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Key Peninsula residents listen intently to Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy John Hendrickson during a meeting on April 1 at the Civic Center, Vaughn, as he discusses the training program for Citizen Against Crime volunteers. See related story on page 4.

Photo by Hugh McMillan

Joint GH Chamber/ KPBA meeting at Civic Center shows growth and unity

The growing activity and importance of the Key Peninsula business community to the Pierce County area "north of the bridge" was evidenced Thursday evening, April 7, when the Civic Center Gold Room was the scene of a joint general membership business meeting of the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce and local business leaders. Approximately 65 members and guests enjoyed refreshments and a pizza dinner, followed by a program presided over by Jerry Walstrom, Chamber President and operator of the Floatation Device Tavern.

The main speaker for the evening was William Trandum, Chief Financial Officer of the Tacoma News Tribune, who

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Park Board Commissioners face spring and summer schedule with dedication and hope

by Keith Stiles

The Commissioners of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District are now looking ahead to what will probably be the biggest challenge in their terms of office....how to get the District through the spring and summer months on the funds available to them. All of the "financial chickens" of the levy failure last fall are now coming home to roost as the Park Board attempts to provide for the cash needs of the Civic Center building, and both the cash needs and the physical work needs of Volunteer Park. Right now it appears that the jobs of lawn mowing, watering, cleaning, and grounds preparation at Volunteer Park will be largely handled by the Commissioners themselves, as they have dedicated themselves to the plan of keeping the park open this spring and summer for the recreational needs of Key Peninsula residents.

According to Park Board President Daphne Daus, she and the other commissioners - Avon Gay, Mike Kent, Max Marlowe, and Dave Rovang - have agreed among themselves to "do whatever it takes" to provide suitable baseball diamonds, tennis courts, soccer fields,

and general open recreational space for this season. This apparently means that the commissioners will be driving the mowers, raking the fields, hauling the refuse, and doing all of the other vital jobs that are so necessary to keep the Park in safe and usable condition. Board plans apparently will call for some "all-citizen" work days, and the Commissioners will be hoping for good turnouts to handle part of the burden.

The need for such dedicated effort on the part of the Commissioners came about when District funds for the operation of both the Civic Center and Volunteer Park began to run short after voters turned down the levy request last fall. Protracted discussions about contract arrangements for the operation of the Civic Center and the Park between the Civic Center Association and the Key Peninsula Athletic Association were generally blamed for the levy defeat.

In the end the Civic Center Association and the Park Board came to an operating agreement which has proved generally suitable and practical, while the KPAA failed to sign an operating agree-

ment and its participation in the Park's future has not yet been publicly defined. No operator has yet been found for the concession stand at the Park, and the Board is seeking applications

At this time, it seems certain that the Park Board will place a new Maintenance and Operating Levy before local voters, probably at the time of the primary election next September. Passage at that time would be expected to allow the Board to provide for normal care of the Park by a caretaker as in years past. Just what levy failure might mean for both the Park and (possibly) the Civic Center is not known just now, but it would be certain to impose very hard times all around.

Meanwhile, the Park Board has announced the following major scheduled events at Volunteer Park in the next several weeks:

PAA Youth Baseball	April 23
Gene Berg T'ment	April 25-May 1
Co-Rec(Adult Softball)	Start May 1
PAA Youth Games	May 21
Harrison T'ment	June 10, 11, 12
K.C. Butler T'ment	June 17, 18, 19.

(Later schedules to be announced)

Minter Creek Elementary School bounda- ries to change?

The Peninsula School Board will be considering a relatively small change in the attendance boundaries for students at Minter Creek Elementary School in their regular meeting at 7:30 pm this evening Monday, April 11.

The change would put the west bank of Burley Lagoon to 82nd Street NW in the attendance area for Minter Creek Elementary School, rather than in the Purdy Elementary attendance area. The change is expected to affect about 40 families in the Wauna area, and is being considered to avoid overcrowding at Purdy Elementary and to take advantage of the new classrooms to be available at Minter Creek with the opening of school next September.

School Board meetings are open to the public, and take place at the Educational Service Center in Purdy.

Persons desiring further information may call the district offices at 857-6171 during regular business hours.

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come out on May 2. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, April 25.

Community Blood Drive

There will be a community blood drive at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Monday, April 18, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Although appointments are not required, those donors who would like to set aside a specific time may do so by calling 884-2997. KP Lutheran Church is located 3.4 miles south of Key Center at the intersection of Key Peninsula Highway and Lackey Road. The drive is open to anyone willing to donate. Blood supplies are badly needed in Pierce County, so come and bring a friend!

Letters from you ...

To the Editor:

Something happened a few weeks back that keeps nagging at me, and hopefully this letter will help me cope with it.

Oh, it wasn't anything on the scale of nuclear disarmament, or the presidential elections, or the decline of the U.S. Olympic teams. No, this was much more important than that.....

A good customer of mine, Herb Johnson, said "good-bye" to me one morning, and while on the way to work an aneurism burst in his brain. He is now at Tacoma General Hospital, and his prognosis is life in a rest home. This is a man who always had a smile for you, always a friendly word. He has a wife who loves him, and people like myself who respect him. I miss seeing him in the mornings, and you should miss him, too. Why? Simply because nice people like him are in very short supply.

Finally, if you know his wife, please give her the support she most likely needs right now.

Bill Holland
Red Dogs Convenience Store

To the Editor:

In response to Chuck West Jr.'s letter in the March 28 KP News, I guess he may have written my car license down. Not everyone who parks along the highway commits a crime. You could run out of gas, have a flat tire or car trouble. In my case, I have been picking up cans to recycle. I want to point out that most of the cans are beer. All over the Peninsula lots of people are driving and drinking. Also, I find that more trash is found around the lakes in this area. I pick up trash and cans at Lake Minterwood without pay. The county should clean the roads more and persons trashing them should use a litter bag.

M.S. - A law-abiding citizen

To the Editor:

As you know, on April 1 a leash law goes into effect throughout all of Pierce County. Unfortunately for some of us this law is a little too late. I have lived in my neighborhood for six years and lost three pets due to the fact that owners here allow their dogs to roam uncontrolled and undisciplined through the entire area.

I hope that people will be more considerate of other people's rights now that there is an enforceable leash law. I have had no response to my repeated requests that these dogs be controlled. With the leash law, if owners continue to ignore the problems their dogs create, at least there is a remedy. In my case this is scant consolation; it will not bring back the three pets that I loved so dearly and miss so much.

Hopefully the new leash law will allow other people to avoid the agony of losing their pets.

Lisa Sinnitt

To the Editor:

Fire Chief says: "Atta Boys!" to Billy Kinzer, Donovan Miller and Courtney Trotter

Several months ago three young men brought a STOP sign they had found to the Key Center Fire Station. The ugliness of seeing them walk in off the street with sign in hand caused a response which can be understood and, in a majority of cases, given a nod of approval.

However, these young men shattered the common impression of indifference in the youth of today towards society's rules.

With open-mouthed wonder we accepted the delivery and commended them for their judgement and action. We salute these young men and compliment their parents for their guidance.

Horace Kanno, Fire Chief

To the Editor:

My family recently had the pleasure of participating in the Pinewood Derby sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 213. I would like to express the pride I felt in our community as I watched the cub scouts and their parents work together to prepare and race a variety of cars.

