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Key Peninsula Park Board Commissioner Mike Kent (shown here on the mower) and his fellow commissioners (and lady commissioners) are putting in busy weekends at Volunteer Park these days, physically doing the mowing, fertilizing, cleaning, etc. that has normally been done by a paid caretaker. The Park Board has pledged itself to do those things necessary to keep the park going until the next levy election expected to be in early September of this year.

Photo by Lee Stiles

Park Board edges towards September levy election

by Keith Stiles

The Key Peninsula Park and Recreation Board moved a little closer to a decision on a possible Excess Levy Election next September with a public mulling of the issues on Monday evening, May 23. At this point, it appears virtually certain that the Board will decide to place a levy proposition at the time of the Washington Primary Election in September - the questions would seem to surround the issues of how much the Park Board will ask for and what items the proposed levy amount would cover. Two items appear to be quite clear - a funds crisis for the operation of the park (and to some extent the Civic Center) will be with us by fall, and there is a definite limit to the amount of time and effort that the Park Board Commissioners can dedicate to physically doing the work of maintenance at Volunteer Park.

With regard to the levy amount, the Commissioners heard a recommendation for a "bare bones" amount that would cover only absolutely necessary items,

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Firefighters gear up for July 4th

by Hugh McMillan

Members of the Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association are unpacking those "firecracker" deposit boxes that are so ubiquitous throughout the Key Peninsula. They do this each year two months before the annual Fourth of July fireworks extravaganza on Joe's Bay in Home. Be looking for them at our local business establishments. Help to fill them with your spare change - or perhaps some of that folding stuff.

Almost every Key Peninsulan knows that this year will mark our sixth annual all-community Fourth of July fireworks show. If you haven't attended yet, do plan to this year. You'll be glad you did and your kids will be thrilled.

In keeping with arrangements made last year, "A" street in Home will be blocked to all but emergency vehicles. The Pierce County Sheriff's office will provide deputies to insure that things are orderly. Porta-potties and refuse containers will be available. Members of the Key

Peninsula Firefighters' Association who are certified, licensed pyrotechnicians will again handle the dangerous, sweaty, acrid smoke-infested launch site to thrill us with another magnificent display of fireworks. Volunteers are forming to clean up on the 5th of July along Home's waterfront. (Last year's crowd of spectators was so neat and respectful that there was virtually nothing for the cleanup volunteers to clean up. There were no complaints from any of the good neighbors of Home who complimented those involved for an excellent, trouble-free day and evening of enjoyment.) In short: everything is "GO!"

Well, almost everything. The Key Peninsula community must again meet the challenge of our anonymous donors by matching their generous \$2,500 contribution. \$1,500 of this is ear-marked for fireworks provided our community contributes \$1,000. \$1,000 is ear-marked for special equipment purchase provided we

contribute \$1,000 in matching funds. If we fail to meet the challenge, our anonymous donors' contributions will be given to a charitable organization in Tacoma.

Funds contributed for special equipment this year will be used for installation of dry hydrants at various ponds and lakes throughout Key Peninsula. Dry hydrants reduce turn-around time for tankers maintaining a continuous supply of water to fire engines at the scene of a fire. It costs about \$1,000 to install a dry hydrant.

Please help make another great Independence Day fireworks show possible by making out your checks to the Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association, 8911 Key Peninsula Highway, Lakebay, WA 98349.



CAC June meeting to feature K-9

Pierce County Sheriff Department's Sgt. John Jimenez and a K-9 dog will demonstrate "sniffing out" illegal substances at the June 2 regular meeting of Citizens Against Crime. The meeting will begin at 7 pm in the Gold Room at Key Peninsula Civic Center.

In other business, CAC members will review and refine their activities in support of the Peninsula detachment of the Sheriff's Department.

Calls originating throughout the area on the Peninsula side of the Narrows

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on June 13. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, June 6.

KP Senior Society turns back the clock

by Martha Applegate

Remember the Goodwill Style Show of old-fashioned dresses, hats and shoes? This year Zoe Sanders brings you a new program with lingerie worn by ladies in the days almost beyond recall. Almeda House and Marguerite Bussard will be the local models. Just in time for Father's Day, this program will be presented by the Senior Society at the Civic Center on June 16 - all Key Peninsulans are invited!

Come enjoy the potluck luncheon, then the style show. Afterwards join the group playing cards in the Gold Room.

That's June 16 at noon, Civic Center at Vaughn. See you!

We get letters...

To the Editor:

I have never written a letter to an editor before but I feel what I have to write is important. I hope important enough to be printed.

The other day while driving Highway 16 home from work I was behind a brown station wagon. This vehicle had a bumper sticker "I (love) my kids." Must have come with the car because this lady had three young children all over that wagon. Scared the ___ out of me. What about the seat belt law? What love for her kids? We have a toll-free number for reporting drunks, maybe we need one for reporting people that seem not to care about the young ones.

