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Working together for the social and economic good of our Key Peninsula



*Be my Valentine!.....Mike Backlund and Sara Dukeshier pose at Sunnycrest Nursery for our Valentine's Day picture. Mike is the son of Larry and Denise Backlund of Lake Holiday, and Sara is the daughter of Phil and Janne Dukeshier of Lake Minterwood. Both Denise and Janne are a part of the volunteer staff of the NEWS.
Photo by Lee Stiles.*

School levy up for vote on Tuesday

Voters in the Peninsula School District, which includes all of the Key Peninsula, will be going to the polls on Tuesday, February 2, to cast their ballots on a two-year Maintenance and Operation Levy for local schools.

Superintendent of Schools Tom Hulst noted that the levy is a matter that comes up for a vote every two years, and that it is therefore not a new tax. "What we are doing," he stated, "is replacing the levy we approved two years ago with a new levy amount that will continue to provide the same things as in the past, such as transportation, special education, libraries, music, classroom equipment, maintenance of facilities, and many other similar items. The State of Washington provides about 85 percent of our budget for some items of basic education, and it is left to the district to raise the other 15 percent by means of a local levy."

The two-year levy is for an amount set by the board of the Peninsula
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Vandals strike schools again

Pierce County Sheriff's deputies have taken five Key Peninsula youths into custody in connection with an outbreak of damage and vandalism to both public and private property on the night of January 23/24. Those charged reportedly ranged in age from 12 to 17 years, and it was understood that three of them attended the Key Peninsula Middle School.

The trail of vandalism apparently started at the school district bus parking lot near Purdy, where the back windows were broken out of several buses. Next in line were a group of privately-owned cars parked at Peninsula High School. One of the cars was pushed over the edge of a ravine, and an eye witness stated that he had observed the vandals breaking out car windows with baseball bats. Finally, about 1 am the same group apparently struck at Key Peninsula Middle School, again attacking windows and other glass with baseball bats and triggering a fire alarm.

Fire District 16 responded to the alarm and found the broken windows, but
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Major drug bust on KP

.....KPSD on bomb alert

by Hugh McMillan

The combined efforts of the narcotics' branches of the Washington State Patrol (WSP), Pierce County Sheriff's Department, and Kitsap County Sheriff's Department resulted in the apprehension and arrest of a male using the presumed alias of Tom White at about noon on January 26 on a narcotics charge. The arrest took place in the parking lot of Macon Bacon at the intersection of State Route 302 and 134th KPN. The owners of Macon Bacon: Clark, Mike, and Walt White are not related to the arrested person.

During the scuffle between the two arresting WSP plainclothes narcotics officers and Tom White, the latter attempted to draw a gun. He was transported to Tacoma, charged, and jailed within the hour and the case was turned over to the jurisdiction of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. He was to be arraigned before Judge J. Kelley Arnold on Wednesday January 27; charged with escape (from previous arrests), unlawful possession of controlled substances, and

unlawful delivery of controlled substances.

The WSP bomb squad was called to the scene to investigate the green pickup driven by Tom White on suspicion that it had been wired to explode. At the time, the vehicle was standing about five feet from the Macon Bacon store. To guard against fire which might result should the vehicle explode, units of the Key Peninsula Fire Department converged into a nearby "staging area" across from D.J.'s Tire on SR 302.

Walt White, who witnessed all the proceedings, said that Tom White, a fairly regular customer, entered the store about noon. "I noticed a car pull up and a guy got out and started walking around in the street area," said Walt. "Shortly thereafter, another guy I'd never seen before came into the store and walked over to the beer storage area; there was something strange about the whole thing," Walt added. "Then, just as White walked out

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Where we vote.....

Key Center Library
Minter Elementary School

Precincts 526, 552,
Precincts 519, 520,
545 and 546

Vaughn Elementary School
Home Fire Station
Evergreen Elementary School
Longbranch Improvement Club

Precincts 521, 547,
Precinct 522,
Precincts 523, 548,
Precinct 524.

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KP NEWS deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS
 will come out on February 15.
 Please note the deadline for
 notices, articles and ads for
 that issue of February is,
 Monday, February 8.

Free Income Tax assistance

Once again free income tax assistance
 will be available to Key Peninsula resi-
 dents who cannot afford professional tax
 help, particularly lower income, elderly,
 and handicapped persons.

Taxpayers with relatively simple tax
 returns can obtain help in preparing basic
 tax forms through the Volunteer Income
 Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Vita

Editorial.....

This issue of the NEWS carries a number of stories about crime in our Peninsula area—stories that we really don't like to run. Unfortunately, there were more that we didn't choose to run, including a case of assault, some burglaries, some more drug-related information, and the like.

Some folks may not like to see these stories about crime and criminal behavior creeping into our life here—others want to know "What has happened to our peaceful and orderly way of life of 10-20 years ago?" and, "What are we going to do about all this?"

First, we must recognize not only the rapid growth of population in our area but the *change in the nature of our population*. Like it or not, we are becoming more and more of a "bedroom community" to Tacoma (and even to Bremerton, Olympia and Seattle). Many of us are gone all day, gone somewhere over the weekend, and may do most of our personal business on our way home from work. We may not know our neighbors and they may not know us. Add these facts to the general isolation of some of our homes, and you set the stage for burglary troubles.

Second, "bedroom communities" are a tough deal for kids who must come home from school to empty houses. It's worse when kids are left unsupervised during the evening, and the problem hits a peak when parental supervision is so lax that no one *really* knows where the kids are at all.

Somehow, we are all going to have to tighten up a bit and be more willing to get involved in the problems of our community. Let's renew our efforts to watch our neighbor's place when he is away, to report suspicious cars in the neighborhood, to watch who else is out driving around late at night, and to know for *sute and certain* where our kids are and what they are doing. KLS.

"Letters from you" will be found on page 4.

Spaghetti dinner benefit for local youngster

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Sunday, February 7 spaghetti feed to benefit two-year-old Dennis Daily. It's a community-wide effort to help the Dailys with the large medical bills incurred while fighting Dennis' cancer.

Come enjoy good food and company this Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm at Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. Prices are \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children twelve and under. Children five and under are free.

An account has been set up at the Tacoma Telco Credit Union in Key Center and donations may be made to the Daily Contribution Fund.

Local musicians will provide entertainment at the dinner; there will also be a raffle of over twenty services, pieces of artwork and goodies. For further information, or if you'd like to help, call 884-9119.

assists taxpayers with Forms 1040A, 1040 EZ and the basic Form 1040, including exemptions, deductions, and special credits for which some taxpayers may be eligible.

