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The Wizard of Oz, directed by Sue Leavitt, with costumes by Lynn Burris, opened Friday, Sept 1 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center to a sold out performance. See story page six.

KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

Levy for paramedics/ fire equipment on September ballot

by Keith Me and Megan Aprile

There will be a levy for Fire District 16 on the September 19 ballot. The levy is a special levy to raise additional monies for the fire department. Regular levies are funded for six years, special levies for one year. Regular levies are collected each of the years of their lives. Special levies, if passed, are collectible in one year. The funds collected are to cover two years of expenditures. Although the funds are intended to meet the needs over a two -year period, they need not to be expended within that time period. If needed, funds can be spent at any time, or carried over for future needs. The total amount of the special levy is \$650,000; cost per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is \$1.62.

The issue of funds for the paramedics is one that has been discussed at length, starting with a series of public meetings in January of this year. If paramedic funds are not voted by the electorate this fall the program is unfunded after January 31, 1990, and is expected to end at that time.

The fire department items were selected by a citizen's committee as being those needed most over the next two years during a series of public meetings held during June and July of this year. These are items all relate to either the maintenance of current service abilities over the next few years, or the expansion of that service as required to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population. (see Levy Budget, page 16.)

Rezoning of Key Peninsula proposed

The Pierce County Planning Commission, which is an advisory body to the Pierce County Council, will hold a public hearing on September 6 in the Whitmore (formerly Gold) Room of the Civic Center.

Two petitions submitted by Key Peninsula residents will be dealt with. At 7 pm, public input on the Home area petition to have an acre minimum lot size in the Home area, and create a commercial corridor will be heard. At 8 pm, public input on the petition to create interim zoning for all of the Key Peninsula except those areas covered by the Gig Harbor Comprehensive Plan and the Home area-wide rezone will be heard. The interim zoning calls for a minimum lot size of 2.5 acres and the identification of "commercial nodes" where businesses will be permitted. A counter petition to

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Fire Commissioner candidates speak

All three candidates running for the post of fire commissioner were interviewed by the Key Peninsula News. Each candidate was asked the same five questions. The responses given by the candidates are in quotation marks when exact quotes were used. The rest of the response may have been edited or reworded in some cases, and are not direct quotes, but are similar in phrasing to the actual answers of the candidate. The order in which the candidates are listed does not represent a preference by the Key Peninsula News.

How did you become interested in being a fire commissioner?

John Hendrickson stated he was asked to run, and after receiving the endorsement of the Key Peninsula Volunteer Firefighter's Association and the International Association of Fire Fighters local union, made the decision to declare his candidacy.

Keith Stiles responded that he was asked to run as result of serving on the ALS (advanced life support) committee. He accepted the invitation to run because he felt he could meet the requirements he felt were important in a fire commissioner; a person who was able to sit down and work with the staff, and a person with planning and business experience.

Al Yanity said he was asked by a group of people to run for the post. He became visibly involved in fire district 16 affairs because of the "ambulance, the importance of it. You can save property, but you can't save lives." Mr Yanity said that at the first meeting of the fire commissioners he attended, he felt the commissioners were disregarding public input, a sort of "if you speak, we'll hear, but we won't listen" attitude. Mr Yanity continued, "It made me mad, and it made me decide I was going to hound them until we got our ambulance back." After being

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on September 18. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, Septem-

Fire Department lifts burn ban

As of press time, the county wide burn ban had been lifted. When conditions change the fire department will post a notice on the reader board, and announcements are also made on local radio stations and in newspapers. There is also a toll free number you may call for the latest information; 1-800-433-2215. The local number of Fire District 16 is 884-2222.

To the Editor

To the editor

On August 3, 1989, at the regular meeting of the Key Peninsula Firefighters Local #3152, the union members invited each of the three candidates for Pierce County Fire District #16 Fire Commissioner position 1, to present a campaign

After hearing the views and plans of candidates John Hendrickson, Allen Yanity and Keith Stiles, the members of Local #3152 voted to endorse John Hendrickson on his candidacy. Though all candidates presented positive and beneficial ideas and views for the future of Fire District #16, we felt the John best represented the firefighters union and our

Paul A. Bosch Secretary/Treasurer, Local #3152

To the editor

This letter will attest to the endorsement for candidacy of John Hendrickson for the position of Fire Commissioner of Pierce County Fire District No. 16 in the coming election. Mr. Hendrickson is endorsed by the members of the Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association on this 27th day of June 1989.

Marty Pederson,

President, Key Peninsula Volunteer Firefighter's Association

To the editor

The family of Mr. Donald J. Reid wishes to thank the ALS and aide team which responded to our 911 call on 8-7-89. The efficiency of the men was overwhelming. Thanks to them our father is doing well now.

I would like to also commend the men on their appearance. While my mother and I were waiting for treatment of my father we had the opportunity to observe other independent services bringing in patients to Tacoma General. They were unkept in appearance and did not seem to know how to be professionals. So our hats are off to our wonderful team from #16. Mr. & Mrs. H. Kamke Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Scott

To the editor

Anyone purporting to speak for Citizens Against Crime (CAC) on any political issue will be doing so without the approval of CAC, the constitution and bylaws of which expressly proscribe any such activity in the name of the CAC.

Hugh McMillan, president Citizens Against Crime

To the editor

This spring I had the privilege to chair a committee for the fire department to look into the future of emergency medical services for our community. After many months of study and consideration, we recommended the institution of an advanced life support system based with Fire District 16, which was voted into place on a temporary basis by the commissioners. We are now being served by paramedics as well as our traditional

On September 19 the public will be given the opportunity to decide the future level of service for our peninsula. I would like to explain my support for this levy.

For years, our Fire Department has operated with emergency medical technicians and, considering the limitations, did a good job. EMT's receive 110 hours of basic education, but cannot administer any drugs, start intravenous lines, or insert breathing tubes into desperately ill people. Their role has been to "load and go," taking the patient to a place where definitive care could be given.

Over the years, we in Pierce county have taken the role of EMTs as far as it could go, breaking ground with the first use of EMT defibrillators and EMT use of anti-shock "MAST trousers" (used for trauma and blood loss). The committee and the fire department both felt that this level of service was inadequate.

The next logical step was the hiring of a group of paramedics to complement our efforts, to add advanced life support capability to our existing Basic Life Support. Paramedics undergo 1400 hours of college level training and are licensed to start IVs, give certain lifesaving medications and intubate people, under a doctor's supervision. The American Heart Association has decided it is imperative that ALS service be instituted within eight minutes of a cardiac arrest, and the availability of paramedics at our fire station makes that a real possibility.

Often people moving to an area don't initially think of worry about the availability of medical care, and just assume it is similar throughout the country. Unfortunately this is not the case, and until the addition of paramedics, our capability lagged far behind that of our neighboring communities because of our physical isolation.

With the increasing travel and upcoming repairs on highway 302, the time for definitive medical care increases, as does the need for a local ALS service. As a physician, I can't look at the cost of such a program without seeing the benefit to individual patients. There have already been several cases where the rapid availability of a paramedic on the scene has made a critical difference.

I am supervising the three paramedics working for Fire District 16 and I am impressed by their level of skills, dedication and committment to their position. These men make my job easier, and ALS service improves the emergency services available on the Key Peninsula. I urge you to vote yes on the EMS levy.

William F. Roes, M.D.

To the editor

This is a comment on the excess levy proposal of Fire District 16 which will be on the ballot at the September 19 election.

According to the official committee's pamphlet supporting this levy proposal it is "the fire commissioners' response" to a KP citizen's request to "be given an opportunity to vote to provide funding for ALS ambulance service." But when we look at the proposed use of the \$650,000 levy, we see that only 43% of it (\$281,557) is to be used directly for this purpose. The remaining 57% is to be used for facilities, apparatus and miscellaneous equipment, all purposes which should be part of regular operational and capitol costs. How come? It looks as though the citizens asked for an egg and are being urged to buy a flock of chickens.

The question also arises, why should upgrading EMT's to paramedics (who are required for ALS service) cost \$140,000 per year (half the relevant levy item, which is supposed to supply needed funds for both 1990 and 1991)?

The size of the proposed levy, \$1.62 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, raises still another question. For many years, the District has been able to operate (including provision for EMS ambulance service) on its regular property tax levy of \$1.50 per thousand, which produces more income each year as the assessed valuation of the property on which it is based increases with the area's growth. In fact, our fire insurance rates were reduced a few years ago because the District's performance improved so much. Why should this cost now jump 54%? Has the district, rather than operating on a pay-asyou-go basis, recently been borrowing money which now has to be repaid? If so, shouldn't the voters know about that?

