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Child clinic

Dr. Roes speaks to us about the local child care clinic, and about E-coli.

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Trooper Jim Sammons retires

It seems that everyone on Key Peninsula knows Trooper Sammons. See our feature, page 11.

Citizens of the Year

Still time to get tickets to the annual event. See story, page 7.



Kid Art

Kids, send us your artwork for publication! Look inside for our new feature.

Get ready for *Reno Night!*



Fund raisers at the Civic Center are always fun. We call them fun raisers. And one of the most fun and exciting of them all is *Reno Night*.

On *Reno Night* the Civic Center becomes a casino, with trained dealers wearing silk vests and visors. You can play Blackjack, Bingo, dice games, Chuck-a-luck, Beat the Dealer and Wheel of Fortune. Mingle with all the Key Wheelers and Dealers. Enjoy the food and refreshments.

Be there, March 6, 6 PM to midnight (Bingo, 6:30 to 11:30). It's a winner!

Pictured above is action at a craps table last November. We probably will not have craps at the March 6 *Reno Night*, because of a lack of volunteers to work the tables.

Though we had permission to photograph all the players in the above picture, we failed to get all of their names. Far left is Dale Loy, long-time Civic Center volunteer, former president of the KPCC Association and co-owner of Sunnycrest Nursery. Next to Dale is trainer Bill Heard. Far right is Civic Center caretaker Nick Nichols. If any of the others pictured would like to have their names in KPNEWS, give us a call and we will get it into our next issue.

Five hours in a well

"This property has been in my parents' hands for 34 years," said Juli Richards. "As a little girl I ran up that hill every summer to play on the swing in the apple tree. None of us knew that well was there."

That well was thirty feet deep. It had been covered with a lot of brambles that hid an opening that apparently had once been covered with wood—long since rotted out. Its secret location became obvious about ten in the morning on Friday, February 12.

The Richards and their two and a half year old son Andrew and ten month old son Jack were enjoying a weekend of relaxation at the beach. Jim Richards and son Andrew were in the garden digging worms for fishing.

Their black labs Charlie and Chelsea were chasing each other about the Fil Lucy Bay-side property.

That's when Charlie disappeared. Charlie's mate began to bark and whine at the well's opening then ran back down the hill. "She was really making a fuss," said Jim. "I could hear Charlie whining but I couldn't see him anywhere."

In his search, Richards brought Chelsea telling her, "Find Charlie." And then, she too slid down the slippery, grassy lip and ultimately fell the rest of the way to join Charlie at the bottom of the well. The well was dry. Its bottom was black and couldn't be seen without the flashlight Richards soon produced.

"My extension ladder didn't reach the bottom so I lowered it down on a rope and started to try to make a rescue attempt when I suddenly realized that I just might wind up down there with the dogs," said Richards.

A quick call to 911 brought KP Fire lieutenant Rick Olsen and firefighter Gary Way to the scene. They were soon joined by firefighters Bob Gauthier, Becki Witt, Chief Horace Kanno and Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell. The Humane Society sent a man with a snare, a harness and other rescue paraphernalia.

It wasn't until about 3:30 PM that the dogs, one at a time, were hauled to the surface wriggling, yelping and happy to be free of their almost-tomb. The rescue was accomplished thanks to

See photo; *Dogs down well*—page 5



New board member

We have a new member on the Executive Board of Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, elected at the February 11 meeting to replace newly elected Richard Eyrish (who had to step down because of other, conflicting commitments). Fire Chief Horace Kanno will be an Association "at large" member. Chief Kanno's participation was appreciated at the Feb. 11 meeting. It's always good to hear varying viewpoints and intelligent input.

Another voice was heard from the end of the table, that of "environmental consultant" Patrick Pound. We hope he continues to attend our meetings. When the suggestion arose to allocate next October's *Flavor of Fall* funds to the cause of restoration of the Center's gymnasium, the environmentalist voice cautioned we be checked for asbestos. Chief Kanno informed us the Center had been checked for asbestos, about four years ago, and at that time, only one problem was identified: a pipe that required covering. That has been taken care of.

Building & Grounds

Also at the Feb. 11 meeting, a T.O.P.S. representative drew to the Board's attention the small ice rink that develops in freezing weather around the heat pumps at the back of the Center. Apparently there has been some close-call slippage. Architect/Association VP Dave Freeman (a.k.a. "Building & Grounds") said he would check into it, see if we can hook the two heat pumps together and drain them into existing pipes through which the water would run underground.



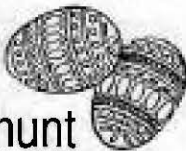
Little League

Little League representatives, who plan a fund raising breakfast to be held at the Civic Center on March 27, asked for a fee reduction—or fee forgiveness. Chief Kanno suggested a trade-off, which inspired some grey cells and lead to suggestions by Claudia Loy, Terry Thomas and Ann Larson. One of

the most difficult activities in which to get parents involved is the annual Halloween party, Ann said. (Ann Larson has labored long at such events as Halloween, Pioneer Days and Flavor of Fall.)

The suggestion was made that Little League parents trade helping out at events such as the Halloween party, in exchange for free room at the Center for their fund raisers.

Also, it was suggested that Little League sponsor a booth on Pioneer Day. The representatives will present the proposal to their board, and report back to us at our March meeting.



Easter egg hunt

According to Terry Thomas, Kathleen LeBlanc has offered to manage the Easter egg hunt again this year. No real eggs will be used; the kids didn't like the real eggs (perhaps because of the delay between hiding and seeking). Plastic and candy eggs will be used instead. (Cadbury received a strong vote.) The Easter egg committee was voted a \$300 allocation for the hunt, and kids can look forward to another fun egg-poaching spree in April.

Heating system HUD grant

Stephanie Zampini reported that the HUD grant request she put together has been OK'd. We have a contract, and the renovation of the heating system is now up for bid. The system—which was partially renovated last year—should be completed by next winter.

Bingo

Still no word on when Bingo will resume. Bingo committee chairman Dale Loy recruited at least one person to meet with him (on Feb. 18 at the Huck)—Dave Freeman. We're hoping someone will volunteer to be the new Bingo Manager. Stay tuned.



Roller skating

Friday night skating manager Carl Davidson reported a steady increase. A lot of skates are in need of repair. He

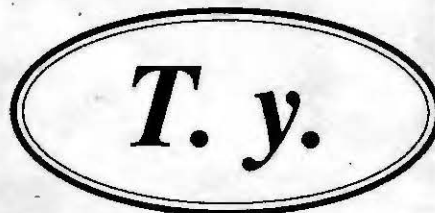
asked for ideas to relieve congestion on Friday nights. And he suggested we buy a big mirror ball, to spruce up the gym. Association board members voted to allocate \$500 toward skate repair/replacement, and yes, we can have a mirror ball. This sparkling addition to the gym will jazz up dances and other functions, as well.

On skating night Friday, Feb. 12, a new congestion-relief system was initiated and seemed to work well.

Also having fun on Friday nights at the Civic Center are young people in the *Teen Room*, overlooked by volunteer Joan Cyr.

Come one, come all—it's good, clean fun.

And don't forget *Reno Night*, March 6! We'll see you there.



It is important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices appear in T.y., which is short for Thank you.

If you would like to thank a person or group for their work, contribution or generosity, send your letter to Key Peninsula NEWS, POB 3, Vaughn WA 98394. And T.y.!

Don Zimmerman of *Purdy Costless Pharmacy* has offered to make arrangements to get a complete first aid kit for use in the Civic Center, at cost. We need to have a good first aid kit on hand, in case an accident occurs, for instance, on skating night. Thank you, Don! Terry Thomas

Over the years, Henry and Eleanor Stock have done *much* in support of the Civic Center, and much in the way of raising of funds toward that same goal. KPNEWS has heard that our dear friend Eleanor is not feeling spunky as usual, right now.