VITA assistance will be offered February 3 through April 15 every Wednesday from 9 am to 12 pm, and also on the following Saturdays, February 20, March 12 and April 9 from 5 pm to 9 pm. The VITA site again will be the Fire Station in Key Center.

Taxpayers interested in free tax help should bring pertinent tax documents, such as W-2 forms, interest statements, copies of their 1986 income tax returns, and the tax package received in the mail. For further information call 884-2222.

Join friends and neighbors for an evening of fun playing BINGO at the Civic Center at Vaughn every Wednesday evening.

Winners in the "What wuz it?" contest named, and...the answer!

Last issue, we gave our readers pieces of a picture, with the idea that they could cut them out of the paper, reassemble them, and then call in and tell us what the picture was. From those with the correct answer as to "what was it?" we would hold a drawing and pick three winners. Well, you did, and we did...so...the first name picked was that of Christine Erickson of Gig Harbor who has won a \$10.00 gift certificate to be applied to a dinner at Longbranch Chowder House. The name of Ruth Ann Mace of Wauna came out of our "hat" next, and she won a gift certificate for a large pizza at the Great American Pizza Factory in Key Center. And finally, the third name drawn was that of Penny Wallen of Lakebay who wins a gift certificate for a six-pack of soft drinks at either of Walt's stores on the Peninsula. Our congratulations to our winners. For those of you with the right answer but whose name was not drawn, please try one of our competitions again. As to what it was, it was a farm tractor, and your assembled pieces should have come out like the illustration in this issue of the NEWS.



KP Seniors "go" for fun!

Do you see Seniors as out of the mainstream of life? Think about this: did you go to Canada for "EXPO"? Have you gone to Reno for a fun time lately? Seniors did! Beulah Kupka organized these trips.

Did you have the original cast of "My Fair Lady" sing right by your table? Did you see Rhinestone Rosie perform at the Civic Center? Seniors did. Zoe Sanders brought these opportunities to us.

Did you enjoy the Thanksgiving dinner at the Civic Center for over 250 people? Cathy Schafer and her helpers cooked and served the dinner.

These people are members of the Senior Society, and these are a very few of the activities we have enjoyed. Being a Senior isn't just arthritis and grey hair, it's a lot of fun.

Come out February 4 to enjoy hearing a local group called the "Bell Ringers" under the direction of Joyce Case.

Pot luck at noon every Thursday at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Join us!

Watch for big bucks!

KPAA reports

by Oskar Schock

The Key Peninsula Athletic Association will be holding a special reorganizational meeting on Wednesday, February 3, at 7:30 pm in the Brones Room of Key Center Library.

The members are currently working with the Park Board and PAA to see that youth softball, T-ball and soccer programs are played, at least partially at Volunteer Field.

Other projects in the planning stages for 1988 are: a soccer clinic with some Tacoma Stars, a "hoop-go-round," some youth soccer and softball tournaments, a pony baseball league, a kick, pass, & punt contest, and a community picnic.

The change in emphasis on activities has opened many new areas in which KPAA can serve the community. All coaches and parents of the youth of this area, as well as all other interested persons, are encouraged to attend this meeting. Working together, we can provide an active environment for our youth.



Sweetheart Sock Hop at Key Peninsula Civic Center.....Come enjoy rock and roll music by "Johnny and the Marks" at the Sweetheart Sock Hop on Saturday, February 13, from 9 pm to 1 am at the Civic Center. The six-piece band features a lead singer and a great saxophone player. Mark your calendar!!! Tickets are \$7.50 a person and may be purchased at Sunnycrest Nursery or at the door. Reservations can be made for groups of eight or more. Ice and cups will be provided. For further information call Sunnycrest at 884-3937, or KP Civic Center at 884-3456.

Nominations needed for "Citizen of the Year"

Do you know a deserving person who you feel should be nominated for the title of "Key Peninsula Citizen of the Year?" If so, and you haven't done so already, you are urged to make that nomination immediately, as the Key Peninsula Lions Club has announced that nominations for the Citizen of the Year award will close February 1. Nominees must reside on, or do business on, the Key Peninsula. Nominations may be sent to: Citizen of the Year, Key Peninsula Lions Club, Box 37, Wauna, WA 98395-0037. The winner will be announced at the Fourth Annual Awards Banquet at the Civic Center on Saturday, February 27.



Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini

As previously announced Pierce County executive Joe Stortini will be the keynote speaker at the banquet. His message will be "Volunteerism." Entertainment will be provided by a Brass Quintet from Peninsula High School. A social hour begins at 6:30 pm.

A complete prime rib dinner, prepared by Chef Frank Geary and staff, will

be served, including beverage and desert. The ticket price of \$7.50 will include the program, awards presentation and musical entertainment. Tickets are available from any Lions Club member and at the following locations: Key Peninsula Shell, Puget Sound National Bank, DJ's Tire Center, Sunnycrest Nursery, KC Western Hardware, Macon Bacon, the Liquor Store and Marty's Barber Shop.

Selection of the award winner will be by sealed balloting by the entire membership of the Key Peninsula Lions Club. Names of this year's nominees will appear in coming editions of the Key Peninsula News and the Gateway.

California here we come!

Peninsula High School Razzmatazz is the only jazz group chosen to represent the State of Washington at the national competition in Hollywood, California.

Razz students and their parents have been working very hard to raise several thousand dollars by April and are asking for your support in future fundraisers, and/or donations. For further information call Vicki 884-3642.

Cootiettes #609

Penn Ants #609 will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 pm February 18. On the agenda will be the election of officers.

There is to be a work party at Martha Applegate's home on February 5 at 10 am and another at Jane VanSlyke's home on February 12. These work parties are for projects for the Spring Crawl in Ellensburg that the club is hosting.

On the regular visit to Cottesmore Nursing Home, the Cootiettes will take heart-shaped cookies for Valentine's Day. Cherry pies will be served to patients at Retsil Veterans' Home later in the month.

Peninsula movings and shakings

Monday, February 1 ...

KP Senior Society Board meeting, 10 am, Civic Center

Tuesday, February 2 ...Ground Hog Day

Peninsula School District Levy ElectionVOTE!

Cootiettes will visit Cottesmore Nursing Home.

TOPS meet at Vaughn Church. Weigh-in 6:15 and business meeting 7 pm.

Wednesday, February 3 ...

Community Center at Home will have hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Lions Club will meet at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm

KP Athletic Association will meet in the Brones Room of Key Center Library at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, February 4 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at the Civic Center - all are welcome.

