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Longbranch Discovered!



KP NEWS photo by Lee Stiles

On May 10 a green crew launched and rowed the historic longboat USS Porpoise in a re-enactment of the discovery of Home and Longbranch. Most participants had never rowed a multi-oared boat previously but following a few minutes of training and clarification of sea-going language, oars were pulled evenly.

Brad Wetmore, helmsman and teacher, led lilting sea-chanties to help keep the pace. Five curious harbor seals accompanied the boat.

The original USS Porpoise was the captain's gig for Lt. Charles Wilkes and was used during the first American charting of Puget Sound in 1841. This voyage's crew were Voski Sprague, Olivia Watt, Doug Dolstad, Jason Roby, Ken and Stella Retherford with Brad Wetmore at the helm.



photo by Stella Retherford

Stella Retherford and Greg Foster stand by the wooden framework of the USS Porpoise as it was under construction at the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma. Mr. Foster builds historic boats.

The Pure Sound Society's two historic longboat are carefully built replicas.

Boaters are treated to a blend of seamanship, northwest history and environmental science. Trips are planned for adults, young people, families.

The two rowing/sailing longboats are designated as Sailing School vessels and are passed by the US Coast Guard as exceeding safety standards. They are the only such vessels on Puget Sound

The Pure Sound Society, a non-profit educational organization with goals of fostering appreciation for the quality of life in our area, involving local residents and developing conservation leadership skills.

Brad Wetmore and Doug Dolstad will be speaking at the June 14 meeting of the Peninsula Social Club. Potluck dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7:30 pm. Key Peninsula residents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Vaughn school committee to recommend ?

by Megan Aprile

The Vaughn school committee will meet Thursday May 24 at 7:30 pm to discuss how best to use the bond money allocated to Vaughn elementary school. The committee will then state their conclusions as recommendations to the school district.

In previous meetings, the committee discarded the option of renovating the school, as the cost of renovating could be equal to new construction costs. Engineering reports showed that the electrical, heating and most of the plumbing systems do not meet current county codes. In addition, renovating the school on-site would require that all students be bussed to another location for the school year and the installation of a new drainfield.

The committee and any interested community members will discuss three options on May 24:

...building a new school on site - a new school could be built in another location on the Vaughn Elementary site. The current gym and covered play area could probably be saved as additional facilities. Students would have some construction noise to deal with, and a new drainfield will still be needed, along with some extra engineering around the building to take care of the drainage problems inherent with the site.

...a new school next door to KPMS - the district owns property next to Key Peninsula Middle School. Assistant Superintendent John Armenia and principal Steve Aspden both stated that experience with other schools has shown that the overall impact of putting an elementary next to a middle school is very good for both groups. The site is at the very end of the Vaughn attendance area and some road engineering would have to be done on the Key Peninsula highway, most probably in the form of a turn-out lane.

...a new school in another location - a new school could be sited in another location more appropriate to the Vaughn attendance area and the probable growth patterns as more people move to the peninsula.

The committee was asked to make recommendations that would reflect planning toward the next twenty to thirty years.

Pioneer Day paper

In August our KP NEWS publishers, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, will take over to put out the special Pioneer Day paper; there will not be a regular issue of the NEWS in August. There will be a Pioneer Day paper put together by a separate staff from the Civic Center Association.

The Civic Center Association's Pioneer Day paper is mailed out to more than 30,000 people. If you would like to advertise in it, please contact Mike Salatino at 851-4556.

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Civic Center News

KPCCA news from the Prez.....

Bingo ... It means different things to different people! For the Key Peninsula Association Board it has meant a drain on limited resources and, due to low attendance and a constant negative income, the last game will be played on May 30. (See related article).