A partial answer to some of the above questions lies in the fact that the formula for calculation of tax income for all Pierce County Fire Districts was changed this year by state and county legislators, through actions too complicated to understand, much less try to explain. Several county fire districts asked for excess levies last year to make up for this shortfall. Our district did not, thus saving the taxpayer some money. As a result, this year it is receiving somewhat less tax income than last year (perhaps as much as 5% less) rather than somewhat more, which would normally be the case. Was this being "penny wise and pound foolish"? In any case this factor cannot begin to explain the need for an excess levy which amounts to a 50% increase of income.

It is clear from the above questions that the fire district has not given the voters the information necessary to evaluate its excess levy request. Unfortunately the only way taxpayers can hold elected officials responsible for their actions is by sending them a message via the ballot box. I therefore believe that a NO vote on Proposition #1 on September 19 is necessary to send this message.

Is an excess levy really necessary? If the commissioners believe it is, let them go back to the drawing board and propose one which is explained in detail and supportable in the light of past operational history, present needs, real cost consciousness and comparable performance of the other fire districts in the county. Most of us are inured to tax increases necessitated by growth and inflation, but not to unexplained quantum jumps. Jim Penfield, Longbranch

More Letters to the Editor on page 15.

Park Board special meeting

A special meeting of the Park Board was held on Aug. 17 to make a determination on the heating system of the Civic Center building. An earlier proposal by the Civic Center Association to grant the first \$5,000 and pay for the remaining cost of a new system in exchange for free rent was denied.

Park Commissioners Daphne Daus and Mike Kent met with a furnace repairman to inspect the furnace system before the special meeting. Commissioner Kent reported the repairman assured him the heating system could be repaired and function throughout the winter. Commissioner Daus stated the Park District budget had already been allocated for the coming year, and the Park district needed

the rent from the association. She said the Park district was looking into alternative ways to fund a new system. Key Peninsula Civic Center Association vice-president Dave Freeman stated the Association was prepared to accept one half rent instead of free rent, but that alternative was also financially unacceptable to the Park District.

The estimated cost of replacing the existing boiler-run system is between \$13,000 and \$21,000. The Civic Center Association pledged \$5,000 towards the purchase of a new heating system after the building and grounds committee, consisting of members from both organizations, studied the heating system. The heating system has been inspected by a local furnace company and a local engineering company. Both companies agree that the current system is wasteful because it heats the entire building, that it is still repairable, although there was some disagreement about how repairable, and that eventually it should be replaced.

KPSenior Society

by Martha Applegate

Marty Pedersen will cater his famous "Baron of Beef" for the 10th year anniversary dinner of the Key Peninsula Senior Society at noon on September 21 at the Civic Center in Vaughn. Those attending are asked to bring either a salad or dessert. Everything else will be furnished.

Beulah Kupka, Cathy Schafer and Helen Wolniewicz are in charge of dinner. Sally Kruger will decorate the tables. Don Blakemore is coordinating the event. He has arranged a special program featuring a history of the group, with a collection of songs by Rachel Jorgenson and at 1:30 pm a barbershop quartet, the "Harbor Boys" from Gig Harbor.

President Bob Smith asks anyone wishing to attend to call not later than September 16 for a free ticket which may be picked up at the door. Telephone numbers to call are 884-2067, 884-2720 and 884-3726. Please let us hear from you.

More about rezoning...

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retain general zoning has not as yet been submitted to the Planning Commission. If adopted, neither petition will affect "lots of record". Property sold or subdivided after zoning changes are adopted would fall under the new zoning rules.

The Seven Step Process

After the public hearing:

- 1. the Planning commission will put together an interim zoning plan, which they will submit to the Pierce County Council.
- 2. The Pierce County Council Committee for Planning and Public Works will study the interim zoning plan and make a reccommedation to the full Council.
- 3. The Council, if they accept the reccommendation, will then hold further public hearings.

- 4. After the hearings, the Council may then adopt a resolution,
- 5. which will go to County Executive Joe Stortini, who may accept or veto any resolution from the Council.
- 6. If a resolution is adopted, the Planning department will assign staff to assist in the development of a comprehensive plan for the Key Peninsula.
- 7. At that point, the planning department will seek community involvement, and invite citizens to join in the formulation of that comprehensive plan.

Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr stated that there would be a minimum of three public hearings, or possibly more if needed. He also stated the executive has been supportive of moving forward with a plan. Cyr estimated the total time for the process at 18 months to two years.



As rezone is debated, cows graze behind the drive-up window of the Tacoma Telco building in Key Center.

KP NEWS photo by Megan Aprile

Peninsula movings and shakings....

Tuesday, September 5 _.

Bear Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Peninsula Social Club potluck. Program Keith Stiles ion the Joe-Emma, Kennedy Park.

At Longbranch Church 6:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 6 ... Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in the Brones Room, KC Library.

Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.

KP Land-Use Hearing - 7 pm - KP Civic Center, Vaughn.

Thursday, September 7 ..

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Whitmore Room, KPCC.

Bear Den 3 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families meets at KP Health Center at 7 pm.

Citizens Against Crime meet at 7 pm in the Whitmore Room, KPCC.

Friday, September 8.

"Wizard of Oz" 7 pm, KPCC, Vaughn

Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Saturday, September 9.

"Wizard of Oz" 7 pm, KPCC, Vaughn

Longbranch Horse Show - 9 am - Longbranch Chubhouse Arena.

Monday, September 11 ..

Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Clubhouse - 7-8 pm.

VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room, KPCC.

Tuesday, September 12 ..

Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.

Cootiettes 609 visit Cottesmore Nursing Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.

Dr. Penrose Guild meets at the home of Mrs.LuVerne Petersen at noon.

Bear Den 4 meets in Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, September 13 ...

Respite Care meets from 9 am to 4 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.

Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.

Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10 am at Longbranch Church.

KP Park Board meets at KPCC at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, September 14.

KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Whitmore Room, KPCC.

Survivors meet at 2 pm in the Brones Room of the KC Library.

Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.

KPCCA Board meeting, 7:30 pm at KPCC Contiettes 6:30 - 11 pm - KPCC, Vaughn

Friday, September 15 ...

KPBA meets at Huckleberry Inn at 7:30 am.

Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.

Bayshore Garden Club meets at Longbranch Improvemenmt Club at 1 pm.

Saturday, September 16 ..

Twilite Dance Club, 9 pm to 1 am.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Wizard of Oz -- KPCCA Children's Lite Opera - Sep.1,3,8 and 9. Advanced Life Support (Fire Dist.16) Levy election - Sep.19 KPCCA's Flavor of Fall Dinner/Auction - Sep.20 - KPCC, Vaughn

People who have the highest failure rate in the plans to exercise are the ones who plan to do it after dinner.

Caregivers needed

More of our elderly and disabled community members are staying in their own homes longer despite poor physical health or limited abilities. Care-givers, women and men, who help these community members stay in their homes and help maintain a safe and healthy environment for them are greatly needed. If caring for our elderly and disabled neighbors, part-time or full-time, doing such tasks as housework, laundry, meal preparation, personal care or friendly visiting interests you, your attendance at the next Care-Givers Support Group is vital.

Representatives from agencies that hire care-givers to work in the homes will hold a panel discussion; explaining how to apply for work with their agency, pay scales and benefits and job skills required. Representatives from Catholic Community Services, Home-Helpers, Co-Care, Kimberly Quality Care and others will speaking. If you are in need of work and enjoy working with the elderly, plan to join us Wednesday, September 20 at 7 pm in the Brones Room at the Key Center Medical Center. All are welcome. For information call 884-9833.

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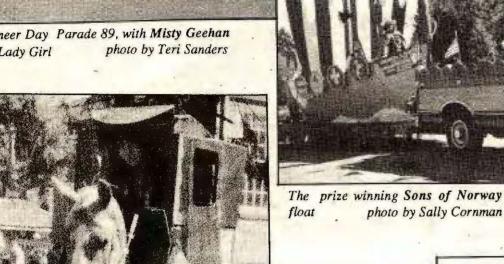
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The VFW float

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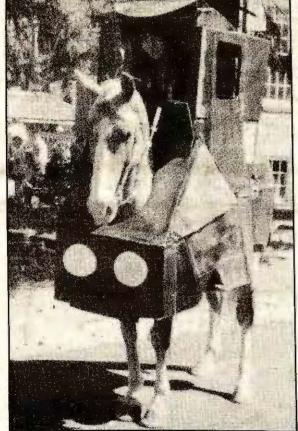
Pioneer Day Parade 89, with Misty Geehan photo by Teri Sanders on Lady Girl



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An afternoon in the land of OZ

by Megan Aprile

The gym at the Civic Center is filled with kids, parents, and a couple of babes in arms. Gradually, the kids are transformed; some become animals, some fairies. Some come out looking like tiny, well dressed adults. It is the day of the first dress rehearsal for "The Wizard of Oz." Through the long summer weeks of rehearsal, parents have heard children singing song snatches, or have seen them spontaneously break into dance steps. Some days haven't gone so well, and some days nothing seemed to go right at all. A few parents sat patiently through every rehearsal, but today most of them are here, and as each child sheds his everyday identity and becomes a person of OZ or a munchkin or a lion, the sense of anticipation rises.

