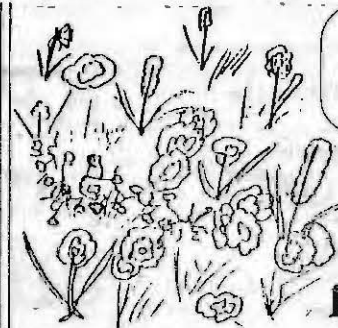
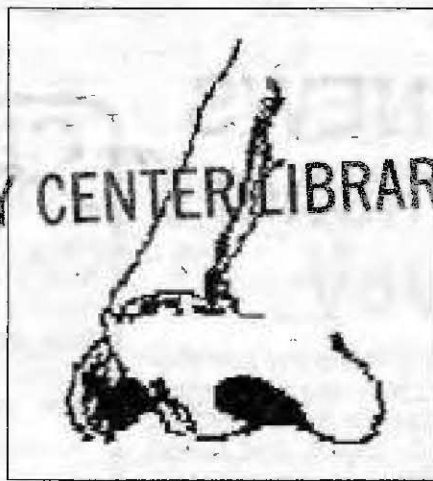


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NEWS flash! New roof to be installed in April by volunteers!

by Dave Freeman

The community has begun to rally to the many needs of the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Over \$3,000 has been raised by Henry Stock and others toward the roof replacement and other serious maintenance needs of the center in the last two months. Wow! This has been great.

We had just enough money to order the roofing, so we did. It will be here Saturday, March 28, but the job of fund raising is only half done. We need another \$3,000 to repair damaged roof structure, gutters, chimneys and so forth. We also need your donated labor to install the new roof and make the needed repairs, starting this Saturday and for the next two to three weeks.

Tom Rolfzen of Lakebay Roofing is in charge of installing the new roof and organizing volunteers. He needs you to call him at 884-2186.

A work party is set for this Saturday, March 28, to load the roofing up to the top of the roof.

Job #1 is getting done

Two men
and a lot of
roof...

Dave Freeman
washes
while President
Ed Taylor
contemplates
the remaining
expanse...



We need 8 to 10 strong volunteers to move 150 squares of roofing. Refreshments will be provided.

Roofing starts on April 4 and

will continue for two to three weeks. We need volunteer labor and refreshment help each weekend. We also need the services of a carpenter to help repair

the roof structure and fascia boards on both the main building and the annex. Contact Nick at the Civic Center at 884-3456 and Tom Rolfzen at 884-2186.

Power will be out March 27

by Megan Aprile

As work progresses on the new Lakebay substation (shown below), some areas of the Key Penin-

sula south of the business district in Key Center will have an outage. During the outages, line crews will be working on the transmission lines feeding the Vaughn and Lakebay substations. The lines will run from Carney Lake through Vaughn and into the new Lakebay station.

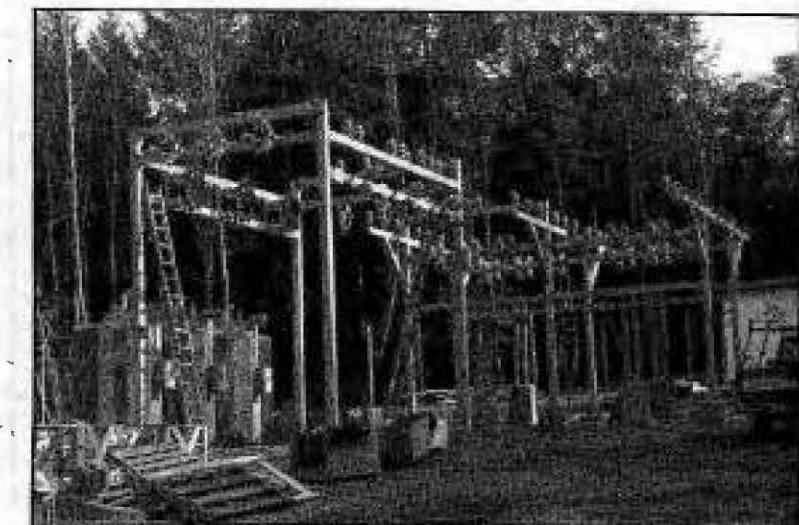
peninsula south of the business district in Key Center will have an outage.

Peninsula Light Director of Operations Gary Lodholm said that the company will determine the outage date and time about two weeks in advance, and will notify the local media and businesses who might be affected.

People using life support systems should notify Peninsula Light at 857-5950, ext. 356, if they have not already done so, to receive advance notification of planned outages.

Most of the outages will occur during the day. The substation is being built to improve service to the Key Peninsula, and is scheduled for completion in late summer 1992.

This planned outage has no connection with the outage experienced by many in the area during the afternoon of March 20, which was caused by a transformer failure.



sula will experience brief power outages over the coming spring and summer.

The first outage will be from 2 to 4 am on Friday, March 27, and will affect several areas on the peninsula. Elgin-Clifton Road and

KPN, Wright-Bliss Road, Lackey Road, and all of north and south Vaughn will be down. The business section in the Key Center area will remain in power, but all of the

**Don't miss
Reno Nite
at the
Civic Center
April 4
4 pm to midnight**

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Reader warning: Some articles in this issue are April Fools items and are not factual representations of actual events.

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of our Key Peninsula

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**KP NEWS
publishers
survey**

As the publishers of the Key Peninsula NEWS, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association is evaluating the NEWS, and how it could best serve the community.

The Civic Center Association would like to have the following information from our readers, and ask that you take a few minutes to fill out the survey.

Surveys can be returned to Longbranch Mercantile, the Home Country Store, Sunnycrest Nursery, D.J.'s Mini Mart, or the Harvest Time store. You may also mail your survey to KPCCA, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394.

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 SOCIAL/COMMUNITY CALENDAR (styled the same way as the Civic Center calendar) WITH
 MONTHLY LOCAL ACTIVITIES YES _____ NO _____
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS (column or continuing list)
 YES _____ NO _____
 SCHOOL NEWS AND ACTIVITIES YES _____ NO _____
 MORE CIVIC CENTER NEWS YES _____ NO _____
 COMMUNITY ISSUES YES _____ NO _____
 (DESCRIBE) _____
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 INTEREST ITEM? YES _____ NO _____
- 13) ANY OTHER COMMENTS? _____

Civic Center Calendar of Events

March, APRIL, May 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MAR. 23 gym walk 8-11 AM SOCCER 7 PM	24 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15-4 PM B.BALL 5:30-7 T.O.P.S. 6-8 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	25 gym walk 8-11 AM BINGO 6:30 PM	26 gym walk SENIORS 11-4 PM BASKETBALL 5:30-7 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	27 gym walk 8-11 AM AEROBICS 9-10AM HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING 2-3:30 pm SKATING 6:30-9:30 PM	28 
29 KPLF 10:30 am Beg. Skate 2-3:30 pm Volleyball 4-6 pm AA 7-9 pm	30 gym walk SOCCER	31 gym walk W.I.C. B.BALL T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	APRIL 1 gym walk Aerobics 9 am 	2 gym walk SENIORS AEROBICS 6-7 PM KARATE NA CAC 7-9 PM	3 gym walk AEROBICS HOME-SCHOOLERS 11-3 PM SKATING	4 
5 KPLF 10:30 am & 6:30 pm BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL AA	6 gym walk Aerobics 9-10 am; 6-7 pm Grange 6-10 pm ABATE 7-10 pm KPPCA Exec. Bd. Mtg. 7:30 pm	7 gym walk W.I.C. AEROBICS 6-7 PM T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	8 gym walk AEROBICS BINGO	9 gym walk SENIORS AEROBICS KARATE NA KPPCA 7:30 PM	10 gym walk AEROBICS HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING SKATING	11 5-7:30 pm 
12 KPLF 10:30 am & 6:30 pm BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL AA	13 gym walk AEROBICS VFW & AUX. 7:30 PM	14 gym walk W.I.C. AEROBICS T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	15 gym walk AEROBICS BINGO	16 gym walk SENIORS AEROBICS KARATE NA COOTIETTES 6:30 pm	17 gym walk AEROBICS SKATING	18 Gym closed for function 
19  KPLF VOLLEYBALL AA	20 gym walk AEROBICS	21 gym walk W.I.C. AEROBICS T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	22 gym walk AEROBICS BINGO	23 gym walk SENIORS AEROBICS KARATE NA	24 gym walk AEROBICS HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING SKATING	25 
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Events subject to change; for more information, call 884-3456.

Deadlines for April issue

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April Dates

Fishermen's breakfast

The annual Fishermen's breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 26 at the Key Peninsula Sportsmen's Clubhouse at 3503 Jackson Lake Road, KPN. Breakfast will be served from 7 am to 1 pm. The menu will include choice of juice, sweet breads, sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, fruit and all the hot cakes with butter and syrup that you can eat.

Price for adults is \$4, children ages 6 through 12 is \$3.50. Children 5 and under will be admitted free of charge.

Come and enjoy breakfast with old friends. Plan to visit our "treasure" sale. Good parking is available. For ticket information call Fern Hagan at 884-9647. Tickets will also be available at the door.

Home schoolers meeting

The Greater Gig Harbor Home School Association will meet Monday, April 20 at 7 pm at the Gig Harbor Christian Church on Burnham Drive. The meeting will center around curriculum and various methods that work for us. The meeting is free and all are invited to attend. For more information please call 265-2155.

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Key Dates

~BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS~

Allyn Comm. Assn. April 2: 7:30 am/bkfst; 8 am/mtg. Allyn Inn
KPBA April 3, 17: 7:30 am Huckleberry Inn

~CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS~

Angel Guild April 28: 10 am KC Library/Brones rm.
ASHES April 2: 10:30 am/potluck Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime April 2: 7 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Cootiettes: April 14: Cottesmore; April 21: Retsil Veterans Home
April 28: Naval Hospital - Bremerton; meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware pkg. lot
April 16: 6:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore Room
KPCCA April 9: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
KPCS Board April 14: 7:30 pm Community House - Home
KP Lions April 1, 15: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn - Key Center
Longbranch Imp. Club April 15: 7/7:30 pm/potluck/mtg. Longbranch Imp. Club.

~COMMUNITY SERVICES~

Adult Literacy classes/Altrusa Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm Purdy Fire Station
CPR classes April 2: 7-10 pm 884-2222 for reservations
food bank Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm Community House - Home
hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon " " " "
free lunch Sundays 2-3 pm " " " "

also, food and clothing assistance; for more info, call 884-4514; 857-4780

Key Center library programs, exhibits: see article on page 19
respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm KC library/Brones rm.
W.I.C. Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment

~OF INTEREST TO PARENTS~

beg. skate (preschool - 2nd) Sundays: 2-3:30 pm KPCC/gym
KPMS Activity Nights April 3, 17: 6:30-8:30 pm KP Middle School
For KPMS students - basketball & pickle ball; music, dancing, crafts & food.
.50 admission or bring a can of food for the food bank.
Peninsula School Board April 9: 7:30 pm ESC center/Board rm. - Purdy
skating Fridays: 6:30 pm KPCC/gym

~PUBLIC MEETINGS~

KP Fire Com. April 8, 20: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board April 14: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Pen. Neighbors Assoc. March 30: 7:00 pm KC library/Brones rm.