Friday, February 5 ...

KP Business Association meets at the Eatery at 7:30 am.

Upper Sound Grange 705 - 7 pm Potluck - Terry Johnson program speaker.

Sunday, February 7 ...

Spaghetti feed at the Civic Center, 1-5 pm - benefit for 2 year-old cancer victim Dennis Dailey.

Monday, February 8 ...

VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 in the VFW room at KP Civic Center.

Boy Scouts Birthday Anniversary

Tuesday, February 9 ...

Altrusa Club meets at the Shoreline Restaurant at noon.

Peninsula Emblem Club meets at Peninsula Elks at 7:30 pm.

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

Vaughn PTO meets at the school at 7 pm.

KPCCA Executive meeting - 7:30 pm, Gold Room, Civic Center.

Wednesday, February 10 ...

Community Center at Home will have hot lunch for seniors - all seniors are welcome.

Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club will meet at Longbranch Church Hall at 10 am for a finish-up program on macrame lawn chairs.

Friends of Key Center Library will meet in the Brones Room at 6 pm for business, 7 pm for a program on preventative back care.

KP Park Board will meet in the Gold Room of the Civic Center at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, February 11 ...

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at the Civic Center.

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild will meet at the home of Mrs. Olwyn Merrill of Longbranch.

KP Civic Center Assn. Board meeting - Gold Room, Civic Center - 7:30 pm.

Saturday, February 13 ...

Sweetheart Sock Hop with Johnny and the Marks, -at KP Civic Center, 9-1 am.

Tickets can be purchased at Sunnycrest Nursery at \$7.50/ticket. (Civic Center Assn. benefit.)

Sunday, February 14... VALENTINE'S DAY.

Fire District #16 Awards Banquet, Civic Center.

Monday, February 15 ...

Ruth Circle meets at Longbranch Church at noon.

Longbranch Improvement Club - 7 pm at Longbranch Improvement Center.

Evergreen Eagle Boosters meet at 7 pm at the School.

Dates to watch for....

February 27 ... KP Lions Club Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner, Civic Center.

March 3 Peninsula High School Students present "Grease."

March 5KP Civic Center Association Reno Night fund-raiser.

P.H.S. Varsity wrestling news

by Vicki Henschel

The varsity wrestling team took first at the Kitsap Peninsula Tournament on Saturday, January 22. Jason McWhirter, at 135 lbs, was chosen the most valuable wrestler from the six lower weight classes.

The team is undefeated in league to date with one match to go, and has lost only one tournament this season.

Peninsula High School will be well represented at district, regional and state meets.

Watch for big bucks!

When you put your old newspapers and magazines in the Lions bins, your donation will help less fortunate neighbors see and hear.



Did your picture puzzle look like this after you had put it together?

Letters, letters, letters ... from you!

Community House says "thank you"

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to say a special heart-felt "thank you" to each and everyone of you for making this holiday better for families in need on the Key Peninsula.

I have chaired the Christmas Basket program at Community House, Lakebay, for three years, and we have the most terrific people in our community! Everyone has been so helpful with donations of money, food, toys and time, I appreciate each of you.

A special thanks to Mary Seidelman, Pat Blundell, Sharon Billups, Adam Jamieson and Robby Morgan for help beyond the "call of duty!" Without you we wouldn't have been done on time. I wish there was space to name every single person who volunteered time, gas and cars to help with the project - since that isn't possible - you know who you are and I thank you very much!

Community House is available all year long to assist with food, energy, emergency needs; take time to visit Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm and see what we are doing. Volunteers are needed throughout the year also. The Food Bank is open all year long and appreciates donations any time.

Call us at 884-4440 or just stop by for coffee. Senior Day is Wednesday and lunch is served.

Again, thank you Key Peninsula for your generosity in sharing a little bit of yourselves with those less fortunate.

Helen P. Jamieson, Holiday Food Basket Chairman, Community House, Lakebay.

To the Editor

This is in regard to the up-coming school maintenance and operations levy to be voted on February 2. This levy is simply to replace the last maintenance and operations levy, which will soon run out.

We think it is wonderful the way our school district has been able to continue the quality education we sometimes take for granted, without raising our taxes. In fact we will see a rate decrease.

It is so very important to give our children (our country's very future) the best education possible. World competition has grown considerably and we must not allow ourselves to fall behind.

Everyone wants our children to have happy, healthy futures. Now is the time to lay those bricks for a good foundation by voting for this very important levy.

We have one child attending Peninsula High School, one at Key Peninsula Middle School and two at Evergreen Elementary. This has made us well aware of what it takes to provide a good education. Supporting our district is a way that everyone can help. Thank you!

Jim and Diana Sammons, Lakebay.

To the Editor:

Is there still anyone out there who feels that he can only make his voice heard by voting against a school maintenance levy? What gratification do you get having voted "No" to protest policies you disagree with or to denounce the state of literacy among this country's youth? Can you show the schools how you feel about drugs and the people who are taking them by cutting off the funding required to run school buses? Might not the feeling of civil disruption you get leaving the voting booth be similar to that felt by the punker with his purple hair? "I'll show them...!"

Well, it's always seemed to me that if you want your voice to be heard you should say something in a way that people can hear it and respond to it. Whether you like the new reading program or not, try volunteering to tutor reading in the elementary schools. You're more than welcome, if the reactions I've heard are any indication. If you don't like the depth of understanding your children bring to their reading, get associated with the Great Books program and help teach them how to ask questions about what they read. You might learn something at the same time. If you object to the things that seem to be popular among our children, go to a choir concert, or a basketball game, or any school function and add your two cents toward giving kids attention for doing things you approve of.

I don't coach PAA basketball for the betterment of mankind. I do it because it pleases me to be able to teach what little I know of the subject to kids who very much want to learn. And it's fun! I lead a Cub Scout den because I appreciate the program presented by Scouting and because it provides a reference guide for teaching my sons many of the skills and values I want them to learn. My wife and I have become involved in the parent groups at three of our local schools and found ourselves wondering sometimes why other parents were missing out on the experiences we were having. Sometimes we just wondered if anyone else cared. We have also found that there are innumerable ways to impact the kind and quality of education our sons receive. At a recent Minter Creek Elementary School parent group meeting, during which the controversial new reading program was discussed, I heard at least two people introduce themselves with the statement that this was the first parent meeting they had attended. They had their say, and I had mine. I'll look for them at the next parent meeting and again at the school carnival, or as a chaperone on a school field trip.