By the time the rehearsal begins, there is a definite sense of excitement in the air. What will it all look like? How well has everyone learned their part? Director Sue Leavitt has been in constant motion since the children arrived, checking scenery, answering questions, giving advice, and attending to the hundreds of details which need her attention. Finally the music starts. Dorothy sings a beautiful solo. The munchkins are hiding behind the giant painted flowers on center stage. The feet of the dead witch are

sticking out from under Dorothy's cardboard house. Dorothy enters with her dog Toto and says in wonderment, "I don't think we're in Kansas anymore." From behind the painted flowers, there is a loud and coordinated HEE HEE HEE HEE, and the audience realizes almost as a group, gosh, these kids are GOOD. Not just cute kids, not just kids who know their lines and where to put their feet. They are really good.

Live stage has always been better than the movies, but it has become so expensive that it is only in rare circumstances that a small community can have the luxury of it. Someone with the ability and experience of Kirk and Sue Leavitt must be willing to give the enormous amount of time and energy that it takes to stage a successful production. Some organization, like the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, must be willing to put up the rather sizeable amount of money required to create sets, lighting, and music. And then there are the kids, who showed up twice a week for three hours all summer. Kids with leading roles had an extra day of rehearsal each week. The young people in this production made areal commitment, and the results of all of it are obvious.

Eating a lot of fish

Oil? Fish oil, usually taken (thank goodness) in capsules, will have the most dramatic impact on cholesterol levels when taken with other kinds of polyunsaturated fats, like safflower oil.

Tax Tips

by Marvin Keizur

Here are some key tax law changes in effect right now...

Personal exemptions: On 1989 returns, each personal exemption is \$2,000; that's up from \$1,950 in 1988 returns.

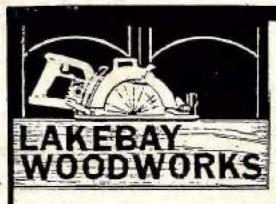
Medicare tax: If you're 65 or over, and eligible to receive hospital insurance under Medicare, you'll have to pay a supplemental Medicare premium of \$22.50 for each \$150.00 of federal income tax over the first \$150 due. You'll have to add the premium to your 1989 income tax.

Dependents: You're required to list

the social security number of any dependents aged two or old. On 1988 returns, it was dependents aged five and older. Income of children under age 14 may be reported on the parent's return when it totals less than \$5,000 and consists only of interest and dividends. Parents may not claim two dependency exemptions for two full-time students over 23 years of age unless the child's gross income for the year is less than the exemption amount (\$2,000).

Interest expense: Only 20% of consumer interest you paid in 1989 is deductible, down from 40% in 1988.

401(K) plans: The maximum amount that can be contributed to these plans for 1989 is \$7,627, up from \$7,313 last year.



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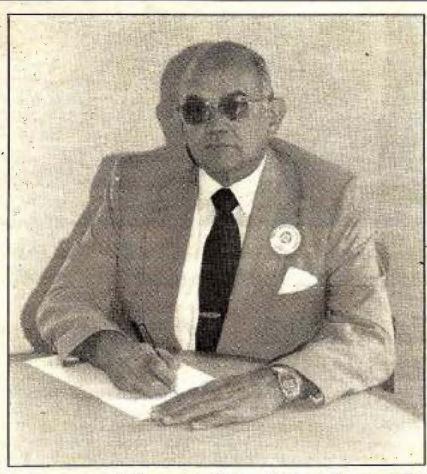
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Can We Talk?

My name is Keith Stiles and together we have shared discussions of a number of Key Peninsula subjects, ranging from roads to schools, from libraries to parks, and from the Civic Center to public safety.

I have been asked to run for the one position open on Fire District 16's Board of Fire Commissioners because of my extensive background in planning and business management, comprising 32 years of active work.

I'm running this ad to set some of the issues, my background and my specific suggestions for improvement of board operations before you. I have solicited absolutely no campaign funds, and have no obligations or "understanding" with any one or any group. For those who have helped in my campaign I'm grateful.

HERE ARE SOME OF MY CONCERNS IN THIS RACE:

- Do you feel that one current Fire Commissioner should be able to cause the election of the "new" commissioner to give him control over the three-person Board of Commissioners?
- Do you feel that one employee being paid by Pierce County for emergency services should be given control over a fire department in Pierce County with which it competes for funding?
- Are you, as a voter, serious about wanting a better level of planning and financial management of our Fire Destrict? What actual, bottom-line experience do the other two candidates offer in this area?

Here is the background I'm offering:

Please compare it with that of the other candidates!

Fire Service

- U.S. Forestry, Southern California
- Municipal Emergency Dispatch, Southern California
- F.D. 16 ALS Committee
- F.D. 16 Paramedic Selection Committee
- F.D. 16 District Advisory Board
- Chairman, F.D. 16 Levy Committee

Planning & Management Experience

- B.A., Business & Economics, 1949
- 32 years of direct business experience
- District One Director, Peninsula School District
- Industrial Management Classes & Seminars
- Disaster & Emergency Planning

Here are the Specifics (not generalities) of what I would like to see done to improve management by the Commissioners:

- a. I will not take part in, nor keep secret, any contract involving Fire District 16 publically-funded business.
- b. I will not participate in any abuse of the "Open Meeting Laws" meaning that I will not take part in any "executive session" that attempts to discuss any issues other than those specifically covered under the applicable Washington R.C.W.'s.
- c. I would ask that all travel by Commissioners be made contingent upon approval by the full Board, that there be no hotel accommodations for single day meetings under 100 miles away, and that no public funds be expended in any manner whatsoever for the advancement of any personal causes.
- d. I would ask that funds paid to Commissioners for attendance at meetings be eliminated and request that action on that request be made a matter of a record vote.
- I would work for a revision in accounting and budget presentations attempting to provide a standard-form, easily-understood, budget picture that everyone could readily use. I would ask for full-year budget encumbrances for all items.
- I would be a "working" commissioner, cooperating regularly with staff and the volunteers, rather than just "dropping in" twice a month.

I hope you will agree with these objectives. If you do, I would appreciate your vote on 884-3379 September 19. If you have questions please call me, lets talk! Thank you!

EXPERIENCED and INDEPENDENT FIRE COMMISSIONER

Vote for Keith Stiles on Sept. 19

Paid for by Committee to Elect Keith Stiles, Fire Commissioner, Lee Stiles, Treasurer; P.O. Box 510, Vaughn, WA 98394

Business Briefs

Correction:

In our August 14 edition, we reported on the opening of the Northwest Auto Clinic. Pat Osmon has leased the facility from Harve and Donna Ennis; he is not the owner as reported in the News. In addition, it was the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis, who had the gas tanks removed from the station, not the Osmons.

Jeanette Brown has opened the Reweaving and Alterations Center from her home in Lakebay as of September 6. She will do alterations for men and women, with an emphasis on tailored suits and garments. She learned to do alterations from her mother, Phyllis Brown, and has made everything from little cumberbunds, to throw pillows, to large "runs" (production sewing) of clothing in the ten years she has been sewing. Jeanette has been in the area five years, and lives with her 27 month-old daughter Kristen.

Leonard Christiansen was honored at a recent meeting of the Key Peninsula Firefighters Association on his retirement after 22 years with the local volunteer fire service group. He started active volunteer duty on December 26, 1967, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant in the Department. He was associated with station 4, at

Mr. Christiansen was also well known in the Key Peninsula area for the operation of his hay mowing and baling service, as well as his equipment for heavy rototilling. He stated that he was

completely finished with his work in both having and rototilling, and that he was not planning on selling his business or equipment to anyone else.

Upon his announced retirement from both fire district 16 and his farm related work, Mr. Christiansen and his wife were reported to be leaving for an extensive trip to the mid-West.

Pierce County can expect a record \$880,000 from its 12,410 acres of statemanaged Forest board lands in 1989, Commissioner of Public Lands Brian Boyle announced. "Booming timber markets this year should boost Pierce County's annual revenue past the county's previous record of \$850,644 set in 1988. This income growth represents the culmination of far-sighted state forest management policies which replanted cutover county forest lands in the 1930s and 1940s and nurtured the trees to harvest age."