Each parent was attentive to the emotional roller coaster their children were experiencing through the elimination portion of the program. They gave support, cheers and hugs to the children during each series of races.

Both my husband and I were overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of participants. Each of us should be proud to support and endorse the various scouting programs available on the Key Peninsula. We should also recognize each parent who works in this program as it represents one of the foundations our community is built on - volunteerism.

Daphne D. Daus

KP Senior Society doings

You'll see it here first! And probably last! Don't miss it - Suspense! Romance! Drama! Come one, come all. Be ready to hiss the villain and cheer the hero as Eleanor Stock and her fabulous cast of seniors celebrate spring on Thursday, April 21.

This will be a play in pantomime. The reader is Eleanor Stock and the cast are members of Key Peninsula Senior Society.

This exciting drama will follow the regular luncheon meeting of the Senior Society in the Gold Room of the Civic Center in Vaughn. Be there!

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

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Watch your dog....new leash law now in effect in Pierce County.

Key Peninsula residents are reminded that a new pet control act went into effect on April 1 declaring the entire unincorporated area of Pierce County to be a "dog control zone". After April 1 all animals running loose may be impounded or the owners cited by animal control officers. If keeping your dog behind a fence or tied up causes problems such as digging or barking, one suggestion is to call the animal behavior hotline at 1-383-CARE for advice.

Your Park Board Reports

by Daphne Daus



The main topic of the March 23 special meeting of the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District was Volunteer Park. Since the decision by the Key Peninsula Athletic Association to not renegotiate their contract the commissioners have each personally taken on the tasks of scheduling and maintaining the park.

The board approached Randy Dalton, caretaker at the Civic Center, with the opportunity to increase his hours by preparing the fields at the park prior to scheduled tournaments. The board authorized Randy to work at the park for a maximum of 24 hours prior to and during each tournament. All commissioners will be

committing time to mowing and maintaining the field throughout the summer. PAA will also be assisting with maintenance of the fields prior to and during their use. Anyone interested in helping to maintain the park is asked to call Avon Gay, evenings at 851-4968 or Mike Kent, evenings at 884-3862.

The next Park Board meeting will be held April 13 at 7:30 pm at the Civic Center. The board will be discussing strategies for the upcoming levy. With community support of the levy we will be able to keep the Civic Center and Volunteer Park operating. All those interested in the continuation of a local park district are encouraged to attend.

GI insurance dividends for prior service personnel

A bill recently passed in Congress gives veterans a dividend of 55 cents to \$1000 of their GI insurance for each month they were in the service. This is effective whether or not the veteran still carries this insurance.



This dividend is not automatically sent to veterans. Any veteran wishing to receive it must apply. The VA urges all

veterans to apply, regardless of whether they had the insurance. The VA will check for you.

The general payment is \$254 for two years of service, \$319 for three years of service and \$529 for four years of service.

Veterans wishing to apply may do so by writing to: Veterans Center, PO Box 8079, Philadelphia, PA 19010.

The letter should include the veteran's name, address, GI insurance number (if known), branch of service, enlistment data (or re-enlistment data) and discharge data.

It is important to remember that the government will not give it to a veteran unless it is applied for.

Caregivers invited to provide input

On April 20, 1988, there will be a meeting from 7 to 9 pm in the Brones Room of the Key Peninsula Health Center of family members and employed individuals who take care of elderly and disabled in their homes. The discussion will focus on the interests and needs of caregivers and the potential for education/training, respite care and a caregiver support group.

Among those in the discussion group will be: Ruth Bramhall, RN, Board of Directors, Key Peninsula Health Center;

Pam Cooper, Senior Case Manager, Good Samaritan Hospital; Karen Hudson, Neighbor to Neighbor Project, Area Agency on Aging; Edie Morgan, Respite Care Program, Key Peninsula Health Center, and Jane Vaccaro, RN, Community Health Nurse, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.

There are many caregivers in our community providing a valuable service by keeping people safely in their homes. We would like to find out how we can serve this group. If you provide this kind of service or are caring for an elderly family member, please come. Your input is very important. For more information please call 884-3920.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

- Monday, April 11 ...**
 VFW and Auxiliary meet at KP Civic Center at 7:30 pm.
 Fire District 16 Board of Commissioners meet at Key Center Fire Station at 7:30 pm.
- Tuesday, April 12 ...**
 Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at noon.
 Peninsula Emblem Club meets at Gig Harbor Elks Club on SR 16.
 Coolettes 609 visit Cottesmore Nursing Home, meet at Key Center.
 TOPS - weigh-in 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm Vaughn Church.
 Vaughn PTO meets at school at 7 pm.
 KPCCA Executive meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Wednesday, April 13 ...**
 Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
 Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club meets at 10 am at Longbranch Church.
- Thursday, April 14 ...**
 KP Senior Society potluck lunch in Gold Room, Key Center.
 Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild will tour new Mary Bridge Hospital facility at Tac. General.
 KPCCA Board meets at 7:30 pm Civic Center.
 Survivors bereavement support group meets at 2 pm in Brones Room, KC Library.
- Friday, April 15 ...**
 KPBA meets at the Eatery, 7:30 am.
 Bayshore Garden Club program at 1 pm at Longbranch Improvement Club.
- Saturday, April 16 ...**
 Twilit Dances Club, 9 pm to 1 am.
- Monday, April 18 ...**
 Ruth Circle lunch and meeting at Longbranch Church Hall.
 Evergreen Eagle Boosters meet at 7 pm at school.
- Tuesday, April 19 ...**
 Coolettes 609 visit Rettil Veterans Home, meet at Key Center.
 TOPS - weigh-in 6:15 pm, meeting 7 pm at Vaughn Church.
- Wednesday, April 20 ...**
 Community Center, Home hot lunch for seniors at noon.
 Vaughn Garden Club meets at 10:30 am at home of Ruth Little.
 Lions Club meets at Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.
 Improvement Hall meeting at 7 pm.
 Longbranch Improvement Club potluck at 7 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Thursday, April 21 ...**
 KP Senior Society potluck at noon in Gold Room, Civic Center. An old-time melodrama in pantomime will be performed by the seniors...do come!
 Coolettes 609 meets at Civic Center 7 pm.
 Horseman's Association meets in KC Library at 7:30 pm.
 Diabetic Support Group meets at KP Health Center at 7 pm.
- Saturday, April 23 ...**
 Twirlers Square Dance of Gig Harbor meets at Harbor Heights School.
 Dance at Longbranch Improvement Club, 9 pm to 1 am.
- Monday, April 25 ...**
 Angel Guild meets in the Brones Room of KC Library at 10 am.
 Paul Cyr Community Forum KPCCA at 7 pm.
- Tuesday, April 26 ...**
 Coolettes 609 visit Naval Hospital at Bremerton. Meet at Key Center.
 Nutrition Day lunch at noon for seniors at Longbranch Church Hall.
 Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at 6 pm.
 TOPS - weigh-in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.
- Wednesday, April 27 ...**
 Cheese distribution at Community House, starts at 9 am.
 Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
- Thursday, April 28 ...**
 KP Senior Society potluck lunch in Gold Room, Civic Center.
 Survivors bereavement support group meets at KC Library at 2 pm.
 Key Peninsula Historical Society meets in Longbranch Church at 7:30 pm.
 KP Health Center Board meets at 7:30 pm.
- Future dates to mark on your calendar ...**
May 8 ...
 Mother's Day Branch at Key Peninsula Civic Center.
May 14 ...
 Ruth Circle's salad lunch for friends and members.

