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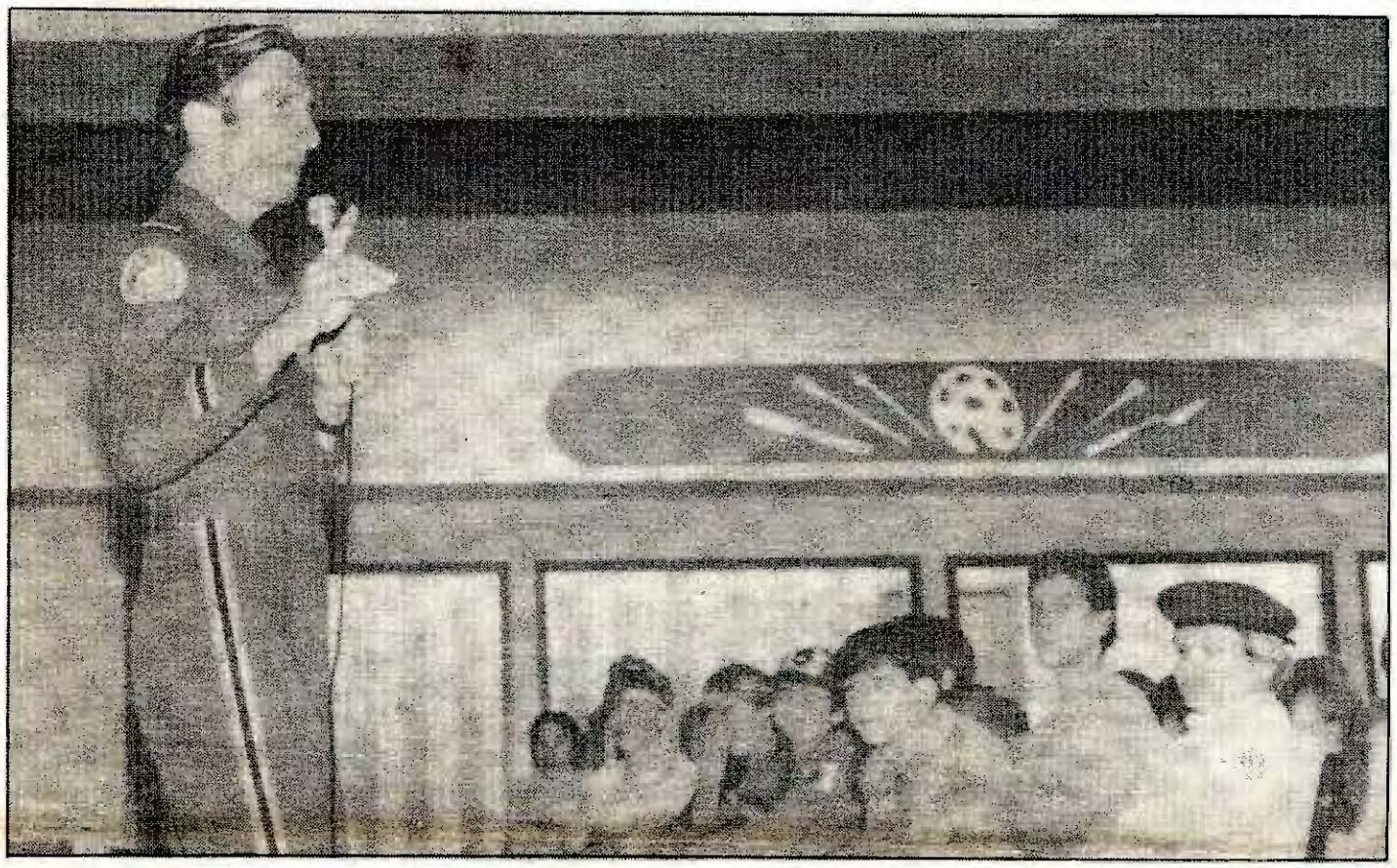

Astronaut Jim Irwin talks to Key Peninsula Middle School youngsters recently about his walk on the moon. Irwin was in the area talking to local business groups and accepted an invitation to visit the school.

Photo courtesy of Peninsula School District.

M & O Levy receives voter approval

by Keith Stiles

A two-year Maintenance and Operation Levy providing funds for the Civic Center in Vaughn and the Key Peninsula's Volunteer Park received an approval rating of about 63.5% of the voters in the General Election on November 8. Passage of the M & O Levy required at least a 60% approval vote. A total of about 2,900 votes were cast on the issue at precincts from Longbranch to the Purdy Spit, as the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District covers the same geographical territory as Fire District 16. Obviously grateful Park Board President Daphne Daus and Civic Center President Dale Loy are currently expressing their appreciation to the voters of the community for their support and participation in assuring that the two area facilities remain funded. As in other election issues there are still some outstanding absentee ballots to be counted within the next two weeks but it is not currently thought that they will affect passage of the levy issue.

Under terms of the levy the Park Board will have around $60,000 per year for a period of two years to help meet basic running expenses that must be paid for in cash, such as insurance, heat, light, caretaker's wages, fuel and garbage service. It seems apparent, however, that additional funds will be needed, to be raised through baseball tournaments at Volunteer Park and activities of the Civic Center Association. Exact tax rates and amounts which will result from the vote

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State complaint on geoduck firm has ties to Longbranch harvesting operations

by Keith Stiles

Remember the extensive story we ran in the NEWS about concern in the Longbranch area over the award of State of Washington contracts for the harvesting of geoduck clams in the vicinity of Filucy Bay? At that time we reported that residents were worried about the process and about the noise and damage to the environment that the operations could involve. There was also some discussion about whether or not harvesters could be trusted to live up to the rules on clams taken and areas harvested.

Those fears might have been well-founded if stories from King and Pierce County are accurate, as news reports in outside papers have stated, that the owners of Geoduck Harvest Co., Inc. and others have been charged with a "massive geoduck theft conspiracy." A call by the NEWS to John DeMeyer, supervisor of Washington's Department of Natural Resources Aquatic Lands Division, produced the information that the named company held contract for geoduck harvesting on three underwater tracts "adjacent to the Key Peninsula." According to Mr. DeMeyer the state contracts for harvesting were in effect up until about a week ago and "that company no longer has valid contracts with the State." One report stated that the company and the persons named in the complaint would be charged with the theft of about 750,000 pounds of geoducks worth an estimated $1.8 million. It is important to note that the charges by the state may relate to earlier harvesting operations by the company, and do not necessarily relate to anything that has gone on (or might have gone on) in the Longbranch area.