~SELF HELP GROUPS~

AA Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm; Sun: 6 pm KPCS/Lakebay
Narcotics Anonymous Tues. & Thurs.: 7-8:30 pm KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Grp. April 7: 7 pm Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15; mtg. 7-8 pm KPCC/VFW rm.

~SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS~

ABATE of Wa. April 6: 7:00 pm KPCC
Bayshore Garden Club/April 17: 1pm/(guest spkr.; install new officers)/Longb. Imp. Club
Longbrancheros April 28: 7 pm Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors April 8: 10 am Longbranch Church
Pen. Social Club April 2: 6:30/potluck; 7:30/mtg. KP Lutheran Church
Ruth Circle April 20: noon Longbranch Church
Senior Society Thursdays: noon; foot care & blood press. KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Upper Sound Grange April 6: 6-10 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Vaughn Garden Club April 15: 10:30 am hostess: Eleanor Stock
VFW & Aux. April 13: 7 pm KPCC/VFW rm.

~EVENTS~

ASHES Rummage Sale April 11: 9-4 Headqtrs. St./Key Center
Citizens Against Crime May 2: 6 pm KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Volunteer Recognition Dinner; free to CAC members - donations accepted
Comm. House Bkfst. April 19: 8-1 (\$3/kids \$1.50) Comm. House/Home
Easter Egg Hunt April 19: 1 pm KPCC
Fishermen's Bkfst. April 26: 7am - 1 pm KP Sportsmen's Clubhouse
adults \$4/ages 6-12, \$3.50/under 6, free; "treasure sale"
KPLF Evangelist Concert May 2: 7:30 pm KPCC/gym
country and gospel music by Penny Baker and the Inman Sisters/donation
Little League Auction May 3: 1-6 pm KPCC
Lions Club Cook-Off April 11: 5-7:30 pm KPCC
Clam Chowder Cook-Off; \$5/\$6 entry fee; \$3 admission fee; prizes!
Old Time Barn Dance April 25: 7:30 pm-1:30 am KPCC/gym
grub by KNR Catering; no smoking, drinking; adults \$5/teens \$3; under 12, free
Reno Night April 4: 4 pm - midnight KPCC/gym
Ruth Circle Salad Lunch April 25: noon Longbranch Comm. Church
Theme: Hats; prizes for favorites; guitarist will entertain; adults \$4/kids \$2
Seattle Opera/PUMA April 26: 4 pm Peninsula High/Gig Harbor
mini-opera in English, based on Puccini's La Boheme; \$5; students \$2; 265-2466
Shane Cupp Benefit April 26: 5:30 pm KPCC
dinner/dance; silent auction during dinner; adults \$5/under 12, \$2.50
Student Dance Recital March 28: 6 pm KPCC/gym
jazz, hula & Spanish dancing by elementary students; adult \$2.50/under 8, free

More...

Reno Nite

That special spring event is coming up - the one where the Civic Center parking lot fills up, and there is an air of excitement in the air.

So on April 4, forget about the rototilling and the cleaning and do that other spring thing - Reno Nite at the Civic Center. You can play bingo, black jack, chuck-a-luck, beat the dealer and dice from 4 pm to midnight.

Trained dealers dress for the occasion, and food and refreshments are available.

Free tax help at fire station

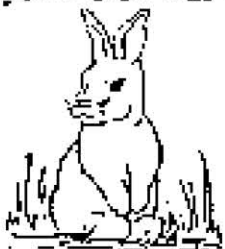
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is providing help for taxpayers at the Key Center Fire Station through April 11. A IRS-trained volunteer will be available Thursdays from 2 to 4 pm and Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm.

Taxpayers can receive help in obtaining necessary forms, answers to specific questions, or have their tax returns prepared at no charge. Interested taxpayers should bring all W-2 forms, interest and dividend forms (1099s), a copy of last year's tax return and any information regarding income and expenses.

Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club to hold Easter Egg hunt

The Gig Harbor Sportsman's Club Auxiliary will hold an early Easter Egg Hunt at the club location at 9721 Burnham Drive NW in Gig Harbor on Saturday, April 11. The public is invited.

Rain or shine the hunt will begin at 10:15 am, but children must register by 10 am. Children ages 1 through 12 may want to bring a bag or basket to collect what the Easter Bunny has hidden. Maybe you'll even win a prize.



Hunter ed class

A Hunter Education class for ages 12 and up will be given by Jack McGrath at the Gig Harbor Sportmans Club House 9721 Burnham Drive NW in Gig Harbor, on April 7, 8 and 9. You must preregister for this class, as it is limited to 12 or 13 young people. Call Jack at 858-3789.

Lions hold chowder cook-off

by Hugh McMillan

Everyone who cooks has a special one-of-a-kind recipe for chowder. Some chowders are strictly of the clam variety. Others are made of fish. Still others are rich with all kinds of seafood. All drive chowder lovers wild.

When you combine these culinary wonders with an assortment of breads and salads and your favorite beverage, you know you're somewhere near heaven.

Experience heaven at the first-ever chowder cook-off sponsored by the Key Peninsula Lions' Club on April 11 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. Doors open at 5 pm and will remain open until 7:30 pm.

If you think your chowder can make the "lip-lickin'" crowd vote yours as the best ever, send your entry fee of \$5 to: KPL Chowder, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394 not later than April 8 (or pay a \$6 entry fee on the day of the event), and bring three quarts or more of your special chowder to the judging on April 11.

Admission for judges - and a judge is anyone with a taste for wonderful chowders - will be \$3 at the door - or \$10 for any party of four judges. Judges will taste the entries of any or all contestants. Each judge (and that means you) will be given one gold, one silver, and one bronze chip to vote for your choice of first, second and third best.

When the chips representing your votes are counted at 7:30 pm, the first place chowderer will receive a beautiful, two quart, stoneware soup tureen; second, a stoneware quiche platter; and third, a large stoneware soup mug. Each will be inscribed with, "First (Second or Third) Prize, Key Peninsula Chowder Cook-off, 1992."

Questions, call: 894-3485, 857-6474, 884-3294.

Soup & sandwich Sundays in Home

Members of the Vintage Church in Gig Harbor are donating their time to cook a soup and sandwich lunch on Sundays at Key Peninsula Community Services (the foodbank) in Home.

The 1 pm lunch is provided at no cost to low income people. Food and clothing assistance is also available the last Wednesday of the month, from 9 am to 1 pm, for low income people.

Easter Egg Hunt

It's free, it's at the Civic Center, and you're invited.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held this year on Easter Sunday, April 19 at 1 pm. The hunt will be open to kids from 0 to 11 years old, with four age groups, each with its own "hunting grounds."



Ruth Circle Salad Luncheon

by Jean Humphries

The Longbranch Community Church is having their Salad Luncheon on Saturday April 25 at noon. The theme is "Hats." Friends and members, put on your special bonnet or hat. Prizes will be given for favorites.

A talented guitarist will entertain with special music. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. Come and join us for a fun afternoon.

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Aliens seen!



These hideous creatures from another world were recently seen on the Key Peninsula.

The exact location of their appearance is being kept secret to avoid a panic. The aliens refused to divulge the purpose of their visit.

You are advised to use extreme caution at all times until further notice.

Vanpooling opportunities

Pierce Transit, in cooperation with Group Action for Peninsula People (GAPP), has delivered a brand new 8-passenger van to Gig Harbor. It's available for travel throughout most of Washington state to any group that has a pre-approved volunteer driver. The van allows Pierce Transit to effectively respond to the unique transportation needs of Peninsula residents.

Suppose a number of people want to go to Spokane for Bloomsday or to Long Beach for the kite festival. Perhaps a group wants to shop at the Tacoma Mall one day a month. The community van is available for all those uses and many more. Travel possibilities are limited only by interests and needs. The total cost of the trip, calculated at 28 cents a mile, is divided among the number of passengers in the van group. The driver typically rides free.

All you need to get started is a driver approved by Pierce Transit and GAPP. You would need to schedule your trip with GAPP, agree to collect established fares, abide by the rules of the van program and complete the Rider Agreement/Fare Collection Report.

If you have any questions about scheduling a trip or are interested in becoming a driver, call Donna Bowen at 857-7183.

RECORD TURNOUTS AT KPCCA MEETINGS

by Mollie Tucker

As many of you are aware, the KPCCA just recently obtained the deed to the Community Center from the Park District. Which of course means, we are supported solely thru the efforts of the community itself. We do not have tax dollars to fall back on.

This community's supportive response has been nothing less than fabulous!!! Donations are up... Attendance is great... an average of thirty to forty local residents in participation since January.

Committees are thriving, however, there are still positions available for any community minded persons out there who just haven't made it to one of the meetings yet. KPCCA has a spot for you! You can choose your area of interest and level of involvement.

Existing refurbishment programs, such as, (1) the heating system planning & installation; and (2) the chimney repairs are coming along. We anticipate these two items to be completed by this coming winter.

In the administrative arena, we are sprucing up business management thru computerized data bases and bookkeeping procedures. This of course helps us to be more efficient in addition to its obvious time and cost effectiveness.

Newly elected board members since January:

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KPCCA holds monthly meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. April's meeting is on the 9th. We encourage you to come out and be a participant. Its fun!



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Free fitness walking clinic in Tacoma

A free fitness walking clinic for people of all ages and fitness levels will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, at Owen's Beach in Point Defiance Park.

The clinic will feature style and pace tips, walking courses, and the development of individual fitness profiles. Complimentary food and beverages will be served.

The clinic is sponsored by View magazine, the official publication of Group Health Cooperative and the Center for Health Promotion's "Health Steps" program. There is no charge or pre-registration. For more information call (206)448-5999.

Key Peninsula Life Fellowship hosts concert

The Key Peninsula Life Fellowship will be hosting a "Classic Country and Gospel Music at its Best Concert" on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 pm. The concert will be held in the gym at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. There is no door charge, but a donation will be accepted during the concert. Featured will be recording artist Penny Baker and The Inman Sisters.

Penny Baker has been involved with professional country music since she was a little girl back in Texas singing on a country radio show. Through her adult career she has sung with such greats as "Little" Jimmy Dickens and Buck Owens. At one time Penny also sang with the Hank Show. For the past fifteen years Penny has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada, as well as several foreign countries. Penny's two sisters, Eva and Betty, (known as The Inman Sisters), have been singing country music together for many years, including performances at prisons. When the three sisters get together they share a rapport that electrifies their audience! Young and old enjoy the diversity of their musical style. From classic country to contemporary with yodeling in-between, they are definitely artists worthwhile seeing. The three sisters will be hosted by other area churches throughout that weekend also.

For more information, please call 884-9379 in Gig Harbor, or 272-3250 in Tacoma.

New office staff for senior citizens

As of March, the Civic Center office for Senior Citizens will be open weekly on Thursdays. Call 884-9833 or 1-800-642-5769 for an appointment with Care Managers Lisa, Merry, Pam Cooper or Dwayne Dailey.

Assistance to people over sixty will be available for those with various problems, including: social security, S.S.I., food stamps, medical coupons and medical forms. Frozen meals, etc. will also be available.

Key Peninsula Little League Auction 7

Key Peninsula Little League invites you to attend an auction on May 3 at the Civic Center. Viewing of the items to be auctioned will be from 1 to 3 pm, with the auction to follow at 4 pm.

Among the items to be auctioned are: a Coca Cola vending machine, a Nolan Ryan autographed baseball card, row boats, a 3 HP outboard motor, a gas barbecue, a sailboat, a complete set of Donruss baseball cards, and assorted new sporting equipment.