There is plenty for one person or one couple to do and there's enough for all of us to do if we each only get involved in the area of our greatest concern. Do your kids complain about the food served at school? There is a committee of parents that reviews the food service throughout the year. Go to the meetings! Do you not understand where the levy money is

spent? Ask someone, or attend the school board meetings! There is a monthly meeting with Mr. Hulst for representatives of school parent groups. If you have a child in school, you qualify for membership. Do you have a ten year old boy in the Minter area who wants to be a Cub Scout? Call me, I'm in the book, then bring him ... don't send him.

Ed Johnson 857-7292



To the Editor

It's school levy time again so I'm writing my bi-annual letter. I have to say that I am proud to have my children attend school in the Peninsula School District. There are some things to which I object, but that's par for the course - - nothing in this life is perfect. However, comparing our district to others, I find ours above average generally, and in many ways very special. The significant element in our district is the caring expressed by its 700 employees. The common denominator among them is wanting to do their best by and for our children.

One item I wish to address specifically is the taxpayer's concern for accountability. Two years ago, I chaired the committees to pass the school levy and, several months later, the bond. The response of the community at that time was wonderful. You saw a need and came through to meet it. Now you are being asked to vote a new maintenance and operations levy. I am pleased to say that two years ago we promised to keep the taxes over the next 15 years at a certain level (about \$4 per thousand assessed value) and now the board and administration have valued that commitment so there will be no increase. The new levy will be only a continuation of what you have been paying over the last two years.

In light of the above, I ask you to consider the integrity and concern of the staff of the Peninsula School District, and especially the children who are the benefactors of their caring and your intelligence, and vote yes February 2 to continue an excellent program.

Sandy Newhouse, Vaughn



To the Editor:

A special election will be held on Tuesday, February 2 to approve the maintenance and operational levy needed to fund our kids' education. This is not a new tax we are taking on; the levy replaces one we approved in 1986. It pays for programs not funded or only partially funded by the state legislature. The state's "Basic Education" formula covers a majority of the funds needed to operate our schools but the remainder was designed to be covered by these levies. Much thought has gone into this proposed budget. The Peninsula School District is the only one in Pierce County that is presenting a lower levy request than its existing one. Our present levy rate is \$2.53 per thousand dollars assessed property value. After the levy passes, the tax rate for next year will be \$2.50, and \$2.43 in 1990. We have the responsibility of educating our children and the current system calls for us to pay for part of it with these levies. Our school district can't function without the funds, so it's very simple... on February 2, vote "Yes" to pass the levy.

Ed and Pam Johnson



To the Editor:

On Tuesday, February 2, 1988 we are asked to vote on a 2-year levy for the Peninsula School District. Being very involved with the school district, Vaughn School in particular, we see many ways in which the levy monies are spent. We have a fine school district full of wonderful learning programs. Without this levy many of these programs would decrease drastically.... programs such as special education, challenge programs, extra curricular activities, physical education, libraries, and the list goes on and on. Also included in this list would be educational equipment for classrooms, school building improvements, and transportation.

They say that our children are our greatest asset and our leaders for tomorrow. We must, as parents, give them every opportunity possible to insure that each individual child achieves his or her own special greatness. With the passing of this levy we will be contributing greatly to each and every child. We can be confident that the money has been spent wisely. We are proud to be a part of the Peninsula School District and will support this levy on February 2.

Jane Dukeshier, President - Vaughn Elementary Parent Group; Denise Backlund; Maggie Oldenburg, Debbie Wayno; Debbie Simon; Betty J. Kelley; Cathy Beal; Christie Grimm; Daphne Walker; Wendy Buri; Julie Johnson; Chris Holts; Brynn Rydell; Margaret Macdonald

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Longbranch - Peninsula South

Juveniles arrested in connection with fire at Vaughn PO

Pierce County Sheriff's deputies have arrested three juvenile youths in connection with a series of events over the weekend of January 16-18 in which the lobby of the U.S. Post Office at Vaughn was scorched by fire. Reports to the NEWS indicated that in the nighttime hours the three entered a Key Center-area weekend home, possibly twice, and among other items, secured a number of fireworks. Later, it was stated, they found a way into the lobby of the Vaughn Post Office, where it is theorized that they constructed and set off a number of bottle rockets. At some later time it is thought that the lobby desk and two bulletin boards caught fire, resulting in some furniture loss and smoke damage throughout the building. Postmistress Bea Wilson was not able to give an immediate statement of the amount of loss or a firm estimate as to when cleaning will be complete and furniture replaced.

The juveniles in the case were said to have been taken to Remann Hall, where it was reported that they met with representatives of the Postal Service from Seattle. The three apparently face a number of different charges. Some possibility is said to exist that other juveniles not yet arrested might turn out to have been involved.

Longbranch items

Pastor Dr. David Suter and the members of Longbranch Community Church are delighted to receive the gift of a used Thomas Trianon electric organ, donated to the church by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Whitten who live on Herron Island. A dedication will be held within a few weeks and church organist Chuck Carlson will be performing.

Orville Blades, a long-time resident of Longbranch, has informed us that someone unknown has tampered with the flowers planted around his late wife's grave in Longbranch Cemetery. Someone had taken a trowel and carefully dug up all the primroses their son had planted last spring. We trust the culprit will have a chance to read this and be stricken with a twinge of conscience!

Longbranch Improvement Club has a new president - Gerry Carlstrom. At one of the last meetings he encouraged members to plan for more interesting activities in the future. The response from those present was great and many new and excellent ideas have now been brought before the Board. These new proposals for the future may include different social activities and some very interesting educational programs. A monthly newsletter will be sent out to all members by Kay Harvey, the new secretary.

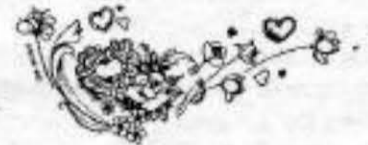
Cub Scout pack 213 news

The holidays have come and gone. Our scout Christmas party was a big success. We had lots of games and treats; we also decorated cards to be sent to the USS Coral Sea.

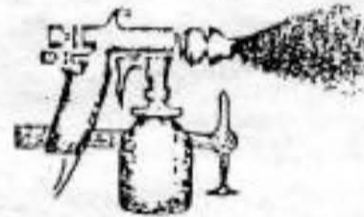
Our Blue and Gold banquet to be held February 29 honors the 58th birthday of scouting. The banquet will be held in the gym at the Civic Center at 6pm. The cub scouts are planning to decorate cakes to be raffled at the banquet. They will also put on several skits.