Four years ago I learned the hard way the importance of children being belted in. My 11 year-old wasn't. We skidded on wet pavement, her head hit the windshield and we went through some hairy hours at Mary Bridge (hospital). She was lucky. I still carry the guilt.

The lady lives in the Peninsula area, so I'm praying she reads this before she also learns the hard way.

M. Jurgensen

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters! Must be typed or neatly written with address and telephone number for confirmation.

PO Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394

....Now is the time to get your entry in for the best Pioneer Days Parade ever! Enter your pet, your antique car, your decorated bike, your decorated self, and have some fun! The parade will start in Key Center and travel to the Civic Center at Vaughn to start the two-day Key Peninsula festival. Deadline for entries is July 22.

Free cholesterol seminar at Civic Center

by Janice McMillan

On Monday, June 13 at 7:30 pm in the Gold Room of the Civic Center at Vaughn, registered dietician Verna Bergmaun will speak on cholesterol and diet. This free event is being sponsored by the Key Peninsula Health Center in conjunction with the low-cost cholesterol checks available at the Health Center on Thursdays between 9 and 10 am. In addition to her talk, Mrs. Bergmann, a well-known dietician from Gig Harbor, will have informative literature available, and will answer questions. Plan to attend and learn more about this vital health issue.

Pioneer Days to focus on kids/families!

by Rick Oldenburg

What would make a perfect Pioneer Days for the kids? A petting zoo? A great parade? Races and games? Animal show and contest complete with judges, prizes and ribbons? A fish pond stocked with 9-inch trout? Hobby show and contest with judges and ribbons? Hot dogs, hamburgers and pop? Games of skill like the balloon break, ring toss, fish pond and many more?

What would make the perfect Pioneer Days for adults? Games of skill? Great food? Good company? A perfect family event? A place to watch the Seafair Hydroplane trials and races and cool off with a cold drink while the kids have their fun? An event packed with two days worth of continuous entertainment, where lunch and dinner could be purchased and mom could have the day off from cooking and doing dishes?? Horse-shoe pitching contests? A large arena with seating for nearly 400 to watch the kids' activities? Raffle drawings of a trip for two to Mazatlan, Mexico for 7 nights and 8 days, complete with airfare, accommodations and some expenses paid? Or a truckload of wood (4-5 cords) - and even a color TV with remote?

You don't have to choose between these activities because ALL are part of the NEW PIONEER DAYS AND KIDS FAIR. Nineteen committees have been formed to revitalize the Pioneer Days

celebration and ensure two days packed with fun for the whole family. Broad, early support from the many community organizations is whipping up enthusiasm for the new direction this annual event is taking.

"I've never been this excited about a Key Peninsula event!"

"Why haven't we done this type of family-oriented approach before?"

"Where do you need me? I'd like to be a part of it this year!"

"My kids found out they can enter their cats in the animal show and that's all I have heard about for the last two weeks!"

"It's about time we added activities and depth to the event. When is it?"

All the above unsolicited comments from members of the community can mean only one thing. THE 1988 PIONEER DAYS CELEBRATION IS AN OUT-AND-OUT WINNER! This year reserve Seafair weekend, August 6 and 7, to join your friends at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn.

Come get involved. Your friends and neighbors are. Call 884-4699 (KP NEWS) to find out what you can add to make this the best event ever, or contact a member of the Pioneer Days Steering Committee - Dale Loy, Mike Salatino or Rick Oldenburg.

PIONEER DAY PARADE

Theme - "County Fair"

August 6, 1988

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

RETURN TO:
 Cherie Mastro
 13706 SR 302 KPN
 Gig Harbor, WA 98335

ENTRY DEADLINE:
 July 22, 1988

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- () NOVELTY: Describe Briefly _____

PLEASE note any special parade position requirements: _____

We reserve the right to reclassify entries into other categories. Categories listed may be sub-divided for judging purposes.

Fire Department stages accident

by Captain Tony Brentin

On the evening of Tuesday, May 17, the Key Peninsula Fire Department staged a simulated motorcycle versus pedestrian accident off Vipond Drive NW. The purpose of this exercise was to test the preparedness of the Fire Department in emergencies of this nature. The exercise, developed and coordinated by Battalion Chief Dan Orme, included firefighters from the Wauna/Minter, Key Center and Rocky Bay fire stations and involved a motorcycle with two riders coming around a corner on a wooded path and hitting three pedestrians. In the simulation all four persons were injured and the hot muffler on the motorcycle ignited

a brush fire. The Orme family and a friend served as the injured victims and smoke bombs were used for the brush fire.

Firefighters were unaware of what was happening until dispatched to the "emergency." On arrival at the scene they treated and evacuated the victims and extinguished the fire. As an added problem, the accident was situated 800 feet off the road and could not be accessed by vehicles. Firefighters had to haul hose and equipment down the trail.