These are only a few examples of the nearly 100 items we will have. Come out and help us make our Little League the very best it can possibly be.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward the purchase of a pitching machine for all the kids in the league to use. We hope also to construct dugouts and erect portable fences on all the fields at regulation distances.

Key Peninsula Little League is now in its third year of operation. The playing fields and equipment available to our youngsters are made possible only through the hard work of our parents and the civic pride of those merchants and organizations who sponsor our teams. This year Key Peninsula Little League has over 500 kids from ages 6 to 18 playing on 36 teams. For more information, call Tim Kessler at 884-2909.

Key Peninsula Park District Notice

Tim Kezele, Chairman of the Key Peninsula Park District, announces that meetings will now be held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm, at the Key Center library, Brones room.

Military collectables show

A military collectables show will be sponsored by the Northwest Historical Military Collectors Association at the Amvets Post #1 in Tacoma on Saturday, April 18 from 9 am to 3 pm. For more information call (206) 952-3439.



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New clinic planned in Key Center

Plans were recently revealed for a proposed new medical facility in downtown Key Center.

Groundbreaking is expected by May 1 on the 1.3 million square-foot building, which is to include 69 stories of various patient care and office facilities, with a seventieth story rotating restaurant at the top.

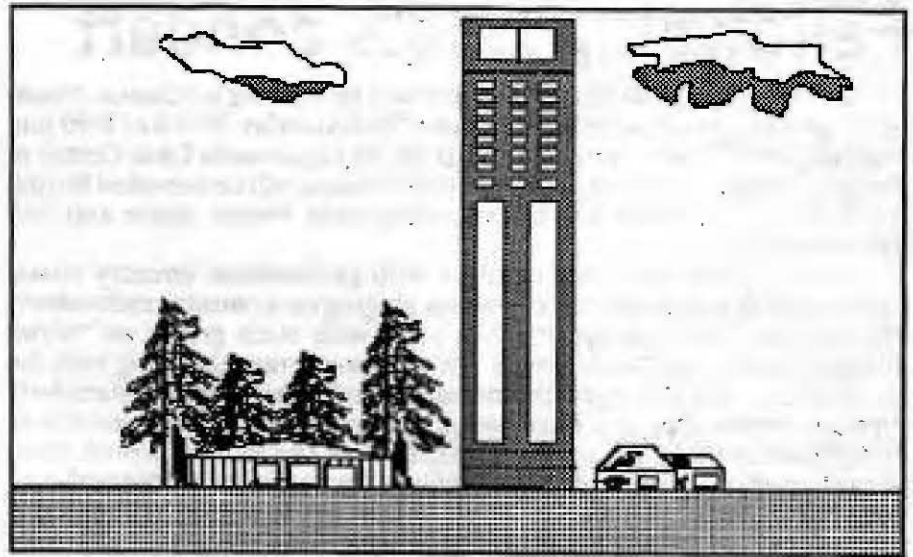
Dr. Roes, primary backer of

the Key Center monolith, explained to the NEWS reporter that it was necessary to offer a view of Mount Rainier and the Olympics in order to attract specialists who would otherwise be choosing a more centrally located practice site.

"In order to get the view we wanted we had to go up," he stated, adding that the county and Peninsula Advisory Committee did have some reservations, but it was a matter of local pride to have the first skyscraper west of the Narrows.

The previous problem of lack of a water supply for the business community has been solved by the planned desalination plant being built in Glen Cove.

Other building amenities will include a heliport to facilitate commuting with downtown Seattle, and possible rail link to Longbranch via the proposed 302 light rail system.



Artist's conception of new downtown Key Center medical facility

Shane Cupp benefit on April 26

Shane Cupp is an Evergreen Elementary student. He also is about to undergo a bone marrow transplant to treat his leukemia. You may have seen cans with his picture on them in many of our local businesses.

The fact is, Shane needs our help. His family, like a lot of families in this situation does not have the substantial resources needed to cover the many non-medical expenses involved in this type of treatment. (The family must live in Seattle for several months as a part of Shane's treatment, among other things.)

To help raise the substantial funds needed, a benefit will be held at the Civic Center on April 26.

The Civic Center Association has donated the use of the Center, and entertainer Roger Gemelle has also donated his time, so that the entire proceeds can be do-

nated towards Shane's expenses.

Please plan to attend this family dinner/dance event. Look for flyers with ticket locations, or purchase them at the door that evening.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. (Call Barbara Whitney at 884-3529 if you need a family price.)

The dinner, which will be chili, corn bread, salad and dessert, with coffee or lemonade, will be held from 5 to 7 pm. Beer and wine will also be available.

The dance, with a variety of pop, rock and blues music, will be from 7 to 9 pm. Children are welcome at both the dinner and dance. In addition, look for a selection of lovely items in the silent auction, from 5 to 9 pm.

If you can donate a new item for the auction, or volunteer some time to help, please contact Barbara Whitney at 884-3529.

Skating program shows rapid growth

The Civic Center Association's Friday night skating program continues to be a popular activity for area kids.

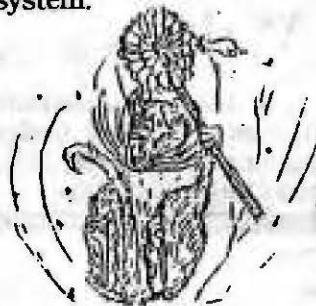
New managers Pat and Kim Williams have worked hard to run the program well, and expanded hours of 6:30 to 9:30 pm have helped boost attendance to record levels. Part of the skating proceeds will be used to upgrade skates and add more pairs.

The addition of a Sunday beginning skating program has also been well received and attended. The local Cub Scout organization helps to run the beginning skate program, which is held every Sunday, from 2 to 3:30 pm.

Private skating parties are also a popular event, and a great way to entertain a large group of kids. The cost, at \$25 for an hour party of 25 children, is reasonable too. Call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456 to reserve a date.

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Recycle those cans

The Civic Center Association says thanks to all the people who have been showing up at the Civic Center with bags of their aluminum cans. Thanks also go to John and Lula Wetzel, local owners of Wetzel Recycling, for coming up with a great way to help the Civic Center and the planet.

If you donate your aluminum cans at either Wetzels, (located about one and a half miles south of Key Center), or the Civic Center (bagged cans only please), the proceeds will be donated by the Wetzels to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, to be used for the direct support of the center. If you recycle at Wetzels, be sure to let him know that you want the proceeds to go to the Center.

Proceeds of selected glass bottles may also be donated. Rainier, Rhinlands, Heidelberg, and Weinhardt beer bottles may be donated at Wetzels only.

Purdy Windsurfing Association cleans the spit

reprinted from the Purdy Windsurfing Association Newsletter

Thank you go out to the large number of Purdy Windsurfing Association folks who donated a recent Sunday morning to pick up the Wauna-Purdy spit.

A total of 42 bags of interesting (?) trash was collected including tennis shoes, baby bottles, and huge amounts of white polystyrene (the product used in dock floats, among other uses). Well done folks!

A side note: that ubiquitous styrene takes a very long time (if ever) to decompose naturally. Birds end up eating the stuff, filling

up their stomachs, and starving to death. Do everybody (including our wildlife) a favor and collect this junk if you see it floating by as you sail.

Also, favorable comments were received from a variety of water quality experts upon hearing details of the Purdy Windsurfing Association testing program during a regional monitoring conference recently held in Portland.

Several made remarks about cooperation in our future work on this important project.

T.O.P.S. extends invitation to join

T.O.P.S., (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), extends an invitation to anyone interested in joining their organization. T.O.P.S. meets Tuesdays in the V.F.W. room at the Civic Center. Weigh-in begins at 6:15 pm with a meeting following at 7 pm.

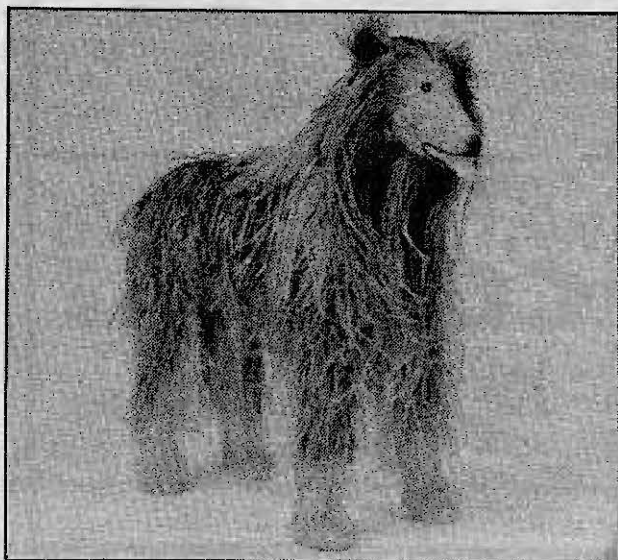
T.O.P.S. is a non-profit organization. If you would like to come and see if this is for you, the first meeting is free. For further information, please call Betty, 884-2598, or Maureen, 884-4437.

Peninsula Neighbors come to Key Peninsula

The Peninsula Neighbors Association, (PNA) a non-profit citizen's watchdog group for land use and land development, has extended the range of their organization to include the Key Peninsula. An informational meeting about PNA will be held at 7 pm on March 30 in the Brones room at the Key Center library.



Local dog found petrified



A petrified dog was found near the Lakebay transfer station. It is not known what caused the petrification, but the dog was seen eating things out of the dumpster on Sunday night when the transfer station closed. Startled workers found him petrified when they reopened on Tuesday.



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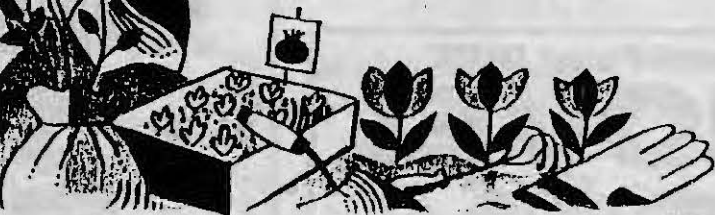
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Volunteers with painting and minor repair experience needed

Volunteers with experience and knowledge in exterior house painting and minor repairs are needed to give technical advice to Paint Tacoma Beautiful volunteer crew chiefs.

This program is in its eighth year of painting (home exteriors only) for low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women. The goal for 1992 is to paint a total of 65 homes in Tacoma/Pierce County. The painters are volunteers from churches, service clubs, businesses, unions, local government offices and the general public.

But before the painting takes place the program needs technical advice in two areas. First the program needs advisors to look at the applicants' houses and spot possible problems. In the past, these problems have included dormers on extremely steep roofs and bad asphalt siding. Then, after the houses have been selected and assigned, most crew chiefs need an advisor to help with preparation of a work plan and general "how-to" questions.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer your experience and knowledge while helping others. Please call the Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful office for more information or to volunteer your services; contact Sallie Shawl 383-3056.

Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Chamber of Commerce photo contest

The Gig Harbor/Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee will be sponsoring for the second year the "Give us your best shot" photo contest. Local photographers are invited to submit photos depicting the Gig Harbor and Peninsula area.

Photos may be color or black and white and must be taken within the last year. Color slides will also be accepted. First, second and third prize photos will be selected in each of the following categories: recreation, business and industry, climatic (or seasonal), people or nature.

