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Keep Clam Band clamly walks away with prize

by Joan Lawrence

Surrounded by baton-tossing clowns and marching clams, the sailor-suited Down Home Keep Clam Band won the 1992 Pioneer Day Parade Best Float Award.

Stiff competition included Eleanor and Henry Stock in a Westwynd Motel bed being pulled by a tractor, Fire District 16's 1919 American-LaFrance put-a-putting pumping car, lots of beautiful horses, followed by a manure-maneuvering Fire Department Aid car, and some people-walking dogs (we counted five Dobermans, a possible Lhasa Apso and a Shepherd pulling a CAC mini-ship called the SS Gumby) who are to be congratulated for making it all the way up the hill to the Civic Center in Vaughn.

Entertaining spectators with a Sousa march and a rousing version of "When the saints go marching in," the Keep Clam Band members included Dr. William F. Roes; Susan Mettler, LPN; Joyce Bischoff, RN; Lynn Gerrits, Perry, Andy Rebsamen, Dr. David Pomeroy, Dr. Andrew Loomis, Dr. James Patterson, Edie Morgan, Charles Steelman, Jennelle Olsson and major woodwind contributor Dr. John Olsson, D.D.S.

Boat fire near Lakebay

by Hugh McMillan

Within 30 seconds, Thomas Dye of the Key Peninsula Detachment of the Puget Sound Sea Rescue Team arrived at the scene of a burning boat off Lakebay! That was Wednesday afternoon, August 19.

Dye said, "I just happened to be in the same waters when, whoom!, this boat went up in flame and lots of smoke." The two men aboard tried vainly to douse the flames before jumping into the water. They were rescued by another boater in the area and taken to the Lakebay Marina.

After several tries, Dye managed to toss his anchor and line aboard to pull the inferno away from the shore toward which it

was drifting. "It was exploding burning material all over the place," he said, "and our shores are tinder dry. I was afraid we'd have a wildfire right among all those houses ashore."

Bill Howe and his son Harold Flacus, both Sea Rescue members, described how, "on our way down here, we could see the smoke all the way from Home. We thought it was a structure fire."

Key Peninsula firefighters Don Blischke, Mike Sammons, Scott Marcus and Tracy Lyon, led by Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell and Lt. Tom Lique put the fire out by directing streams of water at it from the shore. The vessel's hull and after quarter were badly damaged by the intense flames which melted segments of its hull, but the fire was suppressed before any damage occurred forward of the mid-section.

The aluminum drift netter, judged to be about 25 feet in length, "apparently had an electrical problem," suggested Pierce County Sheriff's Sgt. Ross Herberholz, an expert on search and rescue and maritime problems, who, with Dye's help, inspected the vessel.



Home Band takes 1st Prize in Parade

See related story at left.

Photo by Pauline Finn

School starts September 9!

by Keith Stiles

After what parents may view as a summer ages long, and children may think of as a period of about a week, Peninsula schools are scheduled to open for the 1992-93 year on Wednesday, September 9. Whether the doors actually swing open on that particular morning will depend upon whether local public school teachers have reached a contractual agreement with the school district before that date.

Children new to the Key Peninsula area since the end of school last June should be registered **now** at the various school offices, and parents are urged to complete the registration process well in advance of opening day. Generally speaking, kindergarten and elementary-age children through and including grade 5, living in the south end of the Key Peninsula, will attend Evergreen Elementary. Those living somewhat north of Home and in the mid-Key Peninsula area will attend school at Vaughn Elementary, and children in the general north end will go to

school at Minter Creek Elementary. All Middle School children (grades 6 through 8) normally attend the Key Peninsula Middle School, and High School students (grades 9 through 12) attend Peninsula High School in Purdy. Parents new to the area and in need of attendance boundary information should contact the school offices during normal weekday business hours **now** so that students can be registered promptly in the correct school.

It is also very important for parents of children new to the district to familiarize themselves with the required medical shots children must have before they will be allowed to attend classes.

Because of the rapid increase in the number of school-age children in the area, the Peninsula School District has been engaged in a major on-going building and modernization program over the past several years. Elementary children in the Vaughn attendance area will find an entirely new school awaiting them this

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For information about the Key Peninsula Civic Center call 884-3456.

Wanted! Reno Night dealers

A training session on how to deal Black Jack will be held every Tuesday, 7-9 pm, through October. If you are interested in helping at the tables at Civic Center Reno Nights, and need to learn how, please sign up for this session by calling Mike Salatino at 851-4556 or the Civic Center at 884-3456.

Training is also planned for Craps dealers. Call one of the above numbers if you are interested... more about dates and times in KP NEWS next time!

Civic Center News

Of course, **Pioneer Day** was the main topic of discussion at the August 13 Board meeting. It was a huge success, beginning with a beautiful day and the Parade at 10 am, led by Grand Marshal Fred Haley of Brown & Haley and sponsored by the Key Peninsula Business Association, to a midnight closing in the popular Beer Garden with its entertainment.

Chairperson Stephanie Zampini reported an early estimation of \$4000 raised in support of the Civic Center. Part of this came from the Beer Garden, which cleared \$1200, the fish pond made close to \$500, Betty Beal presented a check for \$948.66 from the hot dog stand run by TOPS, and \$289.50 was made at Pioneer Bingo. Another \$100 was donated by ABATE from the proceeds of their dunk tank.

At the close of the Pioneer Day discussion, President Ed Taylor expressed the Board's appreciation for Nick and Marcy Nichols' work and extra-curricular efforts in behalf of Pioneer Day and all Civic Center activities since they became the Center's caretakers/managers this past January. They were presented with a dinner certificate.

Wednesday night Bingo is paying off handsomely... a check was sent in by manager Phyllis Olson for \$1200 for the months June/July.

Roof: The finishing of the Civic Center roof repairs has been going slowly, and a "roofing party" will be organized for September completion before the fall rains start. Dave Freeman will be getting this together. The chimney repair is finished.

Tennis courts: The decision last month to charge for the use of the recently refurbished tennis courts came up for lengthy discussion, and was eventually rescinded. To make it more available, especially to those users who have contributed to its upkeep over the years, but also be able to maintain an element of control, the Center will initiate a key deposit system.

Flavor of Fall is the Key Peninsula's next social event, and an elegant one it always is. This year's theme will be Mediterranean, and Claudia Loy will have tickets available at Sunnycrest Nursery September 1. Cost will be \$50/couple for the dinner, and a booked table of 8 or 10 guests will receive a complimentary bottle of wine. The menu will feature an anti pasto table, Minestrone soup, salad, Chicken Marsala with sauteed veg, pasta; coffee ice cream and Kahlua liqueur for dessert. Claudia hopes to have an espresso bar also. A dinner ticket is not mandatory to attending the auction, which commences after dinner around 7:30 pm.

Civic Center - Cash Flow

INCOME		EXPENSES	
USER FEES	1,028.50	CARETAKER	1,046.02
MISC. INCOME	168.05	ADVERTISING	35.53
INTEREST INC.	20.21	PIONEER DAYS	578.91
DONATIONS	635.61	MISC. PROGRAMS	27.48
PIONEER DAYS	1,887.00	OPERATING	505.07
EQUIP. RENTAL FEES	74.00	REPAIRS/MAINT.	118.68
		MISC	240.25
TOTAL INCOME	3,813.37	TOT. EXPENSES	2,551.94

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Yes, I want to help the Civic Center!

Name _____

May we thank you in the Key Peninsula NEWS? yes _____ no _____
 If donation is a memorial, place name here. Please print.

Mail to: KPCCA, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394 - checks may be made payable to KPCCA

Thank you for helping support the Civic Center!

Deadlines for October issue:
 copy: Sept. 21
 ads: Sept. 23

Christmas Festival: What used to be the Crafts Bazaar has a new name, Christmas Festival, and will be held November 28. Terry Thomas and Stephanie Zampini will co-chair. Get your requests for tables in early, 884-4685 and 884-9821.

During discussion of future events dates, the availability of the Civic Center for a New Year's Eve function was highlighted... you can get the whole building for \$500! If your group is looking for somewhere to party, get your reservation deposit in early... 884-3456.