It is also most important to note that the company noted, Geoduck Harvest, Inc., is specifically NOT the company currently working or employing others to work out of the Longbranch dock area at this time.

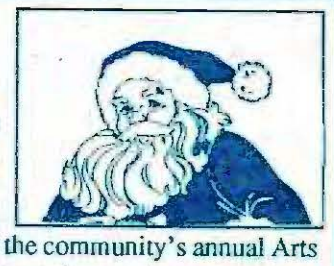
Thank you, Key Peninsula!

On behalf of the Civic Center Association, I would like to thank the residents of the Key Peninsula for their support in passing the Park levy.

Once again you have shown that you care and want to keep our community a unique place in which to live.

Dale Loy, President, KPCCA

Santa comes to the Arts and Crafts Fair



On Saturday, November 26, from 9 am to 4 pm, the Key Peninsula Civic Center will be the scene of the community's annual Arts and Crafts Fair. There will be holiday gifts galore, decorations and tree ornaments and, of course, stocking stuffers. Santa will be there to have a picture taken with the children from 10 am to 11:45 am, and again at 12:15 pm to 2 pm.

Come out and do your Christmas shopping with your Peninsula neighbors. If you wish to sell and have not mailed in your reservation for table space, please do so now as there are only six tables left. Reservation forms can be obtained by calling Vicki Henschel at 884-3642 or calling in at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center.

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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of KP NEWS will come ont on Nov 28. Please note the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, Nov 21.

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have yet to be determined but it is expected that the average taxpayer will provide about $10 (once), or an average of $5 or so per year over the two year period.

In other election results of local interest 26th District Representative Ron Meyers turned back the challenge of his Republican opponent Gigi Talcott of Tacoma, but the Wes Pruitt-Bob Oke contest for the other 26th District seat will be determined by absentee ballots. Presently Pruitt holds a slim 1,100 vote margin with about 7,000 absentee ballots to be processed in the next two weeks. Local voters also went for Joe Stortini for another term as Pierce County Executive and approved continued funding of the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system.

Dear Editor ...

To the Editor:

Thanks to the many people who donated clothes and other useful articles, the Ashes fall rummage sale was a huge success. Thank you, too, to the firemen who helped set up the sale and ran errands and to the ladies of the Ashes who worked so diligently.

A handsome check, resulting from the spring and fall rummage sales, was presented to the Fire Department to be used for special equipment for the ambulance.

Alice Palmer, Secretary, Ashes.

Your Park Board reports

by Daphne Daus

I want to thank the residents of Key Peninsula for rallying to the support of the Park District; it is evident from passage of the levy that the members of our community take great pride in the facilities we have worked to build and maintain. Thank you, also, to the many organizations in our community who pulled together to put the levy over, to Park Board members for the unselfish giving of their time and to Avon Gay for coordinating the levy effort.

The Park Board looks forward to working toward providing programs to meet the needs of a broader section of the community during the next two years.

Again, thank you, Key Peninsula, for your support. **D.D.**

Cub Pack 213 News

by Kathy Krasko

On October 27 Pack 213 met at the Civic Center for the first Pack Meeting of the year. The flag ceremony and colors were presented by Den 5 and a skit on "My Awful Dream, the Civic Center Closed" was performed by Den 3.

The boys of Pack 213 have worked hard over the last several months and the number of awards given shows this:

Participation in Pioneer Days Parade: James Otto, Shawn Holman, Corey Grimm, Shane Grimm, James Brown, Nathan Mauk, Joshua Krasko, Colin Churchward, Russ Williams, Travis Ord.

Summertime Activity Pin: Corey Grimm, Shane Grimm, Shawn Holman, Colin Churchward.

Overnight Campout Segment: Shawn Holman, Colin Churchward, PeJa Miller, Kenny Carlson.

Visit to Sheriff's Department Segment: Anthony Balshusman, Kenny Carlson, Colin Churchward, Shawn Holman, PeJa Miller, Allen Mitchell, Rocky Short, Lance Wakeling, Matthew Wiles.

Drama Segment for Skit: Jarod Beal, James Brown, Cody Goodrum, Shane Grimm, Brett Letellier, Randy Lewis, Ruben Menchington, Jacob Nelson, Travis Ord, Scott White, Robert Bradley.

Segment for Knot Tying: Anthony Balshusman, Kenny Carlson, Colin Churchward, Shawn Holman, PeJa Miller, Allen Mitchell, Rocky Short, Lance Wakeling, Matthew Wiles.

Advancement to Bobcat: Eric Barry, Joshuwa Bennett, Patrick Mongovin, Dustin Thompson, Jonathan Daus, Robbie Dressel, Matthew Folden, Zeb Slawson, Chris Snape, Richard Smith, Trevor Semenza, Gabe Slawson, Peppy Foss, John Snelson, Gabriel Martin, Jacob Gomez, Porter Carlisle, Robert Bradley, Joseph Martin, Lance Wakeling, Matthew Wiles, Rocky Short.

Webelo Activity Pin for Handyman: Zachary Folden, Joshua Krasko, Phillip Marr, Nathan Mauk, Jeremy Numrich, B. J. Reynolds, David Ross, Zeb Slawson, Richard Smith, Chris Snape, Will West.

Sports loops and pins were also given to Colin Churchward for swimming and Kenny Carlson for soccer. Den 1 performed the closing ceremony.

The next Pack meeting will be held November 17 at 7 pm.

Respite Care offers free sessions

The Respite Care program (Caregivers group), which provides care and recreation for dependent adults every Wednesday at Key Peninsula Health Center, will have two free sessions in the coming weeks. November 30 and December 7 have been set aside as free sessions for first-time participants by the Health Center Board of Directors which sponsors the Respite Care program. The usual charge is $10 for the weekly sessions. Hours are from 9 am to 4 pm.

Anyone interested in attending a free respite session should contact program director Edie Morgan in advance. Messages can be left at the Health Center, 884-9221.