Prizes will be awarded as follows: first prize, \$50; second prize, \$15; third prize, \$10. One grand prize photo will receive an additional \$50. Photos will be judged on sharpness/clarity, color, composition, humor, useability in Chamber of Commerce publications, and best depiction of category.

Entry forms are available May 1 at the Chamber Office (next to City Hall), and at Photo Pro, 6876 Kimball Drive, Gig Harbor. Deadline for entry is June 1, 1992. Winners will be announced June 16, 1992.

Corrections

Please note the following corrections for March issue: In the article on the local couple who have opened the Key Peninsula Life Fellowship, the correct spelling of Mrs. Tucker's name is Mollie. The Tucker's two daughters are Christy, 13 and Alysha, who is an E-4 in the Coast Guard. The Tuckers extend a heartfelt invitation to all residents to join them in fellowship.

In the article on Cecil and Margaret Paul, Margaret was born at her grandmother's house in Agate, near Shelton, not Chum, as we reported.

Little league to have challenger division

The Key Peninsula Little League is hoping to draw interested players for the Challenger Division league which is designed for kids with mental and/or physical disabilities. This division offers kids who might otherwise never play baseball a chance to experience the thrill of the game as a player.

The program is available for youths aged 6 to 18. Each of the players has a "buddy," a non-impaired child who helps him/her hit, throw, catch and field when necessary.

Last year there were two teams playing in the southern Kitsap division. This year Little League hopes to be able to field three or four teams.

All players are provided with uniforms and equipment, and the division functions as do other divisions of Little League. However, there are some differences, for instance, an inning consists of everyone getting a chance to bat and field. Every game ends in a tie. Depending on ability, batters can hit from a tee or be pitched to by a coach or player.

Registration for players is \$20. If you are interested in finding out more about the Challenger Division of Little League or registration information, call Kirsti Feldmann at 884-4481 or leave a message at 884-4844.

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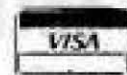
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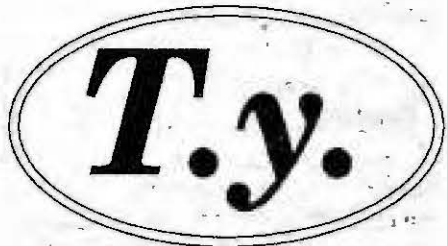
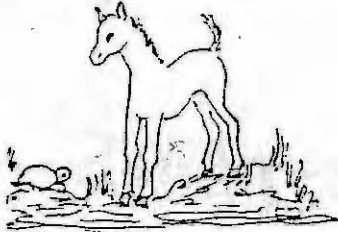
Longbranch Improvement Club garage sale date changed

The dates for the community garage sale at the Longbranch Improvement Club has been changed from April 25 and 26 to May 16 and 17. It will be held from 9 am to 5 pm on each of these days.

Prices for rental tables for both days will be as follows: 8-foot table, \$15; 6-foot table, \$10; two 6-foot tables, \$18.

We have had good activity on the tables already, so if you are interested, reserve early. To reserve tables, call Ann Williams at 884-3270, or Dorothy Rome at 884-9355. For other information, call Fern Bays at 884-4227, or Joe Gillfillan at 884-4614.

The big **ASHES**, (Auxiliary to Fire District #16) rummage sale will be held this year on Saturday, April 11 at Fire District #16 headquarters in Key Center. Donors are asked to deliver their good, clean, usable articles to the Key Center fire station on Friday, April 10, the day before the sale.



It's important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices will 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 the Key Peninsula NEWS, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. The deadline for each issue is on page 2.

To Dr. William Roes:

John and I would like to send you our deepest thank you, publicly, for the care you gave us during my hospital stay. We also want to thank you for the care you have given us since the miracle birth of our son, Doug.

Through my month long hospital stay, you were constantly there: giving us not only the best medical advise and explanations, but loving care to our entire family and friends.

We truly believe that Doug would not have survived his pre-birth trials and birth without you. His birth was a miracle and he is now a healthy, beautiful baby boy.

We have thanked you many times, but felt that the public should know what a wonderful doctor and person you truly are.

God bless you!

John, Shanon and Doug

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The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the following people or groups for the help with our Feb. 29 work party: Key Peninsula Little League, Key Center Tavern men's team, Phil Radcliff, Bob Jewett, and a very nice woman who read about our work party and rode her bicycle from the north side of Key Center with banana bread.

Sincerely,

Tim Kezele, Chairman, Key Peninsula Park District

Peninsula Light's three-year plan includes AM radio frequency

Peninsula Light Company's Board of Directors recently approved its three-year operating and capital additions plan. The 1992 portion of the plan is about \$24 million.

The company will go "on the air" in 1992, because it has acquired access to the state's "travelers information radio network." Peninsula Light will have its own AM radio frequency to broadcast information. This system will allow for frequent updates. Company officials say excess air time could be made available for other public and community services.

In another move to keep information current, Peninsula Light Company will discontinue its quarterly magazine in favor of a monthly newsletter. "The electric industry in the Pacific Northwest is changing so rapidly that the Board of Directors feels the quarterly magazine is no longer frequent enough to keep our members informed," said Rob Orton, general manager.

There will be substantial increases in the company's conservation programs, including an energy-efficient shower head conversion program, a water heater rebate offer, continuation of the Super Good Cents manufactured home rebate program, and increasing the current home retrofit weatherization program.

Electrical service will be improved by building two new substations in the Lakebay and Burnham Drive areas over the next two years. The company has also budgeted \$1.1 million in 1992 to put more lines underground, and the stepped-up tree trimming program begun in 1991 will continue.

Remodeling job on fire headquarters is complete 11



Viewed from the outside, the remodeled Fire District 16 Headquarters Station in Key Center has a nicer entrance (at left), but the real difference is inside.



Mary Ramsdell (left), and Bev Pedersen (right) show off their new office and reception area. Watercolors on the wall were painted by the talented Bev.



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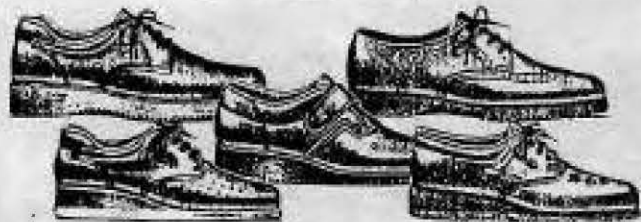
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Contributors receive a receipt for their records and those giving amounts equal to \$25, \$50 or \$100 receive buttons suitable for wearing. Heading this effort is Henry Stock (shown at right) who can be reached at 884-3739. Call Henry who will be glad to pick up your donations. Henry could also use some help in picking up contributions.



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To the editor and the people of Fire District 16:

I am writing in response to the letter written by Allen Yanity that was published in your March 1992 edition. Mr. Yanity referred to this letter as his "annual report to the people of Pierce County Fire District 16 on the expense of their fire commissioners."

Due to the untruths, misrepresentations and allegations in that letter, I feel compelled to respond.

Mr. Yanity stated that "John Hendrickson came in at \$3,672.21; of which \$2,700.00 was wages; up from \$2,934.93 last year."

According to the W-2 Wage and Tax Statement 1991, issued to me by the fire district, I collected \$2,450.00 in wages: \$490.00 was withheld for Social Security Tax and \$35.53 was withheld for Medicare tax. After deductions I netted \$1,853.17. In addition, I received \$394.00 as reimbursement for direct out-of-pocket expenses.

The fire district also covered my hotel expenses, \$25 a day food per diem and 25¢ a mile travel expenses. (I don't charge mileage unless I travel out of the county.)

I incurred more than \$2,000.00 in out-of-pocket expenses, for which I did not request reimbursement.

Since becoming a fire commissioner, I have dedicated myself to becoming as knowledgeable about fire service management as possible. I make every attempt to attend any meeting that could possibly impact Fire District 16.

During the past year I have been active with the Washington State Fire Commissioners Associations, as well as the Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association. The Pierce County Fire Commissioners Association elected me to the office of vice president for 1992. This is unheard of for someone who has only been a fire commissioner for 2 years.

Last year I attended an average of 8 meetings a month for issues that are directly related to our fire district. This works out to 96 official meetings that I could have "legally charged to the district." Less than half of the meetings I attended were in fact charged to the district. This does not include meetings with the Chief or the Battalion Chiefs that occur several times a month, Union negotiation meetings, Firefighters Association meetings, personnel meetings, planning meetings and so on.

As your Board of Fire Commissioners, we have worked hard on such issues as minimum funding for fire districts (HB 2330), a state-wide enhanced 911 telephone system, wildland fire task forces,

hazardous materials guidelines, legislative fire service caucuses, future planning committee, levy committee, and so on.

Regarding commissioners activities from surrounding districts, it should be pointed out that most of them only meet once a month, and as is their prerogative, they seldom attend anything other than their regular commissioner meeting.

In 1991, I used 120 hours of my vacation time and several hours of comp. time to attend fire district meetings, conferences and functions.

Mr. Yanity inferred that I attend Fire Commissioner meetings while on duty as a deputy sheriff, so I "make \$50 on a lunch break." My current job assignment with the Sheriff's Office is as the Peninsula Detachment investigator. Being assigned to this position allows me some flexibility in my work schedule, including the ability to split my work shift. For the meeting in question, my supervisor allowed me to work four hours prior to the meeting and four hours after the meeting.

Regarding the closed door labor negotiations, I don't know of any union anywhere (including Mr. Yanity's union) that would allow for union negotiations to be held in open public meeting.

I think the key to Mr. Yanity's letter is in his closing paragraph, "believe it or not, these elected officials have not taken anything they are not "legally" entitled to.

Sincerely,
**Commissioner
John Hendrickson**
Fire District 16

To the editor:

May I make a few comments on the Civic Center's new caretakers (emphasis on the CARE). It has been a very long time since we have had such caring people taking care of the facility. It is so nice to see them around at all times, also they are doing a great job in the kitchen. It is so organized and the appliances are so clean, also they are both dedicated to renting the facility out and really work at doing just that. A great big pat on the back to Marcie and Nick. Keep the good work up, you are appreciated.

Maureen Taylor, Vaughn

To the editor:

A few months ago, a senior official of another fire protection district asked me, "Who is this Hal Yanity and what the bleep is his problem?" When I asked if the name might be Al Yanity, the fire official acknowledged that might well be the case.

That was the preview to Yanity's latest droppings in his annual "bash the fire commissioners crusade" which appeared in the March issue of the KP News. In his epistle, Yanity ingenuously disclosed that his self-appointed

snooper exercise ate up valuable time of fire service officials in six fire districts in three counties - as if they had nothing better to do.

He didn't trouble to share with your readers the high praise for Key Peninsula's Board of Fire Commissioners to which he was exposed during his quest. A fire official from another district told me, "talking to the bleep was like talking to a post."

To his credit, this year Yanity did begrudgingly note that it is "legal" for fire commissioners to accept pay (to which the Washington State Legislature entitles them) but chose not to reveal that such payment is earned. This from a guy who told me he "did absolutely nothing for several days" when on a job in Alaska but "the pay was good."

Yanity implied last year and again this year that I went to Washington, D.C., at District expense. He knows better. Of the 12 Washington State Fire and Emergency Services officials invited in 1990, and the 20 in 1991, who attended the Congressional Fire and Emergency Services Institute's workshop, I am the only one who bore his own air fare, hotel and per diem expenses - a not insubstantial out-of-pocket expense. All other fire officials were supported totally by their fire districts, association, or firms.