January's pack meeting gave us information on the Blue and Gold banquet and on summer activities. Awards were given to cub scouts for several activities, including a uniform inspection. More about these awards later in February.

At this time we thank all parents and those who have lent a helping hand in the past months, and who will continue to help in the future. Pack reporter K. Holman.



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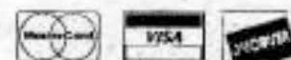


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the door, the other guy who'd been in the store put a gun at the back of White's head and the man who'd been loitering outside pushed a gun in his face," Walt said, "I thought maybe it was a robbery or a drug deal that had gone sour and that maybe they were going to kill him; I was afraid I might be next as the only witness.

"When they got him down on the ground and were handcuffing him, the two guys yelled, 'We're cops! Dial 911 and tell them officer needs help.' It seemed only minutes before we had fourteen law enforcement vehicles surrounding the place and the man was put into a police car," said Walt.

On January 27 Pierce County Sheriff Sergeant Pete Carter explained to this reporter that the suspect had been under

surveillance for several weeks by the WSP who made the arrest under warrant. Following the arrest, WSP officers advised the Pierce County Sheriff's deputies of the suspect's address, noting that the frame structure there was a probable amphetamine production site. According to Sergeant Carter, by 8pm January 26 Pierce County Sheriff's deputies had obtained a search warrant and, supported by their own bomb squad to guard against possible booby traps, entered the building.

Inside the building they found a complete amphetamine laboratory consisting of "thousands of dollars worth of glassware and large quantities of chemicals called 'pre-cursors' which are used in amphetamine production," said Sergeant Carter. These materials have been

turned over to the Department of Ecology. In the freezer "drying out" was a pound of manufactured narcotics. This substance, according to Sergeant Carter, is worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It is estimated that the laboratory produced about a pound of the substance per day.

There were also rifles, sawed-off shotguns and handguns in the building, but no explosives as had previously been suspected.

According to Fire Chief Horrace Kanno of the KPPD, in situations of this nature the fire department can be expected to be called to provide fire suppression and a means for decontaminating personnel and equipment exposed to hazardous chemicals and other substances.

New books...

Birthday party book: How To Give Your Child a Happy Birthday/Sage. Pierce County Directory of Child Care Centers and Nursery Schools. Complete Franchise Book/Foster. Ike: The Soldier As They Knew Him/Miller. A Taste Of Morocco/Carrier (Cookbook). Hearts And Hands: The Influence Of Women And Quilts On American Society/Ferrero. National Geographic Society: 100 Years Of Adventure & Discovery/Bryan. The Forested Land: A History Of Lumbering In Western Washington/University of Washington Press. Room-By-Room Afghans: Forty Projects & Accessories To Knit And Crochet/Kurita. How To Build A Catspaw Dinghy: A Boat For Oar And Sail (Wooden Boat).

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Obituaries

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

Lillian V. Billups, 91, a resident of the Tacoma and Lakebay area for five years, died January 17, 1988. She was a homemaker, and belonged to the Ladies Missionary Society.

She is survived by a son, Charles F. Billups of Lakebay, and another son, Harold Billups of California, two daughters, two sisters, 21 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, and many great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, January 21, at Haven of Rest Chapel in Gig Harbor, with interment at Mr. View Cemetery in Centralia.

Slain Ruston Mayor had many friends on Key Peninsula

When Ruston Mayor Pete Brudevold was found slain in the back yard of his home recently, many Key Peninsula citizens were shocked by the brutality but did not immediately associate the victim with our area. They did not realize that the genial mayor was also the friendly and helpful "Pete" who greeted them when they arrived at the refuse transfer station

about halfway between Key Center and Home on the Longbranch Highway.

"Pete" always seemed to have a bone ready for a family pet dog in the car or truck, and was glad to have a word about fishing, sports, the weather or whatever else might come to mind. He would try to help out those who had special problems, and generally sent his "customers" off feeling that they had done business with a nice guy. Pete was an employee of Land Recovery, Inc., operator of the transfer station for Pierce County.



A 40-year old man who had been living in Seattle has now been taken into custody in connection with the slaying of Brudevold (61) and faces a possible charge of murder. Services for Pete Brudevold were held in Tacoma on January 21.

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KPBA news

by Mary Ann Huntington



The first order of business from this columnist is my urgent request that you don't forget to vote on February 2. Our children's education is our best investment in the future.

The 1988 officers for the Key Peninsula Business Association officially took over their duties at the January 15 meeting. Newly elected president is Tom Fifer, owner of Key Stitch Upholstery; vice president is Claudia Loy, owner of Sunnycrest Nursery; Secretary is Mary Ann Huntington, public relations director for Metropolitan Business College; treasurer is Fran Kent, owner of Key Accounting. Cherie Mastro was appointed membership chair. All officers and chairs are charter members of the association. Guest speaker was Jean Linsey from the Peninsula School District. Ms. Linsey passed out fact sheets and talked about the importance of February 2 levy election. Avon Gay and Keith Stiles also took a few moments to talk about the school levy.

The Big Bucks are coming! The KPBA has come up with another exciting promotion to acquaint you with local

merchants and to save you money at the same time. Look for details elsewhere in this paper.

The recent burglary of one of our member businesses has prompted the KPBA to have a fund available for our members to use toward a reward leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone committing vandalism, theft or burglary against a member. This is just one of the benefits of belonging to the Key Peninsula Business Association.



Jean Linsey

Lake Kathryn Mall merchants' offer free TV in Valentine's Day promotion


The merchants of the Lake Kathryn Village Mall are having an exciting Valentine's Day promotion in which there will be a drawing with the winner being awarded a color television set. Pat Blundell of The Country Mouse has been putting the promotion together, and she said that she hopes everyone will make it a point to drop in at the Lake Kathryn Village Mall stores with their entries, and also take a look around to see the many fine values offered. Complete information on the contest drawing will be found in a full-page advertisement elsewhere in this edition of the NEWS. Why not get in on the fun, and enter promptly!!!

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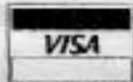
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We the people

by Paul Cyr,
Council member
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This month I would like to report a couple of county accomplishments.

The Pierce County Council passed what is commonly called the Burley/Minter Plan on January 12, 1988. Final passage of this plan is the first step in assuring better water quality for the entire area. The county has appointed a citizen implementation committee that will be working toward further defining what citizens can do on both a voluntary and required basis to improve the water quality of Burley and Minter bays. This plan was developed at the grass roots level by citizens who live within the affected watersheds in Pierce and Kitsap counties. Both counties are working hard to improve the affected areas. The County Conservation District will be sending out notices to residents within the area sometime in April, outlin-

ing what volunteer efforts can be made to guard against septic tank failures and control animal and runoff problems that will affect the streams and bays.