Ashes plan Christmas party

The Ashes, the Ladies Auxiliary to Fire District 16, will hold their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 1, at 10:30 am, with a potluck and an exchange of gifts. It is suggested gifts be kept to a $4 limit. All ladies of Fire District 16 are invited.

Flu shots still available

Influenza is a viral infection that affects the bronchial tubes and lungs and usually occurs in the United States from November to April.

Symptoms of the flu are sudden onset of fever, chills, sore throat, nonproductive cough, soreness and aching in the back, arms and legs and extreme malaise. Although most people are ill for only a few days, some persons have a much more serious illness and/or complications and may need hospitalization. People 65 and over and those with chronic respiratory problems are especially at risk.

The vaccine this year protects against A/Taiwan, A/Sichuan, B/Victoria, the strains of flu expected to be major problems. Key Center Health Clinic still has flu shots available and encourages residents to protect themselves against this winter illness.

KPCCA Board news

by Pauline Finn

The November 11 Board meeting received a good turnout from happy, enthusiastic members following passage of the Park District M & O Levy on November 8. President Dale Loy thanked members and residents of the Key Peninsula for their support of the levy and looked forward to being able to plan for the future once again, with the Civic Center Association working to provide programs for all.

Nominating Committee Chairman Rick Oldenburg presented a slate of sixteen candidates to fill Executive and full Board positions for 1989. All sixteen were accepted. Officers for 1989 will be: Dale Loy, President; Vicki Henschel, Past-president; Betty Beal, Vice President; Ann Larson, Treasurer; Leatha Camp, Secretary; Rick Oldenburg and Dan Busz, members-at-large.

Park Board president Daphne Daus expressed gratitude on behalf of the KP Park Board for the strong support provided by KPCCA for the levy, with particular thanks to KP NEWS staff for their outstanding support. She discussed Park District plans for the future, saying these would include a summer program for children which would be a joint endeavor with Washington State Parks and Recreation Dept. Only large tournament groups will be booked at Volunteer Park, leaving the park more free for other activites. She also thought youth overnights at the Civic Center could be a possibility.

In other business the recent Reno Night fund-raiser at the Civic Center was reported to have been very successful and netted $2,500. Plans were made for the New Year's Dance and funds were allocated for new decorations. A sum of $4,100, derived from this summer's Auction at Pioneer Days, was set aside toward eventual paving of the Civic Center parking lot.

The next Board meeting will be December 8 and will be the Christmas potluck for board members and their families. Dinner will start at 6:30 pm with installation of 1989 officers and a short business meeting following at 7:30.

We the People

by Paul Cyr, Council member, District 7

For those of you who are counting, I missed last month's column. I apologize for that. However, I have been very busy. Deadlines come and go too quickly sometimes.

This month I would like to focus on a couple of items:

1. The formation of the RIGS group, concerned with improvements for highways on the Key Peninsula, is to be commended. I attended the first meeting of the group and we discussed ways to improve Highway 302 and I am convinced that the State will be cooperative in these important community efforts. I also asked the County Engineer in the Public Works Department to work with the State in making improvements, where necessary, on County roads that intersect the state highway.

2. For the past year and one-half I have worked with various groups on the Key Peninsula toward the comprehensive land use plan for the entire Key Peninsula. After what now appears to be two false starts, a third group is in the early stage of formation and again, the County Planning Department and I pledge our support for the group efforts. The Executive and I have pledged funding for sub-area plan development on the Key Peninsula. The Planning Department is willing to work in any way it can to support your local efforts.

Each week I receive at least one phone call from a citizen on the Peninsula complaining about lack of zoning protection and zoning enforcement within the area. I recently met with a group of residents from the Home community who are seeking State designation as an historical district and they ask "What can we do to protect our community from unwanted projects?" They are currently zoned General Use under the County Zoning Regulations.

As you know, I hold meetings the fourth Monday of every month at 7 pm at Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. I have attended all but one meeting. Recently, during the last three or four months, attendance has been sparse. I appreciate the one or two people who have taken the time to show up at these community meetings. I will continue to have such meetings because I believe it is important that County government be accessible and user friendly. I encourage you to mark your calendars for the fourth Monday in November, the 28th.

Citizens Against Crime

by Stella Retherford

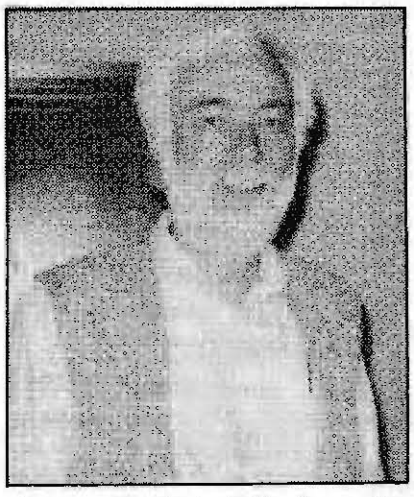
In the six months CAC has been active in aiding the Sheriff's Detachment at Purdy, volunteers have answered a total of 5,053 calls and have aided in thirty-three felony arrests. At least three drug dealers have moved out of the area as a result of increased law enforcement pressure. Deputy Hendrickson, who chaired the November 3 meeting, said that in that period of time the burglary rate had dropped 22%. CAC volunteers have been helpful in aiding deputies by freeing them from some of their office duties, allowing them more time in the field. Citizen volunteers hope that with more experience they will become more effective in the office.

An office computer is planned for the Sheriff's Detachment and some of the volunteers will be trained in its use. Thanks to a number of newly-trained volunteers, duty schedules are to be reduced from four-hour to three-hour shifts.

Henry Stock informed the group that the Highway Department will erect signs announcing "Citizens Against Crime Country, Welcome!" to greet drivers as they enter from Mason and Kitsap Counties.

Speaker for the November 3 meeting was Jim Baker, principal of Henderson Bay Alternative High School. He stated that of the 80 students presently enrolled, 70% have overdosed on alcohol or other addictive drugs. All students agree to evaluation and most are in recovery from drug problems. Each is tested regularly to ensure that they are staying "clean." Academic interests and achievement improve as students withdraw from drug addiction. Class sizes are low (17-18 students per teacher) and all teachers are trained in therapy as well as education.