I attended the conference in order to acquire information of value to Washington fire districts. (I question whether Yanity understands that the Key Peninsula Fire District is one of them.)

Of the industrialized nations of the world, the U.S. has some 70 percent of all fire fatalities and property losses. Even if it costs out-of-pocket to do so, I feel it imperative that we seize every opportunity to learn what can be done to correct that tragic statistic.

Yanity and the fortunately miniscule number of others like him who flail away so much energy finding alleged faults with the many fine people who work so hard in an infinite number of volunteer organizations dedicated to making ours a better community might better gratify their craving for attention by joining up and doing something productive. As almost 100 KP Citizens of the Year and scores of others will testify, doing so is a very rewarding experience.

Yanity has told me for years he, "just doesn't have time."

But he has time to annoy and waste the valuable time of officials in six fire districts in three counties!?!?

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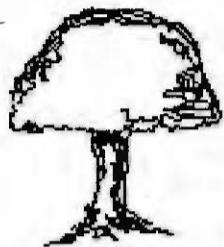
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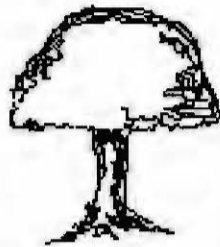
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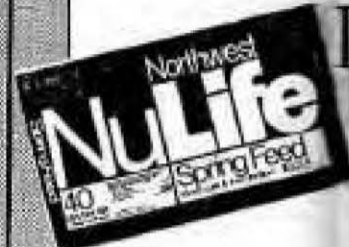
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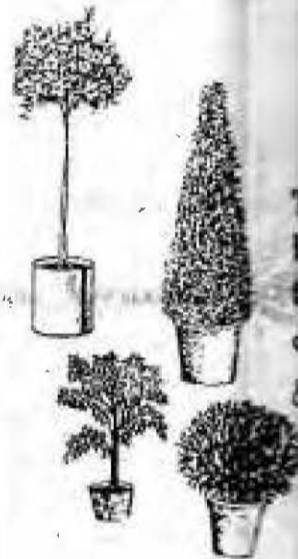
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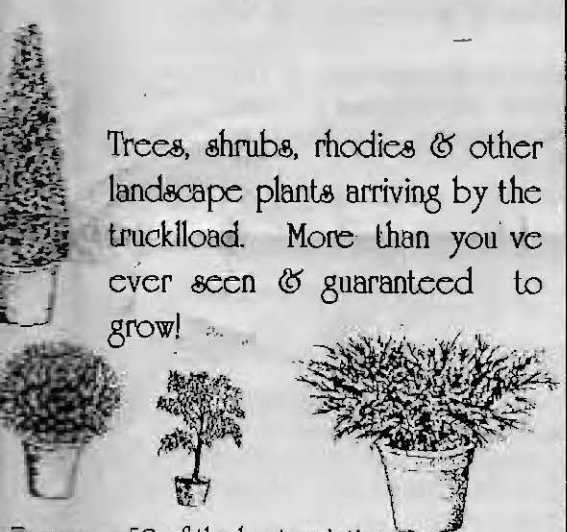
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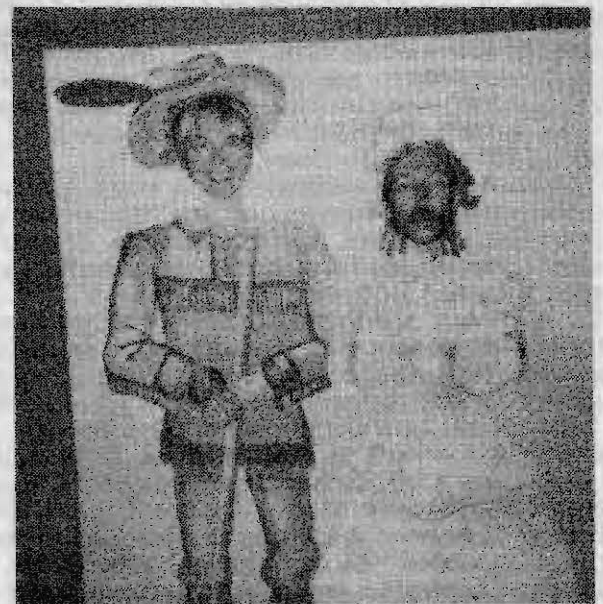
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Local poi maker has a look you can bank on



Another exciting new business is coming soon to the peninsula, to be called Oh! Poi! Informants said that authenticity is so important to these folks that unless you are dressed correctly, you are not allowed to mix. Secret NEWS cameras caught the action, and found that sure enough, it's true.

Local couple heads for Yukon

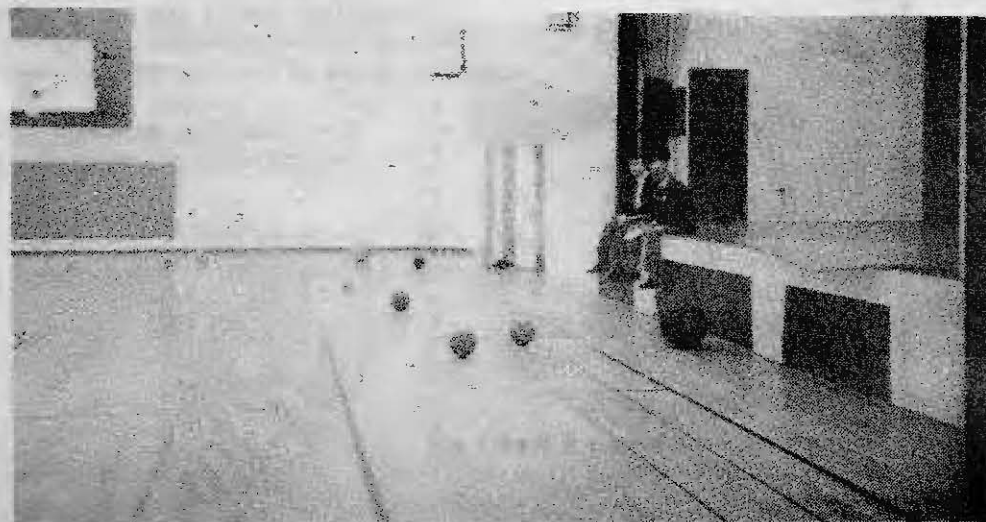


This picture, which was snapped at Sea Tac airport, shows a local couple just before they departed from Nowhere, Alaska. They said they will be doing their own interpretation of a 'nineties thing.'

Fire District 16 gets new truck



And some people think we're behind the times here on the Key Peninsula.



We could have sworn there was only one a minute ago...

LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Peninsula district awards grants to local schools

by Megan Aprile

Joan Butler, curriculum director for Peninsula School District, began a new process this year. Instead of having decisions about curriculum spending made at the administrative level, Ms. Butler got the okay from Peninsula School District superintendent Tom Hulst to have teachers and other school personnel submit grant proposals for needed materials or programs. A total of \$10,000 was available for the grants, and there was a limit of \$700 for each grant proposal.

Grant proposals came in from almost every school in the district. Most were from teachers; some came from librarians and one came from the district bus drivers. A committee composed of school administration, school staff and community members was assembled to select projects to be funded.

The grants were rated first on whether the proposal was innovative or relevant, and whether students would directly benefit from the proposed program. Other important criteria were the number of students served, the "longevity" of the program (whether it would continue past the current school year), and the quality of the proposal.

Peninsula High School received a grant for a computer network linking Peninsula High School students with students in other countries. Henderson Bay Alternative School was funded for a program called Reading Television, which incorporates television programming and reading instruction. The librarian at Harbor Ridge, our new middle school, received a grant to purchase paperback books for the library.

Teachers at Minter, Vaughn and Evergreen received grant money for providing math manipulatives. Teachers at Minter also received grant money for an art and literature curriculum, and a teacher at Vaughn received a grant to start an "Islanders Club" to learn about Polynesian culture and later present a 45 minute cultural pageant at other schools in the district.

One all-district grant was given to a group of bus drivers. They received money to purchase materials for a safety program they have developed with will be taught in the schools.

The goal of the grant process was to give teachers and other school staff more access to spending decisions, and to give administrators access to the needs and ideas of the teachers.

Satellite broadcasting comes to our middle school

by Megan Aprile

This fall, when kids went back to school as usual at Key Peninsula Middle School, they learned that each school day would start off with a TV broadcast on "Channel One," a private satellite broadcasting company called the Whittle Educational Network, which provides news and educational programs.

The service, including monitors, internal wiring and satellite dish, is free to the school because the programming is paid for by advertising. A monthly program guide is provided to teachers each month with the programming schedule and suggestions for student discussions, and articles about how other schools are using the programming.



Channel One is a daily 12-minute program produced in New York City. The kids see 10- to 30-second commercial messages for products like gum, razor blades, toothpaste, candy and pop between segments of each broadcast. The format of the programming is similar to adult newscasts, but the language is simplified and there is an emphasis on basic points.

KPMS vice-principal Judy Cleghorn said that the decision to use Whittle Educational Network took about two years. During that process, Middle School parents previewed Channel One segments. She said that while there was an initial reluctance about the commercials in the broadcasts, the benefits were powerful: the cost is free, and the provision of 24 television monitors (one in each classroom) gave teachers the ability to take advantage of good programming on public television, and the ability to tape Learning Link, a series of educational programs produced by public television. She said the school signed a three-year contract that can be broken at any time, and that teachers will be evaluating the quality of the programming throughout this year.

Ms. Cleghorn, who also teaches half time at the school, said the Channel One broadcasts would provide students with more knowledge of current events in the world, and that the supervised viewing of the commercials would allow teachers to teach kids about advertising techniques, and help them become critical consumers.

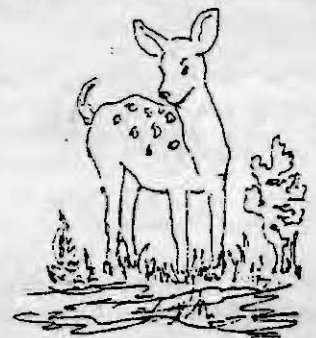
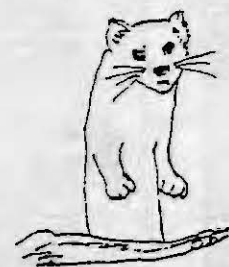
Students viewing Channel One in her eighth-grade creative writing class (shown), discussed the advertising techniques used in a razor blade commercial, which pictured women, flashy cars and muscular men.

They also had a very serious discussion on a segment about a mass murderer, and the appropriateness of a legal plea of insanity. The class also discussed the segment on Soviet dissidents and the KGB. "Why was the KGB so dreaded?" Mrs. Cleghorn asked. One student contributed information about the KGB that he had learned in another class, which Mrs. Cleghorn later commented on as an unexpected benefit of the programming.

Vaughn teacher wins prestigious Christa McAuliffe Award

Congratulations to Becky Freeman, Minter Creek Elementary School teacher. She is this year's winner of the Christa McAuliffe award for the state of Washington. Becky's outstanding work with children of different levels of intelligence and experience won her the award. Becky is a resident of Vaughn.

The fellowship award gives Becky the opportunity to travel and study her special field of interest for the next year.