This simulation was one of several the Fire Department will stage during 1988. Other stagings have included automobile and bus accidents, house fires and boating accidents. In each of these situations the firefighters practice and learn. When such accidents happen for real - then is not the time to determine how to handle emergencies.



Fire District 16 personnel work on "victim" during emergency exercise (story above). Photo - Capt. Tony Brentin

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Wednesday, June 1 ...

Community Center, Home - hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Pioneer Days steering committee, KPCC at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, June 2 ...

KP Senior Society potluck - noon in the Gold Room, Civic Center.
Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families - KP Health Center at 7 pm.
Citizens Against Crime meet at 7 pm in Gold Room.

Friday, June 3 ...

KPBA meets at The Eatery at 7:30 pm.
Upper Sound Grange potluck - 7 pm at the Civic Center, meeting follows.

Monday, June 6 ...

KP Senior Society Board meeting, Civic Center at 10 am.

Tuesday, June 7 ...

TOPS weigh-in 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm at Vaughn Church.

Wednesday, June 8 ...

Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club - 10 am at Longbranch Church.
KP Park Board - Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, June 9 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch - noon in Gold Room, Civic Center.
Survivors bereavement support group meets at 2 pm - Brones Room, KC Library.
KPCCA Board meeting - Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Monday, June 13 ...

VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm - VFW Room at KP Civic Center.

Dates to mark on your calendar ...

- July 4 - Fireworks at Joe's Bay, Home.
- August 6 and 7 - Pioneer Days at the Civic Center.
- August 23 - Political Forum
- August 27 - Old Timers' Day at Community Services, Home.

more about Park Board levy ...
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possibly in the region of 15 to 20 cents per \$1000 of assessed property valuation. With a 20 cents per \$1000 of valuation amount, the levy would cost the owner of a home valued at \$75,000 about \$15 (total). When interviewed by the NEWS, Commissioner Max Marlowe suggested that such a levy "might be collected over one year, but the funds could be budgeted to cover a two-year period." Right now both Volunteer Park and the Civic Center are operating without levy support, due to the failure of a similar proposal at the polls in 1987. After a thorough discussion of many different pro's and con's, the Board decided to table the setting of an amount and date for further consideration at their regular June meeting.

In other areas, the Board voted to pay the currently-due insurance bill of \$11,224 which will cover both Volunteer Park and the Civic Center for about a year from this date. This payment represents a major commitment of funds, as the Board has only about \$17,000 total to keep all operations going.

In another decision, the Board members pledged themselves to the task of organizing, managing and, if necessary, operating the concession stand at Volunteer Park during tournament play this

All persons interested in the future of Volunteer Park and the activities there are invited and urged to attend the next regular meeting of the Park Board in June when all of these issues will be discussed further.

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Wes Pruitt announces re-election bid

State Representative Wes Pruitt (D) has formally announced that he will seek re-election to his 26th District legislative seat. "I'm basing my campaign on the same goals and philosophies that I've taken to Olympia for the past two years," Pruitt said. "The people of Pierce and Kitsap counties merit someone who is totally dedicated to serving their needs in state government ... someone who will work tirelessly to represent their interests."

In his first two years in the Legislature, Pruitt's agenda was devoted largely to issues that arose in the committees on which he served: Education, Environmental Affairs and Constitution, Elections and Ethics. He also sponsored bills to better gauge the performance of public schools, to reduce Puget Sound water pollution and to promote the recycling of waste products.

Peninsula District student wins national writing contest

(Milford, Conn. - Special) Michele Stephan, Artondale Elementary School fifth grade student, has been named the Grand National prize winner in the BIC "Quality Comes in Writing" contest which is sponsored by the BIC Corporation. Michele is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eric Stephan of Gig Harbor and her fifth-grade teacher is Linda Karle.

Michele's entry was chosen best from nearly 30,000 entries received from 4th, 5th and 6th graders throughout the United States. A representative of the BIC Corporation will be coming to Washington soon to present the award.

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KPBA News

by Mary Ann Huntington



About thirty members of the Key Peninsula Business Association enjoyed a pleasant evening May 19 getting acquainted with community residents at a social "after hours." The gracious owners and managers of Far-A-Way gave tours and told the history of their beautiful estate. The Business Association appreciates their generosity. If you were unable to attend our first social, keep watching the NEWS for an announcement ... we plan to have another in three months.

The Pioneer Day Parade Committee has designed forms for the August 6 event. Look in this issue of the NEWS for the application and fill yours out right away. Put a costume on your pct, polish

up your old car or just come up with a clever idea, but don't miss the best-ever parade. Deadline for entries is July 22. We are looking for a band to march in the parade. Do you know of any available?

Have you picked up a copy of the Key Peninsula Visitors Guide produced by the KPBA? We are very proud of this first effort. The Guide is free, so pass some along to friends and relatives. If you weren't contacted and want to buy an ad in next year's edition, call Clandia Loy at Snnnycrest Nursery.

