properties.

Virginia, the eldest child, started school at Home, which eventually became Van Tyl's music school.

Clarence started school in District 94 above Duches Cove. That school was abandoned and John and siblings then attended District 35 which was

on Van Slyke Road. Six months later they moved to the brand new school that sat on the north end of the Civic Center property.

The Civic Center at that time was Vaughn Union High School. The sports field was located in the area of the now existing Vaughn Elementary School.

John's father also logged with Art Summerfelt and George and Fred Rickert at Grapeview in 1924. Until 1928 he worked for Fred Leber at Dewatto. Leber was putting logs in Hood Canal via a log shoot from Aldridge Lake, just south of Dewatto, now known as Aldridge State Park. They dumped the logs in the lake then rafted them across the lake, pulled them up the hill and shot them into the bay. There is still evidence of the old log shoot. They would hit the water flat at full tide and much to the loggers dismay they would split in half, rendering them practically worthless. Mr. Leber made a slanted bottom similar to the bottom of a child's slide, which solved that problem. When Carl worked there, he would row from Vaughn to Grapeview each Sunday evening and return home each Friday night. Many of the

men of those days did that, but some Saturday nights, they might walk 10 or 15 miles to dance all night.

John officially started logging in 1932 at 17 years of age. His first job was on Duches Creek where he worked with Fred and George Rickert. He officially quit logging in 1977, which shows he harvested the forest for 45 years. He still fells trees for neighbors and in 1995 he demonstrated his logging abilities at Longbranch on Old Timers Day.

John and his brother logged together and always agreed on things, except when it came to who was going to make the undercut. One time, while logging at Dewatto, they argued over which way to fall the tree. They both started chopping furiously and Johnnie finally lost. A gust of wind came or Clarence was one chop ahead and it fell in Clarence's direction.

Burt Carnie, brother in law to Al McEwan, and the foreman of the job, ran to tell everyone else. After that, they were known as the "Crazy Undercutting Larsons".

Johnnie worked twelve years as a partner with Rog Johnson. They did both dozing and logging.

Windy Williams also worked with them. Nick Bonquist, Sr., was their truck driver. The years of their partnership continued from 1946 to 1958.

In 1940, Johnnie worked in Cordova, Alaska for three months. To show how tough these guys were, while up there, Johnnie had gotten water on the knee cap from a former injury. His knee was swollen up twice its size, but he just kept going. Finally it got better on its own.

One night a bear came to visit right in their bunkhouse kitchen area. The cook got so frightened, one of the other men came out and shot the bear. Another time, a bear was digging clams on the beach. The men ganged up on it to try and chase the bear into the water, but the bear out-smarted

them all. John was peeking around a tree while the bear was peeking around another tree at him. Denver Yakes also worked there at that time. Before that time, Denver and John worked at Vale, near Mt. Rainier. This old camp 3 at Vale had the best cook of all the camps he ever worked.

John married Sylvia in 1949 when they were both 33 years of age. They were married for 45 very happy years doing a lot of hiking back into some of the areas John had logged years before. They made a trip to Alaska to Irish Cove, where he had logged 38 years earlier.

They raised two daughters, Katha and Tony. They also built the home of their dreams on McEwan road where John still resides.

Snakes At Snake Lake?

The Pacific Northwest Herpetological Society and the Nature Center at Snake Lake, located at 1919 S. Tyler Street in Tacoma, will be presenting an exhibition of "Relaxing Reptiles and Agreeable Amphibians" on Saturday, July 26, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

At least sixty different species and subspecies of reptiles and amphibians will be available for viewing and handling. There will be Kingsnakes and Milksnakes, several types of Boas and Pythons, Frogs and Toads (including Poison Dart Frogs), Bearded Dragon lizards, Iguanas, Geckos, and true Chameleons. Also to be shown are several of the 36 different color morphs of Corn Snakes currently being produced by breeders. In addition to the Corn Snakes, there will be other types of Rat Snakes and, of course, a variety of Turtles and Tortoises. Some breeders will be showing newly-hatched specimens, but no animals will be for sale at this show.

Representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be displaying an amazing collection of confiscated items made from endangered animals.

For additional information you may call the Nature Center at 591-6439 or Home residents Ann Waldo or Marty Marcus at 884-2213.

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen G. Spadoni

Kathleen "Kathy" Spadoni, 47, a lifelong resident of Gig Harbor (Lake Minterwood) died June 3, 1997. She was born in Tacoma on April 4, 1950. Kathy was a physical education instructor and coach, math and English teacher in the Peninsula School District for 25 years. She helped develop the PE program at the elementary school level. She was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church and a member of the W.E.A./N.E.A. and the Tacoma Women's Sailing Assn. Her interests were soccer, sailboat racing, canoeing, gardening, woodworking, wood craft, glass etching, videotography.