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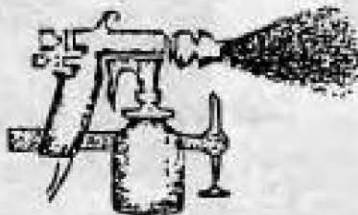
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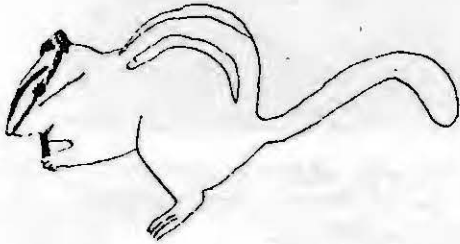
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Register your child for kindergarten now

Registration for all kindergarten age children for the 1992-93 school year will be March 30 through April 3 between 9 am and 3:30 pm at each elementary school. Children must be five years of age on or before August 31, 1992. A birth certificate and immunization records are required to register.

All parents are encouraged to register their students now in order to assure space in kindergarten this fall. Listed below are school addresses and phone numbers for your convenience. If you have questions, please call the school or the district office.

Key Peninsula area elementary schools are: Evergreen Elementary School, 1820 Key Peninsula Highway KPS, 884-3393; Minter Creek Elementary School, 12617 118th Ave. NW, 851-4542; Vaughn Elementary School, 17521 Hall Rd. KPN, 884-9233; and Purdy Elementary School, 13815 62nd Ave. NW, 857-3548.



School District board of directors meeting dates

The Peninsula School District board of directors meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Educational Service Center near Purdy elementary school at 7:30 pm.

KPMS Spelling Bee winners

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Zach Johnson, Julie Cromie, Jill Lawrence, Loretta Stromberg, and Christie Wilkerson represented Key Peninsula Middle School at the 1992 Peninsula School District Spelling Bee held March 2.

KPMS classroom eliminations were held during the month of January. Thirty-one students then progressed to the Key Peninsula Building Finals held February 7. The school winners, mentioned above, then competed in the district event.

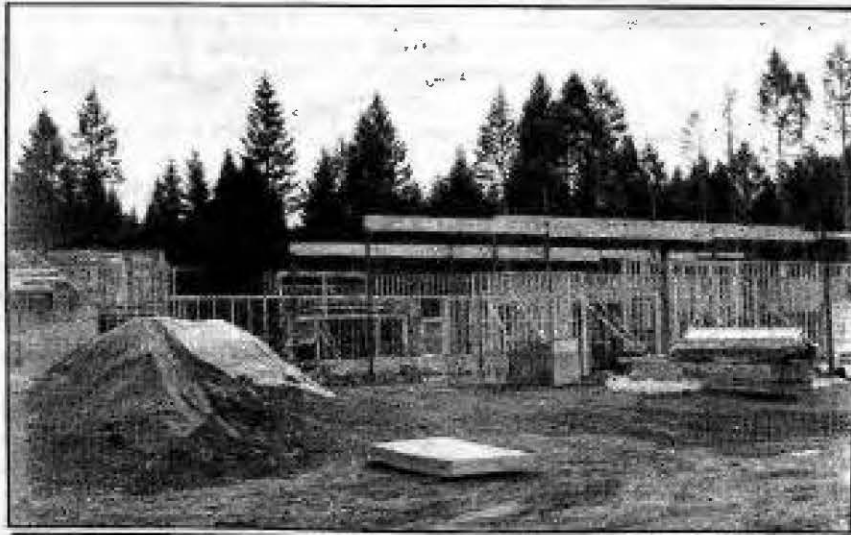
Although Key Peninsula Middle School won no first place awards, the competitive spirit, poise and composure of the students was remarkable. Congratulations for a job well done!

11th graders do well on assessment program

In November all 11th grade students participated in the annual Washington state assessment program. The test is a standardized test that emphasizes problem solving and critical thinking skills. When the scores were compared to seven other school districts in Pierce County and the state of Washington, the Peninsula School District was top ranked in Pierce County.

Peninsula students scored 43.7 in english/language arts, 42.6 in history/social studies, 42.5 in math, and 20.3 in science. Washington state overall scored 40.7 in english/language arts, 39.9 in history/social studies, 38.6 in math, and 19.3 in science. The scores are the number percent of items students were able to answer correctly on various curriculum objectives measured by the test.

Construction progress continues at "new" Vaughn Elementary



These two pictures, the first taken in December, the second last week, show the progress that has been made in the construction of the new school.



Razor clam digs in '92? Probably not

by Hugh McMillan

Is an annual trek to the ocean's shores for razor clam digging a big part of your enjoyment of the beautiful Northwest?

Tom Northrup of the Washington State Department of Fisheries says he doesn't, "know if the season will open this year." It has been closed since November 11, 1991, following discovery by the State Department of Health (DOH) of unacceptable levels of domoic acid in coastal recreational razor clam fisheries.

Prior to the November 11 closure, 20 illnesses resulting from consumption of toxic razor clams had been reported in Washington state. Eating shellfish and possibly other marine organisms which have ingested domoic acid can cause amnesic shellfish poisoning (ASP) in humans and other animals. ASP manifests itself with symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and cramps within 24 hours. Within 48 hours, neurological malfunctioning may occur with symptoms such as dizziness, confusion, loss of short-term memory, breathing difficulties, headaches, seizures, and even death.

At this time, no antidote for ASP is known.

It is not possible to predict when the toxic levels will drop to safe limits.

No domoic acid-infected crab or shellfish have been detected in Puget Sound waters as of this writing, but a precautionary closure includes all species of clams, mussels, and gooseneck barnacles pending further testing.

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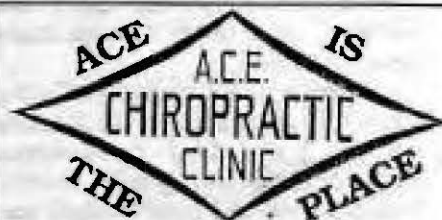
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Around the Key Peninsula

Dawn Elizabeth Daus, eighth grader from Gig Harbor, was a House page for Rep. Wes Pruitt (Democrat from the 26th district) for the week of February 10th. During the week Dawn also

attended page school. She missed KPMS and her friends but was glad she had such a "cool" time paging. She enjoyed her week in Olympia and hopes to do it again next year.



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To Your Health



by William F. Roes, MD

One of the most common complaints of adult patients in our office is fatigue. The phrase, "Doctor, I'm just so tired," seems to greet my ears several times each day.

Obviously, there are many causes of fatigue, but it seems we're finally learning more about a poorly understood cause, chronic fatigue syndrome.

Previously known as "yuppie flu," or "chronic Epstein Barr virus infection," this is probably a group of disorders now referred to as chronic fatigue syndrome. The Center for Disease Control has established that this diagnosis should be confirmed when symptoms exist for over six months, and other causes have been excluded.

Specifically, patients suffering from CFS should have all of these on at least two occasions: documented low-grade fevers; tender, swollen lymph nodes; and pharyngitis; along with fatigue, causing reduction in daily activity.

The minor criteria in making the diagnosis of CFS include weakness, muscle aches, headaches, sleep disturbances, and psychological disturbances.

Patients usually describe the onset of symptoms as acute. Obviously these symptoms can be the result of a great number of other conditions, so a careful

medical evaluation must be made.

The cause of CFS remains elusive, but there is growing evidence that it reflects an alteration of the immune system, probably from a variety of causes.

Different studies have implicated a number of viruses (including Epstein-Barr), fungus infections and some bacteria.

It also appears that there are neuro-psychiatric factors at work. There are no diagnostic tests specific for confirming the diagnosis of CFS. Studies at the university level do show qualitative and quantitative changes in the immune system, but these studies are not practical to perform in most doctors' offices. A more useful role for the laboratory is to exclude other, more serious and treatable causes of fatigue.

The good news is that CFS is usually self-limiting and tends to lessen as time goes on.

The bad news is there is little else that can currently be done other than treat symptoms. A sensible program of exercise and rest is the most important treatment. Some medications, such as anti-depressants and anti-inflammatory drugs, are often helpful.

A national organization called the Chronic Fatigue and Immune Dysfunction Syndrome Association maintains a toll-free number (1-800-442-3437) if you'd like more information.

A brief follow-up on our stop smoking group: about 50 people showed up for meetings, and 25 prescriptions have been written. Out of those, about half have stopped smoking with the new "nicotine patch," and another five without it. Keep up the good work.



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Traffic Control 1992

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to sneak out in the early morning on Sunday, as many do at present. Most of us know that our Peninsula Cow Paths are unsafe at any speed, let alone the racetrack speeds that have become the rule during the last few years. The occasional citizen, obeying the speed limit, is in

In the library

On Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm, Francis Naglich, ecologist with the wetland consulting company, Wiltermood Associates of Port Orchard, will present a slide/discussion program explaining both the creation and restoration of a wetland.

Bob Wiltermood, a decade back, restored his grandfather's seven acre pasture into a marsh and wildlife preserve. Long an environmental activist, Mr. Wiltermood now provides fee-based services to individuals, government agencies, and large commercial firms. His company offers these services: wetland determination and delineation, wetland mitigation, restoration and enhancement, creative pond design, wetland/natural resources education and technical writing, and natural resource consulting.

The same evening, Scott Edwards of Watershed Garden Works in Olalla will address several aspects of wetland planting, including identification of plants, propagation techniques, general design criteria, and the multipurpose benefits of native wetland plants for wildlife habitat, bio-filtration, aesthetics, and food production.

This special two-part program on learning about wetlands includes an educational field trip to a wetland site on Thursday, April 9 from 1 to 4 pm. The site will be the seven-acre pasture, originally cleared in 1923, which Bob Wiltermood converted into a marsh and wildlife preserve. This workshop/field trip will be conducted by the Tacoma Audubon Society, Bob Wiltermood, and Mary Knackstedt. The purpose of the program will be to teach the importance of preserving and maintaining wetlands. The presentation will be appropriate for all age levels, and especially geared so that children will be able to comprehend and participate.

Please register at the Key Center library by April 2 to participate in the field trip. For more information, please call the library at 884-2242.

Seattle magician, G. Toby Wessel will perform magic for families and children Saturday, April 11 at 1 pm at the Key Center library. Mr. Wessel has been performing professionally for the last sixteen years.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center library and is freely offered to the community.

An art exhibit by Barbara Bence will be featured at the library during the month of April. Barbara is presently an assistant art instructor working with Dori Richards, teaching palette knife technique in oil painting at the Log House Studio. Her paintings have been featured in art exhibits in Port Orchard, the Burley Galleria, and U. S. West in Tacoma. Barbara lives on the Key Peninsula.

A one-day Small Business fair is planned for September in the Civic Center gym. Booth spaces will sell for \$20. The fair will offer small business people retail and networking opportunities. Please fill out the coupon below if you are interested in participating. Mail to KP NEWS; P.O. Box 3; Vaughn, WA 98394

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Gain' Out

by Janice McMillan

Well, wouldn't you know, now that it is almost April 1st another restaurant has opened in Key Center.

The new BINGO Bar and Grill, featuring the Four Corner's Lounge, differs from any other I have encountered. Owners, Joe

"Blackout" Marker and Felice A. Winner have come up with an unusual menu based on bingo cards and have carried out the bingo theme in their decorations.