Henry and Eleanor, whose vivid personalities have left such an imprint on the Civic Center and on the rest of our community: our thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care. We look forward to your presence again soon at Civic Center board meetings. Joan for KPNEWS

Become a volunteer firefighter



The power and beauty of fire long has intrigued and frightened me. Firefighting is a dangerous profession. I've always admired firefighters—and I used to worry for them.

Still admire them, but I don't worry for them so much anymore. Not since I visited the Fire Training Academy in North Bend and saw firsthand how well they are trained.

And not since I've heard from several firefighter lips how much they love their work.

"Yeah, it's dangerous," one firefighter said to me, offhandedly. "But we know what we're doing."

Here on Key Peninsula we have one of the finest departments in the country. If you want to join as a volunteer firefighter, contact Battalion Chief Tim Lemon at the Key Center station (884-2222) before March 10. - JL

Cootiettes

The next meeting of the Cootiettes will include installation of new officers, and a pot luck supper at 6 PM, March 18.

One of the members, looking pretty in her red vest, recently told the NEWS they are "looking for a few good women." For more information about the Cootiettes, phone Lenore Jameson, 884-3749; and watch for news in upcoming issues of this paper.

Look for valuable coupons in this month's issue of KPNEWS.

DEADLINE



for April issue:
March 19

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The Civic Center, the community—and you

The Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn is a center of community activity on our peninsula. The Center buzzes with activity—roller skating, dances, karate classes. Basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer practice in the gym. Meetings of the VFW and its Auxiliary, T.O.P.S., Grange, ABATE, CAC, GED, WIC, Seniors, KPLF, Homeschoolers—many others. The rooms and gym are available for private rental. We provide a place for classes, e.g., first aid and CPR. And of course, we have our own "fun" raisers: Flavor of Fall, Pioneer Day, Reno Night . . .

In addition, the Civic Center is an official "Safe Place." Young people who are in need of help are always welcome here.

The Civic Center is a wonderful gathering place. It has a warm family atmosphere. People here are comfortable, happy and busy.

Places like the Civic Center are rare, indeed. They are to be treasured and nourished. Nourishment includes not only volunteer help, but monetary support. Please, remember the Civic Center and its annual needs when you write out your charitable donations. The Civic Center thanks you, the Community thanks you, and KPNEWS thanks you.

Without people like you, there would be no Civic Center. Think about it. Think about our young people, your children and your neighbors' children, and their needs. *They are the future of America.* Cherish them, nurture them—and give them the same, healthy environment you have been lucky to enjoy.

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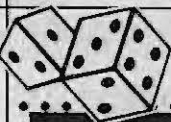


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KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - MAR/APR 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.	MARCH 1 gym walk 8-11am Grange 6:30 pm Karate 7:00 pm ABATE 7:30 pm GED 7:30 pm	2 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15 am - 4pm Lakebay bb 5:30-7pm TOPS 6:30 pm	3 gym walk 8-11 am Volleyball 6:30-8:30 KPLF 7 pm	4 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm CAC 7 pm	5 gym walk 8-11 am Homeschoolers 2-3:30 Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	6  Reno Night! 6 pm
7 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30 Dance Lessons 5-8	8 gym walk 8-11 am GED 7 pm Karate 7 pm VFW & Aux 7 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30	9 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	10 gym walk KPLF Dance Lesson 6-8 pm	11 gym walk Seniors Karate KPCCA Board meeting 7:30 pm	12 gym walk Skating	13 Gm closed - prival rental
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21 KPLF Family skate Dance Lessons	22 gym walk Karate GED	23 gym walk WIC Lakebay bb TOPS	24 gym walk KPLF Dance Lesson	25 gym walk Seniors Karate	26 gym walk 12:50 - Homeschoolers Int'l Trade Show Skating	27  Little League Breakfast
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LETTERS

To the editor:

"We" all support any and all efforts in retaining the Home Bridge as a footpath and fishing area for all "kids."

Each summer we watch in horror as drivers barrel across the bridge (right down the middle, quite often), unaware of dogs and kids fishing as much to the side as possible.

Speed signs are not enough to slow some drivers, signs warning of pedestrians are really needed now.

Let's start a petition!!! What a wonderful idea to preserve our history, whenever came up with it, good for you!

The Peltier Family, Longbranch

Property Taxes

Valentine's Day always rolls around and so does the day after, when Pierce County gives us our Valentines - our property tax bill for the year! (And then of course, there's April 15 that comes very quickly. At least there is a slight reprieve this month.)

Remember, even if the county did not send you a bill, you are still obligated and liable, with penalties if you don't get the first half of the money in an envelope, postmarked no later than April 30. Call them (475 9555 or 1-800-992-2456) after March 1 if you did not get your Valentine. If you are a new homeowner (after Dec. 1, 1992) you must call to receive a statement.

The Gateway reports (Feb. 17 issue) that Key Peninsula residents will experience a 23% increase over their 1992 tax while Gig Harbor (unincorporated) will see a 16.5% rise. Happy Late Valentine's Day! - NB

Parks for All Workshops on Parks/ Recreation

The Pierce County Parks Department is sponsoring a series of workshops in March which will enable the public to share their desires and needs for parks, open space, sports facilities, opportunities for boaters and hikers, etc. The focus is on the GH and Key Peninsulas. They will be holding workshops to

We have had some favorable response to last month's request for opinions on whether or not the old Home bridge should be saved as a footpath/fishing area/park, to remain beside the soon-to-be-built new Home bridge.

One person said, "Let's not have dogs and pedestrians on the same road as the trucks and cars. Keep the old bridge as a footpath!"

Only one person voiced a protest, and she would not leave her name. She said the important historic landmark in that area is the first house built in Home, which you can see from the bridge.

If you have an opinion, call KPNEWS at 882-4699. We will pass it along. - Ed.

gather public input. This is a joint project among many community groups such as Park Boards, the School District, Pierce County, various service clubs, sports groups, performing arts advocates, etc. Plan to attend one of the following workshops. They all meet from 7 to 9 PM.

*March 8, CHHS, Lounge/staff room. *March 10, Kopachuck Middle School Library. *March 15, Peninsula Education Center. *March 17, Key Pen Middle School Library.

For more information, call John Origlesen, 593-4176 or 1-800-992-2456.

Editorial Contributor alert

KPNEWS enjoys, and needs, contributions from our local community. A wonderful, diverse section of our society contributes to our pages: An ex-CIA scummer-courier and his tasteful "letter part," our good doctor (one who still makes housecalls), a treasured veterinarian (the best I have encountered), a knowledgeable accountant involved in the business community, a caring chiropractor, an expert gardener, a gentle pastor and a crackful of info historian—among others. And while we sometimes are disappointed to find a lack of space for these appreciated contributions, we sometimes, too, see a real need for more. In reflection of the good and varied community it represents, the space on KPNEWS' pages is unpredictable.

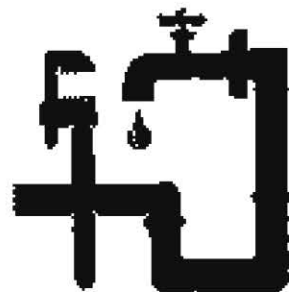
In our Key Peninsula neighborhood spirit, we solicit your opinions and talents for the pages of KPNEWS. Please feel free to write letters to the editor or to contribute your writing in the form of reporting or feature articles. Or call or write with story ideas, we would be happy to receive your input.