A covered pool at Camp Seymour?...We need to hear from you!

The movers and shakers of a suggestion that the YMCA swimming pool at Camp Seymour, Glen Cove be roofed in order to make it usable for Key Peninsula residents year-round are still trying to get an adequate response from KP citizens. Mary Seidleman and Anita Dougherty

need more feedback before the proposition can be put before the YMCA board, and to that end the questionnaire placed in the March 14 NEWS is reprinted below. For more information call Mary at 884-2448 or Anita at 884-2826.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____

Hours interested in: Morning _____ Afternoon _____ Evening _____

Age group: K thru 5th Grade _____ Middle School _____

High School _____ Young adult _____ Senior _____

Mail to: Mary Seidleman, 1419 Hoff Road, KPN, Lakebay, WA 98349

Peninsula Citizens Against Crime begin training

by Hugh McMillan

Sixteen members of the more than 100 volunteer Peninsula Citizens Against Crime (CAC) began training in the Purdy offices of the Peninsula Detachment of the Sheriff's Department on Thursday, April 1, under the tutelage of Pierce County Sheriff's Deputy John Hendrickson assisted by Carol Ries of the Law Enforcement Support Agency (LESA), the County-wide emergency dispatch service.

The training took some three hours. "Make no mistake," said one volunteer, "this is definitely no April Fool's joke; we're deadly serious about this business." Instruction was given on proper telephone procedures in handling emergency and routine calls, methods of record preparation, filing, and distribution of incoming information. In addition to instructional materials, each participant received a sealed Pierce County Sheriff's Department identification card bearing a color photo of the volunteer. Strict rules of conduct and security were explained.

A second group of volunteers will be trained in mid-April. Two more groups will receive training the following month and it is planned that, given a sufficient number of volunteers, similar courses will be conducted every other week until enough personnel have been trained to man the phones 24 hours seven days a week.

Volunteers will serve as telephone responders four hours per week following completion of this basic training. Mel Oliver, a retired Oregon police chief who lives in Wuana, is coordinating the scheduling of individual time assignments.

Deputy Hendrickson noted that, "Every hour a volunteer serves answering our phones will be an hour a deputy can spend in the field conducting investigations, responding to citizen complaints, and making ours a better neighborhood which the criminal element will find increasingly precarious to its survival."

A spokesman for the group who requested anonymity noted that, "Although CAC began on the Key Peninsula from which it draws most of its volunteers, we encourage similarly-minded Gig Harbor citizens to volunteer in this effort; we'll be taking calls from throughout the greater Peninsula area and if I were a resident of Gig Harbor, I'd sure want to do my share." He added, "Our ultimate objective is to man the phones 24 hours a day seven days a week; that's going to require a lot of citizen participation from both peninsulas."

In order to participate in the program, volunteers must agree to a security background check which takes about two weeks to complete. They must then take about four hours of training in methods of handling telephone calls to the Peninsula Detachment of the Sheriff's Department. Initially, they will be expected to serve four hours per week at the Purdy office. As the number of volunteers increases the

workload can be decreased. "We do not discourage volunteers taking more shifts, or even longer shifts if they wish to, but recommend that no one work more than an eight-hour shift at a time," said Hendrickson.

"There's a lot more to answering a telephone than I ever realized," said one volunteer. "If I didn't work at it at least once a week, I'd probably have to be re-trained each time I entered the office," she added, "at least until I become more familiar with the routine."

Telephone work is considered phase one of the CAC program. Phase two will address crime prevention and public awareness. Training programs for this are now in preparation.

The next general meeting of CAC will be held in the Gold Room of the Key Peninsula Civic Center, Vaughn at 7 pm on Thursday, May 5. "Citizens interested in volunteering for CAC or, for that matter, just interested in learning what we're doing are encouraged to attend this meeting," said Hendrickson.

Applications for participation in CAC are available at the Peninsula Detachment of the Sheriff's Department in Purdy or at the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters Station in Key Center. Questions may be directed to Sgt. Bill Seewer or Deputy John Hendrickson at 857-3700, to Mel Oliver at 857-2654, or Hugh McMillan at 884-3319.



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Pierce County's new Fire Marshal

by Hugh McMillan

Waddell Hill, Pierce County's new Fire Marshal, arrived in Tacoma on the 4th and began work on the 5th of January 1988.

With the departure of John Burgess from the office of Pierce County Fire Marshal in late 1987, Patricia Frost took over as interim Fire Marshal while the office of the County Executive pondered on and sought out a suitably qualified candidate to take over the job on a permanent basis. The search was nationwide and several candidates in the running were from Pierce County itself.

In late December 1987 Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini selected 41 year old Waddell Hill to fill the position.

Fire Marshal Hill is married to Terry Y. Hill with whom he is parent to ten additional Hills aged 8 to 21 years. He explained that his large family is composed of two children from his first marriage, three from wife Terry's first marriage, one who is a product of their own love, three children they adopted following the untimely death of Mrs. Hill's sister whose children they were, and they also adopted number ten, a youngster who was a victim of child abuse. Our new Fire Marshal is a very caring and compassionate human being.

Mrs. Hill is really responsible for bringing Pierce County its new Fire Marshal. She is originally from Portland, Oregon. While visiting relatives there

last year, she chanced upon an advertisement in the *Portland Oregonian* which she carried home to her husband. Interested, seeking the challenge, Waddell Hill applied for the advertised position as Fire Marshal for Pierce County. When invited, he came to Tacoma for interviews in October and again in November 1987 at his own expense. His final interview, with Pierce County Executive Joe Stortini, culminated in the offer of employment he readily accepted.

The Hills are from Champaign, Illinois, where he served as a fire investigation inspector for 16 years with the Champaign Fire Department. He has been an instructor for the University of Illinois' Fire Service Institute and also for the Police Training Institute, both of which are tantamount to being the Fire and Police Academies of their respective disciplines. He also taught Arson Investigation and Fire Prevention courses at Parkland Jr. College, Illinois.

He holds an Associate Degree in Fire Service Management, is a certified Fire Instructor III, Certified Fire Investigator III, Certified Fire Prevention Officer I and II, and an Advanced Firefighter III and has served many practical hours in fire investigation and fire prevention.

He is a past president of the "down state" (Illinois) Fire Inspectors' Association, has served on several ad hoc committees for the Illinois State Fire Marshal, has served on the Illinois Fire Prevention Officers' Credentials Review Board, on the Fire Prevention Officers' Education Board, and on the State Arson Investigation Review Board.



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KP Fire says, "Never Again!"

by Hugh McMillan

The March completion of a new chain-link fence surrounding the property behind the Key Peninsula Fire Department's Headquarters' station in Key Center is intended to protect the building's recently installed septic and drainage field system.

Need for these projects became evident in November 1987 when heavy rains caused a backing up of the sewage system. Inspection revealed that non-Fire Department vehicular traffic over the then-in-place drainage field had collapsed parts of it. A "band-aid" repair job by Fire Department personnel who dug holes to open drainage lines proved inadequate during the extraordinarily heavy rains in late November and December. The rains forced a complete shutdown on water use after both the office and resident areas of the station were flooded with unpleasant effluents. Stop-gap use of "porta potties" brought some relief while bids for repair of the system were let.