The next CAC meeting will be held December 1 at 7 pm in the Gold Room of the Civic Center, Vaughn. If you have questions about this organization or wish to apply for membership call Mel Oliver at 857-2654 or stop in at the Fire Station in Key Center or the Sheriff's Office at Purdy.



Jim Baker, Principal, Henderson Bay High School.

Peninsula movings and shakings.....

Monday, November 14...
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.
VFW and Auxiliary meet at 7:30 pm in VFW Room at KP Civic Center.
Tuesday, November 15 ...
Cootiettes 609 visit Retsil Veterans Home. Meet at Key Center to carpool.
Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.
Wednesday, November 16 ...
Vaughn Garden Club meets at 10:30 am at home of Eleanor Stock.
Community Center, Home will have hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Lions Club meets at the Huckleberry Inn at 7 pm.
Care-Givers Group meets in the Brones Room from 7 to 9 pm.
Longbranch Improvement Club potluck at 7:30 pm.
Thursday, November 17 ...
Survivors - a Grief support group, meets in the Brones Room, Key Center >Library, 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
KP Senior Society potluck lunch at noon in the Gold Room, Civic Center.
Bear Den 3 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
Diabetic Support Group for diabetics and families - KP Health Center at 7 pm.
Cootiettes 609 regular meeting - Civic Center at 7 pm.
Friday, November 18 ...
KP Business Assn. meets at The Eatery, 7:30 am.
Bayshore Garden Club meets at Longbranch Improvement Hall at 1 pm.
Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.
Saturday, November 19 ...
Twanoh Grange Holiday Bazaar at Grange Hall (between Belfair & Allyn) 9 am to 5 pm.
Twilite Dance Club, 9 pm to 1 am.
Sunday, November 20 ...
Twanoh Grange Holiday Bazaar at Grange Hall.
Monday, November 21 ...
Ruth Circle has lunch and meeting at noon in Longbranch Church Hall.
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.
Al Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.
Evergreen Eagle Boosters, 7 pm at school.
KP Land Use Committee, 7:30 pm in the Gold Room, KPCC.
Tuesday, November 22 ...
Nutrition Day noon lunch for seniors at Longbranch Church Hall.
Cootiettes 609 visit the Naval Hospital in Bremerton. Meet at Key Center to carpool.
Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
Altrusa meets at Shoreline Restaurant at 6 pm.
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.
Wednesday, November 23 ...
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Care-Givers Group meets in the Brones Room from 7 to 9 pm.
Thursday, November 24 ... Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25 ...
Family Recreation Night at Longbranch Improvement Club, 6 to 10 pm.
Saturday, November 26 ...
KP Civic Center Arts & Crafts Fair from 9 am to 4 pm at KPCC.
Gig Harbor Twirlers Square Dance meets at Harbor Heights School.
Monday, November 28 ...
Angel Guild meets in the Brones Room, Civic Center at 10 am.
Webelos Fox Patrol meets in the Scout Room, 7 to 8:30 pm.
Al-Anon meets at Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 to 8 pm.
Paul Cyr Community Forum at KPCC at 7 pm.
Tuesday, November 29 ...
Nutrition Day noon lunch at Longbranch Church, all seniors welcome.
Wolf Den 4 meets in the Scout Room, 3:30 to 5 pm.
TOPS weigh in at 6:15 pm, meeting at 7 pm, Vaughn Church.
Wednesday, November 30 ...
Community Center, Home has hot lunch for seniors at noon.
Care-Givers Group meets in the Brones Room from 7 to 9 pm.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

December 3 ... "Little Women" at the Civic Center.

"Little Women" tickets available

Gig Harbor's Performance Circle has put together an "all-Peninsulian" cast for their holiday show "Little Women" which will come to the Key Peninsula Civic Center on December 3 at 8 pm. Open auditions brought a large number of interested persons, giving directors of the play a very strong cast and, as it happens, a cast of which all members are from the Peninsula side of the Narrows Bridge.

The play is taken from the Louisa May Alcott classic and this particular adaptation explores the March family in an amusing way.

The "tour" to KP Civic Center is made possible by a matching funds grant from the Pierce County Arts Commission as part of its on-going endeavour to encourage the Arts.

Ticket prices are $4 for adults, $2.50 under 12, and a 4-member family ticket is $12. Tickets can be obtained from Sunnycrest Nursery, Key Center; Costless Drugs, Lake Kathryn Village Mall; DJ's Mini Mart, Hiway 302; Puget Sound Bank, Key Center; and Longbranch Mercantile, Longbranch.

KPBA News

by Mary Ann Huntington

It's hard to believe that 1988 is almost over. The Key Peninsula Business Association has held one event after another this year which has made the year seem to fly by.

Election of officers was held at the November 4 meeting. Presiding over KPBA for 1989 will be President Don Tjossem, Puget Sound Bank; Vice President Doug Blundell, Longbranch Chowder House; Secretary Elizabeth Dill, Peninsula Gateway; and Treasurer Shirley Frame, Words Galore Word Processing. An installation dinner will be held January 20 at the Civic Center.

Did you enjoy the Visitor's Guide this year? Plans are being formulated for the 1989 Spring edition, just in time for the tourist season. You don't have to be a member of the Association to buy an ad. Contact Claudia Loy at Sunnycrest Nursery to reserve space.

I have beeu appointed Program Chair for next year. We have a program the third Friday of every month. If you have an intertesting topic to share please contact me at 876-5450.

DJ's Mini Mart regrets to inform everyone they have had to install "pay" air due to numerous cases of vandalism to the air hoses. Isn't it sad we can't have the trust in our neighbors we used to have.

The light company will help install our Christmas tree at the KC Corral. Santa Claus will arrive December 4 at 4:30 pm for the tree lighting ceremony. This year we promise the lights will work! Bring the whole family. If it rains the covered walkways will protect you.

The next meeting of the KPBA will be November 18, 7:30 am at The Eatery. Happy Thanksgiving to all!!!

Business Briefs...

The offices of Key Center Chiropractic at the KC Corral are being expanded into the area previously occupied by Connie's Niche. A spokesperson said that the new space will be brought into use "very shortly" and it is hoped that x-ray equipment will be installed there soon, along with other care improvements.