Some months back, as a result of information from fireman Chuck West and others, we asked the Washington State Department of Transportation to look into improving the intersection at Elgin-Clifton Road SR 302. I am happy to report that the County Public Works Department and the DOT are in the process of making improvements for the overall safety of that intersection. Guideposts, lane markers, rubble bars and new signs will be installed as weather permits during the month of February. The alternatives were arrived at after investigating the flow of traffic at the existing intersection. At present the alternative does not include flashing beacons. Once these improvements are made, additional investigation will occur if warranted. I am grateful to citizens who brought this dangerous situation to our attention.

Finally, I am glad I can report accomplishments like those noted above. Government is often criticized for its lack of action. I am finding, much to my pleasure, that government, given the right information and support, does respond.

To your health

by
William F. Roes, MD



It is with great pleasure that we introduce a new health care provider to the Key Peninsula in February of 1988. Karen Schneider, ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner) will be joining Dean Shriner, ARNP, and me in our practice at the KP Health Center. Karen is also a nurse practitioner who recently retired

from several years of service with the Navy. She got her nursing degree at Wayne State University and did her graduate training at the University of California, San Diego. She will be working initially on Fridays and is especially interested in women's health care issues and child care.

Karen is married and has two children, Ben (one year old) and Gorton (three). Her husband, Bill Stratton is the previous administrator of the Key Peninsula Health Center and is now doing contract work for the board. Dean and I are delighted to have Karen join us in providing health care for the community.

Burley Galleria open house

On Sunday, February 14 a gala open house will be held from noon to 4 pm to kick off Burley Galleria's two-week grand opening celebration. New owners Barbara Hanna of Lakebay and Helga Fischer of Gig Harbor will exhibit their china painting.

Helga Fischer was lauded as the 1987 winner of the annual competition sponsored by the International Association of China Painters. Fischer's intricate Imari styling will be displayed along with her porcelain jewelry.

Barbara Hanna, a twenty-year veteran of ceramics and china painting, will center her show around a hand-painted porcelain lavatory and functional but decorative pieces. She will also show humorous works and jewelry.

Unique displays representing selected works from each Burley Galleria artist will add to the festivities. Refreshments will be served and no admission will be charged. The displays will remain in place through the month of February.

Burley Galleria is open 7 days a week from 11 am to 4 pm. It is a little difficult to find but well worth the effort. For more information, phone 857-7479.

Peninsula High School students to present "Grease"

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Levies are essential if we are to maintain and improve our educational system. The District's 13 schools have an enrollment of 6,504 students. **A LEVY LOSS WOULD SEVERELY IMPACT "BASIC EDUCATION" IN THE PENINSULA SCHOOLS AND WOULD MEAN THAT MAJOR REDUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE IN INSTRUCTIONAL AND OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.**

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In the Library.....

If you fondly remember the illustrations from classic editions of **Treasure Island Kidnapped, The Mysterious Stranger, Robin Hood, Robinson Crusoe, Rip Van Winkle, and The Yearling**



by N.C. Wyeth, you will enjoy the new book entitled **N.C. Wyeth, The Collected Paintings, Illustrations and Murals**. His son Andrew is a widely recognized artist. And now, perhaps, the parent will also receive the recognition he so much deserves. The subjects of his paintings are wide-ranging and, in addition to the literary works, include the old West, portraits of Indian life, and farm life. Looking at the book is an inspiration to reread the stories by Robert Louis Stevenson, Mark Twain, Daniel Defoe, James Fenimore Cooper, Jules Verne, Washington Irving, and others, all illustrated by N.C. Wyeth.

It's time for garden planning again. The January/February issue of **Harrowsmith** discusses seed varieties for 1988, advantages and disadvantages of numerable varieties, and a several page listing of seed sources. The gardening column in the **Seattle Weekly** by Ann Lovejoy, author of **The Year In Bloom: Gardening For All Seasons In The Pacific Northwest**, contains gems of advice. A new book, **The Country Garden** by John Brookes, is inspiring and utilitarian. Beautiful illustrations also make it an enjoyable book for browsing.

The children's department has produced a booklet called **Jump Ups, Knee Bouncers, and Tickles: Rhymes for the Very Young**. Copies are available at KC Library.

Preschool storytime: January 29 through March 18, each Friday, 10:30 am for ages 3 - 5.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday 1-8:30
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Friends of the Library sponsor program ...

Back pain is the most common reason for seeing a doctor next to upper respiratory infections. About 80% of the population experiences back pain to some extent, and one runs a 60% chance of a return bout within two years. How many people do you know that have back pain? Can you avoid becoming a back pain statistic? The answer is yes. You can prevent back pain, or its recurrence. There are techniques to tone the muscles, improve posture, stretch ligaments, relax

nerves, increase flexibility, reduce pain, and increase function.

Molly Spangle, a physical therapist of Grant/Spangle Physical Therapy in Gig Harbor, will present a discussion/demonstration on the subject of preventive backcare, repetitive injuries, and body mechanics on Wednesday, February 10, 7 pm at the Key Center Library.

There will be a display of books on the subject of backcare, and printed information will be distributed.

This is a free program, open to the public, and sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. A business meeting of the Friends will precede the program at 6 pm.

Watch for big bucks!

Cutbacks at local post offices?

The U.S. Postal Service has announced that cutbacks are in store for postal service throughout the United States, probably equivalent to eliminating about one-half of one day service per week. The decision is said to be due to budget shortages and, according to estimates, might result in the loss of several thousand jobs throughout the country. Just how the anticipated cutback will affect service, and exactly how it will be applied in the Peninsula area has not yet been announced. Terry Moore, postmistress at the U.S. Post Office located in Home, said that no official word "had come down the line" as of NEWS press time.

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At Home on the Range

by Janice McMillan



When we rented a house in Menlo Park, California more than ten years ago, I found a box of recipe cards left behind by a very old previous owner who had died. Looking over her recipes the other day, I realized that I knew quite a lot about her from the collection, even though we had never met. She collected Scandinavian recipes, and I suspect she was of Danish descent, she didn't speak French, she was a volunteer at Allied Arts, she had a lot of women friends - among them Jessie, Marcella and Sallie who gave her recipes. She entertained her friends for lunch and served food that might seem a little old-fashioned to us, but I think in her day she was right up to the minute. Her recipe for these cookies came from an old "Domino Sugar Bowl Kitchen" recipe folder. It is something a little nostalgic for your Valentine.