Now, when I say "feel free," I mean it in the most generous sense. We are unable to pay for your contributions. KPNEWS is a nonprofit community paper published monthly by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. Our purpose is to inform the Key Peninsula Community about upcoming events at the Civic Center in Vaughn and throughout our community, to report on events past and to share our opinions and experiences with those we live among.



Our desire is not to report the Bad side of human nature, but to encourage the Good.

In response to recent criticism (one phone call) and to much appreciated praise: No, we are not a "real newspaper." I think we're a step above a "real newspaper" in that we seek the heart of our community, we look for the good in people, we prefer to present the positive, rather than the negative aspects of life. Our desire is not to report the Bad side of human nature, but to encourage the Good. In this spirit, please, be involved. Share your thoughts. We are here to express the thoughts and activities of our community. This means you.



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Fishing/Hunting News

It's time to buy your new 1993 fishing and hunting license. Check out our local shops for yours. Also pick up the free pamphlets you'll need.

Fees are the same as last year. Hunting \$15, Fishing \$17, Combination \$29. For residents over 70, a fishing license is \$3 and is not required for those under 15. These licenses are good only for freshwater fishing and steelhead. For saltwater fishing, including salmon, you must have a separate license. KPNEWS has a whole list of costs for transport tags and other documents and licenses. Call.

Apparently, natural resource and law enforcement agencies have teamed up in Washington state to combat poaching and illegal trafficking in wildlife, according to a press release by the WA Dep't of Wildlife. A Tacoma man pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge and two second degree felony counts in 1991.

Undercover operations by Wildlife, U.S. Fish & Wildlife and local agencies have resulted in many convictions and guilty pleas in Pierce County.

CAC recognition dinner at Eagles

Citizens Against Crime (CAC) will henceforth hold regular meetings alternating between the Key Peninsula Civic Center's Whitmore Room and the Gig Harbor Eagles Club. This, it is hoped, will encourage increased attendance from those CAC members who reside in Gig Harbor. The meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM.

At the February 4 meeting at the Eagles Club, as an exception to the above schedule, tentative arrangements were made to hold the March 4

Dogs down well, cont'd from page 1

some masterful and magical work involving lots of ladders, flashlights, harnesses, and other equipment.

The Richards, though concerned for their dogs, were grateful that the accident didn't involve one of their children, themselves, or anyone else.

The dogs were taken to veterinary doctor Richard Charles in Tacoma and, "as Jim arrived, Chelsea passed out; he had to carry her in," said Juli Richards. She had a major concussion, ripped eyebrow, cut-up inner eyelid and requires reconstructive surgery.

Charlie came out of it unblemished.

The very next day, Charboneau Construction poured six dump truck loads of bank grade gravel into the well. During the course of the operation, "a truck got stuck and had to be pulled out by another," said Juli Richards. "It just seemed that nothing was going right." The filling of the well took from 10 AM until 5:30 PM, she said.

KP Fire's Fred Ramsdell said that a few years ago, the KP Sportsmen's Club took on as a project filling in wells.

"They filled at least fifty of them," said Ramsdell.

They obviously missed at least one.

Make sure one isn't hidden away on your property.



Labrador retrieved: KP Firefighter/EMT Becki Witt returns Labrador Retriever to the hands of owner Jim Richards. Photo & story by Hugh McMillan

meeting at the Pierce County Jail to which Sheriff John Shields has invited the group. When confirmed, an announcement will be made.

CAC will hold its fifth annual volunteer recognition buffet dinner at the Gig Harbor Eagles Club from 6-10 PM on March 27. Pierce County Sheriff John Shields will be the keynote speaker.

The crime fighting group is preparing for its second Crime Prevention Fair to be held at the Eagles Club on June 5, 1993. To the mutual advantage of all parties, the fair will follow the annual Gig Harbor Days' parade that day. Booths available for exhibitors of security and crime prevention equipment may be arranged for by calling 858-6532.

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Bird supplies

There is a new bird shop in Gig Harbor on the waterfront called **Wild Birds Unlimited**. It is run by Bremerton resident Jim Ullrich. He wants the shop to be an educational as well as commercial venture. He welcomes school groups who want to learn about birds, look at his birdfeeding stations and the wildlife living on the waterfront. He is hoping to provide safe nesting spots for ducks and other fowl to increase their populations. Call him for information, 851-2575.

Florist

Melissa Sowell, Wauna resident, has owned **The Mustard Seed**, on Pioneer Way in Gig Harbor, for approximately one and a half years. It is always a treat to walk into a florist shop and enjoy all the fragrances. She also owns Starkey Tree Farm. Melissa offered wreath-making classes during the holidays and is planning more this spring. If you are interested, call her at 858-8308.

Accounting/tax preparation

ATB SERVICES is Barbara and Dick Granquist, Key Peninsula residents who live between Key Center and Home. They have both worked in Accounting/Tax Preparation for

many years, most currently with Jorgenson and Associates in Gig Harbor. They started their own financial services business in October. Dick also worked for Weyerhaeuser for 34 years. Call 884-4163 to see how they can help you. Welcome to our business community.

35mm FILM in Key Center

You may have noticed their ad on KPNEWS pages. **Private Label Film** of Key Center is offering a great deal on major brand 35mm film, e.g., color film, 8, 12 or 15 exposure, 100 or 200 ASA, 5 rolls for \$5; 36 exposures, \$2 each. **Private Label**—located in the red barn on the south end of Key Center—is open 9-5, Monday through Friday. All film is guaranteed. Stop by and give it a shot.

Espresso shop

There are a few places on the Peninsula where you can get a latte, some better than others. **Liquid Perfection** (located in the little mall by Harvest Time) lives up to its name. There, the proprietor, C.J., will make you a drink to rival anything you could find on Mercer Island—cappucino, latte, real espresso for those with real stamina; lots of flavors of "designer whips," including chocolate raspberry and chocolate almond ... and if that isn't enough chocolate for you, she offers *Dilettante Chocolates* for sale.

The coffee used by **Liquid Perfection** is "Luigi Lavazza—CAFFÈ ESPRESSO since 1895." It's fabulous. And while you're sipping, you can peruse the other things in the mall. It's a fun place, with fresh cut flowers on the **Country Garden** side and lots of colorful imported clothing and bags and jewelry (etc.) at **The Eclipse**.

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2	KP Business Ass'n Caregivers support group	March 5: 7:30am; March 19 noon March 17: 7-9pm	Homeport Restaurant Key Center/Brones Rm		
		CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS			
	AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	March 24: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church	28	
	Angel Guild	March 23: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm		
3	ASHES	March 4: 10:30 am	Key Center fire station		
	Cooliettes	March 18: 6:30 pm	KPCC Whitmore Rm		
		and March 9,16,23	Visit Veterans		
		Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot			
	KPCCA Board Mtg	March 11: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm	27	
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6	Seniors exercise program WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Immunizations	Tues. & Thu. 8:30-9:30am Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm	Comm House - Home KPCC/Whitmore Rm GH Chamber/Commerce 552-1767 for info	24	
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11	Pen Neighbors Craft Club Pen. Social Club	March 9: 10:30 am March 4: 6:30 Potluck 7:30-9 Mtg	Comm House, Home KP Lutheran Church	19	
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Communications in an Emergency

by Neena Bauer

During the recent power outage, did you futilely flip through the stations on your portable radio and come up with absolutely no information about conditions in our area? Can you imagine the same situation in a more violent catastrophe where all communication links are severed and no emergency information is available to the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsulas?

At their Feb. 11 meeting, the Peninsula School Board voted to ratify the emergency broadcast system participation agreement with Peninsula Light Company. This agreement allows Peninsula Light to cooperate with the school district to boost broadcast capabilities during an emergency and to help provide equipment that is not dependent on grid power and phone lines.