Walt Schmidt, of Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center and Walt's Lake Kathryn Village Market, has made a donation of an outdoor "readerboard" type sign to the Civic Center Association. The new sign will make it possible for the Association to let more people know about Civic Center events as they pass through uptown Key Center.

No word yet as to what the US Postal Service has decided to do about the Wauna Post Office. It is thought that the Postal Service will want someone to build a suitable building and then lease it back to them. Lake Kathryn Village management has reportedly submitted a proposal that is under review, although other propositions may also be under consideration. The story goes that the Postal Department might let us, the people that are going to be paying for whatever they do, know the wisdom of their decision some time in December.

If you have business with the US Social Security Administration they now have a brand new telephone number that you can use (free) from anywhere in the US, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Between 7 am and 7 pm it is said you will talk with a live operator who will try to handle your problem on the spot. During other hours you can leave your name and telephone number and they will call you back the next working day at a mutually agreeable time. The new telephone number is 1-800-234-5772.

KPBA conducts economic development survey

As part of its ongoing program, the Key Peninsula Business Association reeently appointed a business and economic development committee The committee, headed by Don Tjossem of Puget Sound Bank, has developed a survey form and is anxious that it reaches as many businesses - small, large or still in the thought process - as possible. Questions asked are: "Would you like to see more economic and business development on the Key Peninsula?" "If so, what type?" "What goods or services do you presently go to Gig Harbor or Port Orchard for on a regular basis?" "What goods or services do you presently go to Tacoma, Bremerton or Seattle for on a regular basis?" "Of these, which ones would you like to see on the Key Peninsula?" "Would you like to see more or less tourists on the Key Peninsula?"

Input from the public is being sought and the questionnaire can be obtained by writing to KPBA, PO Box 646, Vaughn, WA 98394 or by stopping by Puget Sound Bank at Key Center.

Vandalism, theft at DJ's complex

Pierce County Sheriff's deputies have advised the NEWS that complaints will be made against two local young men in connection with vandalism and property destruction of a soft drink machine at DJ's Tire Center on Key Peninsula Highway North. Investigation is also continuing with regard to the theft of a coin-type air compressor unit that was taken from the car service area at DJ's Mini-Mart at the same location about a week ago.

***Cassy Sparks, Don Tjossem, Kathy Adudell, Leslie Fisher, Leatha Camp** (and an unidentified customer) take Halloween seriously at Puget Sound Bank's Key Center branch.* *KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles.*

***Tacoma Telco's Pat Lovrovich and staff** are ready to welcome Key Peninsulans to their new location at Key Center. Open house will be held the week of November 14, with cider, cookies, balloons and prizes for all.* *KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles.*

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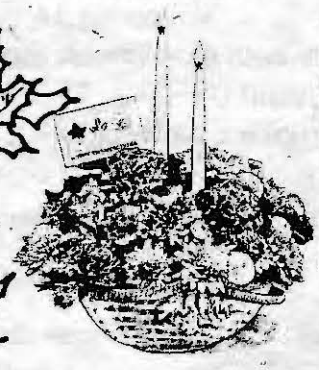

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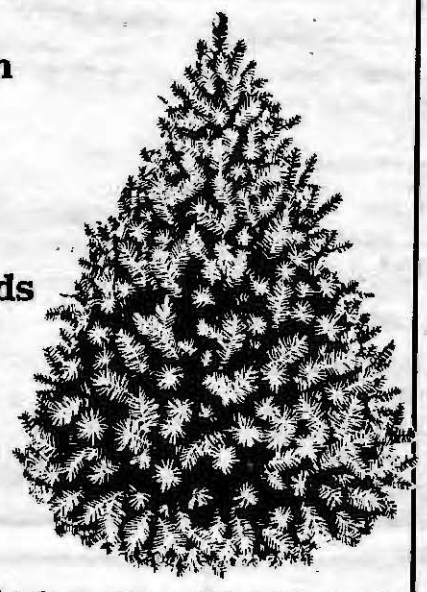

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by R. Marvin Keizur

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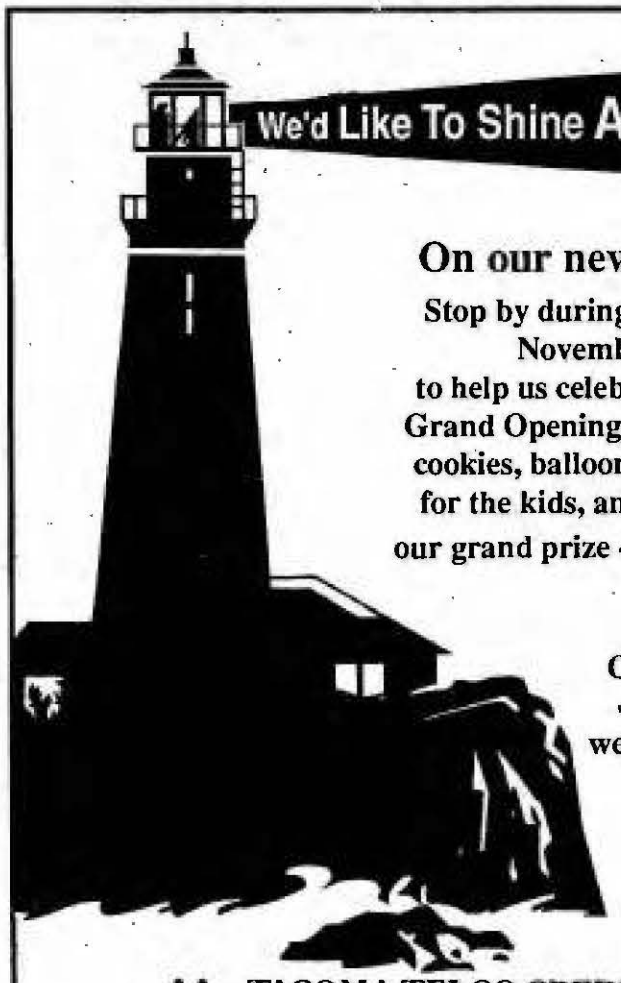

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10/1 - A large tub of fish fell from a truck causing a slippery mess. Firefighters assisted in reloading the fish and cleaning up the slick area.

10/2 - A young man suffered hand injuries when the firework he lit went off before he could let go of it. A north-end man, doing some body work on a truck, accidentally set it on fire; it was fully involved when firefighters arrived.