Joan Lawrence to take over as editor

Joan Lawrence, who has been assistant to Editor Pauline Finn since May of this year, will take over as editor starting with the October issue. Finn, who came in as temporary editor because of staff resignations earlier this year, will return to being "retired" again and pursue her other volunteer activities.

Save \$150 - \$225 per school age child

Free and reduced meal applications are available by calling 857-3540. Food stamp or ADC number and a signature qualifies your children automatically. Call and request your application today!

Peninsula School District

CIVIC CENTER PRIVATE USE FEE SCHEDULE

Whitmore Room	Private	1-4 hrs.	40.00
		Day	80.00
Gym	Private	8 hrs.	225.00
All gym rentals must include 100.00 deposit			
	Whitmore room with gym	add	50.00
VFW Room	Private	8 hrs.	50.00
		1-4 hrs.	25.00
Classes/Instruction		per hour	10.00
N/A, Scouts		per meeting	5.00
Must clean own room			
Gym sports		per hour	12.50
Kitchen, 4 hour minimum		per hour	12.50
Lessee must be willing to share with gym rental			
Tennis courts		key deposit	5.00
Tennis Court Party Package,			
includes 15 tables and 80 chairs		per day	100.00
		deposit	50.00
Parking lot		50.00 with 50.00 deposit, space available	

Civic Center Association reserves right to adjust rates as needed

Letters

To the editor

Libraries feed minds and spirits by providing factual food and sweet fancies for the imagination. Our Key Center Branch of the Pierce County Library System gives these joys to all Peninsula dwellers, letting us enjoy our remote country lifestyles with all the literature and entertainment usually reserved for city folk.

On September 15 a special library levy issue will be on the primary election ballot. I urge you to vote for it! It's the best, really the only, way to show how much the library means to our community. You'll find facts and statistics about the levy in this issue of Key Peninsula NEWS. What will really convince you to vote "Yes," though, is to watch children, families, seniors, students, tired working people as they select books, videos or CDs at any Pierce County branch library, all without charge, strain or pain. Passage of the levy will upgrade every service, and money collected this year will last for three years. If it doesn't pass, cuts will adversely affect

every one of those people you watched, either in loss of hours or choices of materials.

Even if you don't use the library yourself, you know a child who does, or a homebound neighbor who benefits, or a buddy who found out how to build something with help from library staff. I'm joining them in asking for your support on September 15.

Mary M. Watson, KPN

To the editor

It was a gift. Our little red mailbox that looked like a locomotive train. I placed it on the road hoping it would give pleasure to those who drove by. I planted assorted flowers at its base to brighten the day of those who might pass by.

My husband said it will only get bashed in. I stated that until proven otherwise I chose to trust people.

Some time late Friday night or early Saturday morning (July 24/25) someone bashed in our mailbox. My sorrow is not for myself, but for all those it (the mailbox) cheered up. Its life was short, only one month. But it will be remembered in my heart.

Michele Towey, Glen Cove area.

To the editor

A recent article in a local newspaper spoke of the current SR 302 construction work.

I enjoin Susan Yoder and all other angry drivers who have been bogged down on SR 302 during the recent highway repaving. Washington DOT officials, according to this article, refer to this repaving as a massive reconstruction project. Massive, my aunt's right elbow! Incompetency, yes.

This project which started in early June could have been completed by mid July. The primary reasons for highway projects like this dragging out is that the Washington DOT sets up these contracts with periodic progress payments and contractors will do a small portion of road and then leave it for 2 weeks or more to go do the same thing on some other roadway. If the state would change their contracts to read "no payments until the job is satisfactorily complete in its entirety" it would alleviate such a long drawn out process.

Additionally, Kevin Dayton and his DOT cohorts in the traffic division must have been in lower Slobovia when they determined that traffic volumes were such that

daytime work on SR 302 wouldn't be too much of a problem. Any 10 year old with a counter could stand at the Purdy bridge on any day Mon. through Fri. and forecast a real disaster.

One last item—the state finally set out signs on Hwy 16 prior to the Purdy exit to recommend alternate routes because of road work. Why did they not establish a detour route with signs to divert traffic through Burley and onto Pine St., which would bring the traffic back onto SR302 about one mile north of Elgin-Clifton Road?





Another case of incompetency or gross neglect? Take your pick.

Howard Reynolds, Vaughn

WASHINGTON WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION will be having its Tenth Anniversary Luncheon Sept. 17 at the Tacoma Dome. Guest speaker will be Jennifer James.

Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Pierce County 24-hour hotline:
1-800-750-RAPE (7273)

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - SEPT/OCT 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.		SEPTEMBER 1 WIC 8 am - 4 pm TOPS 6 pm NA 7 pm	2 Bingo 6:30 pm	3 Seniors 11 am-4 pm CAC 7 pm Karate 7 pm NA 7 pm	4	5
6 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm	7 ABATE 7 pm Karate 7 pm	8 WIC TOPS NA KPPCA Exec. Bd Mtg	9 Bingo	10 Seniors Karate NA KPPCA Bd Mtg 7:30 pm	11 Homeschoolers 2-3:30	12
13 KPLF	14 VFW & AUX 7 pm Karate	15 WIC TOPS NA	16 Bingo	17 Seniors Cootiettes 6 pm Karate NA	18 Skating 6:30 - 9:30 pm	19 KPLF 
20 KPLF Family skate 1:30-3:30 pm	21 Aerobics 9-10 am VFW & AUX KPLF Karate	22 WIC Aerobics 6-7 pm TOPS NA	23 Aerobics 9-10 am Bingo	24 Seniors Aerobics 6-7 pm NA Karate	25 Aerobics 9-10 am Homeschoolers Skating/Teen Room	26 
27 KPLF Family skate	28 Aerobics GED 7-9 pm Karate	29 WIC Aerobics TOPS NA	30 Aerobics Bingo	OCTOBER 1 Seniors Aerobics CAC Karate NA	2 Aerobics Skating	3
4 KPLF Family skate	5 Aerobics Grange ABATE GED Karate KPPCA Exec. Bd Mtg	6 WIC Aerobics TOPS NA Reno training 7-9 pm	7 Aerobics Bingo	8 Seniors Aerobics Karate - NA - CAC KPPCA Bd Mtg 7:30 pm	9 Aerobics Homeschoolers Skating	10 

Thank you, Civic Center Benefactors

Since the inception of Henry Stock's campaign to raise funds to support and repair the Key Peninsula Civic Center, starting December 1 of 1991, contributions amounting to \$10,000 have come in. Contributors have given in amounts of \$25, \$50 and \$100, for which they have received a benefactor's button and the heartfelt thanks of the Civic Center Association. With these proceeds the roof has been replaced and the building has been kept open for the benefit of all. Key Peninsula salutes the generous donors listed here. If you would like to join this exceptional list of benefactors, there is a form on page 2 for your use.

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Key Dates

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Allyn Comm. Ass'n Sept 3: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg Allyn Inn
KP Business Ass'n Sept 4: 7:30am; Sept 18: Noon Homeport Restaurant

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Angel Guild Sept 22: 10 am KC Library/Brones Rm
ASHES Sept 3: 10:30 am - potluck Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime Sept 3: 7 pm KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Cootiettes Sept 1, 7: 6:30 pm KPCC Whitmore Rm
and Sept 8, 15, 22 Visit Veterans
Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot
KPDCA Board Mtg Sept 10: 7:30 pm KPCC/Whitmore Rm
KPDCA Exec. Comm. Sept 8: 7:30 pm
KPCS Board Sept 8: 7:30 pm Community House - Home
KP Lions Sept 2, 16: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn - KC
AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter Sept 23: 10 am Peninsula Lutheran Church

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy classes Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm Purdy Fire Station
sponsored by Altrusa 857-2633 - info
CPR classes Sept 3: 7-10 pm 884-2222 for reservations
Food bank Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm Community House - Home
Hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon Community House - Home
Free brunch Sundays 2-3 pm Community House - Home
Also food and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4514; 857-4780
Key Peninsula Health Bd Sept 24: 7:30 pm KC Library/Brones Rm
Respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-4 pm KC Library/Brones Rm
WIC Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS

Peninsula School Board Sept 10: 7:30 pm ESC center/Bd Rm Purdy
Greater Gig Harbor Home-school Support Assoc. Sept 17: 7-9 pm Purdy Elementary School

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Comm. Sept 9, 21: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station