A letter from Councilman Paul Cyr informed the Association that our chosen site at Wauna can't be used for the Centennial sign project. Cyr has suggested an alternate location and will work with the KPBA to develop a site plan.

The October 22 Fall Festival will be held at Lake Kathryn Village. Now is the time to round up an apple press and mark the date on your calendar.

The next meeting of the KPBA will be June 3, 7:30 am at The Eatery.

Tax Tips

by Marvin Keizur

Did you know that, contrary to popular belief, using the IRS pre-printed address label does not increase the risk of an audit? Just the opposite is true. Returns that are filed with the pre-printed label are processed quickly and routinely. Returns filed without the pre-printed label are removed from routine computer processing and are more likely to be audited because they are handled by experienced IRS employees who are capable of spot-

ting problems beyond those the processing clerks normally look for.

To minimize the tax you owe on selling your home, keep track of the costs of all additions and improvements to the home, plus any closing costs that were not deductible when you bought the place, such as insurance, mortgage tax and legal fees. These costs can be added to your tax basis (the cost of the house) and will reduce your taxable gain on sale.

Of interest: Tax Freedom Day was May 5 this year, two days later than last year. This year it will take the average

Lake Kathryn "winners"

The merchants at Lake Kathryn Village celebrated Mother's Day by giving out hundreds of silk carnations to the ladies who visited the shops and by holding a drawing for gift certificates from each of the five stores in the center. Linda Dalton won a gift from Sun Ray Cleaners, Patti Huff won a membership at Movie Magic II, Maxine Evern received a gift certificate from The Country Mouse, Debbie Burns was the winner at Purdy Costless Pharmacy and Mary Seidleman won a gift certificate from Walt's Bag 'N' Save. Congratulations, ladies!

Lions Club elects officers

by Gary Ostlund

The Key Peninsula Lions Club recently elected a new slate of officers. Outgoing president King Lion Bill Detmering has scheduled installation ceremonies for June 1 at the Huckleberry Inn. Social period is from 6:30 pm with dinner and festivities beginning at 7 pm. All Lions, past and present, and spouses are cordially invited to attend.

Members to be installed are Marvin Green, President; Gary Ostlund, 1st Vice President; Jerry Forrester, 2nd Vice President; Bob Camppy, 3rd Vice President; Mary Ann Huntington, Secretary; Marvin Keizur, Treasurer; Jim Updike, Bulletin Editor; Marty Sorlie, Lion Tamer; Frances Challenger, Tail Twister; and Rhys Wood, Chaplain. New directors to be installed are Frank Geary and Leroy Challenger who will serve 2 years. Hugh McMillan and Dick Weinand will complete their second year term.

Incoming President-elect Marvin Green has a full agenda of activities and fund-raisers during his term. They include, but are not limited to, participation in Pioneer Days, Wauna Sandspit Cleanup, Speech and Hearing Clinics, a Pancake Breakfast, a Spaghetti Feed, Citizen of the Year Award and Ceremony, White Cane Days and continuing the ongoing newspaper drive.