BINGO's menu, under "B," consists of barbequed bacon, blueberry buns, black bean bisque, boiled barley, and broiled bleenies. Column "I" lists various ice cream flavors. The menu continues with new potatoes, nut cookies, nutritious nothings, and nickle coffee. Every day, green beans are featured at the top of the "G" column which also includes goodies like grasshopper pie, Marker's mother's Gringo stew, and gooey green glopp (which I chose not to sample). The final BINGO column offers olives of various types, okra, octopus, Ovaltine, orange juice, and a random sampling of the popular Oh Gee Whiz cookie collection.

The BINGO building, located behind Walt's Fine Foods' parking lot, is rather ordinary. Long tables and straight backed chairs give the restaurant the appearance of a run down, early Puritan church basement, hardly the sort of ambiance to which Key Peninsulans can be expected to flock. (If the restaurant doesn't make it, the building might be appropriate for square dances, a couple of Jai Alai courts, or mud wrestling.)

As you enter you are asked to draw a round, numbered ball from a large container. This indicates your seat location and how much your meal will cost. Each item ordered will cost the amount indicated on your drawing. For example, ball number 35 means that everything you order will cost multiples of 35 cents. Ovaltine is 35¢, two blueberry buns are \$3.50, and a generous portion of black bean bisque, the house specialty, will run you \$35.00. As you can imagine, this makes for a very complicated, not to mention costly, food selection process. I predict that the owners will soon be compelled to extensively modify the menu.

The decor of BINGO's is not especially imaginative - paper placemats resembling bingo cards and cups of magic markers with which to indicate your food selection(s) on the placemats. These are collected from time to time by "card checkers," as there are no waiters or waitresses. Service, nonetheless, is swift - albeit haphazard.

An interesting feature of BINGO's is found in its wall decorations: huge black-and-white blow ups of photos of famous bingo players. This attractive display of collectors' items includes "Crosseyed Mable" Johnson who habitually played 172 bingo cards at once, and Willie "Go-for-Broke" Pattern who spent his entire retirement bonus from Boeing in a marathon bingo tournament at Seizer's Palace in Reno. My favorite, though is the huge photo of Lucky Lindy Luciano who won four back-to-back \$1,000 games in 1939. When I say "huge" photo, I mean floor to ceiling, wall to wall. It shows Lucky Lindy prone, just as he dropped dead with the excitement of winning.

Do try to get to BINGO's place before they close. Because of the odd menu, I don't think that cries of "bingo" at BINGO's will be heard for long. Besides that, they don't have a license.

Peninsula Light: increases will be coming in 1993

Our local utility, Peninsula Light Company, is anticipating a double-digit rate increase for electricity it buys from Bonneville Power Administration in 1993, because of what Peninsula Light General Manager Rob Orton has said are "so many upward pressures on Bonneville's costs that an increase of that magnitude will be hard to avoid."

What are those pressures?

*Salmon recovery

When the number of migrating salmon dropped to about 2.5 million in the early 1980s, Congress passed the Northwest Power Act, which created the Northwest Power Planning Council.

The council's job was to come up with a 20 year plan to meet the region's power needs and save the salmon. The council has spent \$1.1 billion over the last decade to fix riverbanks and build more hatcheries, but the salmon continued to decline until some species were declared endangered.

The planning council's new plan is designed to bring back wild fish by making it easier for them to navigate the series of dams they must get through on their way to the ocean. It will cause a rate increase because spilling water out of eight major dams to help the fish cuts the energy storage capacity and the availability of water for irrigation.

The cost of the Northwest Power Planning Council's new salmon recovery plan, created because of the listing of some salmon species as endangered, will create a 4% to 8% increase in rates. The cost could be higher if the National Fisheries Service modifies the plan recommended by the council.

*Bonneville's debt

In recent years, the federal government has made several attempts to restructure Bonneville's debt with an accelerated repayment schedule, which, if implemented, would increase Bonneville's costs by 5% to 10%, but help the federal budget deficit.

*Growth pressure

A natural pressure comes from the fact that our region will be facing an energy deficit in the next ten years, which would mean that Bonneville would have to buy more expensive power from elsewhere.

The three year operating and capital additions plan recently approved by Peninsula Light anticipates a double digit increase in the company's cost of electricity, which would take effect on October 1, 1993. No decisions have yet been made about when, and how much, customers' rates will increase.

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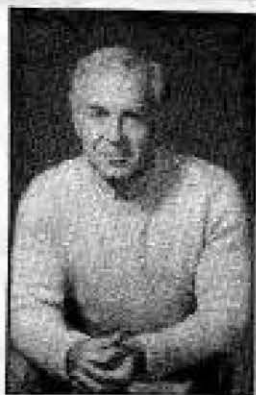
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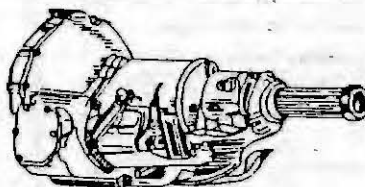
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Art News

Mini-opera coming to Peninsula High

A mini-opera, based on Puccini's *La Boheme*, will be presented by Seattle Opera under the auspices of Peninsula United Music Association, Sunday, April 26, at 4 pm at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor.

The 45-minute production will be performed in English by three operatic singers in the leading roles, accompanied by piano. Sets and costumes will be furnished by Seattle Opera.

La Boheme appeals to the romantic in everyone; it is considered one of the great love stories of the world. Created by Seattle Opera's Education Department for Cultural Enrichment in the Schools, the mini-opera appeals to both students and adults.

Tickets for the performance, \$5 for adults, \$2 for students, are available at Mostly Books and Eldebee's in Gig Harbor and can also be purchased at the door. For more information, call 265-2466.

Quilters, presented by The Performance Circle

The Performance Circle in Gig Harbor presents the musical *Quilters*, opening Friday, April 3 and playing Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm through April 25. There will be one Sunday matinee on April 5 at 2 pm.

The play is based on true life experiences of frontier settlers and carries the story lines through the piecing and quilting that portrays a large part of our American heritage.

Adult admission is \$10; seniors over 62 years, \$9; students under 17 years, \$5.

Reservations are advised. Call 851-PLAY.

The Performance Circle announce auditions

The Performance Circle of Gig Harbor will hold auditions for three summer productions: Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*; and two musicals, *Pirates of Penzance*; and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Auditions (for teenagers and adults only) are on April 4 at 3 pm, and April 5 at 5 pm at the indoor facility at 6615 38th Ave. NW, Gig Harbor. Prepare a song for the musicals; there will be no appointments. Auditions for children's roles will be announced later. Call 851-PLAY for more information or directions.

Juried exhibition open to local artists

The 39th annual Southwest Washington Exhibition at the Washington State Capital Museum will run from May 21

through June 21. This juried exhibition, co-sponsored by the Olympia Art League and the Washington State Capital Museum, is open to artists from thirteen southwestern Washington counties, including Pierce County.

Original artwork eligible for entry can include drawings, paintings (acrylic, oil, watercolor and mixed media), printmaking and sculpture; no crafts, pottery, stitchery or photography will be accepted. Awards of over \$1,100 will be made, including \$200 for Best of Show. Judging will take place on Saturday, May 16. Work will be accepted Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16. Artists can obtain the prospectus by writing to Olympia Art League, P. O. Box 404, Olympia, WA 98507. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope. The prospectus is also available at the Washington State Capital Museum.

Chautauqua to be held at Peninsula High

Artists and craftspeople interested in displaying at the Peninsula High Chautauqua, a community festival to be held Saturday, May 16, from 9 am to 5 pm, may call Gary Andersen at 884-2912. Generous-sized booth space is \$30.

Tacoma Little Theatre announces auditions

Tacoma Little Theatre announces auditions for *The Baker's Wife*, a romantic musical celebrating the dynamic range of the human spirit, written by Stephen Schwartz and Joseph Stein. Nine men and nine women, age 20 to 60, are needed. Auditions will be held Sunday, March 29 and Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm in the Tacoma Little Theatre, 210 North I St., Tacoma. Auditioners should prepare one song. If you are interested in production or stage crew, please contact the theatre at 272-2481.

Temple Beth El

The community is invited to attend the complimentary Beth El concert on Sunday, April 5, 3 pm at Temple Beth El located at 5975 S. 12th Street across from Tacoma Community College in Tacoma. The joy of Leonard Bernstein will be presented by musicians Dr. Ray Pliskow, Michael Delos, Julie Mirel, Rob McPherson and accompanists Sandra Bleiweiss and Mary Levine. Selections from *On the Town*, *Wonderful Town*, *Candide*, *West Side Story*, and *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue* will be presented.

Answers to March crossword puzzle below

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BUSINESS

Peninsula High School Hawk Shoppe reaps rewards special from Peninsula Outlook

by Amy Neel

Trips to sunny Cal...working in the Hawk Shoppe during home games...drinking espresso and eating Otis Spunkmeier cookies...that's right, those are all activities associated with Distributive Educational Clubs of America, more commonly referred to as DECA.

Thanks to DECA, we have the luxuries of pop machines, espresso, cookies, muffins, candy bars, chips, gum, t-shirts, Laffy Taffys, Laffy Taffy jokes and a lunch-time hang-out site. Students, most of them seniors, involved in DECA, sell merchandise before school, after school and during both lunch periods.

Senior Kris Wildman is store manager of the Hawk Shoppe. "I've learned a lot of things about how to manage and operate a business," she said. "I've learned marketing stuff, and stuff that will help me in the future."

DECA students have other learning experiences besides the store. Projects and new money-making ideas are brainstormed and tried out by DECA students. The student who has undertaken the project keeps track of how much money is still owed and how much is eventually made.

Current examples of projects are the Otis Spunkmeier cookies, muffins and espresso. The cookies have become a great success, selling almost as fast as they can be baked, often eaten before they have a chance to cool. Espresso, too, has experienced success and,



in fact, has become the liquid refreshment of choice to many ex-soda pop drinkers. These projects involve much more than brainstorming new ideas, however. It takes perseverance to follow through and implement a plan.

"A project is basically a 30-40 page report that every DECA member puts off until the last one-and-a-half months of the semester," senior Bubba Beck said.

No percentage of the profits from the projects are given to the ASB general fund. Ten percent of the Hawk Shoppe's net profit and income from the pop machines, however, goes to the ASB.

During first semester, several DECA students travelled to California for a DECA convention. Trips such as this one are paid for by the profits made through sales in the Hawk Shoppe.

This semester, they will travel to the national convention in Anaheim, Cal., which will take place April 29 through May 3.

"I'm excited for state competition and I'm hoping to be at nationals," Wildman said.

Some current DECA students recommend DECA to up-and-coming business students. They feel they have benefitted in many ways, including career training and discipline. Others, however, find they don't have a natural flair for business.

"(I have benefitted by) realizing I do not have great interest in a business sort of trade," one DECA senior said. "DECA is a fun class that does replace Senior Survival Skills, but I really do not feel that it has played a very big, if any at all, role in my education."

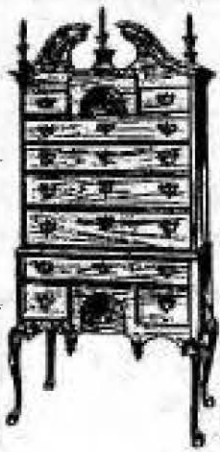
Others have an opposite opinion. "It's a lot of fun, the teacher's great and it's been one of the funnest things I've ever done," Wildman said.