SELF HELP GROUPS

AA Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm KP Community Services,
Sun.: 6 pm Lakebay
Narcotics Anonymous Tues. & Thurs.: 7-8:30 pm KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group Sept 1: 7 pm Eagles Lodge, 857-7359
TOPS Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm KPCC/VFW Rm

SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS

ABATE of WA Sept 7: 7:30 pm KPCC
Bayshore Garden Club Sept 18: 1-4 pm Longbranch Imp. Club
Longbranch Imp. Club Sept 16: Potluck 6:30 pm Meeting 7:30 pm Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors Sept 9: 10 am Longbranch Church
Craft Club Sept 3: 6:30 pm Potluck KP Lutheran Church
Peninsula Social Club 7:30-9 pm Meeting Longbranch Church
Ruth Circle Sept 21: Noon KPCC/Whitmore Rm
Senior Society Thursdays: noon foot care and blood pressure
Upper Sound Grange Sept 7: 6:30-10 pm KPCC/Whitmore Rm
VFW & AUX Sept 14: 7 pm KPCC/VFW Rm

To Your Health



by Wm. F. Roes, M.D.

to perform in a squalling 4 year old, but less accurate; it generally runs about a degree lower than oral. The tympanic thermometer offers the ease of the axillary and the accuracy of the rectal, plus it takes only a few seconds as opposed to a couple of minutes to perform. One small step for medicine, but a giant step for the busy doctor's office. One last reminder on the subject—everyone has a temperature, but you generally only have a fever when you're ill.

(That's been one of my semantic pet peeves for years. I'm glad I could finally work it into one of my articles.)
 Don't forget school/sports physicals, and if you have a sixth grader, they need an MMR booster before school. The KPHC Board is sponsoring MMR shots on Wednesday evenings at the office. Also mark your calendar for the Annual KPHC Health Fair and Open House on October 17. More on this in next month's paper.

What to expect when you are expecting

Bates Technical College will offer classes in prepared childbirth at the Peninsula Learning Center, Gig Harbor, starting August 27. A nine-week course, it lasts two-and-a-half hours per session from 7-9:30 pm. Cost of the class is \$40/couple and medical coupons can be used for payment. For more information and to register, call 596-1760.

Several patients have been surprised lately to find our office nurse checking their temperature by sticking a device in their ear. We recently started using an infrared tympanic thermometer, and it has simplified and sped up our practice. The device looks somewhat like an otoscope, the light scope the doctor uses to look into your ear, but it measures the radiation of infrared waves from the eardrum. An article in the August issue of the American Family Physician compares it to the standard of a rectal mercury thermometer and concluded that for patients over three months of age the correlation is nearly 100%. We have traditionally measured temperature either orally, rectally, or axillary (under the arm). The most reliable but most inconvenient, and generally runs one degree Fahrenheit above the oral temperature. The axillary is easier

Catch a Wave, and sail into fall with style

Our new ISO perms are awesome. Big springy curls ... soft, shiny body or wave... the choice is yours! Remember, your hair is your best accessory. Call for details on our exciting special discount offer on perms for the month of September.

20% OFF on all **JOICO** hair products through **September**

Come in and meet our Joico Educator for **FREE** samples and consultation on **Saturday, September 12**
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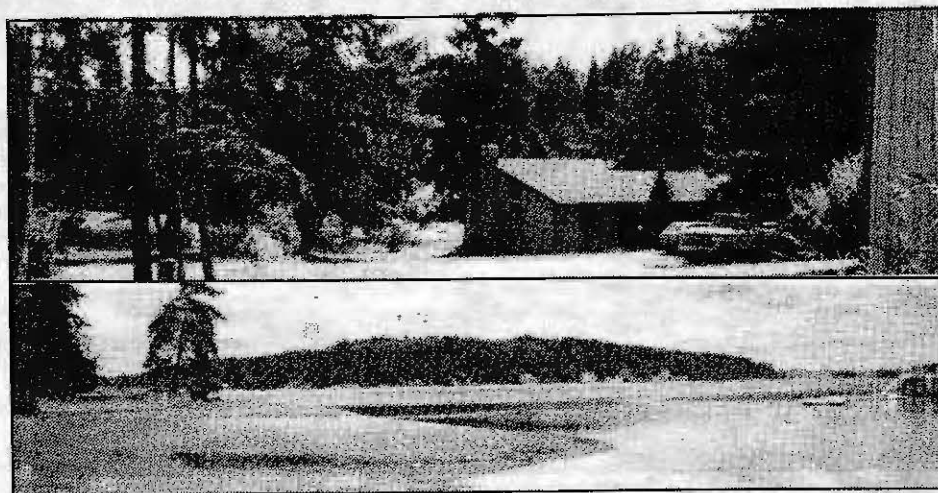
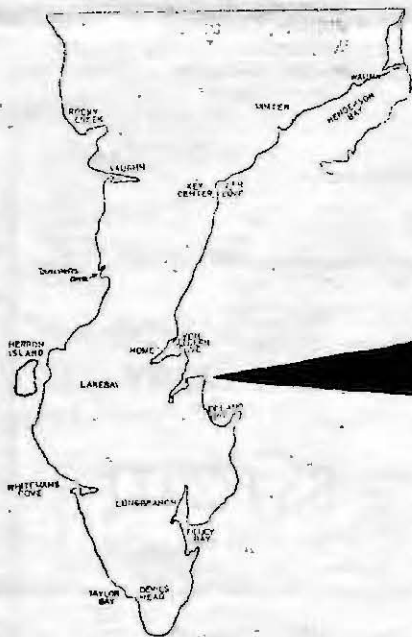


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REAL ESTATE

FEATURED HOME OF THE MONTH



LOW BANK, MOORAGE, VIEW - Enjoy 94 feet of **Filucy Bay**, nice neighborhood with lawn to the water, plus this 2-bedroom home. Fireplace, vaulted ceiling and a detached 3-car/shop; lots of room for storage. **\$225,000.** Terms.

roland & roland, inc.

Office Located at Purdy Bridge • 857-2151
WATERFRONT CHALET-Outstanding view & stairs to beach highlight this property. Also includes bulkhead, private lot, plus much more. Neat as a pin. Owner terms, \$165,000. Call Jon at 895-1245. #8288.
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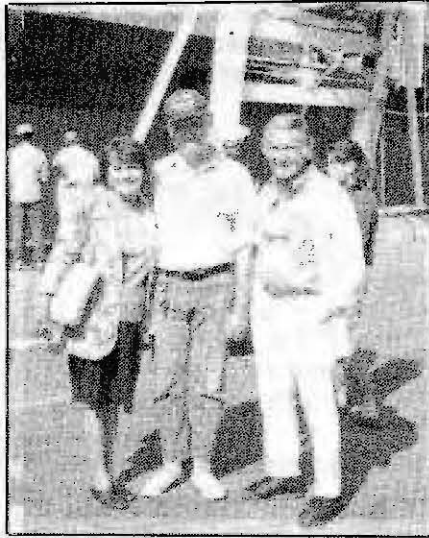
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... Home from the sea

When the 17,000 ton, 569 foot long amphibious assault ship USS Juneau arrived in Port Angeles to spend the night of July 28 before proceeding to Seattle for SeaFair festivities, her Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Lance McMillan, was joined by his wife Sheri of San Diego, the Juneau's home port, and his parents, Janice and Hugh McMillan of Home.

The following day, the ship hosted them and about 100 other guests on a five hour cruise to Seattle in company with the cruiser USS Greaves and other naval vessels which joined the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz and the Blue Angels for Sea Fair events before returning to home bases August 3rd.



Janice, son Lance, and Hugh McMillan
Photo by Sheri?

Elvis has been Sighted ... in St. Vincent

The tiny island nation of St. Vincent has just released a set of Elvis Presley postage stamps—beating the U S Postal Service by nearly a year. "While the post office was trying to decide between the young and the old Elvis, here you have this tiny nation that's issued nine different stamps showing Elvis in every stage of his career," said Scott Tilson of The International Collectors Society in Baltimore, Maryland, who is distributing the stamps in the US. "Still, I don't see the Postal Service

getting all shook up over this."

Each of the nine stamps is about four times the size of the proposed US stamp, and each stamp has a face value of \$1.00. "They are really quite stunning with all the colorful images printed together on the same commemorative sheet," added Tilson.