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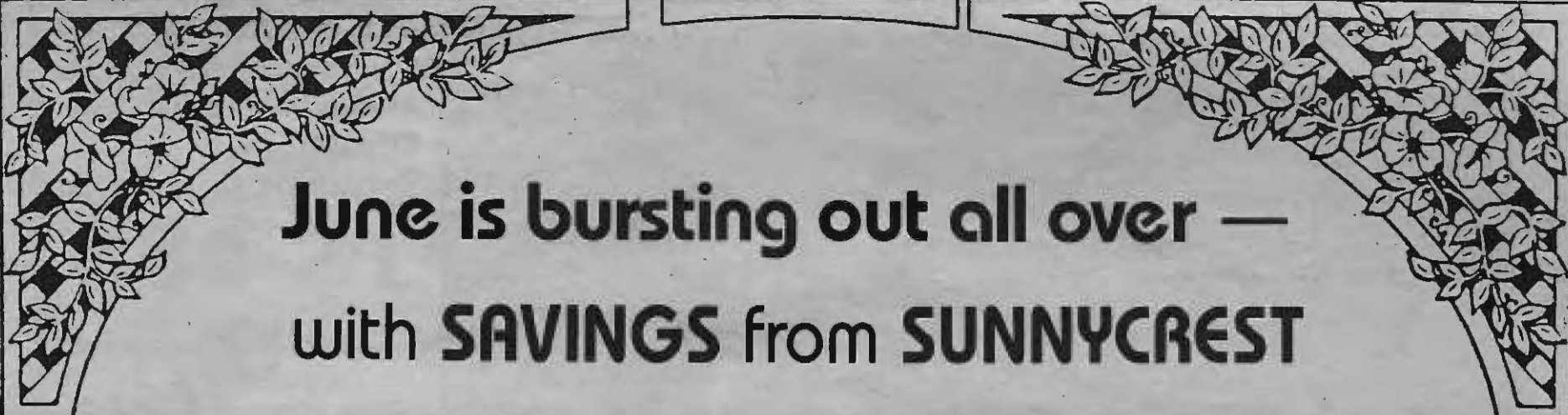
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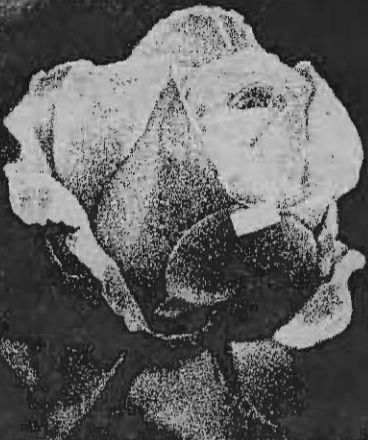
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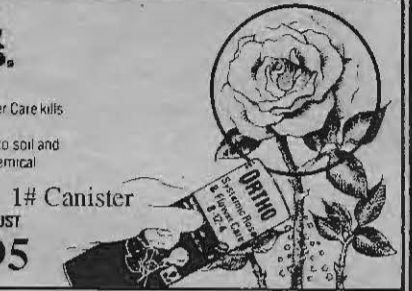
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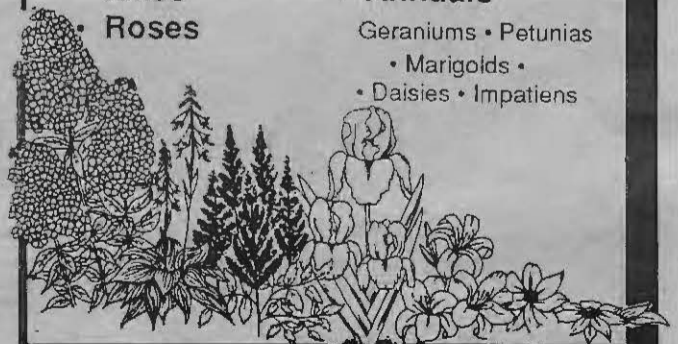
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Lisa Rasmussen, who grew up on a 360-acre dairy farm nestled in the foothills of Mt. Rainier, paints happy caricatures of animals she loved as a child. The second oldest of seven children, Lisa's chores were feeding a variety of farm animals and harvesting crops. By the time she started first grade, she was helping milk the dairy cows.

Lisa viewed the farm as an enchanted land filled with magical friends. She confided her secret dreams to the animals and felt each shared a special rapport with her. After the evening meal, Lisa delighted the Rasmussen family with picture stories of her animal friends.

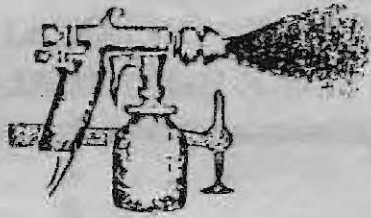
When Lisa left home to attend the University of Washington, she took with her a love of art but chose the more practical major of food science, relegating art to a minor. At school she was lonely for her animal friends and captured her day-dreams in watercolors. She painted each animal as she remembered it, depicting its personality, its trust and its wonderment. To this she added a fragile smile and a hint of melancholy.

Lisa shipped most of her paintings home, reserving a few for her dormitory walls. To her surprise, fellow students enjoyed her work and asked for pictures and stationery designs. It wasn't long before she had a recognizable following and at the close of her sophomore year her art sales were paying 25% of her college tuition. Meanwhile, Lisa's mother exhibited a number of paintings at an Eatonville art show where they grossed \$950. One painting hangs in Hong Kong, several others in Olympia. She has created a logo for the Western Washington State Fair at Puyallup and has designed logos and brochures for a Skipper's national promotion.



Lisa began attending art shows and was quickly overwhelmed by orders. Soon her animal friends were staring at her from mugs, stationery, greeting cards, prints, sweatshirts, t-shirts, rubber stamps and original paintings. Now a full-time artist, Lisa's work is featured throughout the month of June in the main exhibit hall of Burley Galleria, 14820 Bethel-Burley Road, SE in downtown Burley every day from 11 am to 4 pm. You are invited to meet her at a Burley Galleria reception to be held Saturday, June 11, from noon to 3 pm, where she will demonstrate her art. For easy directions call Helga or Barbara at 857-7479.

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by Janice McMillan



The Bridges restaurant in Aberdeen is included in the "Entertainment '88" coupon book. It was just a place to stop on the way to Ocean Shores and it was easy to find, being well marked and just off the main road through town. From the outside it appears to be an average, clean and ordinary family-type restaurant. The interior, however, is something quite different and a real surprise. The designer here has achieved a glamorous and rather romantically decorated interior that could easily exist in any large city.