10/5 - Firefighters turned rescuers to remove a small dog that had fallen into an abandoned well in the Longbranch area. They also started the ball rolling to get the well filled in or a proper cover put on it. It could have been a person that fell in!

10/9 and 10/29 - On two different nights and at two different locations men decided to "sleep it off" on the roads. Firefighters were alerted to "man down on the road." Both men were turned over to police units.

10/20 - A microwave oven shorted out and caught fire. The homeowner used his fire extinguisher to put the fire out and suffered some irritation from the fumes.

10/22 - A Bremerton man clearing property in the Vaughn area suffered burns when he tried to start his fire with gas.

10/26 - A late, dark night: Horses on 302 - horses and cars meet: One person transported to Tacoma hospital, one horse died. A traumatic incident for those involved.

10/27 - A young Lakebay man suffered severe leg injuries when he and his chainsaw met. He was transported to a Tacoma hospital.

10/29 - A 6 year-old boy suffered burns on his arm when he fell against the wood stove.

10/31 - A New York man, working on property in the Lakebay area, suffered a severe hand laceration when he landed on his machete. He fell when the ground under his feet collapsed due to a mountain beaver tunnel network.

Falling trees, or parts of them, coming down across wires and roads caused problems for the Peninsula this month.

Peninsula High's Razz does the 50's!

A blast from the past is what Peninsula High School is calling the November 19 sock hop to be held in the gym from 8 pm to 11:30 pm. Sponsored by the parents of the school's ASB Choir, the dance will feature Razzmatazz, the Turnbull Sisters and the Chuck Turnbull Ensemble as entertainment, and music of the 50's will set the mood. Tickets are $6 per person and $10 a couple and can be obtained by calling 857-6171, extension 332. The event will be a trip back in time for your listening and dancing pleasure ... be there or be square!

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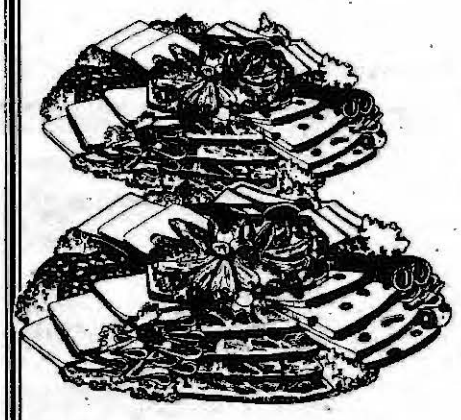

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Benjamin Hoff, who lives in Portland, rediscovered Opal's diary. Finding it to be indeed authentic, he has presented it in a new edition entitled The Singing Creek Where the Willows Grow. The book is a winner of the 1988 American Book Awards. Benjamin Hoff has granted permission for the diary to be printed in serial form in the Key Peninsula NEWS.

Chapter One

Today the folks are gone away from the house we do live in. They are gone a little way away, to the ranch house where the grandpa does live. I sit on our steps, and I do print. I like it, this house we do live in, being at the edge of the near woods. So many little people do live in the near woods. I do have conversations with them. I found the near woods first day I did go explores. That was the next day after we were come here.

All the way from the other logging camp in the beautiful mountains, we came in a wagon. Two horses were in front of us - they walked in front of us all the way. When first we were come, we did live with some other people, in the ranch house that wasn't all builded yet. After that, we lived in a tent. And often when it did rain, many raindrops came right through the tent - they did fall in patters on the stove, and on the floor, and on the table. Too, they did make the quilts on the beds some damp; but that didn't matter much, because they soon got dried, hanging around the stove. By-and-by, we were come from the tent to this lumber shanty. It has got a divide in it. One room we do have sleeps in. In the other room, we do have breakfast and supper.

Back of the house are some nice wood-rats. The most lovely of them all is Thomas Chatterton Jupiter Zeus. By the wood-shed is a brook. It goes singing on. Its joy-song does sing in my heart. Under the house live some mice. I give them bread-scraps to eat. Under the steps lives a toad. He and I, we are friends. I have named him - I call him Lucian Horace Ovid Virgil.

Between the ranch house and the house we live in is the singing creek where the willows grow. We have conversations. And there I do dabble my toes beside the willows. I feel the feels of gladness they do feel.

And often it is I go from the willows to the meeting of the road. That is just in front of the ranch house. There the road does have divides. It goes three ways.

One way, the road does go to the house of Sadie McKibben. It doesn't stop when it gets to her house, but mostly I do. The road just goes on to the mill town, a little way away. In its going, it goes over a hill. Sometimes, the times Sadie McKibben isn't at home, I do go with Brave Horatius to the top of the hill. We look looks down upon the mill town. Then we do face about, and come again home. Always we make stops at the house of Sadie McKibben. Her house, it is close to the mill by the far woods. That mill makes a lot of noise. It can do two things at once: it makes the noises, and also it does saw the logs into boards. About the mill do live some peole, mostly menfolks. There does live the good man that wears gray neckties and is kind to mice.

Another way, the road does go the way I go when I go to the schoolhouse where I go to school. When it is come there, it does go right on - on to the house of the girl who has no seeing. When it gets to her house, it does make a bend, and it does go its way to the blue hills. As it goes, its way is near unto the way of the riviere (river) that sings as it comes from the blue hills. There are singing brooks that come, going to the riviere. These brooks, they and I, we are friends. I call them Orne and Loing and Yonne and Rille and Essonne.

Near unto the road, long ways between the brooks, are ranch houses. I have not knowing of the people that do dwell in them; but I do know some of their cows and horses and pigs. They are friendly folk. Around the ranch houses are fields. Woods used to grow, where now grows grain. When the mowers cut down the grain, they also do cut down the follow along after, and I do pick them up. Of some of them, I make a guirlande (garland). When the guirlande is made, I do put it around the neck of William Shakespeare. He does have appreciations. As we go walking down the lane, I do talk with him about the one he is named for, and he does have understanding. He is such a beautiful gray horse, and his ways are ways of gentleness. Too, he does have likings, like the likings I have, for the hills that are beyond the fields - for the hills where are trails and tall fir trees, like the wonderful ones that do grow by the road.