The United States will be issuing only one Elvis stamp in 1993—the younger Elvis, based on the outcome of the national vote taken by the postal service. A postal service spokesperson has indicated that at least 300 million US stamps will be printed.

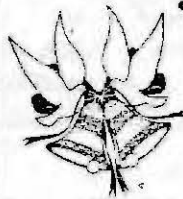
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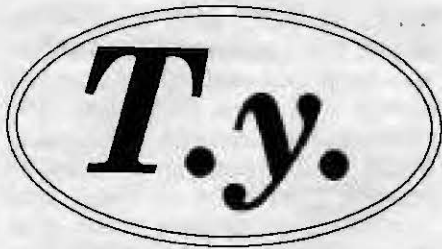
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Thank you, thank you, thank you! to all of you who helped at Pioneer Day. Because of the enormous number of folks it takes to accomplish this task, I am not going to name anyone for fear of missing someone...you all did a wonderful job.

I believe we had one of the best Pioneer Day events ever, the parade was great, the entertainment was terrific, and we had fabulous events for the kids. Again, thanks go to all of you who helped make this a success. With this kind of community support we will be able to continue to keep the Civic Center a viable entity on the Key Peninsula.

Don't forget to make sure we have your name and address as a volunteer, so we can send out invitations for the 2nd annual Volunteer Dinner.

Thanks from the Pioneer Day Committee. **Stephanie and Ann.**

KP Civic Center Association and the Pioneer Day Committee say thank you to Lakebay Lumber for use of their pick-up truck which hauled equipment and materials needed to set up the Beer Garden.

And thank you also to Dewey Parker for the use of his karaoke equipment. Dewey conducts a business in Tacoma which he calls "Dreams and Phantasies Where you are the Star," and his equipment helped make some "stars" shine at the Pioneer Day karaoke on Saturday, August 1.

We would like to thank the ABATE group for the excellent job they did patrolling the Civic Center grounds all of Friday night prior to Pioneer Day. Thanks so much, it was such a help to us. Thanks also to Loretta Jewett, Robert Beal, Jim Taylor for all their help, and a special thanks to our very caring caretakers, Marcy and Nick, you two are always there to help and we appreciate all you do for us. Thanks also to the Frames for the loan of their gas grill. We thank you all, it made our Pioneer Day project a great success. TOPS Chapter #WA 1019, Vaughn.



The K Country Line Dancers swing into action on the Civic Center grounds during Pioneer Day festivities, August 1.
Photo by Joan Lawrence

The Key Peninsula Park Board would like to extend its thanks to everyone who helped make our August 1 Classic Softball Tournament a success. We're looking forward to another great time next year!
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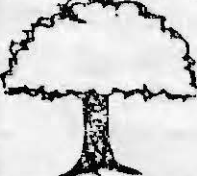
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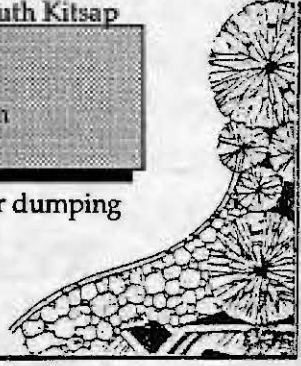
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Straight Talk

by Robert B. Campbell D.C.



How often I have heard the story that "nothing but surgery can cure your back." That would probably be true if the surgeon was the only type of doctor there was. Let's set the story straight.

A study by the health Maintenance Organization (HMO) group gave a trial period to chiropractic in Florida recently. Approximately one third of the patients referred were scheduled for surgery (the only thing that could cure the back problems). Of those scheduled for surgery, 91% were able to get excellent results using chiropractic care. According to 1981 statistics, this would be a savings of approximately \$60,000 per patient! Now anyone scheduled for surgery in that HMO group must be screened by a chiropractor first to see if more conservative (and less expensive) care through chiropractic can be utilized.

It seems obvious with surgery bills approaching the \$80,000 mark according to the insurance industry, that this trend (chiropractic screening) will continue to grow.

If you have been told that

"surgery is the only cure for your back," consider getting a second opinion from a chiropractor. If you have pain but don't know where to begin, again begin with the most conservative approach—chiropractic, you'll probably be glad that you did.

If you have any questions or health concerns you would like me to address, please feel free to call or contact me at 884-2144 or 5110 Lackey Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Vaughn High School class of '40 ... '39, '38, '37 ...

The Vaughn High School class of 1940 was the largest ever to have graduated from that cherished institution: 26 fresh faces left the building that now houses the Civic Center, and stepped out into the brave new world. Twenty-six people. But when reunion attendees number 52, you gotta know there are some interlopers.

That's OK with Marge Kremen, a member of the class of '40, who

spoke recently with the NEWS about the reunion/picnic which was held this year at the home of Marge and Dick Radonich. The reunion has become an annual event embracing graduates of classes from 1936 to 1944, and this year's picnic was made even more special by the participation of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Hageness. Because Mr. Hageness was an athletic coach as well as a history teacher at Vaughn, we'll bet the history discussed at the picnic involved more than a few memorable athletic plays. **JL**

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Do you know the difference between a medical doctor and a doctor of chiropractic?



Both are primary care physicians, and both diagnose. The medical doctor employs drugs and surgery while the doctor of chiropractic utilizes natural health-care methods, mainly spinal manipulation and other safe procedures. While doctors of chiropractic are trained in medical diagnosis, medical physicians are not ordinarily trained in specific chiropractic diagnosis and treatment.

The following scientific studies done by *medical sources* comparing chiropractic care against medical and physical therapy, non-surgical care of the back and neck show that chiropractic procedure relieves chronic and severe pain, both immediate and long-term, in half the time it takes medical physicians. That's quite a difference.

Research supports the facts**California Workmen's Compensation Study (1972). C.Richard Wolf, M.D.**

Average time lost per employee - 32 days in the M.D.-treated group, 15.6 days in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting no lost time - 21% in the M.D.-treated group, 47.9% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting lost time in excess of 60 days - 13.2% in the M.D. treated group, 6.7% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Employees reporting complete recovery - 34.8% in the M.D. treated group, 51% in the chiropractor-treated group.

Oregon Workmen's Compensation Study (1971), Rolland Martin, M.D., Director, Workmen's Compensation Board.

Examining the forms of conservative therapy the majority received, it is interesting to note the results of those treated by chiropractic physicians.

A total of twenty-nine claimants were treated by no other physician than a chiropractor, 82% of these workmen resumed work after one week of time loss. Their claims were closed without a disability award.

Examining claims treated by the M.D., in which the diagnosis seems comparable to the type of injury suffered by the workmen treated by the chiropractor, 41% of these workmen resumed work after one week of time loss.

To all my patients past and present I would like to say heartfelt thanks for all the patients you've referred over the years, but be sure to let us know when you refer someone so we can give you a FREE treatment!

It's just our way to say thanks.

New yard waste composting facility opens

by Keith Stiles

Officials of Pierce County formally opened the new "Yard Waste Composting Facility" in Purdy on Tuesday, August 18. The new operation is located at the same general site used for many years by Key Peninsula residents and known as the "Purdy Landfill." All of those wonderful things we have hauled to Purdy and left in the landfill have been capped over and the old dump is now a set of small rolling hills with ventilator pipes here and there providing a release for the methane gas that forms in the ground.

The new composting plant is good-sized. It comprises a total of 95,100 square feet under one roof, and is designed to turn 30,000 tons of yard waste a year into good, usable mulch for soil improvement. Every day Pierce County residents throw out an average 80 tons of grass clippings, leaves, branches, and other yard trimmings that have either, in the past, been burned or sent to a local landfill or dump.

As of September 1 the option of burning such waste will come to an end for residents of much of Pierce County, due to new restrictions put in place by the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency. For those residents, particularly those living in incorporated areas, yard waste will either have to be composted at home, or will have to be taken to the new composting facility, either by the home owner or by a franchised refuse hauler. Residents of Key Peninsula are not affected by the new "Don't burn it" air pollution regulations at this time, but they will be able to utilize the new composting plant without charge if they take their yard waste to the facility on 144th NW in one cubic yard (or less) batches at a time. A cubic yard would be a block three feet wide, three feet high and three feet deep. Stated somewhat differently, the first cubic yard of grass, leaves, or branches taken to the composting facility on any one trip

may be left there for free, but any amount over the first cubic yard on that trip will cost you \$4.10 per cubic yard.