The large one-story building is divided into three rooms: the solarium-luncheon room, the main focus of which is bamboo furniture and flowered prints; the lounge which has tables as well as booths and is reminiscent of an old-fashioned law office; and the very large main dining room which is divided into a series of smaller room-like areas by the clever use of brass rails, different floor levels and "walls" made of wrought iron dividers. The sophisticated color scheme of dark green carpets and table tops, pale linen walls, pale pink upholstery and

framed contemporary posters unite this large room; the subtle differences in chair styles and upholstery increase the illusion of separate rooms.

That evening I began my dinner with a green pea salad which was just a little different from the usual pot-luck dinner type that I have often enjoyed. The creamy dressing had been enlivened with herbs and fresh sliced mushrooms. The accompanying whole wheat rolls prepared off the premises and baked at The Bridges were soft and very fresh. My main course of blackened red cod was served with fresh carrots and green beans and tiny red potatoes. The beans were whole and just slightly crunchy, the potatoes steamed to perfection and garnished with chopped parsley. The sliced carrot rounds were glazed with a hint of sweetness. The cod was fresh-caught that day

and although it was not prepared in the true Cajun almost-burned-black style, the chef had not backed off from the assertiveness of the Cajun spices.

My dear companion chose the halibut almondine, grilled, topped with toasted almonds and hollandaise sauce, and thought it was a more than adequate portion that was very well prepared. He chose to begin with a fine beef and barley soup; a romaine salad was also offered.

A specialty of The Bridges is prime rib which is specially seasoned and baked very slowly at a low temperature. The regular dinner is \$10.95 and a "double shot" is \$15.95. Chicken dishes are in the \$10 range and beef dinners from \$11 to \$15. The children's menu is in the \$4-\$5 range. Most of the "specials of the day" dinners are from \$10 to \$12. The pleasing wine list begins at \$10 a bottle. Mud pie,

chocolate cake, cheesecake and berry pie were offered for dessert the night I was there. The Bridges advertises that they cook with no cholesterol oil.

Hours are Monday through Friday 11 am to 10 pm. Saturday 11:30 am until 11 pm, Sunday 4 to 9 pm (brunch that day). Reservations are highly recommended. Wheel chair access did not appear to be difficult in most areas. Service was pleasant, though perhaps a little inattentive due to other duties at that time. I think families with well-behaved children would be very comfortable at The Bridges. Address is 112 N. "G" St., Aberdeen, telephone 532-6563.

Conclusion: I enjoyed The Bridges very much. The food was well prepared and nicely served. The portions were generous and the prices seemed fair.

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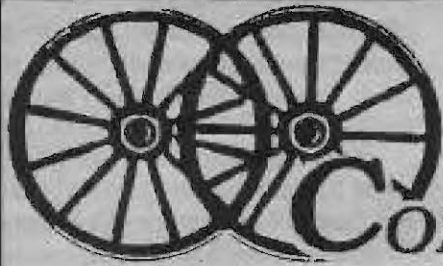
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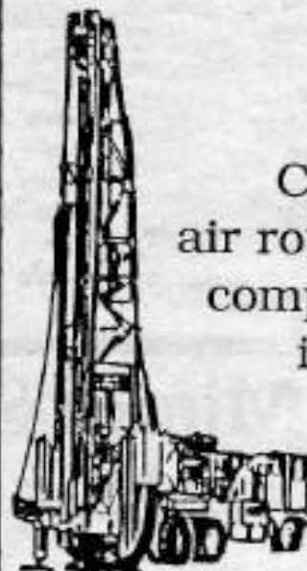


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Are our forests falling too fast?

by Stella Retherford

Will natural forested areas, other than those protected in National Parks, vanish from Western Washington? Do we need to reform forestry and logging laws? The future of the small, widely scattered remnants of our cherished ancient-old-growth forests, younger forests, wildlife, free-flowing rivers, fisheries and recreational areas now seems in danger. Forested slopes act like a great sponge, retaining water and releasing it slowly - thus trout and salmon spawning habitat is protected. Once the land is clear-cut, water gushes down causing deep, raw scars on the steep hillsides and carrying much silt and debris to create flooding conditions below. Summer brings drought to the slopes and reforestation is often unsuccessful.

National Forest personnel agree that they do not determine the amount of timber harvested but merely follow laws enacted by Congress as to the "allowable sale quantity." Huge portions of the forest

are then roaded and logging privileges are sold to the highest bidder.

Presently the Forest Service is being besieged by environmental controversy and charges of waste in this process. In spite of large appropriations from Congress, forest resources are poorly managed. Wild lands are increasingly valuable for recreation, wildlife habitat and watersheds, yet the agency plans to spend millions of dollars building 800 miles of road per year in order to access timber whose sale value is often less than the cost of the road building and sale preparation. In other words, tax money is used for unprofitable clear-cutting of our forests.