Valentine Twin Cookie Sandwiches

1c. sugar
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 c. margerine
1 egg
1 tsp grated lemon rind
1 tsp vanilla
3 c. sifted flour
1 tsp baking powder
Method: Cream sugar, salt and margerine well, blend in egg, lemon rind and vanilla. Sift flour and baking powder together; stir into creamed ingredients. Divide dough into 3 balls. Roll each 1/8" thick on floured surface. Cut out 2-3/4" hearts with floured cutter. Cut center from half cookies with 1-1/2" heart cut-

ter. Place all hearts on ungreased cookie sheets, bake at 350 degrees for 7-8 minutes.

Filling:
1 egg white
2 to 2-1/2 c. powdered sugar
1 Tbs melted margerine
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp vanilla
red food coloring.

Method: Beat egg white with powdered sugar, add margerine, salt and vanilla, beat until smooth, adding more sugar if necessary. Tint pink with food coloring. Make large sandwiches by spreading plain heart with filling and pressing cut-out tops on. Make tiny sandwiches by spreading filling between small hearts. Yield: 2-1/2 doz. large sandwiches and 2-1/2 doz. small.

By the way, the only date I found in all of the collection of recipes and papers was one on an article from the San Francisco Chronicle of March 14, 1926.

10K Volksmarch at Northwest Trek.

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, in co-sponsorship with the Evergreen State Volkssport Association, is hosting its 4th Annual Volksmarch on February 6 and 7. Starting time is 8 am to 1 pm both days and walkers have until 4 pm to complete the 10K route along paved paths and woodland trails. Registration for the walk is free. In honor of the Volksmarch, Northwest Trek will offer tram tours to adults for \$2.75 and to children for \$1.50. No pets are allowed.

Specialty foods will also be available through the snack bar.

Trek's 1987 Volksmarch broke Washington attendance records for a weekend Volksmarch event.

Lions entertainment book project ends.

One of the better fund-raising projects of the Key Peninsula Lions Club wound down this week. The sale of the two-for-one-price 1988 Entertainment coupon book started last October, the last month that the 1987 coupon books were good. This year's project committee, headed by Jim Updike, included Bob Morgan and Marty Sorlie as main helpers. As in the past, the Key Center Shell Station sold a large number of coupon books using their readerboard to remind people to come in and buy. Marty Sorlie at the Key Center Barber Shop also sold quite a few and has two books still available.

Don Tjossem at Puget Sound Bank and Dr. John Olsson each sold books at their offices. Hugh McMillan, Mary Ann Huntington, and Jim and Ruth Updike each sold several to friends and associates. Among others selling books were Barbara Gilliam, Mike Kent, Chrystal Jaggi, Bill Detmering, Don Mastro, Kevin Dieckman, Bob Campy and Stan Rippon.

Total sales of 175 books provided one of the club's best fund raisers. In addition to helping a number of local causes, this book project also helps the Lions Club Zone International Student Exchange Fund. Sales for the 1989 Entertainment coupon book will start next October.

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St. Valentine's Day: an ancient custom.

by Gerry Goodies

St. Valentine's Day draws near and some of us will be giving and receiving cards and gifts. Perhaps we may pause to wonder where and how this custom originated. You might be surprised to learn that in this 20th century we are still celebrating an ancient Roman feast day, brought to Britain in the early 200's AD.

When the Roman conquerors invaded

Britain, they brought with them their own pagan rituals and festivals. One of these being "The Feast of Lupercalia," a sacrificial celebration held yearly in February to give thanks to the Wolf Protector and The God of Fertility named Luperus.

In Europe wolves roamed in great numbers, preying on farmers and their families and causing untold destruction to crops. So the early Britons and the Roman invaders banded together to sacrifice sheep and goats to offer thanks for fertility and prosperity and to pray to Luperus for the next year's blessings. After Christianity came to Europe, church leaders decided to change the name of the feast day

to St. Valentine's and the date settled on was February 14. This decision was made in honor of a christian martyr who was executed in approximately 270 AD by Emperor Claudius II. A law had been passed by Claudius forbidding young men to marry, as he considered married men made poor soldiers. However, the martyred priest paid little attention to this law and performed many marriages in secret. He was caught and imprisoned for his disobedience and, while in prison, restored the sight of his jailor's blind daughter. She was so grateful that she made special efforts to cheer him by bringing extra food and showing him as

much kindness as possible. On the morning of his execution, February 14, Valentine wrote her a note thanking her for all the kindness she had shown to him and signed it "from your Valentine." He was later raised to sainthood and now, many hundreds of years later, people still exchange love notes on the day of his execution.

Historians have traced 15th century love letters, poems and floral gifts that were sent on February 14. Early records from Britain show that after the long harsh winters, birds would start mating on this date. So history is telling us in no uncertain terms that love starts blooming in one way or another on St. Valentine's Day.

More letters

To the Editor:

We are asking our Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor neighbors to consider the necessity and importance of passing the Peninsula School District Maintenance and Operations Levy on Tuesday, February 2. **This levy is not an increase.** It will continue the amount approved two years ago. It is used in the daily programs currently in our schools.

We are concerned that voters may confuse an important dialogue that is occurring at this time about our district elementary reading program, with their opinion about this maintenance levy. These are two separate issues. Individual preferences about reading will continue to be discussed. This maintenance and operational levy should not be held hostage by one issue.

Our children and our schools are our best investment in the future. Please vote YES to preserve the basic opportunities for our most precious natural resource.

We have children at both Evergreen Elementary and the Key Peninsula Middle School.

Helen and John Carlson

To the Editor:

We are writing in support of the Peninsula School District's upcoming school levy election. We have been residents of the Key Peninsula area for the past six years. As parents of a third-grader attending Evergreen Elementary, and being active in the parent organization at Evergreen as well as the Citizens Advisory Board to the School District, we are impressed by the District's commitment to quality education. Our district, being one of the largest in area, and yet small with regards to total student population, presents some problems. Transportation costs which are unfunded by the State must be paid for through the special levies. Programs for students with special education needs; remedial, gifted and vocational needs; curriculum and staff development; maintenance of school facilities and grounds; the purchase of new text books; educational equipment for classrooms, physical education and libraries are also funded through levies.

Our state is sadly lacking in the support of public education and pressure must be put on the Legislature to increase its support to public education. Whether you have children attending school in the district or not, it is your responsibility to

see that they receive the best possible education. After all, education is the stepping stone to the future.

We urge the people of the Key Peninsula area to join us in support of the special levy election on February 2, and vote "yes" for the future.