The Gig Harbor firm of Jack's Septic Tanks won the bid for the septic, drainage, and pressurized system meeting County Code requirements. H and H of Port Orchard won the fencing bid. All work was completed in mid-March.

KPFD will continue to use the area as a training site.



Fire District 16's new fencing surrounding recently installed drainage field system. photo by Hugh McMillan

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Sound, like eating and sleeping, has become a necessity of life. Compared to our childhood, we are living in a perpetual state of noise and commotion. At this moment the refrigerator is resting, so the turned low TV fills the sound vacuum. Mute the TV and we hear the electric clock ticking. Stop that and we hear the fluorescent light humming.

A jet plane overwhelms the endless rustle of the freeway that runs like a river in its big ditch. A heavy truck with barely muffled diesel raises the river's sound level, then fades back into the stream. As evening moves into night, the shriek of squealing rubber rips the air, sometimes followed by a screaming siren. Only an occasional backfire or gun-shot is worthy of a raised eyebrow. We read or write, barely aware of a nagging annoyance.

Outdoors, our senses are attacked from all directions. Airplanes and helicopters clatter and roar. Roads are a mixture of noise makers from buzzing motorbikes to rumbling road locomotives. The waterways have joined the parade, in speed if not obscene sound. Even "music" is often an assault on our fragile eardrums.

Thinking back to generations of a nearly silent world, I wonder that we are not stone deaf from childhood. Nothing in nature has prepared our ears for the assaults that are made on them. Will nature develop tougher hearing mechanisms as time passes, or will we lose the sense of hearing eventually?

A funny thing though. We are so accustomed to noise that silence worries us. When the TV was laid up for repairs we turned on the old radio. Silence made us aware that we are waiting for something, maybe the next earthquake.

Business Briefs...

Correction to published hours:

In the last issue of the NEWS, the business hours of Lakebay Lumber should have read as follows: Monday to Friday 7 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 10 am to 3 pm.

KPBA Photo Contest winners

In a recent issue of the NEWS we told you about a visitor's guide to the Key Peninsula which is being put together by local businesses and for which a really great picture of our area was needed for the front page. Response for pictures was excellent and a choice has been made. The prize for the best picture goes to Gloria Johnson of Vaughn and honorable mentions go to Barbara Benson and Don Snowden. Congratulations, photographers!

The picture will be showing up on the front page of the Visitor's Guide in local businesses very shortly.

KPBA Treasure Egg winners

At the close of the Key Peninsula Business Association's Treasure Egg Easter promotion last month, the many entries received went into a hat and four lucky winners of the Grand Prize were drawn. They are: Pauline Longley of 124th Ave.Ct., KPN - \$100; Katherine Aduddell of Lakebay - \$75; Buddy at Vaughn - \$50; and Alice Whitman of Vaughn - \$25. KPBA says congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who took part.

If you think you're getting too much government, just be thankful you're not getting as much as you're paying for.

Burley Galleria honors local designers

Four local fashion designers, Annette Sowers, Jeannine Lutge, Virginia Otto and Grace Denning, will be honored with a public reception Sunday, April 17 from noon to 3 pm at Burley Galleria.

Fashions for young girls, sizes 7 to 10, and for women, sizes 20 to 60, will be displayed and offered for sale. Demonstrations of scarf tying, wardrobe versatility and accessorizing will be conducted all afternoon.



Refreshments as well as all demonstrations and planned festivities are offered to the public without fee or reservations.

Burley Galleria, a six-room showcase of Washington art, gifts and fashion, is open every day from 11 am to 4 pm at 14820 Bethel-Burley Road SE (downtown Burley). Please call 857-7479 for easy directions.

Local woman Mary Kay award winner

Tammy Brentin, professional beauty consultant, was recently awarded the use of an Oldsmobile Firenza by Mary Kay Cosmetics as part of her membership in the company's new VIP Club. VIP means Very Important Performer and the award was created to recognize leadership and personal achievement within the company. Tammy will be driving her beautiful Olds for as long as she meets Mary Kay's production requirements.

Tammy is the mother of two small children and the wife of Captain Tony Brenton of KP Fire District 16.

Lutheran Rummage Sale

The Dorcas Circle of Key Peninsula Lutheran Church will hold its annual rummage sale on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, from 9 am to 4 pm.

Proceeds from the sale will go to FISH, Lutheran Social Services (Tacoma) and Community House, Home. The Lutheran Brotherhood will provide matching funds for this event. Any clothing left over will be donated to FISH and Community House.

The church is located on Key Peninsula Highway and Lackey Road.

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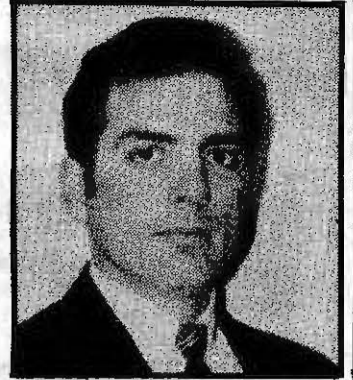
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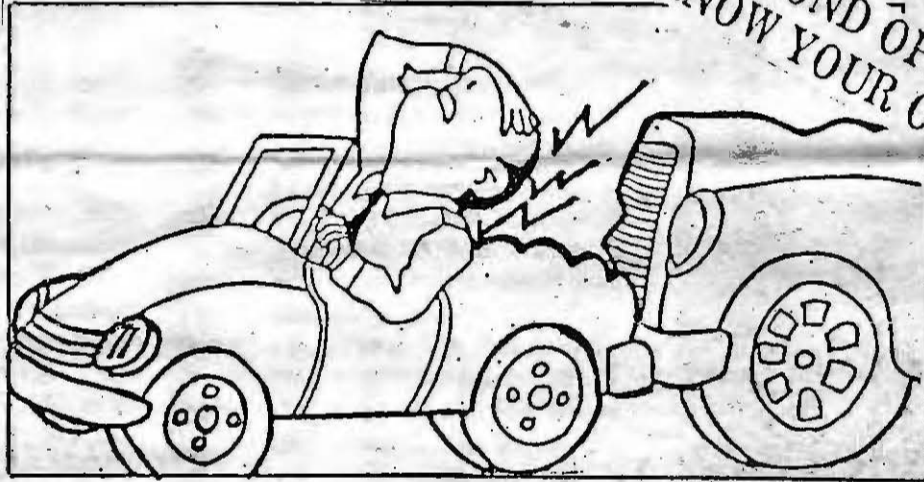
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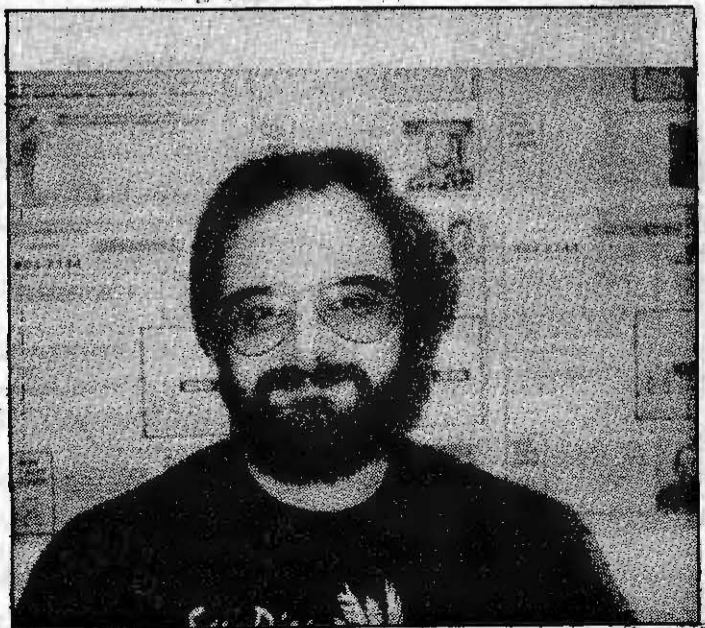
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The big finish was "Getting to Know You" from the King and I. Singer and pupils joined hands and swayed to and fro. Students in the audience joined for the final chorus. Gateway photo