So go two of the roads. The other road does lead to the upper logging camps. It goes only a little way from the ranch house, and it comes to a riviere. Long time ago, this road did have a longing to go across the riviere. Some wise people did have understandings, and they did build it a bridge to go across on. It went across the bridge, and it goes on and on between the hills - the hills where dwell the talking fir trees.

By its side goes the railroad track. Its appears are not so nice as are the appears of the road, and it has got only a squeaky voice. But the railroad track does have shining rails - they stretch away and away, like a silver ribbon that came from the moon in the night. I go a-walking on these rails. I get off when I do hear the approaches of the dinkey-engine. On this track on every day, excepting Sunday, comes and goes the logging train. It goes to the camps, and it does bring back cars of logs, and cars of lumber. These it does

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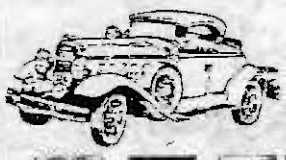

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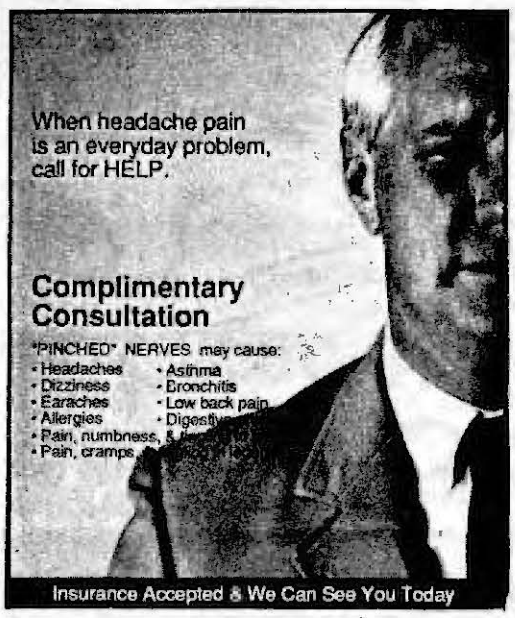

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First run

by Linda Barkas

The dignity of the television writers has apparently been appeased for we are beginning, once more, to await new episodes of the long lost regular programs which have lain dormant since the writers' strike. The dry spell nurtured few lasting upstarts. It can be imagined PBS may have experienced an upsurge in popularity.

Surveying the returning veterans, their premiers have been few and far between. Are we losing our appetite for romantic suspense dramas? Or have the writers found creativity-sapping pasttimes during their sabbaticals which have reduced the output of what has come to represent the basic diet of the loyal viewers of network fare?

Crime dramas seem to have been replaced specifically with a series of newspaper-inspired, non-contiguous in-depth reports. Romance, likewise, has been substituted for by-weekly scandal-sheet-type interview programs, revealing sides of guests' lifestyles which may represent personal struggles but which are superficial and cautious since real people are the subjects. The writers have surrendered their greatest resource: freedom to create their characters, expose them and redeem them.

Hopefully, there are some programs still in production for later premiers. Interesting mini-series and television movies do not go unnoticed. But for the viewers to maximize the benefits of the clockwork dosages of TV, its function can best be enhanced by the anticipation, concern and other genuine emotions aroused in viewers by familiarity with regular characters. The evening soap operas testify that the industry is well aware of this fact.

The fearful conclusion may be that there is so much responsibility in producing weekly television dramas (as opposed to situation comedies) that there may be reluctance to commit to long-term contracts for actors, sponsors, writers and others, especially when the public seems willing to settle for the daily news.

*Vaughn Garden Club members celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 16 with a "Welcome Back" tea at Lake Holiday Clubhouse. Pictured are (front, left to right) **Phyllis Anker, Elsie Olson** and **Joyce Neiman**, (back, left to right) **Claudia Loy** and **Ruth Little**. Elsie Olson, the only active charter member, was the guest of honor.* *Photo courtesy of Eleanor Stock*

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A Woman's Heart

by Elaine Forch

Thanksgiving! I love this time of year. As the weather turns crisp and cold and the colorful leaves change the countryside into an incredibly beautiful autumn scene, my thoughts center on the Thanksgiving holiday that is almost upon us. Thanksgiving is a special day for many reasons. No smell I can think of can compare with the wonderful aroma of the Thanksgiving turkey roasting in the oven. No sound could ever be as sweet as the sound of the annual reunion of family and friends. The warm cozy feelings of belonging and the sight of a bountiful table are all part of a multitude of Thanksgiving memories that are tucked away year after year to be reviewed and cherished at will. All of these treats for our senses are important and should never be taken for granted but, as special as they are, they are not the original reason for celebrating this day.

Our Thanksgiving holiday serves a far greater purpose than merely providing us with a nostalgic and pleasurable experience. The human spirit has a need to take an active part in the principle and ritual of the "give-and-take" experience. The giving of a gift requires the participation of two parties - one to be the giver and one the taker. It requires two actions - the act of giving and the act of receiving. If the giver does not give a gift, no exchange can be made. If the taker does not receive the gift, no exchange can be made. There are additional responsibilities necessary to complete the exchange. The giver must let go of the gift in order to give it and the taker must acknowledge the gift in order to complete the exchange. If either of these steps are omitted, an incomplete exchange takes place that leaves the human spirit feeling unfinished.

In our dealings with each other, we have devised a method that provides for the completed exchange. When we are given a gift, we acknowledge this gift by either a verbal "thank you" or by writing a thank-you note. If we do not use one of these methods, the exchange is incomplete and neither the giver nor the taker feels good about the transaction. In fact, sometimes bitterness or hostilities develop as a result of one or more incompleted exchanges.

Because this "give-and-take" principle is so important in our relationships with others, it is imperative that we explain, train and demonstrate this principle to our children. It's a simple principle to understand and one that is necessary for the healthy development of our children's character and sense of well-being. Otherwise, we can expect our children to suffer from unfulfilled relationships and the cancerous growth of ingratitude.

Thanksgiving is truly a day to enjoy but it is also a day to acknowledge our gifts and take part in the principle of give-and-take. It is a day that is provided to us so that we may complete our part of the gift exchange between ourselves and our Creator. Thanksgiving Day should be a day of **thanks giving.**

Obituaries

It is with deep regret we report the deaths of Peninsula friends and neighbors ...