Rand and Peggy Chiarovano

To the Editor:

On February 2 we will be asked once again to cast our votes for a maintenance and operation levy for the Peninsula School District.

As a parent, actively involved in the education of my children, I strongly urge your support of the levy. It will enable our district to continue to provide the outstanding programs and services currently being offered. As residents of the Peninsula we are fortunate to participate in an outstanding educational system. Our students are recipients of quality teaching and a system committed to serving the needs of our diverse community.

A "yes" vote on February 2 is a vote in support of the future of the children of our community.

Daphne Daus.

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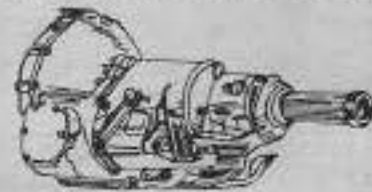
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Fire Department Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 14

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Fire Department will honor its finest at its 1988 Awards Banquet at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on Valentine's Day, February 14.

Among the awards will be a pin to one firefighter for *thirty years of service*. A number of five year service pins will also be awarded.

The *Chief's Awards*, the *Reaction to Action Award*, and the *Sustained Superior Performance Award* will be presented by Chief Horace Kanno who personally makes the selections of those to be so honored.

The winner of the *Spruce and Use Award*, a \$25 prize to the Station that has maintained the best kept building, grounds, and equipment during the year, will be selected by the KP Fire Department's Executive Board made up of Chief Kanno, Assistant Chief Don Olson, Captain Fred Ramsdell, and Lieutenant Tony Brentin.

The recipient of the *Officer of the Year Award*, also selected by the Executive Board, will be honored for exemplary participation in and contributions to the Department throughout the year.

The Board of Fire Commissioners, Duane Fleming, Art Fenton, and Hugh McMillan, annually select for the *Commissioners' Award* a member of

the Fire Department they feel has contributed not only to the Department but who has voluntarily given time, effort, leadership, and participation in the affairs of the Key Peninsula community at large and whose performance reflects creditably on the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

The *Helping Hand Award* is given annually to a citizen or organization in the community contributing time and expertise to the Key Peninsula Fire Department. The recipient is selected by the Department's Executive Board.

To many the most important honor of the evening is the *Firefighter of the Year Award*. The recipient of this accolade is selected by the volunteer officers of the District following a selection process in which the names of two firefighters from each of our six stations are submitted to a board composed of two officers from each station who vote for their

choices of the best qualified firefighters from a station other than their own. The names of these candidates are then voted on by the officers on a basis of three points for their choices of number one, two and three candidates. From this vote, the top three candidates are selected and the officers, now free to vote for any candidate, select the *Firefighter of the Year*.

Four new awards have been added to this year's ceremony, each based on the records of the Department: the *Best Drill Attendance Award*, the *Best Response Record Award*, the *Top Training Hours' Award*, and the *Top Off-duty Sleeper Shifts Award*. These special awards will acknowledge those firefighters whose records clearly demonstrate effort above and beyond even the high standards set by all members of the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

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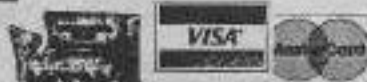
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by Hugh McMillan

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Nineteen Key Peninsula firefighters from Stations 2, 3, 4, and 5 responded to a 911 report of the fire at 1:32 pm and arrived on the scene shortly thereafter by which time the building was fully involved. The fire was suppressed within minutes but the structure is considered a total loss. The last Fire Department unit to leave the scene did so at 4:26 pm.

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School District, which did so with an eye toward keeping the tax rate at a level that voters can afford. The actual rates proposed are \$2.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the year 1989 (down from the current \$2.53), and \$2.43 for 1990 (down again another seven cents). "Our proposed levy" said Hulst, "has been designed with fairness to the taxpayer in mind, together with the need to provide a quality education for the 6,504 pupils in our district."

Support for the levy this spring is being led by the "Believers" group of parents and district patrons with Avon Gay of Minter Creek and John Bare of Gig Harbor as co-chairs. They have pointed out that of eight first class school districts in Pierce County the levy amounts asked this year by the Peninsula School District are the next to the lowest of the group, while good management of the district continues to produce excellent results with the funds available. "Our children" said Avon Gay, "are our future, and our future is going to school today." She urged voters to turn out in support of the levy, and in support of quality education for Peninsula District children.

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no suspects were seen at that time. Sheriff's deputies, however, noted a car that was "of interest in the case" parked in the Volunteer Park lot close to the school. While Fire District 16 personnel secured the general area, a hunt for the suspects ensued, and deputies using tracking dogs captured all five soon afterward.

Damage estimates to school property have now been revised strongly downward, and stand at about \$6,000 rather than the \$50,000 that was first reported. This amount does not include damage to the private cars, as these are being evaluated separately.

Due to fast weekend work by school employees, all buses were in operation on the following Monday morning and school was held as usual at KPMS.

Wins smell award

Workers digging peat in County Tipperary, Ireland are reported to have dug up a lump of what may be the world's oldest cheese, weighing about 100 pounds. It is estimated that the cheese was made in either the 5th or 6th Century AD, and it was said to be still edible. (It was not stated just who might have tried it!)



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7 Christian Church Old Room 9 - 11 Spaghetti Dinner Benefit 1 - 5	8 Aerobics Rocky Bay TV and Acc 7:30 PAA 6 - 9	9 Pre - School Evergreen Aerobics Karate KPCI Exec. Board	10 KP Park Board 7:30pm Pre - School Aerobics Rocky Bay Youth Group Bingo	11 Pre School Seniors Aerobics Karate Teen NA KPCI Board 7:30 pm	12 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	13 KPCI Sweetheart Sock Hop Dance
14 Christian Church Fire District No 16 Awards Dinner Box - 12am	15 Aerobics Rocky Bay Basketball 5:30 - 7:30	16 Pre - School Evergreen Aerobics Karate	17 Pre - School Aerobics Rocky Bay Youth Group Bingo	18 Pre - School Seniors Aerobics Karate Teen NA Cootieries	19 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	20 White Dance 8 - 11am
21 Christian Church	22 Aerobics Rocky Bay Basketball 5:30 - 7:30	23 Pre - School Evergreen Aerobics Karate	24 Pre - School Aerobics Rocky Bay Youth Group Bingo	25 Karate 7 - 9 Teen NA Pre - School Seniors Skate Party 3 - 5 Aerobics Toe Collins 4:30-6:30 CR	26 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	27 Lionn Citizen of the year Dinner
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