Combined fishing and hunting license proposed

People who frequently fish will no longer have to keep track of dozens of licenses if a bill by Rep. Ron Meyers of Gig Harbor is signed into law this session. The House of Natural Resources Committee and unanimously approved House Bill 1871 which would consolidate licenses for fishing and hunting under one form. Included on the form would be a section for razor clams and Hood Canal shrimp. It also would initiate a report by the departments of fisheries and wildlife proposing a plan to consolidate punchcards for salmon, sturgeon and steelhead into one card.

Meyers said that the Department of Wildlife and the Department of Fisheries now have about 380 duplicate accounts open for dealers who sell hunting and fishing licenses. If this bill passes, Meyers said those accounts could be filed under one department.

"The opportunity to hunt and fish without a lot of hassle is one of the most attractive things about Washington," added Meyers. "This measure would make getting out and enjoying the outdoors easier and a lot more enjoyable."



Amy Noack strikes a Siamese attitude.

Gateway photo

"Getting to Know You" and getting to know a bit about opera

One of the activities of the Peninsula School District is to participate in Washington State's Artist-in-Residence program. In this program the State provides funding for talented persons to appear at selected schools for limited periods of time in order to bring their special talents to the children. During March the "artist-in-residence" was Seattle-based Seattle Opera member Patricia Lott Meessen, a mezzo soprano. The school selected for the special arts program was Minter Creek Elementary.

Ms. Meessen was at Minter Creek for almost two weeks, working on singing with four different groups of students totalling about 100 youngsters from first through fifth grade. She taught them lyrics from Bizet's "Carmen", two scenes from "La Boheme" and one scene from

"The King and I." Before long she had them singing along in French and Italian. Then she taught them how to handle some of the choreography that went along with the operatic scenes.

By Thursday, March 31, it all came together, with costumes created by student designers and technical help from retired PHS drama instructor Milt Boyd. All of Minter Creek School and its students were involved in some way - building scenes and decorations reflecting the Asiatic country of Thailand, the setting for the hit musical "The King and I." The grand finale for the opera study was the student presentation of a scene from the musical which featured the song "Getting to Know You," a favorite of the children and the large audience.



Patricia Lott Meessen

Pioneer Store owner Ralph Collins dies

Ralph Collins, owner and operator of the Minter Creek Grocery Store and Union Gas Station, died on March 25, the result of a stroke and complications from other lingering health problems. He was a lifetime Key Peninsula resident, born on May 23, 1916, and would have been 72 next month.

Mr. Collins and his brother Tom succeeded their father in ownership and operation of the family business which was built on the banks of Minter Creek before Highway 302 was put in, cutting through the store property. In the earliest days it is said that gasoline and oil were

delivered to customers from barrels and drums rather than from underground storage tanks.

Sources indicated to the NEWS that Mr. Collins suffered a stroke in the early morning hours of March 18 and was found by store employee Terry Case just prior to opening hour for the day. He was transported to Tacoma General Hospital where he died a week later.

Mr. Collins served in the U.S. Army in World War II and belonged to Post 1854 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was preceded in death by his wife and brother Tom and leaves a sister, Cora, a resident of Arizona, and one son, Ralph Collins of Missouri City, Texas.

It is expected that the store and gas station will be closed for an indefinite period of time after which a final close-out sale will be held.

Minter area woman dies after incident at home

A 26 year-old woman resident of Creviston Road in the Minter area died at Tacoma General Hospital on April 4 after being stricken with a undetermined medical problem that morning. She was reportedly still suffering from certain difficulties arising from an automobile accident of a few years ago.

Reports by Fire District 16 indicate that the woman was in full cardiac arrest upon arrival of the first responders, and that CPR procedures were started immediately. District 16 personnel utilized the new defibrillation equipment but were unable to restore a regular heart rhythm. The woman was given priority transport to the hospital in Tacoma where she died.

Hearing on Minter Run subdivision put off

The Pierce County Planning Department hearing on Minter Run, a proposed seven-unit development on Minter Creek just off Highway 302 near Collins Store, has been put off until May 20 at 1 pm. It will be held in council chambers on the 10th floor of the City-County Building in Tacoma. There has been substantial controversy about this subdivision and many Minter-area citizens have expressed concern not only about the development itself but also about various legal aspects and fairness issues involved in making the subdivision application. The meeting on the 20th will be open to the public.

Costa Rican experience available for youth

Experience Costa Rica, the undiscovered paradise. The land of white sandy beaches and dizzying mountain heights. Visit an active volcano, hike through a tropical jungle. Travel through this enchanting land of natural beauty and friendly people.

Olga Fuste, County Agent of the Washington State University/Pierce County Cooperative Extension, will be accompanying a group of boys and girls from throughout the United States to Costa Rica this summer. The International 4-H Youth Exchange Ambassador (IFYE) program is designed for youths 15 to 19 who are interested in a group travel experience. It includes home stays and a one-week study seminar on the food and agriculture issues in Costa Rica.

Fuste said the IFYE experience enables youth to learn more about other countries and cultures and to develop an appreciation of social, economic, political and cultural contributions of all peoples. It also allows youths to understand their own culture better, its influences, values, beliefs and attitudes, she said.

The teenagers will live with host families, actively participate in family life and have the opportunity to learn and practice verbal/nonverbal communication skills.

Sport fishermen boost State's coffers

Salmon and sturgeon sport fishermen pour more dollars into Washington state's economy by far than the commercial salmon fishing industry, according to a new study released today.

The Legislature, at the request of Rep. Dean Sutherland, directed the Department of Community Development to administer the study comparing the economic effects of the sport and commercial industries on the state's economy. "We knew that recreational fishing was more profitable to the state than commercial fishing," said Sutherland, a 17th District democrat from Vancouver. "But we were surprised at the magnitude of the difference."

The Legislature approved the study last year because more information was needed before voting on new state fishing management policies. According to the report, conducted by an independent consultant, Washington's 400,000 sport fishermen garnered \$43.8 million for the state last year. In contrast, 3,400 commercial fishermen garnered \$1.4 million. Those numbers do not include the Indian fishing industry. These and other findings were presented today to the House Natural Resources Committee which Sutherland chairs. "I'm excited about the results," said Sutherland. "Now we can begin setting new priorities for the state's fishing resources."

The program will include participants acquiring subject-matter knowledge and skills focused on a specific project and activity. The experience will also enable these young people to understand and assume their international citizenship responsibilities in today's interdependent world.

Approximate cost of the trip is \$1600. In addition, participants are responsible for their own round-trip transportation to Miami. An optional one-week tour is available at extra charge. A completed application and a \$350 deposit are due in the 4-H Office by April 15.

For more information, contact Olga Fuste or Lillian Larwood at the Pierce County Cooperative Extension Office, 591-7180.