Keith Stiles told KPNEWS that he has been working on this plan for about one and a half years and it is due to be completed during this coming summer, ready for a trial run next winter, should nature provide us the opportu-

nity. Many groups are pooling together in this effort such as emergency committees, amateur radio operators and many other volunteers.

Considering that the boundaries of Fire Districts 5 and 16, the school district, Pen Light and PTI are concurrent, it seems the ideal partnership. "All those interests have a stake in good communications," Keith mentioned.

The agreement calls for establishing emergency power at Peninsula H.S., from where KGHB now broadcasts, emergency power at the Evergreen transmitter (and an emergency broadcast studio), emergency power at the translator in downtown Gig Harbor, a microwave link between PHS and Evergreen that will not require a phone line and a direct line from Pen-Light headquarters to PHS for broadcasting purposes.

Schools that have emergency power, such as Evergreen, will be able to provide water (many people on wells lose their water supply), light and a dry place to stay in severe emergencies.

We can not rely on any help from Tacoma. They will be dealing with their own concerns. As all disaster scenario studies conclude, communication links to people in need are vital. This partnership will attempt to meet that need.



Captain Al Haynes, hero of United Airlines flight 232, will be keynote speaker at the 1993 Citizens of the Year banquet.

Citizens of the Year Saturday, Feb. 27

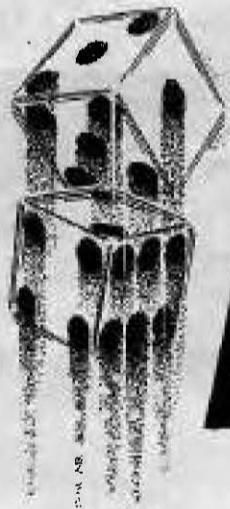
by Hugh McMillan

Some tickets remain for the Lions Club-sponsored, Ninth Annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards banquet, to be held Saturday, Feb. 27.

Captain Al Haynes, hero of United Airlines flight 232, will be the banquet's keynote speaker. Earlier this year, Charlton Heston played Captain Haynes in a TV docu-drama depicting Haynes' courage and expertise as the pilot who saved many lives when UA 232 plunged in flames through a cornfield at the edge of the Sioux City, Iowa, airport. This writer attended Haynes' program in October 1992 and found it to be an extremely rewarding experience—something not to be missed.

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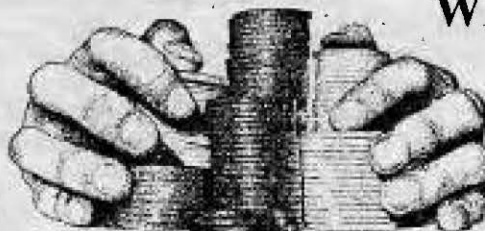
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Goin' Out

by
Janice McMillan



Steamer's, at 8802 6th Avenue, Tacoma (Titlow Beach), is a modestly priced restaurant with a million dollar view. On a sunny Saturday in February the view from the waterfront location at a window-side table seemed like a TV ad for the Pacific Northwest.

Narrows Bridge across the horizon, fishermen near shore in small boats, a mother with her baby in a stroller, two older people walking arm in arm, a father and his two little daughters having a snack at an outdoor table, and a man walking his dog were so perfect it could all have been arranged by a movie director.

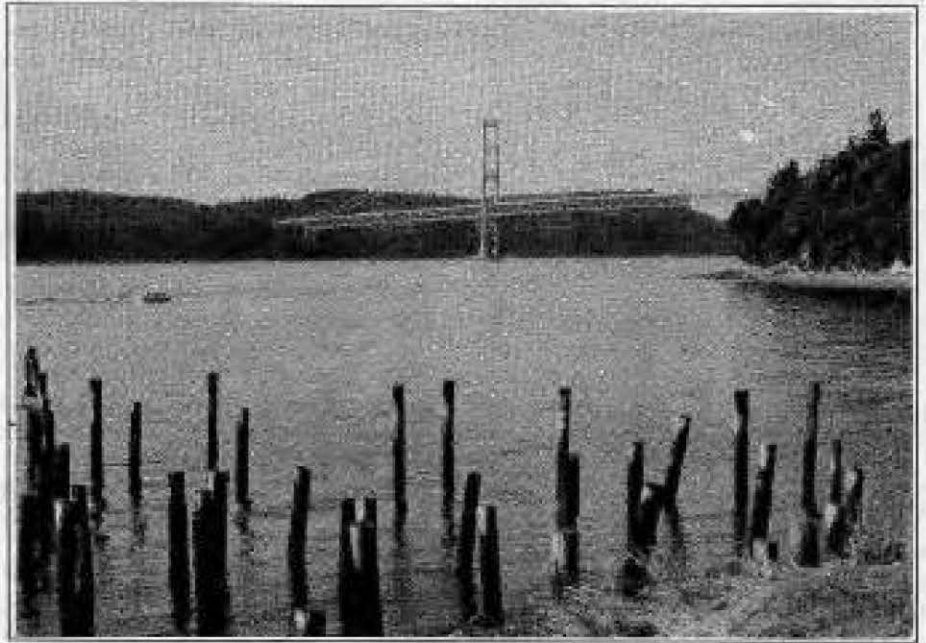
To add to this almost unreal setting, the restaurant is Northwest in feeling with wood and green Formica tables, large windows, and authentic marine decoration. The cedar shake building's attractive, simple and low profile fits right in on the waterfront. Steamer's is a combination of "fast food" and a more traditional restaurant. And, the food was very good.

Upon entering, you place your order at the counter, ordering from the il-

luminated menu behind the counter, as in a "fast food" place. Unlike that type of restaurant, however, the menu includes wine and beer and Italian sodas. Your food is brought to the table by a waiter.

My Dear Companion and I both had a large cup of clam chowder (\$1.79). This clam chowder is first rate, made from fresh milk, butter, fresh vegetables, herbs, and smoked bacon and of course lots of clams. The smoked bacon imparts a very pleasant slightly smokey taste to the chowder, which did not have a lot of thickener added. I loved it and two cups of chowder would have been a sufficient lunch for me. However, we each had ordered a plate of two pieces of deep fried fish with a Caesar Salad (\$4.79). The fish, Alaskan true cod, was lightly batter coated and cooked in just the right temperature fat so that it was not a bit greasy. The salad was made from Romaine lettuce and had a good dressing with lemon and parmesan cheese. I did not detect any anchovies (my Dear Companion was glad, I was not). The Caesar salads are made fresh to order.

Also available from the menu are steamed clams and mussels, Northwest Seafood Stew made from fresh ingredients, and some non-seafood items such as chicken, hamburgers and salads. They also have ice cream and yogurt treats for dessert. All frying is done in cholesterol-free vegetable oil. Every evening Steamer's has a din-



View from location of Steamer's. The photograph was taken several years ago by Joan Lawrence.

ner special at a very reasonable price. Thursday features Alaskan King Salmon with fries for \$8.49 or with Caesar Salad for \$8.99. Sunday special is Chicken Breast with Pasta Marinara for \$6.99.

Steamer's is a suitable place to bring children although when we were there, no children were present.

Hours are 11 AM until 9:30 PM Sunday through Thursday and on Friday and Saturday they are open until 10 PM. Telephone number is 565-4532.

Conclusion: I thought Steamer's was one of the nicest casual restaurants I'd been to in a long time. Try it. I'm sure you will like it. The location is certainly convenient when going to or coming home from Tacoma via the Narrows Bridge.