As this is being written, all outdoor burning is banned on Key Peninsula due to the high summer fire danger, a ban which is not directly related to the new air pollution non-burning regulations that will go into effect for other parts of the county on September 1. Once the county-wide summer burn ban is lifted sometime this fall or winter, Key Peninsula residents will be able to resume the burning of small piles of yard waste if they wish. The burning of larger piles, meaning piles with dimensions of 4 feet by 4 feet or larger, will require burn permits which may be applied for at the Fire Department in Key Center.

An interesting aspect of the new Yard Waste Composting Facility story is that Purdy Topsoil & Gravel, a locally-owned business, will be doing much of the marketing of the compost material that will come from the new plant. During the August 18 plant-opening ceremony, those attending received small bags containing samples of the black, valuable soil-builder that is so beneficial to many Key Peninsula lawns and gardens. The compost is the product of a 2-cycle, 105-day process that combines the effects of heat, air, moisture, and mechanical mixing and screening to produce the final product.

The new plant will be operated by Land Recovery, Inc., of Puyallup (LRI), already established in the area as the operator of the previous landfill and the local transfer stations.

County Executive Joe Stortini served as Master of Ceremonies, and attendees included local Councilman Paul Cyr, Lou Dooly, Pierce County Health Department; Harvey Dollman, LRI; Kerry Jamieson and Bob Elmore, Purdy Topsoil, and another 100 or so guests, including officials from Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency.



Bob Elmore, Paul Cyr and Kerry Jamieson check out a sample at the new composting facility. See related story at left.

Photo by Lee Stiles.

Ciderfest!

October 24 is the date, Lake Kathryn Mall is the place, for the Key Peninsula Business Association's 1992 Ciderfest. The cider press will be the main event—either bring your own apples and jugs or buy them there. Other beverages and food available will include apple sauce, pumpkin doughnuts, hot cocoa and coffee.

Asst. Chief Fred Ramsdell will have his scales ready for the big pumpkin weigh-in. Be fertilizing your pumpkins now for entry into the contest! Prizes will be awarded for the biggest, smallest, most unusual, best decorated and best carved.

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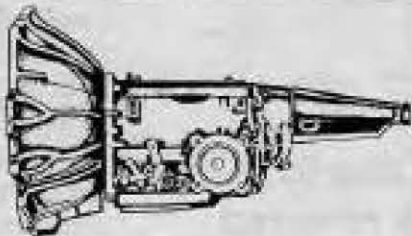
Reynolds Roost

According to one tall tale, a huge, bearded lumberman in a Key Center tavern took a beer mug and a lemon. He squeezed the lemon mightily until he got the mug a third full of juice. Tossing aside the lemon rind, he challenged the crowd, "I'd like to see anyone else get that much juice out of a lemon!"

A small, thin fellow of around 50 in a three-piece gray suit picked up the discarded lemon rind and, holding it over the mug, squeezed out enough juice to fill the container.

"Man!" exclaimed the lumberman in admiration. "I never saw anything like that. How'd you do it?" "It's easy," said the little man. "You see, I'm with the Internal Revenue Service."

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"Mayday!"

by Joan Lawrence

The water was cold—a cold that envelopes you, locks up your muscles, reaches to the core of your body with its icy hand. You don't even know it's happening until it's wrapped around your bones and pulled you to its depths.

After a night of searching the 48 degree waters of Lake Cushman, the Sheriff's department called the Peninsula branch of Puget Sound Sea Rescue. Within twenty minutes of arrival, divers Bill Howe and Glen Pszczola had located the victim. The good news: the man's 12-year-old son had survived the boating accident; the father had given the boy a life jacket. The bad news: there was only one life jacket on board.

With a life jacket, a person might survive 3-4 hours in cold water—depending on weight and condition. Without a life jacket, you'd better hope you're close to shore.

"People don't realize how cold these waters are." Bill Howe, a huggable, bright faced man with a contagious smile and a proverbial gift of the gab, shared some of his experiences recently with the NEWS. As we talked at the workshop behind his home in Home, he stood filing a metal gasket for a boat engine he was repairing.

Of course, the best Rescue calls, Bill said, are the ones with happy endings. Earlier this summer, Sea Rescue transported a diver who had been laying underwater telephone lines off Anderson Island when a high pressure air line (used to dig ditches in which to lay the phone lines) blew up in his face. His co-workers provided emergency first aid until Sea Rescue arrived. District 16 paramedic Eric Nelson and EMT Becki Witt stabilized the patient, applying a portable EKG and saline solution. Then the fire department and Sea Rescue transported the injured diver to shore, where an Army medical helicopter waited to take the man to Harborview Hospital in Seattle.

"We were glad to provide a sea link between the barge, District 16 and the MAST helicopter," said Pszczola, adding, "the diver was reported to fully recover."

"All of the elements work together," fire commissioner Hugh McMillan told the NEWS. "The fire

district, the Sheriff's department, the Coast Guard, Sea Rescue—this is a team effort."

Puget Sound Sea Rescue, affiliated with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department's search and rescue team, is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. Our Peninsula unit was founded in the early '80s by Denny Guy, a Tacoma firefighter. In 1983, Bill Howe rolled up his volunteer sleeves and immersed himself in Sea Rescue.

A boost to the team was the 1990 donation by the Deubler family of Northbrook, Illinois, of a 22-ft, heavy marine aluminum North River jet boat. The boat was donated specifically for use by the Lakebay detachment of Sea Rescue. It's a tough inboard able to ride over punishing conditions. In the 1990 flood, Chuck West and Glen Pszczola rescued 17 people, piloting the jet boat at midnight over the tops of submerged cars.

The jet boat recently needed a second engine replacement and, again with Glen's help, money for the new engine was donated by the Deubler family.

Another boat was contributed by Gig Harbor attorney Lloyd Baker. Having two able vessels is an assurance there will be a boat available to answer your call. This latest contribution is a 21-ft fiberglass Glastron named the Silver Fox—a name that describes the soft spoken, silver-haired Mr. Baker himself. "It's a good search boat," Bill said. "Good to dive off, good in rough waters."

Unfortunately, its inboard 351 Ford engine is not so good.

Here's where you come in. Sea Rescue is there for us—for me, for you, for your son and granddaughter. Its members are committed...I've seen them, when they receive a distress call, day or night, they're out the door in under a minute.

If you are interested in volunteering for Puget Sound Sea Rescue, you would be joining a dedicated group of local members (many also affiliated with the fire department), including Key Center attorney Glen Pszczola, multi-talented Bill Howe and his son Harold Flackus, Lt. Chuck West of the fire department, and Tim Clark, captain of an oil skimmer.

Talented and dedicated as they are, they can't help us without equipment. If you have a replacement for the Glastron's 351 Ford engine or another piece of boating or radio equipment, if you have waterfront property with a launch ramp Sea Rescue might use, if you have technical ability or other skills and want to volunteer, or if you wish to make a cash donation, please, contact Bill and Lola Howe at Box 58, Lakebay, WA 98349, 884-3945, or Glen Pszczola at 884-3120. Your tax deductible donation means so much...to us all.



Joe Schmitz a member of ABATE, takes one of many dunks in the Dunk Tank sponsored by that organization during Pioneer Day festivities. At the mercy of this young pitching "professional," Joe didn't stand a chance.
Photo by Pauline Finn

Firefighters Ball was a ball

by Hugh McMillan

Between 300 ~ 350 happy "westerners" enjoyed a great dinner and, during dinner, the music of the Levi Band under the direction of Sherman Hayes of Home, which belted out a combination of country and bluegrass, and, for stompin', prancin', and dancin', Jerry Andal and the Roughriders.

The evening began at 6:00 pm and continued through 1:00 am. Walls were decked out with "wanted" signs for a number of our more nefarious Fire Department characters like "Silver Fox (Tom) Harris," "Desperate Dan Orme," "Mary the Menace Ramsdell," and

"Sweet Talkin' Charlie (West)" and the festive crowd was dressed in anything from wild west garb to semi-formal.