Family members include: her mother, Teresa Spadoni; sisters & brothers and their spouses: Linda L. Foster, Annette Spadoni-Bannon (Frank); Larry Spadoni, Julie Clark (Jim); John Spadoni (Wendy Christiansen); Sharon Marr (Michael), all of Gig Harbor; Susan Spadoni, New Jersey; nieces & nephews: Bill (Frank Jr.), Emily, Nick, Joe, Annie, Mary, Kristy, Mike, Mark, Brenna, Chris, Kevin, Ryan, Katie, Kess, Tracey, Willie, and Ben. Preceded in death by her father, Roy in 1994. Funeral Mass was held Friday, June 6 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, Gig Harbor. Committal at Haven of Rest Memorial Park, Hwy 16, Gig Harbor. Remembrances may be made to: Roy and Kathy Spadoni Memorial Scholarship Fund at any branch of Key Bank. Arrangements by Haven of Rest.

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by Marty Marcus

Now that summer has officially been installed, I guess we'll be seeing (and hearing) a lot more use of the Sound for motorized recreation. This, unfortunately, means more accidents with serious injuries and more opportunities for our fire department to make use of their new water rescue equipment.

Concomitant with the surge of marine motorcraft in the nation's waterways, we not only have increased injuries to humans, but also the harassment and injuries of waterfowl, otters, and, in Florida, the endangered manatees. These are all items that seem to get reported in the media. There is, however, another aspect to this type of recreational activity that we seldom hear about: hydrocarbon pollution.

According to the EPA, the more than twelve million motorized marine craft operating in the United States release more than a billion pounds of hydrocarbon pollutants annually. Now, I'm aware that a billion pounds

A View From Home

is a kind of mind-boggling number, so let's see if we can simplify it. How about a half a ton a day for three thousand years? Well, if you're like me, thinking ahead for three thousand years is pretty mind-boggling also, so let's try again. Remember the Exxon Valdez and its huge spill? The amount of toxic pollutants entering U.S. waterways from two-stroke outboard motors and personal watercraft EACH YEAR is equivalent to FIFTEEN Exxon Valdez spills!

So, we've identified a problem, what do we do to solve it? Telling people not to use their motorboats and personal watercraft is like talking to the moon -- it makes one feel as if one has done something, but doesn't bring about any changes. Part of the problem lies with the fact that until now there have been no emissions control regulations for marine motors on pleasure craft. Last August the EPA announced some new regulations which will make new two-stroke motors deposit only about one-fourth as much pollution as conventional two-stroke motors. This is certainly an improvement, but not the best that today's technology can provide. Four-

stroke motors contribute only one-fortieth the pollution of conventional two-stroke motors.

Then there's always the problem of enforcement. We've been told, for example, that pollution from direct discharge of toxic wastes and sewage into Puget Sound is "under control", but a report issued in April, 1997, indicated that 70% of Puget Sound facilities are violating their discharge permits. Fewer than 10% of facilities with serious, chronic violations have been fined under the Clean Water Act.

And yet, we have made some progress in cleaning up the Sound. Burley Lagoon is an example we can all be proud of. But are we replacing one type of pollutant with another? There is a lot of effort going into solving the major decline in wild salmon populations. Are we going to save the salmon from waste discharges, hydroelectric projects, logging and overfishing only to lose them to toxic hydrocarbon pollution?

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Key Peninsula Remembers

by Hugh McMillan

Overcast, windy, and chilly, the Vaughn Cemetery Sunday, May 25, nonetheless warmed those attending Memorial Day services sponsored by Key Peninsula's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4990 and its Ladies' Auxiliary.

Post Commander, Cy Young, led the gathering in paying honor to the many veterans whose flags formed the fifth annual "aisle of honor" and past post commander Rhys Wood gave the keynote address. The flags, 141 of

them, are those donated by veterans families and once covered the burial caskets of their loved ones. Each of 174 veterans' names, services, and wars in which they participated was read by Post member Reverend Dick Brandt. There were those from every war from the American Revolution to the Gulf War and included some Britons, Canadians, and Belgians.

The Peninsula High School band, under the direction of Paul Leary, played patriotic pieces in advance of the ceremony's opening.

"We were here at 7:00 am putting up the flags," said VFW member, Mike Coffin, "and we'll be here for about an hour this evening taking them down." "We were pleased to be helped by Lethaniel Ray and the Key Peninsula Lions-sponsored Cub Scout Pack 220," added Cy Young's wife, Eileen.

Tim Ord, a member of the Post, sang "A Hero for Today."

John Lumsdon came from Olympia to play Amazing Grace on his bagpipe in the closing ceremony. Many an eye was moistened with this tune. He was followed by Brett Zimmermann of Peninsula High School, who closed the ceremonies with a beautifully played rendition of Taps.

Post Commander Cy Young wanted everyone to accept the gratitude of all who helped to make the ceremonies, "such a success."



Members of Key Peninsula's VFW Post 4990 and Auxiliary bow their heads in honor of fallen comrades at this year's fifth annual Memorial Day services. 1 to r: Bob Gate, Dick

Brandt, Cy Young, Harm Van Slyke, Rhys Wood, and Auxiliary president Dea Dee Blum.

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In The Critter Corner



by Jeffrey W. Irwin

In the next few articles, I will be doing a series on disorders, diseases and conditions commonly seen in popular breeds of dogs. Today's article will include those conditions seen in Cocker Spaniels and Labs.