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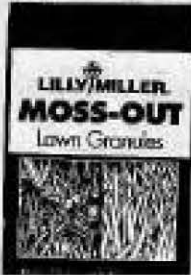
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Water, Wild Birds and Winter

by Jim Ullrich

One way to increase success in bird feeding during the winter is to offer water. In the coldest of weather the birds will drink and also bathe. For these reasons attendance can sometimes be twice as great in the winter.

When natural sources are frozen the water you offer may be the only source for miles. If none is available the birds will resort to eating snow. However, this tends to lower body temperature and actually causes dehydration. Much energy is expended to convert the eaten snow to water.

Bathing helps keep birds warm. Feathers are comprised of interlocking webs called barbules; when kept clean they insulate properly. Once bathed the bird will use his bill to draw oil from a gland at the tail, to coat and groom his feathers. In order to do this the feathers need to be clean.

Do not worry about the birds finding your open water. In winter they are attracted to the rising steam seen from your birdbath.

A caution to those who may be using glycerin to keep water open. Glycerin mats the feathers, which reduces insulating abilities and if swallowed, causes intestinal damage. The best way is to set out a little warm water through the course of the day or use an electric de-icer. These use very little electricity and are most effective.

In the Garden

by Olive Bell Reid



Roses

Roses have for centuries been the favorite plant of gardeners and artists, due to their exquisite form, spectacular blooms and intoxicating fragrances.

Sunnycrest Nursery has a good supply of #1 AARS winner roses. Bill, at Peninsula Gardens, reports that they will carry the famous David Austin roses this year. If you desire unusual roses, try Fred Edmunds Roses, 6235 SW Kahle Rd, Wilsonville, OR 97070. Last year he carried "Brown Velvet," an orangish-brown floribund.

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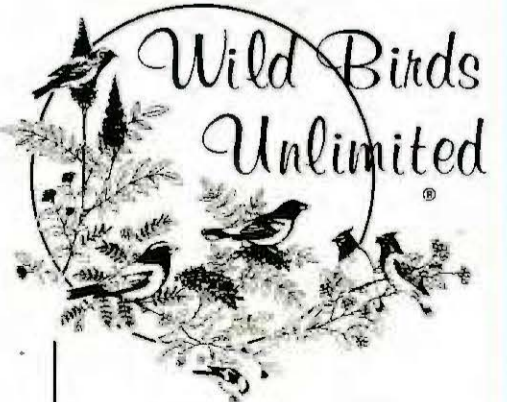
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Trooper Sammons retires

story and photo by Hugh McMillan

There were mixed feelings on the part of just about everyone.

"I'm happy for Jim," said Sue Mendenhall, "but I hate the thought of him not being there. I hardly even know him but he's such a strength for our community."

"I can't believe it," lamented Rhys Wood, "it just won't be the same without Jim in that patrol car."

And so it went. Most Peninsulans received the news of Washington State Patrol Trooper Jim Sammons' retirement with a mix of disbelief, a sense that something solid in our lives would soon be missing, and, yet, happiness for the big man in blue who has patrolled and provided security to the area since July 1967.

"Yep," said Trooper Jim, "I turn in my gear, badge, patrol car and uniform on February 16. I have to admit, it's difficult to do. It's been a good career."

This writer first met Jim Sammons on the Purdy Spit in 1978. It came in the form of flashing blue lights and a warning ticket for moving into traffic too close to an on-coming vehicle. Not quite the right way to initiate what has become a close friendship. But Jim's professionalism, courtesy, and firm fairness set the scene. Over the years it

has been clear that everyone respects him for these qualities.

Born in Kirkland, at the age of five he moved with his family to Bellevue. There he graduated from Bellevue High School, for which he played football and baseball and studied in the Distributive Education program, which combined academics and interface with the business community.

Not many know that shortly after high school, Sammons became a licensed cosmetologist and worked in a Bellevue beauty salon.

From 1964 to 1970 he was with the US Marine Corps Reserve. He studied aviation electricity and became a certified aircraft inspector through studies at Highline College from 1965-67. Shortly after leaving the Marine Corps as a sergeant, he signed on with Boeing as a quality control inspector in the firm's Renton plant.

He became a WSP trooper in 1967 and was assigned to cover the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula area while working out of the WSP offices in Tacoma.

A near-tragic head-on collision on State Route 16 in 1969 which sent a man and wife to intensive care in a Tacoma Hospital found Trooper Jim taking the couple's injured cat home for care. The cat wasn't improving, so Sammons took it to a Gig Harbor veterinarian



WSP Trooper Jim Sammons

where, at the receptionist desk, he met a "beautiful lady named Diana." They married the next year.

"We bought land on the Key Peninsula in 1972, saved our money, started to build in 1974 and moved in in 1975," he said, "and we've been here since then." The Sammonses have enough property to accommodate several horses and all family members are excellent riders.

Son Mike (now a volunteer firefighter with the Key Peninsula Fire Department) and daughter Lisa graduated from Peninsula High. Twin

daughters Sylvia and Jodie expect to graduate from the same school in 1996.

Trooper Sammons' commitment to young people is extensive. He has been advisor to the Law Enforcement Explorer Scout Troop of the Boy Scouts of America since 1985. Many events on our Peninsulas enjoy the traffic control and security provided by these scouts under Trooper Jim's guidance.

And what of the future?
"I've registered to begin courses in civil engineering at Renton Technical College this September," he answered. "I'm going to become a survey technician, something I really want to do."

He intends to use these skills on family property near Spirit Lake in Idaho. "We have tentative plans to move and build there eventually," he said, "but certainly not before the twins graduate."

"I won't miss the times I have to approach a vehicle with my weapon drawn," Sammons said, "but I will miss the comradery of working with fellow law enforcement officers."

He allowed that "maybe now I'll have more time to indulge my hobbies." It will need time. He enjoys fishing, hunting, photography, horseback riding, skiing and camping with his family.

And we all hope you enjoy every minute of it, Trooper Jim. You are a real credit to your profession and your community. Thank you.

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Lions move meeting site, feature Russian speaker

The March 3 meeting of the Key Peninsula Lions will feature George Knudtzon, President of AUDEX, Inc., who will speak and show slides on his recent visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Security (formerly KGB) of the Russian Federation of the former Soviet Union to analyze the impact of reduced government responsibility for business security in the new Russia. Knudtzon went as a member of a Spokane-based People to People group specializing in private investigation, security and business intelligence.

The general public is invited to attend this free program.

After almost ten years of meeting at the Huckleberry Inn in Key Center, the Key Peninsula Lions Club has moved its meeting site to the Horseshoe Lake Golf Course Restaurant.

The Club's meeting time and day will not change: 7 PM, the first and third Wednesday of each month.

"We're really grateful to all the people at the Huckleberry Inn for all the help and hospitality they have extended to us over the years," said Lions' President Linda Reid. "The main reason for our move is to put us in a position which might attract new members from the northern areas of the Peninsula.... To give people a chance to see what Lions are all about, the Club is scheduling interesting programs for each first Wednesday's meeting and the general public is welcome to attend."

At the Club's February 3 meeting, famed author, mountaineer, geologist and artist Dee Molinaar presented a slide show and commentary on his recent trip to Antarctica.

Student interpreter for the deaf

story and photo by Joan Lawrence

If you buy groceries at *Walt's* of Lake Kathryn Village Mall, you probably have seen Lori Pyle. She has worked there as a checker for three years.

Soon, Ms. Pyle will be leaving us to follow up on previous education for schooling in Olympia in pursuit of a career as an interpreter for the deaf community.

Drawn to Ms. Pyle's friendly personality, your reporter engaged the quiet Port Orchard girl in conversation and drew out the following information.