Firefighter Gary Way's wife Annie not only chaired the event, she and Gary brought with them their houseguests Mitsue Hasunuma and Kinuko Kunieda of Tokyo and Kanagawa Japan, respectively.

The standing rib roast dinner was again prepared by the indomitable culinary team of Marty, Betty, and Jordace Pedersen and Steve, Jordace's boyfriend.

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Also due for change are the prices of meals. The increases refer to the regular price schedule, and are:

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- Secondary lunch 1.75
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Special free and reduced-price school meal program

Peninsula School District has announced its 1992/1993 school year policy for free and reduced price lunches, and/or free or reduced price breakfasts (school complete) for children who qualify, according to the eligibility standards below, for meals served under these programs. The following family size income criteria have been adopted for determining eligibility:

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3	15,041	1,254	290	21,405	1,784	412
4	18,135	1,512	349	25,808	2,151	497
5	21,229	1,770	409	30,211	2,518	581
6	24,323	2,027	468	34,614	2,885	666
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Children from families whose income is **at or below** the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced priced meals. Application forms will be sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the application and return it to the school.

Well Child Clinic

Well child exams, as well as immunizations and routine labs, are available through Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic, and are held at the Key Center Health Clinic every Tuesday morning; no appointments are required. It is requested that ill children not be brought to the Center during this clinic as it exposes healthy children to illness.

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Following is the recommended timing of immunizations:

- 2 months DPT and Poli
- 4 months DPT and Polio
- 6 months DPT and Polio, Blood count.
- 12 months TB test
- 15 months Measles/Mumps/Rubella/Bld.cnt.
- 18 months DPT and Polio
- 4-6 years DPT and Polio

Parent/infant program

A parent-infant/toddler program will be held in Gig Harbor in the fall. The weekly class is attended by one or both parents along with their child. The sessions focus on parenting and child development and include music and other creative activities. Call Bates Technical College (206-596-1790) to register. The fee is \$30 for 8 weeks; fall quarter begins September 24.

Back-to-school is immunization time

Peninsula School District reminds parents entering children into schools this fall, that Washington law requires all children admitted to public and non-public schools be immunized (or be in the process of receiving immunization) against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP and DT), polio (OPV or IPV), measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), as appropriate. A schedule of immunizations is listed:

Vaccines required for any child entering school for the first time (kindergarten or first grade):

Vaccine:	How many doses of each are required:
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP/DT/Td):	At least four doses of each; the last dose must have been given on or after the child's fourth birthday.
Polio (OPV/IPV):	At least three doses of OPV or IPV; the last dose must have been given on or after the child's fourth birthday.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella	One dose of each given at or after 12 months of age.

PLEASE NOTE:

All children entering the **sixth grade or reaching age 13** must receive a second dose of measles vaccine **in addition to the above requirements.** Students and transfer students enrolling in other grades must also fulfill immunization requirements.

Parents must submit a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) form no later than their child's first day of attendance at school. The CIS form can be obtained from a school, county health department, or community clinic. Parents will be told their child cannot attend or return to school until the requirements of the law are met.

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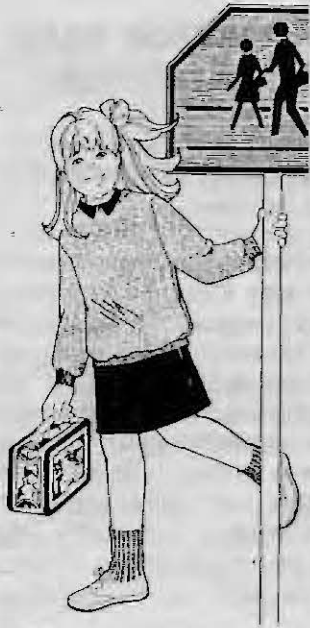
year, replacing the 37-year-old structure on Hall Road. Elsewhere expansion plans are underway at Evergreen Elementary, where a new gym and new classrooms are planned; at Peninsula High, where a three-year expansion and modernization program is underway, and at Key Peninsula Middle School, where further work is in the planning stages.

There will also be new principals and vice-principals at both Key Peninsula Middle School and Peninsula High School.

Parents of students at both

the Middle School and High School should be aware of the requirements of the newly-adopted "Code of Conduct" for co-curricular activities now in force for high school students, and expected to be put in place at the Middle School level very shortly.

Information on other activities and requirements, including details on bus routes and stops, may be obtained from school offices now, and that should be done **now** to reduce the number of calls for information on the first day of school.



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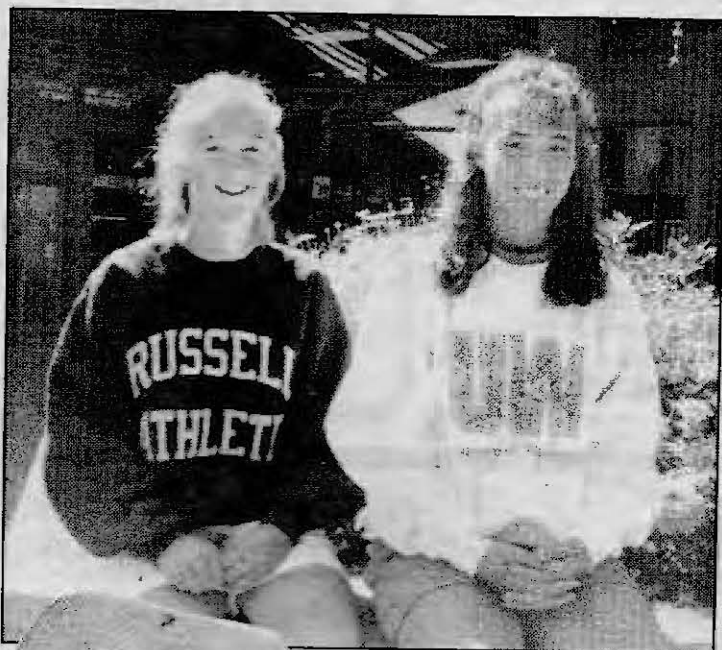
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KPFD celebrates its 40th

Second in a three-part series by Hugh McMillan,
Chairman, KPFD Board of Fire Commissioners

Last month we discussed the current status of the KPFD. Now a little—make that a lot—of history to bring us up to date.

It all began when voters overwhelmingly decided on November 4, 1952, to form a fire district. With the signing of Resolution 4593 on December 1 by the then-Pierce County Commissioners, Fire Protection District #16 became a reality.

The District initially embraced all of Key Peninsula with the exception of Longbranch which had no fire protection. Sixteen candidates vied for election as fire commissioners; F. G. Kelly, A. E. Visell and L. B. Lonning became the first board of fire commissioners. Earle Knapp, the first volunteer fire chief, was replaced by Don Olson, who turned over the position to Charles McVikers in 1957.

The only organized fire protection prior to this began in 1948 when the Home Social Club (now Peninsula Social Club) bought two American La France pumpers which carried no water, only hoses. They were housed in a farm building (no longer standing) on 8th and A in Home and belonged to Home.

"In those days," said KPFD's Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell, "in case of fire in Key Center, they just let it burn. The district was really formed by business people in the Key Center area who held formation discussions in what was then the Vissell lumber yard offices. They brought the concept to the voters first, then to the County for resolution."

District records note that in 1954, "the first fire station in Key Center was built and occupied on the hill above the Trading Post,"

that the District paid \$9,556.55 for its first new fire engine, and \$615 for a used 1936 Ford fire engine bought from the Bangor Ammunition Depot. (The '54 served in reserve status until declared surplus in 1987, the same year three new CanAm engines built to District specifications were bought at the low bid price of \$114,350 each. Talk about inflation!)

In 1956 Longbranch joined, plans began for a station near Wuana. Art Fenton Sr. was made District secretary, a mutual aid agreement with Gig Harbor's fire department went into effect, and \$212.50 got KPFD its only air pack, a Scott. By way of contrast, in April 1992, the district paid \$5,736 for four UltraLite air packs which meet today's codes.

In 1958 voters approved a \$50,000 bond to cover purchase of three new fire engines at \$11,347.50 each, the acquisition of three new fire stations, and retirement of a \$6,000 debt. The Wauna, Longbranch, and Home stations, the latter of which was District Headquarters until the new Key Center Headquarters station was completed in 1973, were built and the engines purchased in 1958.