Fred Haley to speak at local dinner event

Fred Haley, local resident and chairman and chief executive officer of Brown & Haley, will speak at the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dinner on April 2 at 6:30 pm which will be held at Camp Easter Seal. Mr. Haley will speak about People for Puget Sound, an organization whose members work to keep Puget Sound waters clean. He is a board member of the organization.

For more information, call the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce at 851-6865.

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Business Briefs

Congratulations to Valerie Ord, (shown) of Colony Real Estate in Key Center, who recently received the Board of Realtors' Sales Achievement Award. This award is given to those realtors who bring in \$1 million or more in business in a year.



Valerie has been a resident of the Key Peninsula for 13 years and enjoys introducing people to the area, and serving fellow residents. Stop by and see her at the Key Center office in 1992.

The KPCCA thanks Cherie Mastro, owner of D.J.'s Mini-Mart, for her support of the Civic Center.



Look for our Small Business Fair coupon on page 19.

1-800 number will help employers and job seekers

Workers looking for jobs in Washington state will find help through a self-service technology project funded by a grant of \$860,660 approved by the U.S. Department of Labor.

The grant will enable clients to access JobNet, the department's on-line job matching system, through terminals in Job Service Centers or by calling a 1-800 number. The system will automatically match applicant skills with employer's job order requirements.

Self-service terminals will be located in each of the department's 29 Job Service Centers. Employers will also be able to use the system to search for qualified applicants registered in JobNet.

We are pleased to welcome the following new advertisers:
Local resident Sarah Epstein has opened Sarah's Consignment. Sarah was the infant-through-toddler buyer for the Bubble Gum Closet for a year-and-a-half. When that business closed, she decided to open a home-based business in her Wauna area home. She takes consignment clothing from infant thru adult, jewelry and porcelain dolls. The shop is family oriented; Sarah's mother-in-law and sister-in-law contribute cross stitch quilts and dried flower arrangements, respectively.

Marlin and Bette Cram have owned and operated Peninsula Gardens since 1978 when they turned an avocation into a vocation. They started with a greenhouse and three or four employees, and now have a very large nursery, with 6.5 acres and 21 employees.

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Donations to Project HELP benefit community

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The Pierce County Community Action Agency and Peninsula FISH work with Peninsula Light Company to allocate financial assistance to less fortunate customers. Those seeking help can apply to the Pierce County Community Action Agency, 1-206-591-7240.

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Peninsula Light Company, PO Box 78, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

by Megan Aprile

The Association has welcomed new members Gary Gunn, Timothy Durnford, Jerry Gamin, Gary Peters, Carl Jacobsen and Heinz Lakshin. Gary represents the International Order of Foresters, and is president of the Sexual Assault Crises Center, which serves all of Pierce County. Timothy Durnford and Carl Jacobsen both have home-based accounting businesses. Jerry Gamin owns Henderson Bay Products, a machine shop. Gary Peters is the new owner of the Home Port Restaurant. Heinz Lakshin is a broker for Bush, Polen & Associates, Inc. in Gig Harbor, an investment management and research firm.



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Baseball season is nearly upon us, and the Association has been in communication with Key Peninsula Little League about its annual team sponsorship. New member Gary suggested that this year, we all might want to charter a bus and attend a Mariner's game, and it was further suggested that we coordinate our "field" trip with Little League's annual ticket sales drive for a Mariner's game.

The association will soon be selecting a Peninsula High School senior whose parents own or operate a business on the Key Peninsula, to receive a \$200 scholarship. The Association participates in the S.A.V.E. scholarship program at Peninsula High and awards a scholarship each year.

Many members are planning to attend the April 2 combined Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Chamber of Commerce dinner which will be held at Camp Easter Seal. The featured speaker will be Fred Haley, Sr., the chairman and chief executive officer of Brown & Haley. If you would like to attend, call the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce for more information.

If you are interested in new options and increased flexibility for your phone system, don't miss our April speaker, Don Dennis (shown) of PTI. Don will be speaking on the new generation of custom calling services that will soon be available in our service area on a one-year trial basis. Don Dennis will be joining us April 17 at noon at Michael G's. Come and enjoy a good lunch while you learn about these exciting new services.

Tax tips

by Marvin R. Keizur

Writing this column this month is very difficult; how can I convince certain people that trying to figure their income tax return could be very costly? Unless you keep up with the many changes instituted each year by the Internal Revenue Service, your tax return could be computed in error. Do your own taxes only if your income is all W-2's and your itemized deductions are less than the standard deduction allowed. Otherwise, take your information to a competent tax return preparer. Be careful of the tax return preparer that seems to appear at tax time

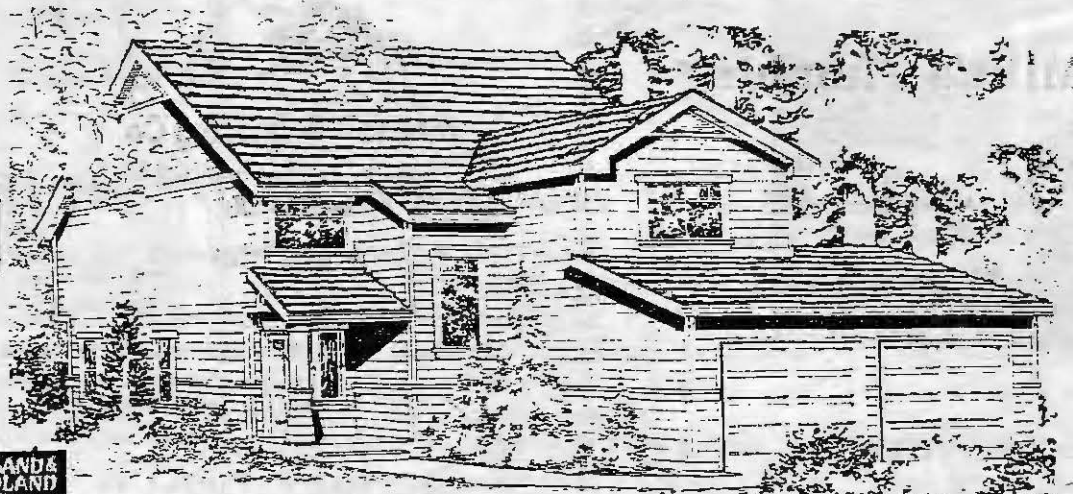
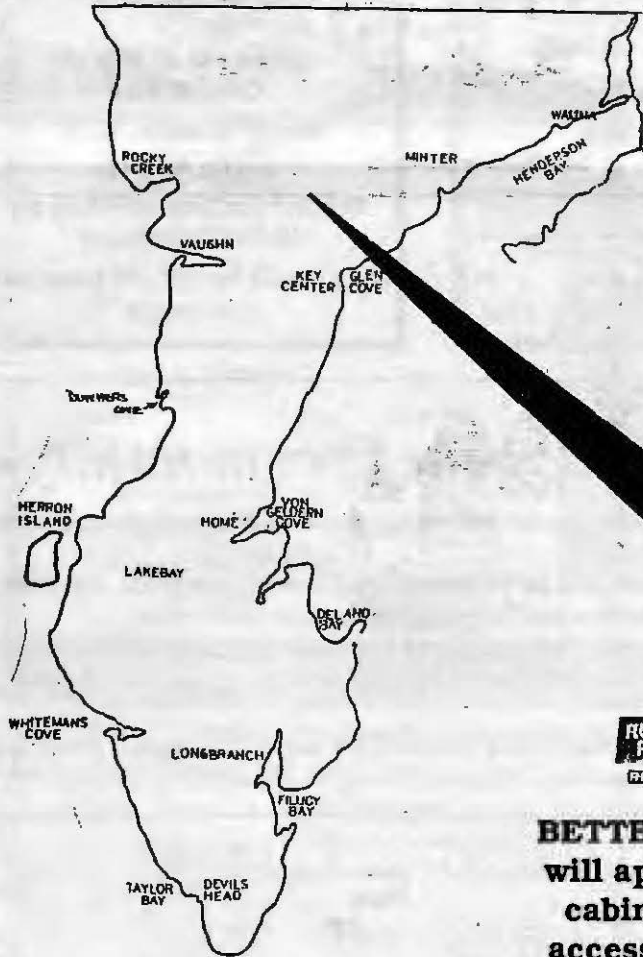
and then is not available the rest of the year. There are enough US tax preparers listed in the telephone book available year-round. Please get your information to your tax preparer early as possible or expect a considerable delay in getting your return completed.

Home based businesses should be aware of a new form this year. The IRS Form 8829, "expenses for business use of your home." You can no longer just put these expenses on Schedule C; you must fill out the 8829.

Tax time humor: Accountant speaking to tax client, "You don't need an accountant, you need a priest."

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Obituaries

*It is with deep regret that we report the deaths
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Sylvia Fae Holden

Sylvia Fae Holden died March 7 in Tacoma at the age of 50. She was born March 29, 1941 in Gig Harbor. Sylvia was a nurse's aide and attended Hope Evangelical Community Church in Tacoma. She enjoyed gardening, and is remembered as very loving and very loved.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Carl L. Holden of Tacoma; her children Daniel Inman of Bremerton, Linda Grenfell and Sandy Engman of Tacoma, Dean Inman of Great Lakes, Illinois, Ron Holden of Roy, Randy Holden and Renata Holden of Salem, Oregon; her mother, Dorothy Knudson of Gig Harbor; her brother, Curtis Knudson of Kaneohe, Hawaii; her sister, Irene Rodman of Oregon; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at Haven of Rest Chapel.

George Grayson Thomson

George Grayson Thomson died February 24 in Tacoma. George was born January 23, 1928 in Everett, WA. He has been a Washington state resident all of his life. George suffered from Down's Syndrome and lived at Rocky Bay Health Care Facility since 1986. He attended Home Chapel and Allyn Baptist Church.

George was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and three brothers. He is survived by his guardian and many friends.

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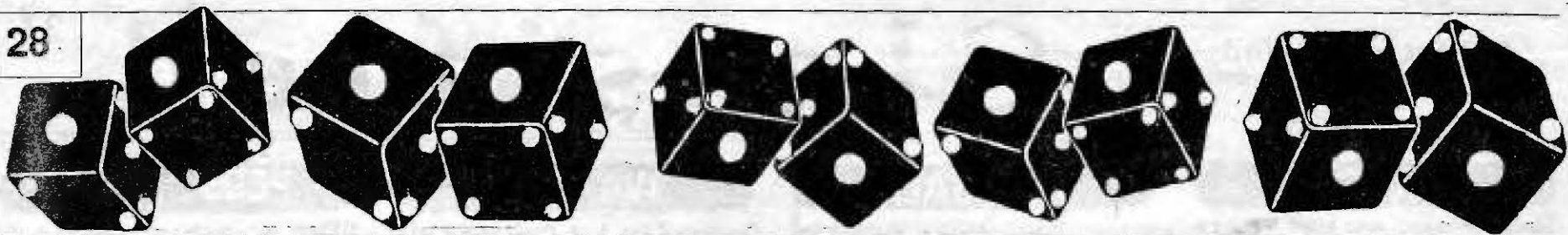
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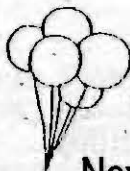
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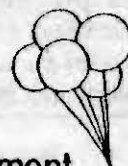
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