There are two forms of sign language currently in use: Exact English (which covers "everything that comes out of your mouth,"); and American Sign Language, a shorter version—a signing shorthand, if you will.

American Sign Language, dominantly in use by our deaf culture, cuts all "to be" forms, according to Ms. Pyle.

"There is no 'is, are, was,'" she told us. "If you want to sign, for instance, the phrase 'How are you?', you sign 'How' and point at the person."

Lori Pyle graduated from South Kitsap High School in 1989. In Tacoma as a child, she went to Birney Elementary School near Wapato. Birney physically was divided into two basic buildings—one for "normal" children, and a round building that housed deaf and a few other learning disabled children. Lori expresses appreciation for her



Lori Pyle, a checker at the Lake Kathryn Mall *Walt's* grocery store, has studied sign language off and on since elementary school.

education at Birney. It afforded her the opportunity not only to get to know a "different" segment of society—some of our non-hearing members—but also to learn an effective way of communicating with them.

This early education inspired her years at Tacoma Community College, where, from deaf instructors, she learned the rudiments of American Sign Language.

"They like to think of sign language as a foreign language. You just learn to speak in a different way."

In a few months, Lori will be moving her education to South Puget

Sound Community College in Olympia, where she will spend two years learning to be a certified interpreter for the deaf. From there, she will be qualified to attain a job in the school system, police department or courtrooms.

How about teaching?, we asked Ms. Pyle.

"I don't know," she replied. "I just know I want to work with the deaf community. I've always had fun with learning sign language. I still have a lot to learn."

KPNEWS kudos go to Ms. Pyle. We all have a lot to learn.





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Disaster Readiness Tip # 3

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••In the Library••

THE AFTERMATH OF THE GULF WAR: NEW FRICTIONS AND NEW ALIGNMENTS will be the subject of a lecture/discussion program by Rajas Tanas at the Key Center Library, Wed., March 17 at 7 PM.

Mr. Tanas will discuss the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and its evolution into a U.S.-Arab confrontation. He will examine the implications of the current crisis on the people of the Middle East, U.S.-Arab relations and the search for a lasting world peace.

Raja W. Tanas was born and raised in a Christian home in the Middle East. He studied in Beirut and Michigan State University. He currently teaches at Whitworth College in the sociology department. Mr Tanas has lectured extensively.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library, and is part of the Inquiring Mind series funded by the Washington Commission for the Humanities. A business meeting of the Friends will begin at 5:45 PM prior to the program.

This will be the third year that Earl Sorrels has displayed his hand-crafted spinning wheels during March. Earl Sorrels lives on Key Peninsula. He is a self-taught artisan who has made dozens of functional wheels of various authentic designs. He uses maple, oak and cherry wood.

If anyone is interested in making a spinning wheel, Mr. Sorrels will arrange an instructional session at the library. Leave your name and phone number.

An outstanding exhibit of artworks by Betty Nease will be on display during March and April. Betty Nease was a public school art teacher for 16 years and has taught art classes in this area for 12 years.

She has studied extensively and has exhibited her work including jewelry, batik, pottery, wood and clay sculpture and watercolors throughout Washington. Ms. Nease lives near Herron Island with husband Roland and a bossy cat.

••Arts and Music••

Beverly Pedersen is organizing an outdoor painting group, sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library. Members will share inspiration, information and friendship. To prepare for spring outdoor painting, the group will meet at the Brones Room, from 1 to 2:30 PM each Tuesday in March. Call 884-2070 for more information.

A concert for kids is scheduled at the Antique Sandwich, 51st & N. Pearl, Tacoma, on March 13, 11 AM. Neal Woodall, folksinger will perform. \$2 Kids, \$4 General. 752-4096.

UPS: The University Wind Ensemble will perform works by Holst, Malcolm and Giannini on Friday, March 5 at 8 PM, in Kilworth Chapel. Joni Albrecht, clarinet soloist will be featured. FREE.

•••• Events ••••

Vaughn Community Church is having their 4th annual Missions Conference, March 5, 6 and 7. Dr. Robert Wright, Professor of World Missions, Western Baptist College, will be the keynote speaker.

The theme will be "Home Grown," and features missionaries from this area.

The conference starts Friday night at 7 PM. For more information call Vaughn Church at 884-2269.

The 40th Annual GEM & MINERAL SHOW will be held on March 20 (10 to 7 PM) & 21 (10 to 5 PM) at the Lakewood Community Center, 9112 Lakewood Dr., Tacoma. "LAPIDARY MAGIC" is the theme this year and will include over 60 special exhibits, a variety of outstanding dealers and "How To" demonstrations. Call 759-6039 for more information.

Gig Harbor's 6th Annual Health and Safety Expo will be held at Goodman Middle School, 3701 38th Ave., on Sat., March 13 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Many community businesses and groups sponsor this event.

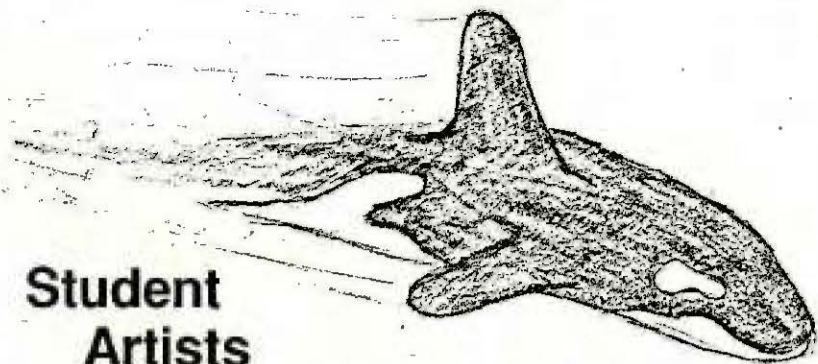
Admission is FREE and in addition to exhibits, there will be free testing stations dealing with cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, body composition, hearing tests and a health risk inventory.

Because the attendance at Ashes' meetings has been dwindling, the Auxiliary is trying out a new idea—to celebrate each month according to the holidays. St. Patrick's Day falls in March, so the Ashes ask that you come wearing the green, ready to dance a jig.

You don't have to be a firefighter's spouse to belong to the Ashes. Anyone living in Fire District 16 is welcome, you are part of the department.

Meetings, on the first Thursday of each month, begin at 10:30 AM and are followed by a pot luck.

The Ashes' spring rummage sale will be held Saturday, April 17. See next month's issue of KPNEWS for details.



Student Artists

KPNEWS would like to begin publishing artwork from our young readers. Send in your drawing, preferably done in black ink or dark pencil (color does not print well) to Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394 or use our handy drop box at the Civic Center.

This month's art is a drawing of an Orca whale by Carl Bauer, son of Neena Bauer, Assistant Editor of the NEWS. Carl, 10 years old, has been drawing for years. Since first grade, he has been designing his own Valentines for school parties. He won a school drawing contest and his "shoe" drawing was used on the tally card for the school's running program. This design was inspired by a school visit from Paul Owen Lewis, author and illustrator of children's books.

•••• Theater ••••

UPS: Join nearly 50 students as they perform "A Chorus Line," the longest running musical on Broadway. Performances are on March 4, 6 and 7, 8 PM. \$7/\$4. Call 756-3329.

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Comedy is coming to Gig Harbor at Neville's Shoreline on Friday, March 12, 9 PM. Michelle Beaudry, who was selected to be on Showtime Comedy Allstars, will perform with other guests.

•••• Computers ••••

Bates Business & Management Training Center, 6th Floor, 1551 Broadway, Tacoma, is presenting various computer classes beginning March 2. For specifics and to register call 596-1765.