The Forest Service budget proposed for 1989 shows the priority to be timber sales. No funds are proposed for recrea-

tional trails and even wildlife funding is to be cut by 50%. This is a critical time for a cherished public resource affecting four million western slope residents. Congress is now deciding the future of our forests. Shall its wild places and special wildlife remain for this and future generations, or will much of it be sacrificed to unprofitable logging? The Forest Service, never intended to run tree farms, was given the stewardship of this great natural resource. Tree farming belongs on private land.

Demand for wilderness recreation experience is expanding as our Puget Sound population grows. Tourism and recreation provide a significant local income and are considerably easier on the forested areas. Trails for hiking, back-

packing, climbing, packstock use, family walks, nature study etc., are becoming more popular. However, clear-cuts discourage such use and many good trails have been destroyed by logging the ridges and canyons.

Public comment has helped reshape Forest Service policies in the past and every year Congress has the opportunity to reduce the total timber cut. Our Washington congressman, Norm Dicks, sits on the key House Appropriations Committee that writes this legislation. A letter to him could affect the future of our forests.

Sheriff investigates May 18 disturbance

Pierce County Deputies are investigating a set of somewhat unexplained events that occurred off Tiedeman Road south of Herron Road at about 10 pm on May 18. According to authorities, Fire District 16 personnel responded to a call that evening to assist victims of an assault in which a man, woman and 10 month-old child were allegedly attacked in a small, parked camper. In one version of the event the alleged victims fired shots at the attackers who were described as teenagers, although no teenagers were reported to have been seen by any other witnesses and Fire District 16 did not treat anyone for gunshot wounds. Other reports stated that the man and woman had cuts and abrasions on their arms and legs. All three were transported to a Bremerton hospital, said to be near their residence. At NEWS press time the investigation is continuing.

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To Your Health

by Dr. Wm. F. Roos



Summertime means bicycle time for most kids and at the recent state meeting of Family Physicians we spent considerable time discussing bike safety. Each year over 300,000 children are seriously injured and 600 children die as the result of bicycle accidents. The vast majority of these injuries and deaths are the result of head trauma but studies have shown that you can decrease that risk by 75% by wearing a bicycle helmet. Unfortunately less than 1% of children currently wear helmets.

The major hurdle in getting kids to wear helmets is peer pressure. We need to give them the message that it's "cool" to wear a helmet and set an example by wearing them ourselves. The helmet you buy should fit snugly and meet the ANSI standards for safety. The cost will run \$30 to \$40, which is a small price to pay for a child's safety, and discount coupons are available at the Health Center. It also makes a great summer gift from a grandparent.

While we're talking about children, I want to remind you that children entering kindergarten and those participating in school sports in the fall will need a school/sports physical first. June is a great time to do this and avoid the end of summer rush.

Peninsula High School Graduation Ceremonies

Sunday, June 12, 4 pm
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KPMS students take second place at tournament

Sixth Grade KPMS speech contestants took second place at the recent Seamount Speech Festival, held at White River Middle School on May 11. Students from nine schools were involved in the competition, and the local sixth-graders included Heather Gibson, Rob Holman and Jennifer DeLa Rosa. Others who did very well from the local school were 8th graders Andrea Van Slyke and Seth Grant who were awarded 48 out of 50 possible points for their presentations.

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As I remember, there were some dandy holes even where there never had been any macadam. In fact, few of us even knew what macadam was. We carried a long pole for probing holes. An experienced driver could analyze the

chances of navigating a hole by the feel of its bottom. A hard, gravel bottomed hole could usually be negotiated safely if the fan did not throw water on the engine and kill it. So deep holes were traveled slowly to avoid waves.

A soft bottomed hole was a different situation. To crawl slowly was suicidal. The car would just go slower and slower and forward motion would cease. Attempting to back out insured a long stay as the hind wheels threw out whatever traction surface there had been. Such a hole would be hit with all the speed available. Sometimes, with luck, the car would leapfrog the worst part, grabbing some traction as it hit bottom. Momentum was the key element. It was beautiful to watch an expert crash and swerve his way through such a quagmire.

Once stuck, a long pole poked across ahead of or behind the drive wheels, and lashed to them, would lift the vehicle

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In the Library

The Friends of the Key Center Library gathered for a potluck dinner and meeting on May 11. The food and the company were excellent. For those who were not able to attend, the following is a resume of the books reviewed. Altars of Unhewn Stone by Wes Jackson and Landscape Into Art by Kenneth Clark. The former addresses conservation in relation to agriculture and the latter historically traces the painters and poets of England who have contributed to the preservation of landscape in that country.

Interweaving connections drew together a group of books about Englishwomen who lived in Africa: West with the Night by Beryl Markham, White Mischief by James Fox, Flame Trees of Thika: Memories of an African Childhood by Elspeth Buxley, Straight on Till Morning by Mary Lovel (biography of Beryl Markham) and Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen.