Longbranch Improvement Club dance schedule

John Glennon, Dance Chairman for the Longbranch Improvement Club, has announced the dance schedule for this year, stating that the club will offer seven dance events starting with a "Spring Opener" on the evening of Saturday, April 23. The April dance will feature the band "The Bombers", a four-piece band that plays "a little rock, a little country and hits from the 50's and 60's."

Other dates for dances at the Longbranch Improvement Club this year will include the traditional Memorial Day Dance on May 28, a Family Night Dance on June 18 (no liquor that evening), the Fourth of July Dance on July 2, a Summer

Evening Dance on August 6, the Labor Day Dance on September 3 and a "Teenager Night" dance on September 24 - as the young people are headed back to school.

Admission to the dances is a \$5 per person donation for members and guests. The affairs are generally BYOB, with the exception of the June and late-September events. For those new to the Peninsula, the Longbranch Improvement Club is located on the Key Peninsula Highway South about 3/4 mile north of the Longbranch Store and Longbranch Marina. For further information call John Glennon at 884-4383.

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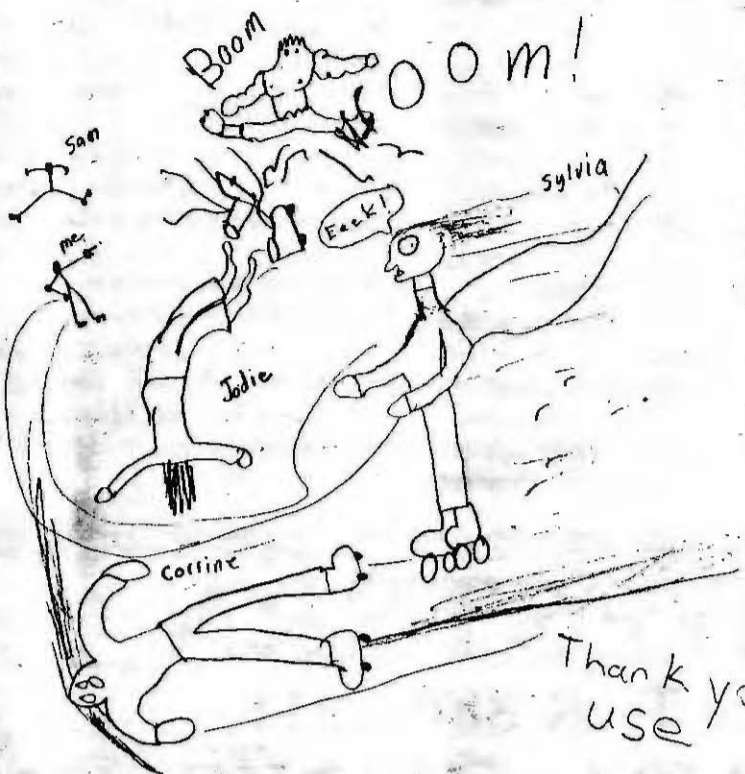

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Evergreen Elementary says "Thank you for the Civic Center"

The rebuilding of Evergreen Elementary school this year has meant that students had no facilities for P.E. and letting off steam in general. As a result of the community working together, and thanks to the KP Park Board and KP Civic Center Association, Tuesday morning has been Evergreen Day at the Civic Center throughout the 1987/88 school year.

Students of all grades sent pictures and letters of "thanks" to the Center, and we thought you would enjoy seeing their expressions of what the facility has meant to them this year.



Thank you for letting us use the Civic Center for P.E. We really appreciate it. I am looking forward to skating. From Michael.

Thank you for letting us use the civic center from Amy

Dear all of you: I am 8-1/2 years old. I like rainbows and I love math. I love school. And we want to help the Civic Center. Do you have fun at the Civic Center helping people? Love, Nicky Bellamy.



Thank you for letting us use the Civic Center. P.E. would be boring if it weren't for you guys. Thanks again. Kristina Pike. I'm in Mrs. Cartwright's fifth-grade class.

Funds needed for 1988 graduation celebration

The 1987 Peninsula High School Senior Class party was such a resounding success, both from a fun and safety viewpoint, it has been decided to repeat the event for 1988's graduating class. As always, however, lack of funds are a problem and the community is being urged to donate whatever they can to the all-night event.

A local athletic facility is rented and there will be dancing, volley ball, racquet ball and swimming, ending with breakfast the next morning. The night is well chaperoned and students do not leave the premises.

Attendance is by ticket purchase only and funds are needed for those students who cannot afford to buy a ticket. If you would like to help a student celebrate his graduation in a safe and sane way, your check should be made payable to Peninsula High School Senior Class, c/o Duane E. Erickson, Fundraising, PO Box 178, Gig Harbor, WA 98335.

Where's the 'Chute?

An experienced parachutist in Louisburg, North Carolina apparently forgot the most important thing---his parachute-- when he jumped (or fell) from an airplane last week while planning to videotape his jump and the jump of others who left the plane at about the same time. The parachutist had made about 800 previous jumps at a field 20 miles from Raleigh, and all indications pointed to a conclusion that he "just forgot his chute while making arrangements to do his filming." His body was found about a mile from the airport.

Evergreen "young authors" attend conference

During March several students from Evergreen Elementary School were able to attend a Young Authors Conference at the University of Puget Sound where they met with "real" writers of children's books, mimes, puppeteers and other young authors their own age.

Representing Evergreen Elementary were: Holly Kintner, Michelle Chiavano, Zarah Gragg, Leah Kintner, Becky Wilson, Jessica Suter, Sylvia Sammons, Jodie Sammons, Mandy Hashimoto, Dana Asper, Jerney Lindsay and Joey Vollan. Brandon Showalter was slated to go also, but missed out when he broke his arm.

In other Evergreen news, the Evergreen Swim Party has been rescheduled to 6:30 pm on April 26 at the PHS Pool.

PHS students win journalism recognition

Peninsula High School seniors Dan Snuffin and Debbie Kvamme, and junior Celia Orme have all earned Honorable Mention awards for their work on the PHS school paper, "The Peninsula Outlook," in a competition sponsored by the Washington Journalism Education Association at West Seattle High School.

Dan Snuffin was awarded for his review writing, Kvamme was recognized for her layout and design skills and Orme won for her feature writing.

Entered in national competition against other student papers from throughout the United States, "The Peninsula Outlook" was rated ninth in its division of competition, an excellent achievement. Advisor to the student paper is PHS teacher Paul Spadoni.

Peninsula school children top in Pierce County scores

Peninsula School District officials were pleased this last week to receive a study from the Steilacoom School District showing that in the recent (October 1987) Fall Test series of 4th, 8th, and 10th-grade students, Peninsula had the highest combined total Metropolitan Achievement Test (MAT) scores of all school districts in Pierce County.

Peninsula students did well also when compared against the State of Washington as a whole, coming in 21st of 109 major districts in which at least 300 students took the same tests. The Pierce County results:

Rank	District	Aver. Total Score
1	PENINSULA	183
2	Steilacoom	182
3	University Place	182
4	Puyallup	179
5	Eatonville	174
6 (tie score)	Fife	174
Washington State average.....		168
7	Clover Park	157
8	Bethel	148
9	Orting	146
10	Tacoma	143
11	Sumner	140

What you wanted to know about taxes

by R. Marvin Keizur

Although time is now short before "TRS day" here are a few pieces of information that might still be of help.