Income statewide last year hit an alltime high of \$37.9 million. Boyle said revenue from forest board lands totaled \$23.9 million for the first six months of 1989. Based on sales under contract through June 1989, the estimated statewide revenue for the last six months should reach 32.9 million-or a total of \$56.8 million for this calendar year.

State representative Wes Pruitt was recently appointed to the new Washington Committe for Recycling Markets, which includes business leaders and local government officials. Pruitt and the other members will work to develop markets for such reusable materials as paper, compost, plastics, rubber and glass.



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Tax district jumble

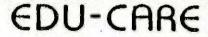
The tax structure of Washington state has evolved over the years into a complicated system that is not easy for the average person to understand. The tax status of our Fire District has been in the news recently because of the ALS (advanced life support) issue. Those people who attended the series of meetings held concerning ALS heard many amounts and terms batted about; there was discussion of our junior taxing district status, the \$5.55 limit per thousand of assessed valuation, and the discussion about whether a bond issue or a special levy should fund ALS services. The final decision of the fire commissioners was to ask for a special one year levy to fund ALS services, which will appear on the September 19

Our Washington state constitution limits the total tax levy to one percent of the valuation of all property, or in dollars and cents, \$10 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The legislature passed a law which lowered that amount slightly, to a limit of \$9.15 per \$1000 of assessed valuation. The provisions of the law were that the state of Washington would receive \$3.60 for school purposes, and the remainder, \$5.55 would be the maximum limit of all other taxing entities, like the county, the road districts, the fire districts, and so on.

The 85 cent difference between the constitutional limit (\$10) and the legislative limit (\$9.15) is meant to be sort of a buffer or cushion, and in fact the legislature went into the buffer to fund the 25 cent EMS levy that is currently on our property tax statements. However, the taxing districts who are funded from the \$5.55 portion cannot go over that total, except for special one year levies, which are exceptions to the regular levy maximum, and must be approved by 60% of the voters rather than a simple majority.

The problem for fire districts in our current levy system is that they do not have a very high priority, and many of the rules make it possible for outside events to change the levy money they can re-

The county has first priority on the \$5.55, up to a maximum of \$1.80. Next in line is the county road district, up to a maximum of \$2.25. The county can also divert up to sixty-seven and one-half cents from the road district levy portion to the general expense levy. After all of those amounts are deducted, there is \$1.50 left for all other taxing districts. These districts, consisting of metropolitan park districts, hospital districts, library districts and fire protection districts are called junior taxing districts. If all the junior taxing districts were to levy to the maximum amount they are allowed, the amount would be greater than \$1.50. A fire district cannot ask for additional levy monies if the total amount being collected by all the junior taxing districts is already at the \$5.55 limit.



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A message from Tom Hulst, Superintendent, Peninsula School District

Dear Key Peninsula Resident:

The teachers and staff of the Peninsula School District will welcome an anticipated 7,000 students on September 6 when our schools open. In the last ten years the district has grown by 2,000 youngsters. The Key Peninsula schools: Evergreen, Vaughn, Minter and KPMS, are expected to enroll 1536 students, an increase of 96 students from last May.

The Peninsula School Board established objectives for our schools this past spring which will guide us during this next year and into the 1990s.

The school district will continue the emphasis on reading, language, and math skills this year for all students. Spelling will continue to be a focus for study and improvement in all grades. P.E., science, foreign language, computers, and vocational education will be other curriculum areas we will be working on.

The District welcomes some new administators to our school system this fall and has instituted some changes of assignment among current administrators as well. Jan Reeder, formerly a principal from Bellevue School District, will assume the principalship at Gig Harbor High School. John Gorow retires this year. Carolyn Ho, an assistant principal from Mt. Tahoma High School in Ta-



Tom Hulst, Superintendent, Peninsula School District KP NEWS photo

coma, will serve as assistant principal at Peninsula High School, replacing Roger Iverson, who retired last spring. Steve Aspden, previously principal at Evergreen and Harbor Heights Elementaries, will become the principal at Vaughn Elementary; and Larry Hawkins, principal at Vaughn for many years, will assume the helm at Evergreen. Dave Trochim, who served as principal of Evergreen, will move to Harbor Heights Elementary this school year. Carolyn Curles, who for seven years served as assistant principal at Kopachuck Middle School, will become the assistant principal at Key Peninsula, while Cora Stephens, who served KPMS so well for three years as assistant principal, will move to Kopachuck this fall. These new additions and changes should strengthen the experience base of our total administrative team, provide the opportunity for career growth for individual administrators, and stimulate innovative ideas in buildings involved.

It I can ever answer any question or provide assistance, I hope that parents and patrons will feel free to call me at work (857-3525) or at home (858-2960).

Best wishes for a successful and rewarding year. Sincerly Yours,

Peninsula School

Peninsula District is getting larger,

and the budget figures for 1989-90 show

anticipated revenues of \$29.5 million

dollars, up from \$27.2 million last year.

Between 6,500 and 7,000 students are

expected for the coming years. The state

of Washington contributes \$19 million as

the state basic education apportionment,

\$3 million comes from property taxes,

and the balance comes mainly from fed-

eral monies and state special purpose

for salaries and benefits to administrative

staff, teachers, bus drivers and custodi-

ans. Another 6.7% is spent for supplies

and instructional materials. Seminars,

in-service presentations to teachers and

other contractual services account for

8.2%

Most of the budget, 73.8% is spent

Budget hits 29

million dollars

by Megan Aprile

Tom R. Hulst, Superintendent

istrators, counselors, speech teachers, or nurses and physical therapists at your child's school this fall.

It is planned that 17 new staff mem-

bers will be hired to deal with the four

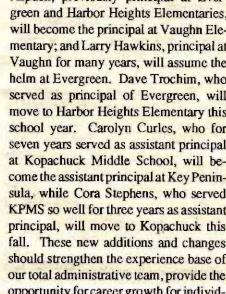
percent increase in student enrollment, so

you may be seeing new teachers, admin-

Roadside berries are poisonous

Pierce County road crews regularly spray blackberry bushes growing on county rights-of-way. The chemicals used are changed annually. This year, blackberries may have been sprayed with OUST, manufactured by Dupont; GAR-LON, manufactured by Dow; DIURON. manufactured by Wilber-Ellis; or ROUND-UP, manufactured by Monsanto. The manufacturer's labels on these products warn: "keep out of reach of children; hazardous to humans and domestic animals; do not use on lawns. walks or driveways; do not apply to wetlands or any body of water which may flow onto agricultural areas; prevent drift of spray."

There is currently no warning or notification system used by Pierce County to notify the public about spray dates or locations. If queried, the personnel at the county shop will advise people not to pick roadside berries, as they may be hazardous to your health, especially if not washed before eaten or if eaten by children.





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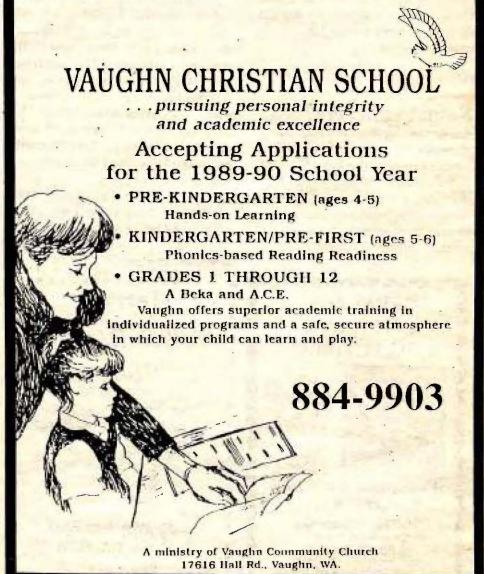
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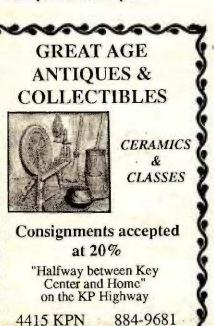
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Do you have a funny-looking pet?

Does your pet look like it came out of a cartoon? Don't hog up all the fun to yourself. Send his or her picture to the NEWS. Your pet picture will not be hurt, and if you send a self addressed, stamped envelope, we'll return your picture after it is used. There are absolutely no rules or restrictions here; any kind of animal is okay, as long as it's funny-looking! If you want to, tell us why you like your funny-looking pet, or anything else. Be sure and tell us your pet's name.

This month's funny-looking pet is "Toby," owned by Megan and Joe Aprile. The fact that he is the editor's dog had absolutely no bearing on his selection as a funny looking pet.