Doreen Charlotte Bille of Lakebay died Saturday, October 29, 1988 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tacoma after several years of declining health. She was 54.

Born March 8, 1934 in Tacoma, she attended Stadium High School and the University of Puget Sound. She lived in the Tacoma area for many years, Las Vegas, Nevada for seven years and returned to live on the Bille family property on Case Inlet at Lakebay for the past 14 years.

She was a participating member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, serving at different times as a Boy Scout leader, as Primary Children's president and in the Women's Relief Society.

Surviving family members include her husband of 34 years, Rodger J. Bille; two daughters, Rebecca of the family home and Bonnie Ellsworth of Gig Harbor; a son, Berry J. Bille of Anderson Island; a brother, Erick Nilsson of Tacoma and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the Key Center Ward of the LDS Church. Interment was at Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.

Remembrances may be made to the Northwest Kidney Foundatiou, 700 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122.

John Paul Salmen of Lake Minterwood died November 3, 1988. He was 64. Mr. Salmen was born May 29, 1924 in Marysville and had lived on the Peninsula since 1979 after retiring as a loading scheduler for Bethlehem Steel. He was a World War II Navy veteran and attended the Church of Nazarene.

Surviving are his wife, Madeline, of the home; a brother, Joseph Salmen, of Seattle and a sister, Donna Devaney of Burien. Remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association, Pierce County Division, 120 Tacoma Avenue N.,Tacoma, WA 98403.

Ashes contributes funds to KPFD

In November the Key Peninsula Fire Department received a contribution of $1,600 from Ashes, KPFD's ladies auxiliary. The money came from two rummage sales held by Ashes who earmarked it for purchase of emergency medical service equipment and a replacement for Station #2's malfunctioning kitchen range.

From a list of needed emergency medical service items, the ladies selected five bag-valve masks, one full child's pair of mast pants and a contribution toward the purchase of a second pair, the latter item to be partially paid for with funds from the Albert Carlson Memorial Fund. (Bag-valve masks are used in cardiopulminary resuscitation, and mast pants are employed in shock retardation of patients.)

KP Citizen of the Year nominees sought

The Key Peninsula Lions Club advises that to date it has received only one nomination for the annual KP Citizen of the Year award. The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, January 21.

Nominees for this honor must be residents of, or employed on, the Key Peninsula. Lions Club members are not eligible. Any single deed or any cumulative performance over a period of days, months or years in service to the Key Peninsula community qualifies a person for consideration.

Please mail to PO Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394 your nominee for KP Citizen of the Year. Include a letter outlining reasons for your selection.

Lions members will vote by secret ballot for the KP Citizen of the Year on the basis of your recommendation.

Peninsula Social Club hears talk on mink

by Stella Retherford

The subject discussed at Peninsula Social Club's November 1 meeting was the relationship between mink and people. Ross Bischoff, Home resident and mink rancher, explained the benefits and problems of commercial raising of these feisty little fur bearers. More than the fur is valuable: mink oil is used in leather preparation, skin lotions and medicines; mink are used in medical research on kidney problems, goiter, tyrocemia, parvo-virus in cats and leukemia. They are classed as "fast reactors" in giving medical information. Pelleted leftovers from slaughter houses and fish and chicken processing plants are used as food for mink, and Ross Bischoff displayed oversized fall vegetables raised in his mink-fertilized garden.

Home's recent designation as an Historic Landmark District by the Pierce County Historic Landmark Commission was announced by President Bill Evans. He also stated that State and National designations were under consideration but would not require further public hearings.

Next meeting of the Peninsula Social Club will be December 6 at Longbranch Church, starting with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm and a business meeting at 7:30 pm. Planned for discussion will be the status of land-use planning for the southern portion of Key Peninsula. It is hoped that Home's new Historical District designation will help to gain the rural-residential status that many people want.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	14 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p Webelos 7-8:30 pm Basketball 7-9 pm Teen NA 7:30-9 pm	15 Wolf Den 4 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm	16 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 pm Bingo 6:30-10 pm	17 Senior Society 11-4 pm Bear Den 3 3:30-5 pm Karate 7-9 pm Teen NA 7:30-9 pm Cootiettes	18 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 p Skate Night 6-7:45 pm, 8-9:30 pm	19 Twilite Dance Club 2 pm - 12 am
20 Faith Chapel (am)	21 Aerobics Rocky Bay Basketball Webelos Teen NA	22 Karate Wolf Den 4	23 Aerobics Rocky Bay Bingo	24 *Thanksgiving*	25 Aerobics Rocky Bay Skate Night	26 Arts & Crafts Fair 9 am-4 pm
27 Faith Chapel (am)	28 Aerobics Rocky Bay Basketball Paul Cyr 7 pm Webelos Teen NA	29 Karate	30	Happy Thanksgiving		

Preschool screening at Evergreen Elementary

The Peninsula School District offers developmental screening for 3 to 5 year olds at Evergreen Elementary November 17. The purpose of the screening is to identify factors that may affect a child's success in school. School staff will screen speech/language, motor, hearing/vision/health, behavior and learning areas. Although most children who are screened will have no problems in physical or mental development, it is estimated that 10 to 15 percent may have difficulties that will interfere with learning.

The screening takes about an hour and parents will receive a summary of the results the same day. A child who has difficulty in any area may be asked to return for further testing. To schedule an appointment call the Special Services Department at 857-6171. Appointments are available from 1 to 3 pm.

An Infant Toddler screening for children two months through two years will be held November 29 from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Nicholas Church, 3501 Rosedale Street. To make an appointment call toll free 1-800-562-0336.

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* Brave Horatius: shepherd dog, Isaiah: a plain dog.

To be continued

(Editor's note: This story was submitted by Librarian Dory Meyers; in coming issues, as space permits, we plan to add another chapter of Opal's diary.)

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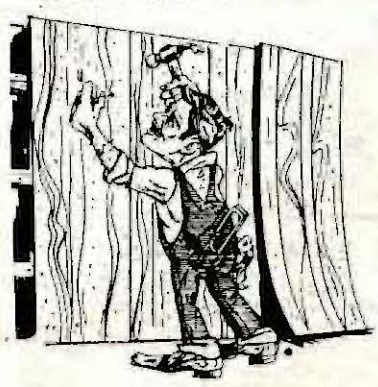

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