Cocker Spaniels

The breed has a high incidence of cataracts, glaucoma, retinal diseases and eyelids that protrude outwards and inwards. Eyelashes that contact the cornea can cause ulcers and eyelids that protrude outwards are susceptible to conjunctivitis. Cockers are also predisposed to develop some of the worst ear infections that I have ever seen. This is partly due to excessive sebum or wax production in their ear canals, which can be an inherited problem, and is in part, due to the anatomy of the Cocker ear. The long, pendulous ears afford little air circulation which is necessary to keep the ear clean and dry. It is very important to get your cocker's ears examined at least yearly during its vaccination visits or anytime it scratches its ears or shakes its head.

Cockers are also very prone to developing diseases of the skin, the

most common being seborrhea. It is apparently inherited but can be influenced by diet, parasites, hormonal diseases and allergies.

Finally, heart disease in the form of cardiomyopathy is also seen in this breed. It is seen in Cockers less frequently however, than in large breeds of dogs like Great Danes, Boxers and Dobermans. Symptoms can include coughing, exercise intolerance, weight loss and fainting.

Labrador Retrievers

This breed is prone to obesity so it is important to feed and exercise a lab properly to keep it from getting too heavy. Hypothyroidism is seen occasionally in labs. Symptoms include hair loss, weight gain and an affinity for warm places. Symptoms of hip dysplasia include difficulty getting up, an inability to jump, a stiff rear legged gait, and sometimes, whining and crying. Juvenile Labs occasionally develop a defect of the joint car-

tilage that commonly affects the shoulder joint. This defect is called osteochondrosis dessicans or OCD. This disease causes an intermittent to persistent lameness that worsens with heavy exercise. As this disease does not usually resolve on its own, surgery is the treatment of choice.

In the Pacific Northwest we see a lot of Labs with a skin disease related to inhaled allergens called atopy. These dogs have itchy eyes, ears and feet, but in more severe cases, can be itchy all over. These dogs can be made to feel better with special shampoos, antihistamines, corticosteroids or with special hyposensitization injections.

Labs are also prone to develop cataracts and retinal disease so ask your vet to perform an ophthalmic exam annually.

Next month, I'll talk about disorders commonly seen in Boxers and Poodles.

Developmental Screenings

The Peninsula School District is in the process of setting up developmental screenings for 3 to 5 year-old children. Staff will screen speech/language, motor, hearing, vision, health, behavior and learning areas. The screening will take place in late August and will last about an hour. Parents will receive a summary of results on the day of the screening. A child who has difficulty in any area may be asked to return for further testing.

Parents are asked to call the Student Services Department at 857-8104 before July to schedule an appointment.

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Please enclose two separate checks: One for the rental fee and one for \$50.00 for security deposit. Deposit is refundable after inspection of booth area.

GAME BOOTH

FOOD BOOTH

EXHIBIT BOOTH

OTHER (explain)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (home) _____ (work)

ORGANIZATION: _____

Make Checks Payable to:
Key Peninsula Civic Center
P.O. Box 82
Vaughn WA 98394

For more information call the Civic Center at 884-3456 or call Stephanie Zampini at 884-9821

Remarks: _____

Ever Wanted To Start Your Own Business?

Summer classes for the Center for Economic Opportunity will be held on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the Key Peninsula, from July 10th through August 21st, 1997. Adults, (especially low income), who live in Pierce County and who wish to start a small business, are encouraged to apply for this free course in small business start-up. Students will learn the skills to plan and create a small business. Ongoing technical assistance is also available. For information and to register please call **858-1880.**

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From Family Room Page 2

Emergency Preparedness 7/22
How to prepare for an emergency
Ages: 9-12 Session limit: none
Time: 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

First Aid 7/28
Learn skills for emergency situations
Ages: 5-12 Session limit: none
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

FINAL DAY PARTY - 8/7
ALL PARENTS & KIDS WELCOME!
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

These exciting programs are filling up fast! Please call, or come by our office and pick up registration forms to sign your children up for classes. **To register, call 884-5433.**

Don't Forget August 2, 1997
Is Pioneer Day
Come and join in on the fun!

Safe Fireworks On Sale

Once again the 4th of July is approaching, and once again safe fireworks will be sold by the VFW at Lake Kathryn and the Civic Center booth in Key Center.

All monies collected by these two local organizations **STAY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ON THE PENINSULA!**

It is the only fund raiser the local VFW Post and Auxiliary has to ensure the continuance of the Aisle of Honor, Thanksgiving and Christmas

baskets, high school scholarships and continued help to needy veterans and their families. The Civic Center monies go into the general fund and are used for various community events at the center - **AGAIN, BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY!**

We thank each and every one of you for your past support, wish you a happy and safe 4th of July and hope for your help again this year.

Cy Young, Commander

The advertisement features six smiling faces of diverse individuals arranged around a central text. The text reads: **DON'T BUY A COLD REMEDY**. Surrounding the text are images of various cold and cough remedies: **DELSYM** (12 Hour Cough Relief), **VICKS 44** (Liquid Capsules), **N'ICE** (Cherry), **Pedia Care NightRest** (Cough-Cold), and **Cherry King**.

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