•••• Information ••••

If you are interested in traveling in Washington State this spring and summer and need some new ideas about what to see, call for your FREE copy of Washington State Field Guide, Spring-Summer '93. Receive it by calling 1-800-544-1800. Also available is the Destination Washington guide, a 176-page travel publication. Both of these come in handy when company comes to town.

The League of Women Voters of Tacoma/Pierce County is distributing their 1993 edition of THEY REPRESENT YOU, a political directory. Listed in this directory are names, addresses and phone numbers for national and state elected officials and members of the Washington State Legislature representing Pierce County citizens. Also included are Pierce County officials.

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School News



Teachers are great! They are always coming up with new ways to motivate our children! Diana Germstad, at Vaughn Elementary, is one teacher who is using innovative teaching techniques to get students excited about math.

She has used federal grants (Eisenhower Grants) to attend workshops that have given her skills in providing hands-on instruction. Research has shown that students (especially young ones like her 1st and 2nd graders) learn better when they use concrete objects. Some believe we shouldn't give them paper and pencil until 3rd grade.

One math unit involved the use of dominoes. The concepts Diana taught included patterning, adding, subtracting, story problems and number sense. She said the children just loved working with the dominoes.

Diana has used M&M's to teach probability and prediction (comparing the different colors), graphing, statistics and data collection. As she taught she used these terms with her students. It provided a link to real world problems. We learn math not just to know it but to solve everyday problems and to be able to analyze the world.

I visited her during a Valentine's Day exchange where students go to different rooms and work with other teachers. Her group was an energetic one. She provided each of the students with a small paper drinking cup filled with Valentine candy hearts and a

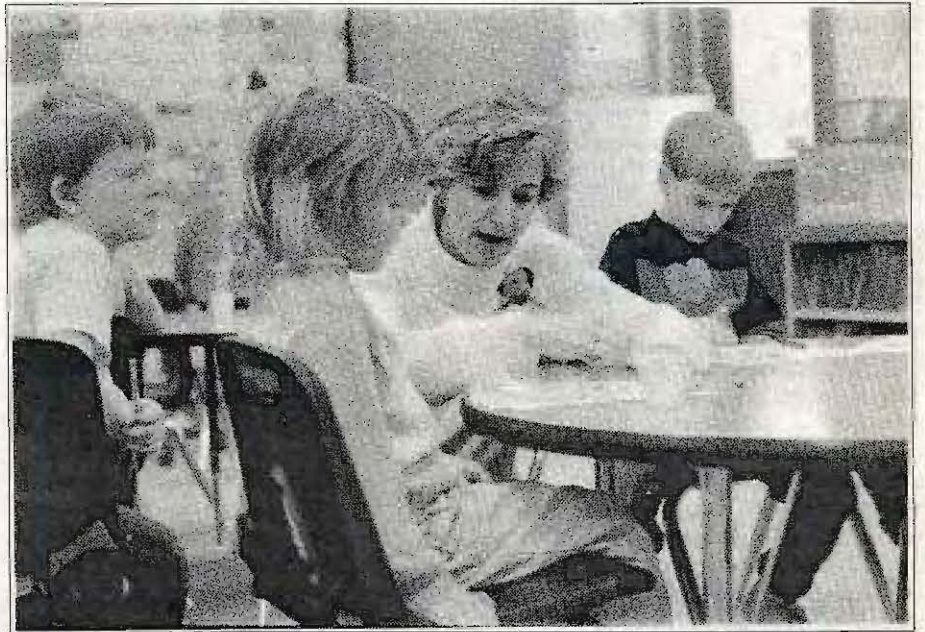
sheet of paper on which to record their findings. She promised the students that by the end of the lesson they would get to eat the candies.

The first exercise was to estimate how many candies were in each cup. She cautioned the children that everyone's amount was different. Students were to look only; some students tilted the cup as they tried to count the candies. They were to write the estimate and then count and write the actual total. Some of the estimates were 7 when the actual count was over 20!

Other activities followed: segregating and counting different colors; grouping a set number by 4's and determining how many groups there were; removing (eating) a certain number and finding the remainder. The activity ended as the teacher had promised.

I could see that this kind of activity is essential in our schools. One girl's comment, "This isn't math. There's no math on this paper," said it all. A recent study comparing elementary schools in Asia and the U.S. found that, contrary to common beliefs, Asian schools use more concrete, hands-on activities. Diane's teaching allows students to go beyond rote facts and into why we learn math. Good job.

Peninsula School District has set aside the week of March 8 to 12 to honor all the classified employees that help make our schools a wonderful place for our children. These employees are the instructional aides, playground supervisors, bus drivers, school lunch servers, cafeteria managers and school office staff that interact



Diane Germstad pictured with students (from left) Charles McNeil, Raychel Gainey and Travis Tachell counting hearts. Photo by Neena Bauer, KPNEWS

daily with our children. Classified staff also work in accounting, community relations, food service, maintenance (including custodians) and operations and purchasing.

Keith Stiles, President of the School Board, hopes that the "community will take the time to join with me and the other members of the school board in thanking these dedicated and talented men and women for their excellent work in our school district. They deserve it."

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior col-

lege student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused.

A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a #10 self addressed stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. - NB

Storytelling...Lectures



Saturday Morning Storytelling! Kids, bring your parents to storytime at the Harbor Inn, downtown Gig Harbor through March, from 10 to 10:30 AM. Have breakfast before or after. Please RSVP to 851-5454. This event is sponsored by Mostly Books (851-3219) and the Harbor Inn Restaurant.

Father Roy Bourgeois, a priest with the Maryknoll Order, will be speaking about "peace, democracy and human rights in Latin America," on Tuesday, March 2 at St. Leo Parish, Tacoma, at 7:30.

Derrick Bell, a visiting professor at New York University Law School, will speak about his leave of absence from Harvard and his new book, "Faces at the Bottom of the Well: The Permanence of Racism," on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 8 PM, Kilworth Chapel, U.P.S.

A distinguished educator, Bell has been involved personally in the civil rights movement in the South, has resigned from positions rather than compromise his civil rights work and spent the night in jail because he would not leave a whites-only waiting room. Tickets are \$5. 756-3366.

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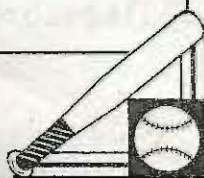
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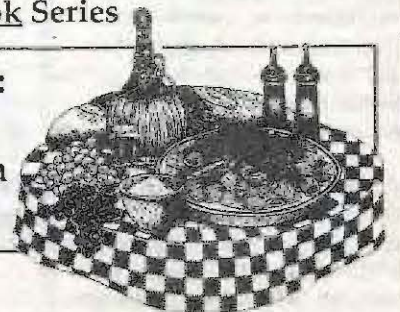
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TO YOUR HEALTH



by William F. Roes, MD

We have recently heard a lot about E-coli. E-coli is short for Escherichia coli which is the most common bacteria found in the human large bowel. There are over 50,000 different types of E-coli, causing both urinary tract infections as well as travelers' diarrhea. The specific strain that is causing the outbreak we are now witnessing is called E-coli 0157:H7 and while it is not a normal part of bowel flora, it is not an unusual cause of illness in Washington state.

E-coli 0157:H7 is felt to be the cause of an intestinal infection associated initially with abdominal cramps, then diarrhea and then bloody diarrhea, usually without fever.

In children, Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome can develop where the infected child develops anemia, kidney failure and usually neurological problems like seizures and coma. The bacteria produces a toxin which affects tiny blood vessels, and antibiotics which may kill the bacteria don't prevent the release of the toxin after it has been produced. Most children with this syndrome will recover and the only treatment is supportive care while the body overcomes the infection and toxin.