Other volumes reviewed were ... Two regional books: At the Field's End, Interviews With 20 Pacific Northwest Writers by Nicholas O'Connell and Wintergreen: Rambles In A Ravaged Land by Robert Michael Pyle (Willapa Hills area, history, natural history and ecology); a book of poems, First Draft by 8 year-old Nika Turbina with an introduction by Yevgeny Yevtushenko and Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya, the story of a young Mexican-American boy growing up in New Mexico in the 1940s. A beautifully written story by a noted Chicano writer.

Children's summer reading program

The summer reading club program will begin June 1 at the Key Center Library. The theme this year is "The Other Side of Everything." The storytelling events for ages 6 and up will run from June 23 through July 28, Thursdays at 1:30 pm, with focus on other dimensions, time travel, wacky humor, using your imagination, science, fun and facts, vanishing and appearing.

A poster will be available for children of all ages who read books or who have people reading to them. The posters include riddles, optical illusions and guessing games. Examples: What can fall into a lake without making ripples on the water? What invention lets you look right through a wall? The poster, as usual, is artfully designed by Nancy Hall of the Pierce County Library Graphics Department and invites a child to "Disappear into your library ... and discover the other side of everything ... in books ... choose a sticker for each book you read and enjoy the surprises in your poster (color it if you wish) ... seeing is believing, but don't believe everything you see ..."

A free film program for children ages 3 through 5 and their parents will run July 7 to July 28, Thursdays at 9:30 am, at the Peninsula Branch library at Pt. Fosdick.

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Bridge are received from 9 am to 9 pm by CAC and are having a decided impact on crime. Since April 25, when CAC began monitoring phones at the Purdy offices of the Sheriff Department, more than 550 calls have been handled, five of which have contributed to felony arrests.

CAC is seeking more volunteers to ease the burden on those now handling this interesting, challenging and highly effective volunteer activity. For application forms apply at the Purdy offices of the Sheriff or the Headquarters station of the Key Peninsula Fire Department in Key Center, or contact Mel Oliver at 857-2654 or Hugh McMillan at 884-3319.

CAC encourages everyone to attend the June 2 meeting at the Civic Center, Vaughn.

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Obituaries

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

Hazel Heath of Longbranch died May 17, 1988 at the age of 98. Mrs. Heath had lived in Longbranch since October 1982, moving to this area from Salt Lake City. She was a member of the Key Center Ward of the Church of Latter Day Saints and was a Gold Star Mother.

She leaves a daughter, Louise Jane Post of Longbranch; a son, Donald Bird Heath of Bountiful, Utah; and a sister, Lucille Hillyard of Logan, Utah. She also leaves nine grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Services were held May 20 at the LDS Church, Key Center.

Elsie A. Jones, of Creston Dr. NW, died on May 11 at the age of 84. Mrs. Jones was born in Denmark and was a retired tailor from J.C. Penney Company. She was a member of Christian Church of Tacoma, the Cootiettes, VFW Auxiliary of Gig Harbor and Ladies Auxiliary FOE #2338 of Port Orchard.

She leaves a loving friend of many years, John E. Hein; a sister, Helen M. Ackers of Tacoma; two grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Services were handled by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

Jerrilynn Marie Falk, born July 15, 1945 in Spencer, Iowa died May 18, 1988 in Vaughn where she had resided since 1979. She was an employee of the Peninsula School District where she worked as a teacher's aide at Vaughn Elemenetary School for the past six years.

She is survived by her husband, Daryl Lee Falk of Vaughn; son, Ryan and daughter, Nivan, of Vaughn; her parents, Dale and Marie Sims of Vaughn; brother, Chad Sims of Des Moines, Washington; and two sisters, Joyce Stroud of Des Moines and Barbara Kosnik of California.

Graveside services were held Saturday, May 21 at the Vaughn Cemetery, Dr. John Phillips presiding. Arrangements were by Haven of Rest Funeral Home.

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5 Faith Chapel (am)	6 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30 pm Senior Society Board meeting 10 am	7 Karate 7-9 pm KPCC Exec Board 7:30 pm	8 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30 pm Park Board 7:30 pm	9 KP Seniors Karate Teen NA KPCC Board 7:30 pm	10 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skating	11
12 Faith Chapel (am)	13 Aerobics Rocky Bay VFW & Auxiliary 7:30 pm	14 Karate	15 Aerobics Rocky Bay	16 KP Seniors (gym) Karate Teen NA Coolettes 609 7 pm	17 Aerobics Rocky Bay	18 Twilite Dance Club 9 pm - 1 am
19 Faith Chapel (am) Father's Day	20 Aerobics Rocky Bay	21 Karate	22 Aerobics Rocky Bay	23 KP Seniors Karate Teen NA	24 Aerobics Rocky Bay	25
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