For sake of comparison, the recently completed remodeling of KPFD's Key Center Headquarters station took some nine months and \$310,000 in order to meet current codes. All three of the 1958-built stations must now be replaced or re-built in order to meet codes and District needs.

Next month in the conclusion to our series, more on the Volunteer and Career Firefighters of KPFD.

Every Wednesday at Adult Care

by Frankie Johnson

There has been so much fun going on every Wednesday in the Brones Room of the Key Center Library. You can come and join us if you'd like to. The excitement is about a new craft project. We are making bead jewelry out of magazine ads. It is incredible and really pretty! All the visitors, volunteers and participants are rolling paper on toothpicks. These have got to be seen to be believed. Lois is doing hand coloring in her own original designs, which are then cut and shaped by Carrie and her volunteers, and anyone else taking part at Respite.

Time was taken to enjoy birthday cake for Jane, one of many loyal volunteers and both visitors

and volunteers have been enjoying old Shirley Temple movies. It is always a day filled with fun and good company. Grace Tremblay has been a welcome addition. She is always there with a friendly smile and a helping hand. Our one male member, Lionel, has been absent a lot lately and we sure do miss him. He keeps us on our toes with his questions.

Maybe someone in your home would enjoy this protected social day. It really does extend the mental faculties of the participants. It is a day to anticipate and enjoy. For more information call 884-9221 ... very low-cost adult day care. We are here for you "Every Wednesday."

In the Garden

by Olive Bell Reid



It seems that Autumn began earlier this year. Perhaps our dry summer hurried the process. The vine maples colored, and madrona leaves began to fall by the second week of August. Most of my gardening friends welcomed the early nip in the air and looked forward to the first cleansing rainfall. The green and gold days of Indian summer somehow call us out of our summer dreams and urge us to tidy things up and prepare our gardens for the coming winter, such as: cut down dead stalks of flowers and berries; pull weeds before they go to seed; and mulch beds to restrict weed germination and protect tender plants such as *Abelia*, *Ceanothus*, *Daphne odora*, *Escallonia*, *Fatsia*, fig, *Pittosporum*, *Raphiolepis*, and some of the semi-hardy azaleas and rhododendrons.

Bring your houseplants indoors at the end of this month, but first check them for insects and slugs. I will probably wait until the end of October to bring in my fuchsias, begonias, geraniums, peacock orchids, *Agapanthus* and garden amaryllis.

Apply a fungicide on hollyhocks, peonies, roses and phlox.

Find empty spaces among the perennials where you want to plant bulbs now and new perennials next spring. Place markers in these spaces so you can find them when you're ready to plant. Lilies can be purchased now and planted in appropriate places. It's a good idea to put a stake in with the bulbs at planting time to avoid spearing them when they need support next summer.

Purchase and plant your spring bulbs as soon as they appear in the nurseries. The earlier they are planted, the better roots they will have by spring.

Many plants have hardy seeds that can be sown now. These include alyssum, candytuft, corn-

flowers, godetia, larkspur, nigella, calendula, poppy, coreopsis, dianthus, hollyhocks, sweet pea and Shasta daisy, to name a few.

There are lots of bargains to be had at our local nurseries at this time, e.g., "Buy three, get one free." Fall is an excellent time to plant perennials, as these will have time to develop deep roots that will help the plant withstand our dry summers.

Keep weeding, watering, mulching and dead-heading all month. See you next month.

Community bible study to open in September

A community bible study begins Tuesday, September 22, 7:15 to 9 pm at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, corner of Lackey Road and Key Peninsula Hwy, 3 miles south of Key Center. A capable person will be available to care for children accompanying a parent. This service is free, as are the study materials. A free-will opportunity is available to those who wish to help in the costs. For more information, call Jean Steingrebe (Mason County), 275-8111 (call collect if you wish) or the church office, 884-3312.

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If you would like to join the Friends of the Key Center Library and to receive their newsletter, please send \$3.00 dues to the Friends of the Key Center Library, 8905 KPHN, Lakebay, WA 98349.

A series of six classes in the ancient Chinese art form Tai Chi will be held at the library on Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 at 11 am led by Gig Harbor resident Walter DeMucha. Tai Chi is a system of patterned movements that exercises the mind and body. It has been called "meditation in motion." Its benefits are many: it

improves concentration, coordination, flexibility and endurance; relaxes and calms both mind and body, thus relieving stress and freeing one's energy; promotes healing and rejuvenation. For all ages. Class size will be limited to 15 people. Preregistration required, beginning September 1.

Paintings by Alberta Cole will be featured during the month of September. Alberta Cole has lived on the Peninsula for 24 years, residing in Wauna Beach. Her grandfather was a professional artist, and her mother a symphony musician. Formal training started 17 years ago, with Bill Conant, a Northwest acrylic artist, and Jon Otis, an oil portrait artist, and numerous seminars with other artists who influenced her style. Her paintings portray the beauty of the Northwest. "Steelheader's Morning" won the People's Choice Award for 15 days at the Puyallup Fair and "Old Dalby Waterwheel" was judged First Place. Her work has appeared in various King and Pierce County art shows.

Preschool storytimes for ages 3-5 will be held each Friday at 10:30 am, September 25 through November 13.

Thanks for the good times, Jason

by Heather Gilson

Jason Padilla is gone from our world, but he will never be forgotten. Who could forget his clear blue eyes, his messy brown hair, his big smile and his great sense of humor? Whenever things got too serious you could count on Jason to lighten



them up—first with a smart alec response and then with his little grin.

Jason had a true compassion for others, especially children—a quality discovered by friends during his trip to Mexico. The Mexican children were naturally drawn to him, he would laugh and play with them and often was seen with a baby in his arms.

Bubba Beck put it best for all of us when he said, "Jason, it was nice being your friend. It was nice to know your parents. You'll be missed. I can't wait to see you in heaven." Thanks for the good times, Jason.

CAC opens 4th Branch

Citizens Against Crime president Karen Olson, secretary Charlotte Krause, and past president Hugh McMillan assisted some 25 citizens and nine officers of Pierce County Sheriff's Department Detachment 12 in organizing a CAC branch in the Bonney Lake/Sunmer area on July 14th.

"CAC began in January 1988," said McMillan, "and to the best of our knowledge what we set out to accomplish had never been attempted before anywhere in the country. Effective now, we have four branches, Peninsula, Eatonville, Lakewood, and, just beginning, Bonney Lake."

"It's really exciting," said Olson. "We created something that works well and over four consistent years we've proved it; it's beginning to take off."

Added Krause, "the expansion beyond our Peninsula Branch didn't seriously begin until Fall of

last year." That was when Detachment 11 in Eatonville enthusiastically joined CAC.

CAC volunteers are prepared to bring the program to any interested law enforcement group and have had preliminary discussions along these lines with Kitsap and Thurston County officials.

The Peninsula trio noted that increasing commitments in the Peninsula branch area where CAC works with the Sheriff's detachment in Purdy, assists the Gig Harbor detachment of the Washington State Patrol, Pierce County District Court 2, and the Key Peninsula Fire Department are such that, in Olson's words, "We're going to be making a concerted drive for new volunteers. We really need them."

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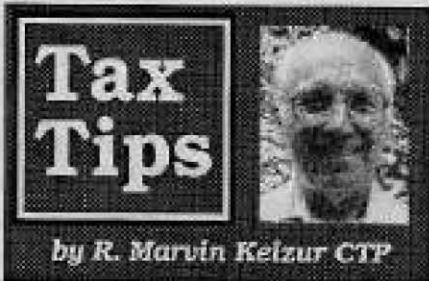
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A proposal before Congress would make it more convenient for taxpayers to pay their taxes. The proposal would allow taxes to be paid with a credit card. If the proposal is enacted, credit card payments would be allowed for 1992 returns. Even so, the proposal does not allow refunds by credit card, but directs that refunds should be sent directly by IRS to the taxpayer.

One mistake people make is taking money out of their IRAs before age 59 1/2. IRA funds are subject to income tax and are generally subject to a 10% penalty tax if they're withdrawn from the IRA before the owner reaches age 59 1/2.

Support local businesses

Medals go to Peninsula runners

Key Peninsula's Cordell Council won two gold medals at the 15th Annual Northwest Police and Firefighters Games held in Walla Walla this past June. Cordell was representing the SeaTac fire district where he is employed as a paid firefighter. He competed in the open division (29 years and under).