Smart concrete? Scientists have discovered that adding microscopic particles to wet concrete mixes leaves a kind of marker in the finished material. Handy for bridges and other structures; if the particles become unevenly distributed, a surface probe picks up the abnormality before a structural problem develops.



McNeil Islanders picnic by Cecil Paul

The first "Annual McNeil Islanders Reunion" was held August 23 at Radonich's beach, on the Longbranch peninsula. Forty-six former residents of the island, with friends and relatives, enjoyed fine weather and delicious food as the guests of Richard and Marge Radonich. Food was pot-luck; the Radonich's furnished coffee and the fantastic location, plus a stove, firewood, covered tables and lots of drift log seating to watch the passing boats.

To the east, across Drayton Pass, Anderson Island seemed as green and timbered as it had when we were kids. McNeil, to the north and easterly, has the scars of large acreages of clearing. Still, the old-timers could pick out landmarks that showed where a field or home had been before the government took over the entire island. Nisqually reach, south of Anderson Island, was in clear view as was the westerly entrance of Balch passage to the north of Anderson. McNeil is a short way across Balch Passage, with Little Eagle Island between, but closer to Anderson. To the west of McNeil is Pitt Pass, with tiny Pitt Island, which we call "Mosquito", slowly croding to wind and waves.

Conversation drifted to many subjects as memories were jogged by another's story: convicts who had escaped-were they able to swim the icy waters of Pitt Pass after a sweaty run to elude the "pen" guards, or did a "local" row them across with a promise of big money some time in the future? Who knows?

The "girls" remembered dances in the old hall sixty or more years ago. As the time for leaving approached, we agreed to meet again the second Wednesday in August 1990. See you then!

Tickets this year for both days will be \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for the under 14 age group. Tickets will be on sale soon at the following outlets: Red Dogs, Key Center Hardware, and the liquor store in Key Center, Longbranch Mercantile, and the Longbranch Marina. Complete rules and details for the Derby can be obtained from any of the merchants listed.

In addition to Chairman Glen Miller, the Salmon Derby Committee members are John Peterson, Vern Nelson, Phil Rome, Joe Gilfillan and Kay Harvey.

Longbranch Pleasure Horse Show and Playday

Saturday, September 9 is the date of the first annual Longbranch Pleasure Horse Show and Playday. The show is hosted by the Longbranch Improvement Club and the 4-H Hoofbeaters and will be held in the newly built horse arena at the club building in Longbranch.

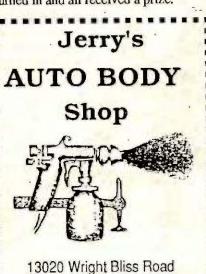
The event, which begins at 9 am, is open to the public. There will be many events, with ribbons and prizes. The good folks at K-J Feed, The Calico Horse, Cenex Feed, Twin Firs, Stroh's Feed, Simon's, Safeway, Bubble Gum Closet, The Harbor Cutter, Fashions Firtst, Lesters, Bowl of Cherries, Subway, Cindy's, Key Western True Value, Red Dogs, Great American Pizza Factory, Spinner's Hearth & Country Store.

Entry fees are varied: all day, entitling entrance to all the events is \$30.00 for a family and \$15.00 per person. The gaming events are \$15.00 for a family, \$10.00 per person. Single event entrance charge is \$2.00. Food will also be available from 11 to 1 pm. Entry forms are available at K & J Feed, Cenex, and Stroh's feed. For more information call Marilyn Brennan, 884-9422.

Longbranch Salmon Derby

The annual Longbranch Salmon Derby, sponsored by the Longbranch Improvement Club, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, September 30 and October 1. This year's event is chaired by Glen Miller. Weigh in will be held at the clubhouse on Key Peninsula Highway both days, with prizes for the largest fish to be awarded at 2:30 pm on Sunday. Breakfast will be available both days starting at 5:00 am and hot sandwiches will be available later in the day.

Top prize for the largest salmon is \$250 and second prize is \$100. There will also be a prize for the largest scrap fish, plus a mystery prize worth almost \$500. A new prize to be awarded this year is the under 14 age prize of a fresh water rod and reel donated by Key Center Hardware. Many merchandise prizes, gift certificates and have been donated by local merchants. In addition a special mystery prize worth \$500. Check the ad in the next edition of the Key Peninsula News when the mystery prize will be revealed. Persons eligible for prizes can select any prize on the ladder until all prizes have been awarded. Last year 47 fish were turned in and all received a prize.



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Letters to Editor contd.

To the Editor

Understandably our community is concerned about the levy issue. The planning prodeedings need an explanation. Two major concerns in terms of liability confront us. The first involves legal exposure. We are wide open to damage and injury claims if we are found to have failed to maintain a safe public facility through inspection and repair programs. We need to show "due diligence" in performing corrective actions. We need to comply with mandatory duties imposed by State and Federal Governments. Many of these are unknown to the public. underground storage tanks (fuel) need corrective provisions by October 1990. If the tanks are coming out of the ground, repaving must be done. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a set of safety standards which are designed to protect employees from AIDS, Hepatitis-B and other infectious diseases. Hepatitus-B shots are costing the district \$140 for a series of three shots. Multiply that by 60 firefighters. We have taken appropriate steps to reduce the risk of infection through protective equipment for other potentially infectious diseases. There are training mandates, equipment standards, Fair Labor conditions, medical surveillance, protective equipment standards, etc. There are several things we are mandated to do or risk legal exposure.

The second major concern is the continuance of service to the community. The fire district covers 65 square miles and service has to be extended to every area. In 1987 we bought three new trucks to replace three 1958 Fords. How many 1958 cars do we see travelling our roads? Yet, we had them as front-line emergency vehicles. Our acquisition prescription was questioned. Why didn't you purchase one per year? If the people in Longbranch pay the same amount of taxes as the people in Vaughn, shouldn't they be entitled to equitable treatment? Uniformity of capabilities became an issue. Standardization afforded our firefighters the ability to train on one vehicle and operate on others. Contrary to reports, we did not go for a Bond four years ago. In fact, since I've been here

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we have never gone for an excess levy or anything beyond our regular taxable entitlement. The law requires us to go before the voters every six years requesting a renewal. We borrowed the money and are making payments from our operating budget. Of course interest payments are involved. We paid \$104,000 per vehicle. Today they are going for \$130,000 per vehicle and we have been using those trucks for 2 1/2 years. So, there is some off-set there.

Land purchases take on the same rationale. Infringement conflicts, hindered egress because of traffic flow. density considerations or other transfer transactions, in later years, may find us looking for more real property. We will be questioned with "Why didn't you buy five years ago when it was cheaper"?

Why the levy? In 1976 the department answered 124 calls with 50 volunteers or 2.5 calls per week. As of August 31 we have responded to 742 calls with 57 volunteers and 9 career firefighters or 3 calls per day. Can we expect a volunteer force, with their good samaritan attitudes, to respond to that many calls? With 70% of our calls requiring medical attention we have taken on an obligatory imperative-duty posture. Our manning activity and equipment acquisitions have presented our community the ability to receive insurance benefits.

The community is not only asking for the continuance of service but asking for an arrangement to increase the level of service. No other fire district provides this level of service (advanced life support with transport). We have hired three paramedics temporarily to accomodate this request. We were in the Basic Life Support Ambulance transport business before.

Our Fire Commissioners anticipated a funding short-fall due to proration of taxes when the voters approved the Sheriff's Levy through the Road District. They were trying to blend an economic short-fall with the provision of existing services. Then the heat for extended services burst into flame. Subjected to unfair conclusions



The Bremerton chapter of the Old Time Fiddlers entertains at the third annual Old Timers Day held at the Community Services Center

KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

they made overtures to different representatives of the people to study problem and recommendations. The result - go for a

The \$650,000 levy with an anticipated cost of \$1.62 per \$1,000 assessed value is collected in one year. It could be used over two or more years.

Test your memory - two years ago

the voters approved a levy for the Sheriff's Department with the money going to the County. Even with more deputies we still rely on our firefighters. Now, your firefighters are asking for levy support, with the money staying in the fire district to provide improved services. Can we say "no"? If the answer is "no", anticipate changes.

Chief Horace Kanno **KP Fire District 16**

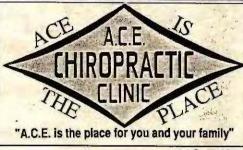


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The Science Corner

by Joe Aprile

There have been many recent exciting developments in science, like the remarkable discoveries made by the robot spacecraft, Voyager 2, at the fringes of the solar system. As I reminded my eightyear old daughter, this spacecraft was launched four years before she was born, and has only now arrived at the planet Uranus and its moons.