The best treatment is prevention. For absolute safety, hamburger should

be cooked to 150 degrees, internal temperature. Proper hygiene is essential. Good handwashing may seem like a rather trite reminder, but is the best way to prevent the spread of infection from an infected child to others.

E-coli 0157:H7 is an easy organism to diagnose in the lab with a stool specimen, so if you have reason to be concerned about yourself or someone in your family, don't hesitate to contact your doctor about it. In the meantime, put that hamburger back on the grill and wash your hands while you're waiting.

The Key Peninsula Health Clinic has beaten President Clinton to the punch by 12 years in ensuring that affordable well child care is available to all children on the Peninsula. KPHC provides a clinic every Tuesday morning at 9:00 AM on a "first come, first served" basis.

The evaluation includes immunizations, a physical exam and other health screening procedures, from birth to 12 years old. It is intended for children without other medical coverage and you do not need to be one of Dr. Roes' patients. The KPHC Board has had to restrict the service to those residents on this side of the Purdy Bridge.

A minimum fee of \$10 is requested, but no one will be turned away because of inability to pay.

The Pierce County Health Department sponsors a well child clinic in the Gig Harbor area and Mary Bridge Children's Health Center is providing a mobile immunization van at some of the WIC sites, but the KPHC's Well Child Clinic is the designated one in our area.

Neena's review



For those who may not have heard the best program on weekend radio, listen up! CAR TALK is heard on National Public Radio on Saturdays, 9 AM on KUOW, 94.9 FM, or 10 AM (and repeated Sundays at 6 PM) on KPLU, 88.5 FM. The show is hosted by two well-educated (MIT) brothers, Tom and Ray Magliuzzi, alias Click and Clack, the Tappet brothers, who currently own and operate a car repair shop in Boston.

Callers ask car repair problems and the brothers usually do have some ideas on the problem and are able to help.

In addition to the automotive assistance, which is punctuated with spontaneous jokes, good-natured insults and much laughter, they offer common sense advice on how to deal with uncooperative car dealers (who often have been known to say, "All those fill in model name here do that") or unscrupulous repairmen ("that repair will make his next boat payment") or spouses who want support for their particular driving habit.

All and all, it's something you just have to listen to; it's not funny in print. At our house on Saturday mornings we all hear those booming voices as several radios are tuned in, often loudly to overpower the radial arm saw or the dishwasher.

A few years ago, I sent them a letter and one morning was shocked to hear them reading

it on the air. My letter was written as a class action suit against the brothers on behalf of all women drivers addressed to their attorneys—Wee, Tuckem and Good. The Car Talk guys would often say women destroy clutches because of their driving habits, and they used accusatory tones when discussing callers' girlfriends. The brothers sort of agreed and ended by saying "See you in court, baby!" Since then, they don't seem to insult women drivers. Maybe the suit worked.

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Obituaries

Jack Haines

Jack LeRoy Haines, III, infant son of Jack and Cari Haines of Key Center, died Feb. 3 at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, following complications from surgery.

He was born Nov. 1, 1992. Despite repeated surgeries, Jack was a baby who smiled at people. He loved his mom and dad, and knew when they walked into his room at Mary Bridge.



Jack Haines

He was loved by a great many family members and friends, and will be missed.

Family members include: father and mother, Jack LeRoy Haines, II, and his wife, Cari, of Key Center; grandparents: Bob and Bev Garlick, of Key Center; Jack and Darlene Haines, of Home; great-grandparents: John Spencer, Jr., of Vancouver; Carol M. Haines, of Texas; George C. and Eva Haines, of

Arizona; Carl and Lois Hicky, of Spanaway; great-grandparents: Fred and Ethel Spencer, of Winlock, Wash.; May Haines, of Arizona; several aunts and uncles, and several great-aunts and great-uncles.

A private family gathering was held. In Jack's name, remembrances may be sent to: Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, 311 S. L St., Tacoma, WA 98405. (KPNEWS thanks *The Peninsula Gateway* for permission to reprint the foregoing obituary and photo, which appeared in the Feb. 10 edition of the *Gateway*.)

Jean Lora Johnson

Jean Lora Johnson, 72, a resident of Longbranch for almost 20 years, died Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Naval Hospital in Bremerton. Born in Minneapolis, Jean was an Electronic Technician on computers and a member of the Longbranch Community Church and the Penrose Chapter of the Orthopedic Guild. She enjoyed and taught crafts and loved gardening.

Family members include husband, Bob L. Johnson, Longbranch; children Kevin R. Johnson, Pat Lee Harmeson, Longbranch, Todd Wayne Johnson and grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the Penrose chapter, Orthopedic Guild (Mary Bridge Hospital) 311 S. L St., Tacoma 98405 or Angel Guild Thrift Shop, KC Corral, Key Center, 98349.



Crutter Corner

by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

Dental disease has become a greater concern of veterinarians and pet owners alike as we have gathered more information about the importance of dental care and the consequences of its neglect.

Dogs and cats, like human adults, do not develop cavities as frequently as they manifest periodontal disease. The activity of bacteria on the tooth and gum creates plaque which in time hardens to form calculus or tartar. I believe every pet owner has seen tartar formation on their pet. It is hard, yellow to tan in color, most frequently seen on the gum/tooth margin of the canine teeth, premolars and molars, and can in many cases cover the entire outside of the tooth surface. These pets often have mild to severe halitosis (bad breath, dog breath, etc.). Prolonged exposure to this plaque and calculus can lead to periodon-

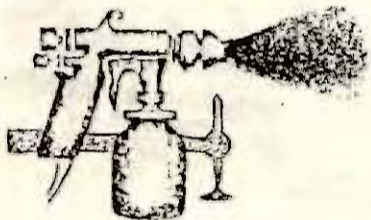
tal disease. Pets with periodontal disease usually have red and inflamed gums, gum recession, and in some instances loose and abscessed teeth. Other symptoms may include chronic nasal discharge, chronic intermittent coughing, difficulty eating hard food or complete rejection of hard food. These pets may, if the premolars abscess, develop a dime-to-quarter-sized swelling just below the eye.

Periodontal disease has also been known to cause bacteremia (bacteria in the blood) as the bacteria on the gum/tooth margin gain access to the bloodstream. Dogs with pre-existing heart valve disorders and cats with heart muscle disease can potentially develop fatal infections of the heart in the face of chronic periodontal disease.

Fortunately, periodontal disease can be prevented if the plaque and calculus is removed before bacteria begin their inexorable destruction of gum and bone tissue. The best method currently available is ultrasonic and hand scaling of the teeth followed by polishing and in some cases, fluoride treatment. This procedure is offered at most veterinary hospitals. To achieve the optimum results however, follow-up dental care at home is a must.

In our next column I will discuss some methods of introducing and maintaining pet dental care that you can do at home.

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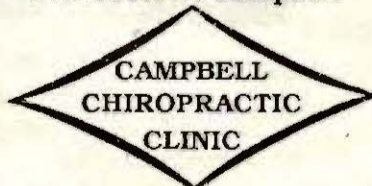
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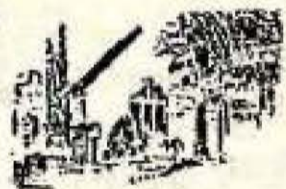
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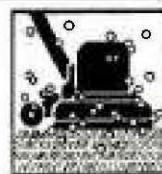
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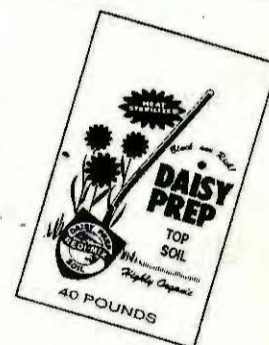
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