From Lakebay, and representing the Key Peninsula Fire District as a volunteer firefighter, Jim Latteri won three silver medals at the games. Jim competes as a Grand Master (50 years and older).

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There are two New-Time Barn Dances every month at KPCC. The family dance night offers a free line-dance lesson, door prizes, musical balls and family dance fun in an alcohol/smoke-free

environment on the spacious KPCC dance floor. There is also an adult-only dance night with door prizes.

The next adult dance will be Saturday, Sept. 19, at 8 pm. The next family dance night will be the following Saturday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 pm. Adults are \$5.00, teens \$3.00, and children under 12 are free with an adult.

Whether you two-step, line-dance, swing dance or just like to listen, come on down to the Key Peninsula Civic Center for a hootin' and hollerin' good time. Call Marialice at 884-4567 for more information or advance purchase discount tickets.

Home on the Range

by Janice McMillan

GAZPACHO

Gazpacho, a cold Spanish (Andalusian) soup, is an excellent and tasty use of the abundance of tomatoes that will ripen in the early part of September. Here is Janice McMillan's recipe for Gazpacho:

- 2 large or 1-3/4 lbs. smaller tomatoes, peeled
- 1 large cucumber, peeled
- 1 medium onion
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 canned pimiento, drained
- 2 cans tomato juice (24 oz. total)
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. Tabasco hot pepper seasoning
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper (coarse ground is best)
- 2 garlic cloves, split
- 1/2 c. croutons
- 1/4 c. chopped chives

In electric blender combine 1 tomato, 1/2 cucumber, 1/2 onion, 1/4 green pepper, pimiento, and 1/2 cup tomato juice. Blend at high speed to puree the vegetables. In a large bowl mix pureed vegetables with remaining tomato juice, 1/4 c. olive oil, vinegar, Tabasco, salt, and pepper. Cover mixture and refrigerate at least 2 hours (overnight is even better). Refrigerate six serving bowls. Meanwhile, rub inside of skillet with garlic, reserve garlic. Add rest of olive oil, heat and saute the croutons until they are browned, set aside. Chop separately remaining tomato, cucumber, onion, and green pepper. Place in separate bowls along with separate bowls of croutons and chopped chives. Serve these as accompaniments.

Just before serving, crush the reserved garlic, add to the chilled soup, mixing well. Serve in chilled bowls. Makes 6 servings. This soup is nice served on a very hot day with crispy rolls or French bread and a chilled salad of pasta, shrimp and vegetables. Use a creamy dressing as a counterpoint to the tart flavor of the soup.

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Obituaries

The Community expresses its sympathy at the deaths of

Cheryl Elaine Niemann, 43, a lifetime resident of the Key Center area, died at Park Rose Care Center, August 21. She was born in Bremerton on January 22, 1949, and is a great-granddaughter of Key Center pioneers.

She was a 1970 graduate of Washington State University and received her master's degree from the University of Washington. She worked as Assistant Administrator for the Frances Haddon Morgan Autistic Center in Bremerton for more than 19 years. She was a fourth generation member of Vaughn Garden Club and was a member of Vaughn Community Church.

Family members include: Parents, Charles and Joyce Niemann, Key Center; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles Jr. and Vicki Niemann, Chris and Sue Niemann, all of Key Center; sister, Noel Niemann, Tumwater; grandmother, Elsie Olson, Vaughn; niece, Nicole Niemann, Key Center, three nephews: Sam and Dan Baderdeen, and Carl Huett, all of Key Center; great-nephews, Daniel and Matthew Baderdeen; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held on August 25 at Vaughn Community Church; interment at Vaughn Bay

Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to: Frances Haddon Morgan Center, 6th & Marion, Bremerton, WA 98310.

Martin Walter Boyle, 72, a Lakebay resident, died August 3, 1992. Martin was born January 6, 1920, in Seattle. He was an electrician at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and a member of the Nat'l Assoc. of Retired Federal Employees. He loved camping, reading, music, cooking and woodworking.

Family members include: wife, Merlinda B., Lakebay; sons, Martin F. and Peter S. Boyle;

adopted daughter, Jimelyn E. Stevens; adopted son, Vincent J. Boyle; brother, Frank Boyle, Jr.; sister, Frances Jane Boyle, and 5 grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic School, 700 18th East, Seattle 98112.

Jason Steven Padilla, 15, a resident of the Gig Harbor area for 3 years, died August 11, 1992. Jason was involved in a moped accident while on an outreach ministry to Cozumel, Mexico. The outreach was sponsored by Lakebay Community Church.

Born in Bellingham, Jason was a student at Peninsula High School, involved in drama and wrestling and the Key Peninsula Baseball league as well as Lakebay Community Church Youth Group activities.

Family members include parents, Tami & Randall Padilla, and brother Ryan. A memorial fund to assist Jason's family has been established. Contributions may be made c/o Lakebay Community Church, P.O. Box 130, Lakebay 98349.

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A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch

I was surprised to see the invitation in the mail. I've been busy and the years have gone by fast. It seems like only a couple of years ago that I attended my twenty-year high school reunion, and now I had an invitation to my thirty. A quick trip to my full-length mirror revealed an image I didn't like. A middle-aged lady with too many extra pounds, a missing tooth, and flat, thinning gray-blonde hair stared back at me. I'm just not ready for this!

After my twenty-year reunion I decided that I had ten years to get gorgeous. I scheduled a stiff weight loss and body toning regime and even planned to get braces on my teeth. I pictured myself at my thirty-year reunion toned, tanned and gorgeous in one of those chic, black, clingy jump suits with long, manicured fingernails and fantastic shoulder length full blonde hair. Reality was quite a different picture.

Where had the time gone! My weight loss program never really got off the ground. I meant to do it—thought about it and planned to start—next Monday. Many Mondays later I'm still working on getting going. The braces never happened because there never seemed to be enough extra money for such a "luxury." My full shoulder length hair is, instead, a short convenience style that has become flat and thin. How come I had to take after my balding grandfather? No one ever told me that women lose their hair, too. And I don't tan anymore. I've known too many women who've had to battle skin cancer. That

dark tan is ugly to me now. My manicured fingernails haven't seen a manicure in some time. Yard work and computer typing have taken a toll. Besides, I really hate long fingernails. They get in the way of my life. It's obvious that I can't go to my reunion looking like this. What would everyone think? I decided to decline the invitation.

At the last minute, I changed my mind. An old friend called and we had a wonderful chat. She was so excited about seeing everyone that I couldn't bring myself to tell her I had decided not to go. So I resigned myself to an evening of humiliation. I would take my "ugly self" and go.

I was nervous and worried about how I looked right up to the second I saw the old gang. From that moment on I was so busy renewing friendships and hugging old school chums that I completely forgot about my "lack of gorgeous." I really got it in perspective when I saw an old friend in a wheelchair. A freak accident has left him unable to use most of his body. He said I looked great.

It was a wonderful evening. I can't believe that I almost missed it just because I didn't measure up to some image I had in my brain of the way I should look. The truth is, we all looked about the same. Extra pounds, thinning hair and some hard times were meted out pretty evenly. It was a good fellowship. One chum said it all, "This will be the last time we will see some of us."

I hope that's not true. I hope everyone takes good care of themselves and makes it back to the forty-year reunion. Besides, I've got ten years to get in shape. Maybe I'll make gorgeous, yet.



Participants in Pioneer Day's "Young American" contest line up for review. The event was sponsored jointly by Key Center Tavern and Lakebay Lumber and, for a first-time event drew a good number of "well-dressed" entries. The winners (not identified) in the 15-19 age group were: Tied for 1st - Roni Brock and Amanda Imes; tied for 2nd - Greg Brayton and Robert Holman. In the 10-14 age group: Tied for 1st - Julie Dolly and Amy Davis; tied for 2nd - Stuart Hudson and Nicky Ferencik; 3rd - Bryan Angove, and 4th, Shawn Holman. Photo by Pauline Finn

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by Hugh McMillan

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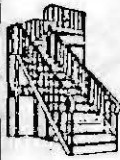
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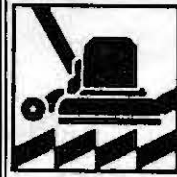
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