You can deduct up to \$25,000 of losses on rental property which you actively manage. You get the full deduction if your adjusted gross income is under \$100,000. If it is between \$100,000 and \$150,000, you get a partial deduction.

Have you overpaid your Social Security tax? If you worked for more than one employer, your combined wages were over \$43,000 and if both employers took the full deduction from your salary - you overpaid.

Do you have a child in college? If the child was a student at least 5 months of the

year, you can claim him even if he is over 18 years old and made more than \$1,900. But remember that the child loses his exemption if he has to file a return for his earnings.

If you find that you cannot file your return on time then you must fill out a Form 4868 and file it with Ogden, Utah before April 15, 1988. This is an extension of time only and you are still required to pay the tax due with the extension. You will be subject to a penalty if you underestimate by more than 10%. If you find you can't pay your taxes by April 15, file your return anyway to avoid the late filing penalty.

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Goin' out

by Janice McMillan



For a wonderful evening and a fine dinner you can read lots of reviews, ask all your friends for recommendations, make reservations two weeks ahead of time, present yourself at the appointed time and make a carefully considered selection from the menu. If your mood is right, the chef is up to par and the waiter didn't have a fight with his wife, your carefully planned evening will be a success.

On the other hand, you haven't made any plans for dinner, you happen to meet a few friends who urge you to come along with them to this BBQ place and, quite by accident, you discover a marvelous new dining experience. This is the way I discovered the Golden Grill Restaurant in Silverdale.

The restaurant is located in a shopping center and is on the small side. The Friday night we were there it was crowded and we had to wait about 20 minutes for a table, despite having made reservations. The ambience is nothing special; the Golden Grill looks like every other little Chinese restaurant in a shopping center. The food and the presentation are what made the difference here.

Although there is a regular Chinese menu, everyone I saw chose the Mongolian Bar-B-Q. The appetizer of fried wonton with a very interesting and subtle sweet and sour plum sauce, nicely done garlic chicken wings and a simple and tasty egg drop soup are served at the table first along with an endless supply of hot tea.

Then you take a large soup bowl from the food counter and make a selection of meats and vegetables of your choice from the cafeteria-style counter. You season the meat and vegetables in your bowl from a selection of sauces. Moving along - at the end of the counter is a large, round, flat-top iron barbecue plate. You hand your bowl to one of the cooks who dumps everything on the very hot metal and

quickly stir fries it with yard-long chop sticks while you wait. In a few minutes your bowl is handed back to you to garnish, if you wish, with sesame seeds and chunks of marinated pineapple. When you return to your table you are served steaming bowls of fried rice or plain rice to go with your personally concocted entree.

The meats are sliced paper thin for quick cooking and include pork, chicken, beef and lamb. Vegetables are bite sized and include green pepper, spinach, bean sprouts, celery, cabbage, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, mushroom slices, green onions, regular onions, tomatoes, daikon, crisp Chinese noodles and more. There were ten sauces including wine sauce, sesame oil, soy sauce, vinegar, Chinese Bar-B-Q, garlic, hot sauce and a special Chinese sauce.

The big surprise about this dinner, including appetizers, soup and rice is that it costs only \$7.95 and is "all you can eat!" You are urged to put plenty of sauces on the food to give it the Mongolian flavor and to pile your bowls high because the vegetables cook down. Several of the men at our table went back for third bowls. We were a party of 16 people and in my survey 15 said they loved it and would come back again. The sixteenth person said he only liked meat and never ate vegetables; I noticed that he had three bowls of meat.

Service is friendly, efficient and, should you have any questions, interestingly informative.

The Golden Grill is open Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 9:30 pm. The Mongolian Bar-B-Q is available at lunch for \$4.50 for one serving only. The hours on Friday and Saturday are until 10 pm and Sunday until 9:30 pm. Dinner price for children under ten is \$4.25 and children under four are free. Handicapped access appears easy as there are no stairs and it has wide double entry doors. The address is Silverdale Village, 9469 Silverdale Way (near town center), telephone 692-5504. Beer (including Chinese Tsingtao), wine and cocktails are served. Credit cards accepted. The driving time from Key Center was about an hour in a heavy rainstorm.



Wally Weber (left), owner of new K&J feed store at Key Center, shakes hands with James R. McDonald of the Pierce County Dept. of Economic Development with whom he worked on funding the new business. photo by Lee Stiles

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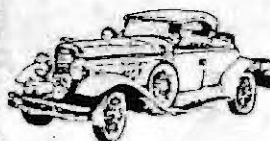
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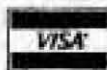
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Three arrested at old Home school

Pierce County Sheriff's officers have arrested two men and one youth at the old Home school (1814 "C" St.) and charged them with second degree burglary and criminal trespass. Those arrested on March 21 include a 19 year-old Vaughn resident, a 19 year-old Seattle man and a 17 year-old Lakebay youth. Sergeant Bill Seewer of the Purdy detachment stated that the arrests "cleared five cases of burglary and three other cases."

In another, apparently unrelated, case a resident in the 2900 area of Crevis-ton Road KPS reported the theft of two sheep one of which, she stated, was later returned. Also reported stolen at the same time was a down comforter and a chain saw. Sheriff's deputies were at a loss to explain the return of one of the sheep or any possible relationship between the theft of a sheep, a down comforter and a chain saw.

Fire Dept. 16 "Marches" thru busy month

March 1988 continued the pattern of steadily-increasing numbers of calls for service on the Key Peninsula with 50 calls for aid, 18 fire calls, and 6 "service" calls. There were 18 reported automobile accidents. From these, a total of 33 people were transported to local hospitals.

Woodcutting and logging accidents took their toll also. In one case an alder tree split during the felling process and struck the man cutting it, causing serious multiple injuries. In two other cases local people were injured by chainsaws and required medical attention. Two industrial-type accidents also produced their share of woes; in one case a worker fell from a ladder, landing on a pile of building materials below, and, in another incident, a fluorescent light tube burst in a woman's face, sending powder and glass into her eyes.

Fire District 16 urges care, both in your handling of fire and in all your other activities!

VFW Mobile Van

On March 12 and 23, from 9 am through 4:30 pm, the VFW Mobile Van was in Key Center manned by members of Key Peninsula Post #1990 under the supervision of Dave Murray, VFW State Service Office. Good use was made of the facility, with eleven people interviewed, ten claims filed, and twenty-four other people assisted.

The Mobile Van will be on the Peninsula again later in the year, so watch for an announcement in the NEWS.

Carr Inlet closed to salmon fishing for two months starting April 15

Residents are reminded that most of Carr Inlet will be closed to salmon fishing for two months starting April 15. The regulation has been adopted in an effort to protect the runs of spring Chinook salmon destined for the Minter Creek hatchery. The closed areas start at a line from Penrose Point on Key Peninsula due east to a spot partway down the outside of Fox Island. In addition, part of Hale Passage will be off limits.

For specific times, areas and regulations affecting fish sizes and where fishing is permitted, anglers should consult the new regulation notices generally available.

Puget Sound water quality meeting

Water quality in Puget Sound is a concern for us all. The Pierce County Conservation District will hold a meeting on April 19 at 7:30 pm at 10923 Canyon Rd. E. in Puyallup to discuss our responsibilities and best management practices. Your input as a concerned citizen and/or a member of the agricultural community is needed. Please care enough to get involved.