Our planetary system is only a very small part of our galaxy, the Milky Way, and this galaxy is only one of billions that inhabit the known universe. We have barely begun to explore the vast regions of space that surround us. This exploration inspires more questions than it answers.

One of the future shuttle missions will place a space telescope in orbit, where there will be no atmosphere to cloud or distort the images from sapce. Earth-bound astronomers will be able to see the heavens with ten times greater resolution that ever before, and it possible that planets orbiting neighboring stars might fall within the range of detection.

If in the future of space travel, other planets are actually discovered and explored by robot vehicles like the Voyager spacecraft, what kinds of evidence would be needed to show that life exists there?

There are two kinds of substances that all living things on planet earth possess from the simplest to the most complex. Those substances are DNA (and in some cases RNA) and proteins. DNA is

a very complex substance whose structure was first proposed in 1954 by Watson and Creek, which was a discovery that won them both the Nobel Prize. DNA contains in its structure a kind of chemical language that has all the information that describes the characteristics of the individual (i.e. hair color, complexion, facial features etc.). It is this information, or heredity, that is passed on from parent to child.

In humans and many other creatures, DNA is organized into structures called chromosomes. All humans have 46 chromosomes, grouped into 23 pairs. Each parent contributes one member of each pair to his or her child. Each chromosome is made up of thousands of genes. Each gene is a piece of DNA containing the information needed by body cells to manufacture a particular protein (that other ingredient of life that was mentioned previously).

Each protein fulfills a unique function. For example, the protein hemoglobin is carried by the red cells that circulate in our blood stream, and is designed to pick up oxygen from the lungs and deliver this oxygen to all the tissues. DNA and proteins are, therefore, intimately related, and both must be present in a living organ-

Next time, we will see how errors in the structure of genes can lead to inherited diseases such as sickle cell anemia. As a matter of fact, both the location of the gene and the structural error responsible for the disease of Cystic Fibrosis has recently been found, a most exciting and important discovery.

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Pioneer Days thank you

Pioneer Days was the best ever, thanks to the enormous contributions from volunteers and donors. On the top of the list deserving our thanks are our corporate sponsors, KKMO Radio, Budweiser Beer, the Key Peninsula News and Puget Sound National Bank.

Another major contributor, Vaughn Bay Lumber Company, donated a dump truck full of firewood, which was our second prize in the raffle.

The core of committee chair people was the largest that we ever had, insuring diversity in both ideas and man power. Without these people, this year's success would have never been realized. This year's steering committee consisted of Dale Loy, Rick Oldenberg, and myself.

The parade, sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association, and run by Shirley Frame, was the biggest and best parade we've ever had!

The beer garden was extremely profitable under the watchful eye of Howard Reynolds. The beer garden entertainment was organized and supplied by Jerry Benoit.

The free parking committe was headed up by Wally Cornman and his VFW gang and they did a terrific job.

Stephanie Zampini ran the arena events with her usual enthusiasm. Ann Larson was in charge of the games for the children.

Those of you who noticed how clean the grounds were should thank Cindy Marshall and her children for the marvelous work they did.

People who arrived early in the morning were able to cheer on or participate in Pioneer Days first fun run organized by Jim Latteri of the Peninsula Running Club.

For those who still had some sporting ambition left, there was Tim Kezele's round robin horseshoe tournament to compete in.

The food concessions were arranged by Terese Jackson and it was obvious by the long lines at the food booths that she did a good job.

SERVPRO

The highlight of the day for the chil-

dren, as it has been every year, was the fish pond run by Swede Otten and Henry

A lot of companies, groups and individuals need thank-yous also. First, there is the Angel Guild for their grant bringing the Pioneer Farm exhibit. Everyone appreciated the Grange display, the Historical Society, and the private contribution from Henry Stock displaying his guns and the Little Big Horn miniature layout. There were countless numbers of others who participated in everything from setup to knock-down, ticket-selling to bartending, to volunteering their time at the Pioneer Farm Exhibit booths.

Our brand new caretakers, Joanne and Dan Baldwin, jumped in with both feet and performed above and beyond the call of their duties. Other major contributors were the local employees of Peninsula Light Company. The Key Peninsula Fire Department and the Volunteer Association were there in every facet, from the parade to the tug of war and we really appreciated it.

Special thanks also to Phil Radcliff of Grader Services and Jeff Charboneau of Charboneau Construction who came through with time and equipment. And thanks to the guys of the Twilight Dance Club and the folks of the Church of Latter Day Saints for the great muscle work. Other thank you's go to Lakewood Lawn and Equipment, Walt's Fine Foods, Key Western Builders and Jim Sammon's Explorer Scouts.

I apologize for any name that I may have forgotten to mention at the time of writing this article. But the most important people to thank are all of you, the attending public who made Pioneer Days '89 the great success it was.

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ambulance, replacement	60,000.00
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rescue vehicle and fire engine overhaul	38,000.00
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(mandated by EPA)	
station #3 pavement	13,000.00
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(stations at Longbranch, Key Center, Wauna and Lakebay need repairs)	
ambulance equipment	8,415.00
(for providing ALS and BLS services)	
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(for filling air bottles)	

Key Peninsula NEWS staff changes

Growth and changing requirements have prompted a major revision of the staff of the Key Peninsula NEWS effective with this issue.

Taking over as managing editor is Megan Aprile, who has been serving as the main news and feature writer. She replaces Karen Laatz who has left the staff. Ida MacWatters has also left the staff. Arleen Lonning will begin training immediately to handle the computer composition of the ads, and Don Porter, who is new to the staff, will be handling advertising sales. Joe Aprile will continue as staff photographer and Ruth Updike will continue in her role as bookkeeper.

Lee Stiles has returned to the NEWS on a temporary basis to assist with computer training of the new staff, and former editors Pauline Finn and Keith Stiles will be assisting operations for the next few editions.



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Convention II, Washington, attended by Peninsula teens

Grant Erickson, Erin Foster, Dana Miller, Ann Sanders, Gretchen Showalter, Susan Kelly and Lori Otto recently attended Convention II, Washington, in Olympia. The event was held at Evergreen State College and the State Capitol, and was a four-day statewide mock constitutional convention involving four hundred outstanding Washington High School students. The students were selected to participate by their schools and communities.

From Our Scrapbooks by Margaret Paul

The Tacoma Times, August 31, 1897

More that 20 cords of stove wood have been sawed from the old planking taken from Pacific Avenue between Seventh Street and the wharf. The wood is piled at the city jail and will be used for fuel there.

Ad: Help Wanted, Male: 500 laborers for railroad work; rock men, teamsters and laborers of all kinds; wages \$1.75 per day. Astoria and Columbia River Railroad.

The Peninsula Gateway, August 24,

Poultry, logging and berry industries were the highlight topics at the Key Peninsula Historical Society meeting July 27. Mrs. E.M. Clyde spoke of the large number of poultry farms in the Home area. She said, "there were as many as 1300 to 1400 cases of eggs shipped per week to Seattle from the Home dock. Eggs were shipped by way of Bremerton by the Berntsen & Lorenz Navigation Company. This was in the early 1920's into the early 1940's. The largest poultry raiser at the time was Armand Roberts with 7,000 chickens." Other well-known poultry growers were Kranz, Deuran, Ostroff, Alt and Schneeberg.

State DOT says work will start on **SR 302**

by Keith Stiles

Information from the Washington State Department of Transportation Project Engineering office in Port Orchard is that the long awaited (and much needed) reapir work on Highway 302 between Key Center and Elgin-Clifton road will start "about September II". The contractor, Ace Paving, will begin shoulder work, reparis, and other project items preparatory to actual resurfacing. It is expected the job will include the construction of four slowvehicle turnouts and a certain amount of shoulder widening and regrading of certain areas.

It is estimated that this preparatory work will require from two to three weeks. Then, if weather allows, an overlay of paving will be put on the entire section, something that should improve it greatly. The paving phase is highly dependent on weather, and continuous bad weather could result in the final paving being held up until next

Much of the work will impact traffic flow on the Key Center/Elgin-Clifton portion of the road, and the project will be under road control for these periods. Drivers may wish to consider the use of an alternate route through Vaughn or Glen Cove if the delays become severe.

Centennial maps available

Washington residents can get a view of their state as it existed 100 years ago. "Washington at Statehood 1889" is a poster-sized color map depicting the cities, towns and counties which were in existence as Washington entered the union a century ago. The map also shows roadways, railroads and other points of

Regular and limited edition maps are being sold throughout the state, with proceeds going to a special acccount with the Cental Washington University Foundation to provide scholarships and other educational programs for CWU.

The map is on sale for approximately \$4.00 at book stores, map outlets, museums, historical societies and tourist information centers throughout the state. A limited edition map is available, framed or unframed, by calling (509) 662-5167.

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Obituaries:

Miron W. Neal, M.D.(70), died August 11. Dr. Neal had lived in the area three years. He was born September 17, 1918 in Detroit, Michigan. He obtained his Chemical Engineering Degree from the University of Michigan, his M.B.A. from Stanford University and his M.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. He was a retired psychiatrist, and consultant on a volunteer basis; a life member of APA; a member of the AMA and a member of the Lakebay-Home Social Club. He was of the Episcopal faith. He was loved by many; helped many and loved especially by his wife, Alyce.

He is survived by his wife, Alyce S. Neal of Home; his daughter Roxane Neal of Berkeley, California; his sons Miron W. Neal III of San Francisco, California and Edward G. Neal, MD of Portland, Oregon; his sister Mary Neal Yourd of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and his nephew Stowe Badauoch of Knapp, Wisconsin.

A private family memorial service was held Saturday morning, August 12. Remembrances may be made to The American Cancer Society.

John M. Carlson (63), died August 24. Mr. Carlson was born December 4, 1925 in Deming, Washington. Carlson had lived in the area for the past twelve years. He was a boat builder, and a member of the Port Orchard Eagles. He served with the US Army in Korea.

He is survived by his wife Patricia of

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Services were held Monday, August 28 at the Gig Harbor Methodist Church. Remembrances may be made to the University of Washington Medical Research

Dennis Demetrius Daily:

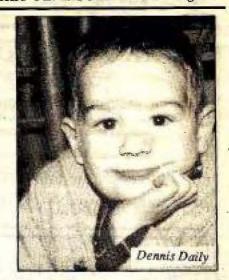
Dennis Daily died at home, surrounded by his family, on Wednesday August 16, after a courageous bout with cancer.

He was born on October 28 1985, in his family home at 410 Key Peninsula Highway South in Lakebay.

Three year-old Dennis enjoyed his life to the fullest. Cooking was a favorite, with baking his forte. He loved throwing rocks into the water at the beach. Music and song were a daily joy, with art and play and smiles. Favorite games included baseball and hide and seek. He was trusting, loving, strong and full of faith.

Dennis lived with parents Bruce and Donna Daily, sister Beatrice Claire Daily and host sister Svanja Heinemann. His grandparents were Donald and Beatrice Smith and Vivien and Roy Graham. He was loved by other relatives including two uncles, three aunts, seven cousins and a wealth of friends, neighbors and community members.

A memorial celebrating Dennis' life was held at the family home on Saturday, August 26 at 3:30 pm. Friends and com-



munity wereinvited to attend. A friendship potluck followed the memorial.

Remembrances to be contributed in his memory toward children's oncology services may be made by calling 265-8229, or to a favorite charity.





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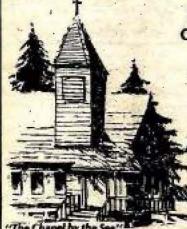
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When the raffle tickets were drawn, Sue Taylor was the lucky winner of a 3 day vacation to Port Townsend, boat tickets to the San Juan Islands and \$150 spending money. The \$150 dollar shopping spree at Walt's Fine Foods went to Bill McCardles of Lakebay, Helen Starr of Gig Harbor won the cord of wood, and James Powell won the afghan.

Old Timers Day is a fund raising event for the Key Peninsula Community Services, which houses our local food bank. It also serves as an energy assistance site and a clothing bank, has information and referrals, job listings and referrals, as well as a thrift store on the premises. It is the Home area senior center, offering a variety of programs for seniors, and also provides a meeting place for other local groups.

Sewing classes

Sewing classes will start again at the Key Center Library. Classes will be every Tuesday from 1 to 4 pm. The class will run from September 19 to December 12. For information please call Sucko Erikson at 851-2888 or 884-3703.

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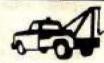
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To Your Health by Wm. F. Roes, MD



Although it's only been a few months since I last wrote about immunizations, it's already time for an update. Recently there's been a lot of concern about a resurgence of Measles (Rubeola). This is a serious, sometimes fatal disease that seemed to be vanquished by the MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) shot that children get at 15 months. There has been recent evidence that a single early immunization isn't adequate, and the Health Department and American Academy of Pediatrics have now recommended that all young people who were immunized before 1980 receive a secong booster

shot. In our area, there have been two

cases in Gig Harbor reported suspicious

as for measles. Although the public

schools are not requiring a second immu-

nization for enrollment, some colleges are

now requiring all freshman to receive an

MMR, so an immunization for the 11 to 25 age group is probably a good idea. The only real contraindication is pregnancy, or getting pregnant shortly after the shot.

I was remiss in my previous article in not mentioning the vaccine against the Hemophilus Influenzae (H-flu for short) organism, which is a bacteria, not an influenza virus. It tends to cause problems for children in the two to seven year age group, and is responsible for many ear infections, and more serious infections such as meningitis and pneumonia. Although infections can be treated with antibiotics, prevention of the infection and its consequences is a better idea. We recommend vaccinating children from two to five years old, especially if they are in day care. It is a one shot dose and available at your regular doctor's office.

Finally, the real influenza vaccine (a virus this time) will be available through the Health Department and the Health Center in late October, which will again coincide with the Health Center's annual Health Fair on October 28.

Thanks again for thinking about the EMS levy and getting out to vote.

Video Picks: Moving

Written by Andy Breckman, directed by Alan Metter, starring Richard Pryor, with Randy Quaid. Rented at D.J.'s Mini-Mart

Moving would not be a good movie without Richard Pryor. The plot is sort of a modern fairytale. Everyman, played as Arlo Pear, by Pryor, is a nice guy; so nice that he is walked all over, so nice that he is victimized, so nice that he gets nosebleeds instead of getting angry. But even nice guys can only take so much.

I don't want to spoil the fun by telling

you all about the plot, but I don't think many actors besides Richard Pryor could metamorphize into a mutant karate kid trying to save his moving van full of furniture, and still be not only believable, but lovable. As he rides into his driveway, triumphant, in battle fatigues and machine gun, astride the roof of the moving van, he calls out cheerily to his wife, "honey, I'm home."

Randy Quaid is good as the vilest neighbor imaginable. Anyone who has been ever been irritated by the noise of a neighbor mowing the lawn will appreciate the sight gag about mowing.

While very funny, this movie is not to watch with your children unless you don't mind them hearing a lot of profanity.

The first in a series, the Friends of the Key Center Library will offer a variety of programs throughout the year. If you would like to support these programs and to receive the Friends seasonal newsletter, please complete the membership form.

Preschool storytime for ages 3 to 5 begins September 20 and continues through November 9, each Thursday at 1 pm. Registration will begin September 1.

The Key Peninsula News, along with 79 other Washington newspapers has been microfilmed by the Washington State Library. The newspapers have been catalogued and listed in a computer database. As a result, the Washington State Library has been receiving interlibrary loan requests from across the nation. \$50,000 needs to be raised by September 30 to complete the project. Interested individuals may contact the Washington Newspaper Project, Washington State Library, AJ-11, Olympia, Washington, 98504, phone number 586-8460.

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by Dory Myers

An acclaimed Washington state poet and artist, Robert Sund, will appear at the Key Center Library to discuss and read his works on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 pm. Several of his calligraphy pieces, paintings and windletters will also be exhibited in the Brones room.

Robert Sund was born in 1929 and grew up on a small farm near Grays Harbor. After graduating from Elma High School in 1948, he studied under Theodore Roethke at the University of Washington. His books are Bunch Grass, published by the University of Washington, and Ish River, published by North Point Press. The latter won the Washington State Governor's Award. A very active poet, Sund has presented numerous poetry readings on the west coast from

California to British Columbia. He has been poet-in-residence at Skagit Valley College and the Seattle Public Schools, and Poetry Program Director for KRAB-FM from 1964 to 1967. He is presently living in La Conner, preparing a book of translations in English of the Swedish-Finish poet Rabbe Enckell, and gathering peoms for his next book which will be called The River With One Bank.

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Fire Commissioner Candidate interviews.....

asked to run for fire commissioner, "it took me a couple of weeks of good, hard thinking. I looked into the job and found I have the qualifications, like a great many people who aren't running." Mr. Yanity felt some prime qualifications were the willingness to put the time and energy into the position.

What part of your background do you feel qualifies you for the position?