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Low-fat, low-salt diets being catered to

Tacoma, Washington—There was a time when it was difficult to dine out and keep a low-fat or low-salt diet, but increasingly restaurants are catering to diners' needs, according to Olga Fuste, Washington State University's Pierce County Cooperative Extension Agent.

Fuste recommends calling ahead to determine whether a particular restaurant will accommodate you. "Ask if they make all their own food, or if they use prepackaged or frozen food. Pre-prepared foods are usually quite high in salt and most sauces are high in fat," Fuste cautions.

"Also, ask the restaurant if it will leave salt or sauces off your food. Many are pleased to do so if you ask when placing the order."

Fuste advises: For breakfast, ask for unbuttered toast or English muffin. Use margarine sparingly. Many restaurants serve cooked hot cereal which, when eaten with skim milk instead of cream, is very low in fat. Instead of quiches and fancy omelettes try a waffle with fruit or fruit-flavored yogurt. Bacon, sausage, fried hash browns, sweet rolls; especially when heated on the grill, and croissants can add large amounts of fat to a breakfast menu.

Dressing is the important consideration on salads. Ask for reduced-calorie dressing, or dressing on the side. This way you can control how much dressing goes on the salad. For zero fat, ask for a lemon wedge on the side and just squeeze lemon juice over the salad.

Avoid soups if you're on a low-salt diet. Avoid creamed soup or chowder if you're on a low-fat diet.

Order vegetables steamed or plain. Avoid buttered, creamed, or hollandaise sauce.

Ask for your baked potato plain, with chives and plain yogurt, or with margarine on the side. This way you can control the amount of fat you get.

Meat, fish and poultry should be baked, broiled or poached, but watch the sauce. Although these dishes can be low in fat, sauces can make them high in fat. Many chefs will be happy to hold the sauce. Avoid sauteed, grilled or fried foods.

Plain fruit, sherbet or fruit ices are recommended desserts. They leave a sweet taste at the end of the meal, but add no fat.

Fuste cautions low-fat diners to avoid fish and chicken sandwiches in fast-food restaurants. "Although these foods are originally low in fat, they are often breaded and deep-fried, adding a great deal of fat and calories."

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Tooth rodent?

The American tooth fairy ritual probably comes from the tradition brought to America by German immigrants - that of placing a lost baby tooth in a mouse or rat hole.

According to German folk belief, a child's permanent teeth develop the same qualities as the teeth of the animal that finds the baby tooth.

Rodents were considered to have strong, healthy teeth - thus the baby tooth was put where a mouse or rat might find it. Source: Curious Customs by Tad Tuleja.

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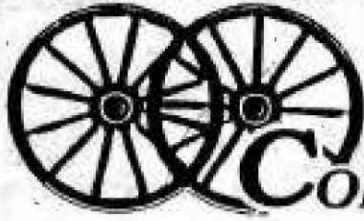
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Aerobic Classes Key Peninsula Civic Center. Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9-10 am, babysitting available nominal fee. Tuesday/Thursday 6-7 pm. 884-3642.

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- . Build a fire (in the fireplace!).
- . Take a hot bath or shower and put on "weekend clothes."
- . Listen to quiet music.
- . Read the newspaper or a good book.
- . Water the plants.
- . Play fetch with your dog.
- . Pick up your needlework or hobby.
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**More about joint GH Chamber/
KPBA dinner.**

also serves as Chairman of the Pierce County Economic Development Strategic Planning Task Force. His speech covered the areas and projects which his group believes will contribute most to improving the economic climate of Pierce County.

A highlight of the evening was the naming of PHS student Ian Coen as the "Student Employee of the Month." The award was presented by Span-Deli owner-operator Ron Jones, who spoke of Coen's excellent work as an employee of the American Quilt Galley (Gig Harbor) and also of his dedicated work as a member of the Boy Scout Explorer Post (Law Enforcement) where he works with members of the Gig Harbor Police Department. Ian is the son of Ron and Jan Coen, who are residents of the Minter Creek area of Peninsula North.

Other awards were made to Linda Craig Thomas who started "Career Day" in our local high schools, and to Ron Jones for his continuing work in support of education and his participation in the "Student Employee of the Month" program.

In announcements made during the meeting President Walstrom reminded the gathering of the upcoming Purdy Founding Anniversary Celebration and invited all who could to take part in both the celebration events and the Purdy Fun Runs.

Special political "attendees" included 26th District Representative Wes Fruit, Seventh District Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr, and announced candidate for 26th District Representative, Cathy Shaefer.

Pictures covering the joint meeting of the two business communities will appear in the next issue of the Key Peninsula NEWS.

**More about
Leap Year**

by Jeannie Groves

Have you ever wondered how the custom of ladies proposing during Leap Year originated? Some say St. Patrick was approached by St. Bridget who claimed the ladies wanted the right to "pop the question". He told her that it could only be done one year in four. In 1288 the Scottish parliament permitted a lady to propose and if rejected, the man had to pay her one hundred pounds unless he could prove he was already engaged. Years later France and Italy passed similar laws legalizing this tradition. By 1600 the custom had become a part of the common law of England.

Well, now that Leap Year is upon us it is time to remember that love is a learned emotional reaction. We begin to learn to love as we are loved, from the cradle. The loving individual must care about himself. We can give away only what we have...if we have love, we can share it.

**Yet more on...
The Home-Lake-
bay-Longbranch
Post Office**

by John McMenamin

Some friends from South California tried to look us up on their way to Expo-86. They wrote later to say they couldn't find Lakebay on their map. In light of the recent controversy over naming of the local post office, I would like to share my reply.

"No wonder you couldn't find us on your map. Our P.O. Box is in the Lakebay Post Office which is now in the village of Home. The Home Post Office was closed many years ago, and the nearby Lakebay Post Office was later moved to Home. Perhaps the bureaucracy in Washington, D.C. couldn't handle the notion of having the Home Post Office in the other Washington. If you want conversation, ask the old-timers of Home what they think about all this.

"Knowing the above facts wouldn't have helped you much because Home appears on fewer maps than Lakebay. You also need to know that we live neither at Home nor at Lakebay. We live further down the peninsula at the village of Longbranch, which is labelled on most state maps.

"When first platted in 1890, Longbranch was two words, Long Branch after Long Branch, New Jersey. Because post office personnel sometimes confused Long Branch, Washington, with Long Beach, Washington long before zip codes, the name was changed to Longbranch to avoid confusion. This occurred before the consolidation of the Longbranch Post Office with the Lakebay Post Office in Home.

"I hope this is all perfectly clear. Next time you plan a trip north let us know. We will send a map showing the route to Longbranch past the Lakebay Post Office in Home."

**Purdy sets "Fun
Run" for April 23**

The route has been set for the Purdy Fun Run which is being staged as part of the 103rd anniversary of the plating of Purdy. The 10K race will start Saturday, April 23, in front of the old fire station on Purdy Lane at 9 am and will make a loop around Burley Lagoon - returning to the finish on Purdy Lane. A two-mile run will start at the same time and place as the 10K event. Prizes will be awarded at 10:45 am in the grandstands at Roy Anderson Field on the PHS campus. Registration cost will be \$9 pre-registration or \$12 on race day. Additional information may be obtained by calling Jerry Walston at 851-0944.

The Purdy Anniversary Celebration will last from April 16 to April 23 and will have its main events in and around the Purdy Shopping Center.



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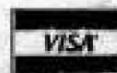
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