John Hendrickson worked in production control for Boeing Corp in 1966, and later worked as the assistant service manager for Bill Newton Ford in Gig Harbor, and also did the budget for the service department. He has worked for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department for the last fourteen years. He is the department statistician, handles all the scheduling (of 11 deputies and a sergeant), and does the annual budget, which is done in the same line item format as the fire department budget.

Deputy Hendrickson works closely enough with fire department personnel to have his own desk and telephone at the station #3 headquarters in Key Center. He outlined that close association as crosstraining with fire department personnel, responding to many calls where fire district personnel are also present, and conducting the minor arson investigations.

Mr. Stiles stated he had 32 years of business management experience, with a specialization in finance, planning and operations. He was president of one corporation, owned a business and was vice president and operations manager of another large business. He was the north-west director for a Fortune 500 company, and product line manager of a major corporation. Mr. Stiles also serves on the Peninsula District school board, and was a former editor of the Key Peninsula News. In fire related fields, his experience comes from the work he did for the city of Pasadena in emergency dispatch and communications, his work on the ALS/EMS Committee, the Paramedic Evaluation Committe, and chairing the EMS/ALS /Fire Levy Passage Committee.

Mr. Yanity has many years of experience in fleet repair. He statedhe has been on both sides of union management and feels he knows how to treat employees. He has I5 years of small business experience. He is a strong supporter of career and volunteer firefighters.

How do you envision working with the two existing commissioners?

Deputy Hendrickson stated he thought "overall the commissioners have done a really fine job and I have a great deal of respect for them. They are very dedicated." Deputy Hendrickson added that he felt they were very different in their philosophy, approach and experience. He felt Commissioner Art Fenton's experience in fire services equipment was extremely good for the department and stated both commissioners were very active in local, county and state fire affairs. "I think I would get along with both

of them very well. I think I can hold my own." Deputy Hendrickson said he has been attending the fire commissioner's meetings for the last year, and added he "never had a harsh word with either one of

Mr. Stiles expressed his respect for Art Fenton and the level of his technical knowledge, and also remarked that he was aware of Mr. Fenton's concern about financial matters. Mr. Stiles said he could understand that concern because of the way the district must be "front funded," meaning that the demand for services rises before the tax revenues reach the treasury. Mr. Stiles said he had "a lot of respect for Hugh McMillan's ability in public relations." Mr. Stiles said he felt

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his experience was very similar to departing fire commissioner Duane Fleming's. "Fire communication was a specialty of Duane's and mine, and I am probably the only candidate they'll ever see with a first-class commercial ticket radio license." In addition, Mr. Stiles felt a person with a "middle view" would be helpful, and he saw himself as such a person.

Mr Yanity said "I believe I can work with them as well as anybody else can. I'm sure there'll be an adjustment period. They have agreements and disagreements among themselves at times, but that is a part of working together."



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What kinds of policies would you like to see the Fire Department follow?

Deputy Hendrickson felt that "fire service is changing so rapidly. We used to be able to have spaghetti dinners and wash cars" if a new piece of equipment was needed, but the combination of greatly increased prices and more regulations about equipment from the state and county level have created a situation where "we all need to assume a share".

Deputy Hendrickson felt a ten-year plan, to be updated every year, is needed. He also mentioned that hazardous material handling will become a fire service "and we need to start looking for that money. I'm not saying anybody did a bad job," he continued, but we need to figure out where funding is coming from. We need to lobby the legislature to change our status of junior taxing district. (see related article elsewhere in the news). We are going to have to pay, one way or another. Station #4 in Longbranch has some walls sinking into the ground. Station #3 in Key Center has wiring and other items that are not up to code. The Wauna and Lakebay stations are getting very antiquated. We will have to equip ourselves within ten years for hazardous materials handling." Deputy Hendrickson expressed his concern about the EPA regulations, state laws, and county requirements that are passed which fire districts must meet and find funding to meet. Deputy Hendrickson felt FD.16 "was pretty well up to snuff" on fire equipment, but that growth would change that fact unless planning was done to "keep response time the same."

Mr. Stiles felt the most pressing need was a detailed operational plan for finance, construction and interagency work over the next two years, a more general five year plan and a long range plan for 10 years. He felt the fire district needed to focus on studying and acting on increased service in the north peninsula (ending at approximately Key Center), and passing the als (advanced life support) levy so we will be a contractor of record (important if a county wide ems service becomes a reality). He also felt the fire commissioners have "got to be conscious of state and county pressure for the amalgamation of districts (like #5 and #16). We have to study this issue to determine the best course for our district." Mr. Stiles pointed out that our district "is one of the great trainers of young fire fighters, and we must support the training process all the way, but it is also terribly important to support our volunteers, and we can never forget that the roots of the fire department are many, including many retired volunteers, the Ashes, the Angel Guild, and the anonymous donors who have helped over the years."

Mr. Yanity said that his top priority was to have ambulance service permanently established. "A profit would be nice, but the motivation should be service. We are provided dollars by the taxpayers and we should give back the best fire department possible." Mr Yanity also felt there should be better fiscal accountability on the part of the fire commissioners, and stated that he felt the policy of taking money and expenses for attending meetings was inappropriate. "I don't believe this is fiscal responsibility." Citing the amount that was re-imbursed to one fire commissioner for his hotel room, Mr. Yanity commented, "I believe I could attend a meeting and rest just as well in a lower priced room. I don't intend to accept any pay. I may accept expenses, but not pay.'

Mr. Yanity felt more emphasis should be put on training and supporting firefighters. "They are paying for their own schooling to be paramedics, and it's long and expensive. We ought to try and find a way to help them if they are going to work in our district." Mr Yanity concluded, "I'd like to get people's input. I'd like to see people feel that they are listened to."

How would you define the responsibilities of a fire commissioner?

Deputy Hendrickson felt that our fire district has command and paid staff that know the needs of the district, and it is the job of the commissioners to get the funding to meet those needs. "I see the commissioner as a watchdog for the public. I don't see myself trying to run the department or interfere. I see myself as a tool to

Mr. Stiles felt that the first responsibility of a fire commissioner was to interface between the operations of the department and the public who pays the bills. Mr. Stiles felt that a fire commissioner should work hard on making policy in accord with what the public needs and wants, and keeping the public informed about the conditions of the fire district. He felt a fire commissioner, after defining the needs of the district, should go out and work for the financing. He felt a fire commissioner should concentrate on the future of the department, and avoid "micro management". When asked to define the term, Mr. Stiles replied, "micro management is chasing mice while elephants escape." Mr. Stiles continued, "it isn't fun and games, but problems must be faced."

Mr. Yanity felt the main responsibility of a commissioner is to be a manager of the fire department, to oversee personnel, budgeting and equipment, to put in place short and long term plans, and to encourage public input.

Each candidate was invited to make an additional statement.

Deputy Hendrickson said "We've been hearing the county talk about emergency medical service plans, but they have yet to fund it. We're pretty much on our own. If we want the quality to continue, we're going to have to dig down in our pockets and pass the levy. If we let the quality of fire suppression drop to pay for advanced life support, our insurance rating will drop and home owners will pay for that.

Deputy Hendrickson said that his biggest interest was "getting out of junior taxing district. I think we should be reprioritized, because it is important to the financial health of fire district 16, so that's what I want to pursue. I also think we need to keep an open door policy to the public and the personnel. You have to go along with the electorate. They put you in office to watchdog their money."

Keith Stiles wanted to thank the people who encouraged him to run, and gave his assurances that if elected, he would certainly do everything possible to support the district. "Any new commissioner," said Mr. Stiles, is foolish to say I am going to do this or that. If the three (meaning working together if elected with the other commissioners) of us can get together, we can move together to deal with the years of growth I see coming. Most of all, I'm convinced that a new commissioner must bring something that he's going to contribute. Our fire department desperately needs somebody who is free to be able to spend some time on the job and time to travel and participate in things outside the district. I don't think we should have to train commissioners in public administration. I think I'm the only candidate who has experience in dealing with public funds. Everything I've done is a matter of public record. I have a lot of consideration for the employee-side of things - the school district has 700 people employed. I've had the opportunity to work with public officials and have already developed a working-relationship with them. I'm ready to hit the ground

running with this job and I don't owe a dime's worth of favor to anybody."

Mr. Yanity submitted the following statement in writing. "My wife and I are long-term residents of the Key Peninsula and have raised our three' sons here. I'm not a professional politician. I do not presently hold another political office as one of my opponents. I'm not an employee of Pierce County government. Thus, I do not have any conflicting interest that would affect my decisions concerning fire district 16. I'm not politically obligated to any individudual - but, if elected I owe all the citizens the best fire department possible."

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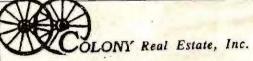
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