Pioneer Days is coming upon us quickly, so mark your calendars for Saturday, August 4. We need the support of all

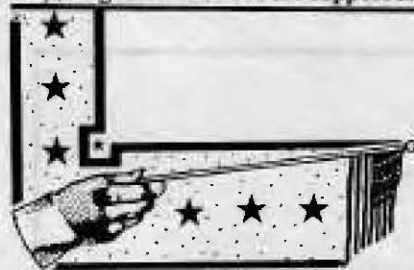
of you, be it as a worker, consumer or spectator. In other words, come on out and join in the fun. Be an entrant in the parade or watch your neighbors walk the route from Key Center to the Civic Center. The tug-of-war over the mud pit will be double the fun this year, and there'll be games, food, exhibits, animals, entertainment, bingo and the beer garden. Our newly formed theatre group will put on its first performance on this date. Booths are renting for \$35, and if you would like to

rent one you can contact me.

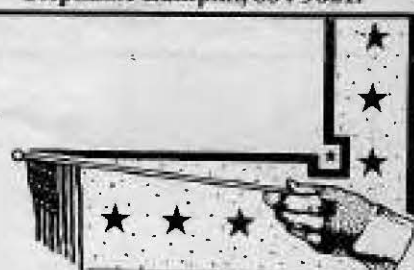
Skating is just about holding its own right now; with the longer daylight hours not as many children are coming. The managers are planning a Saturday skate party for all children on June 9 from 11 to 11:30, and the price is \$3.00 each child.

Don't forget to support the Civic Center and all its activities; without the building, where would we all get together!

Stephanie Zampini, 884-9821.



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honoring veterans and
those who gave their
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To The Editor.....

Dear Editor;

As a parent of two Little League baseball players, I am writing this letter in hopes that it will be read through to the end and will maybe wake a few parents up. Every year I so look forward to spring with hectic school days winding down and our kids' PAA or Little League baseball seasons in full swing. Everyone's getting outdoors again, seeing old acquaintances and hoping for warm sunny days and a good baseball game. As it should be.

And it could be if it weren't for a few parents who just cannot sit back and enjoy, let the umpire call the play as he can, let the kids play as they can and at game's end congratulate the teams. These kids are out there playing their hearts out. And as they're out there you can see their determination and the jubilation or disappointment after the play.

Am I too naive to think that we, the parents and spectators, should be able to feel that for them too? These kids are classmates, friends and close neighborhood pals as many of their parents were, too. You would never know that though by many of these parents' actions and attitudes.

Before, during and for literally days after, some of these people are dogging coaches and umpires, and even the poor kid, forming huddles in the parking lot to whine and issue petty, egotistical complaints if the game wasn't in "their" favor. I have never seen a more blatantly disgusting display of poor sportsmanship in my life! You guilty ones ought to take a lesson from the kids. Sure, they haven't forgotten the bad call or the loss, but while you're crying in your cups, they're out running around on the field, chasing and playing with the same kids, their

friends, who they just lost to. As it should be. After all, isn't that really what it's all about anyway?

Sincerely,
Kerry Taylor
Gig Harbor

To the editor;

The Key Peninsula Senior Society wishes to thank you for the generous space you gave us to advertise our successful Flea Market/Craft Fair. Without your paper we would not have had such wide coverage for this project.

An event of this kind not only gives an outlet for talented craftspeople and a place to exchange useful articles; it is also a social gathering. Widely scattered groups and individuals came together and enjoyed visiting and trading ideas.

Thanks also to all the generous people who donated money for a chance to win the ironstone rooster. The winner was Kelly Gulceth, a well known local lady.

We appreciate your help
Martha Applegate,
Key Peninsula Senior Society

To the editor;

Little League in our area is only beginning. We have accomplished a lot this year with the help of generous sponsors and donors. Our volunteers have been wonderful. Everyone involved can feel proud of our Key Peninsula Little League and the job we have performed. It's a major task to start a Little League; to be able to see it grow and expand and work well is the reward.

As we expect to become larger next year we foresee the obstacle of outgrowing our field space. We have been able to use community fields at available times by

scheduling at sometimes undesirable time periods. With expected growth next year we will not have enough field space.

We are forced to find new fields that we can control regarding scheduling. The most successful Little League programs are those that can schedule according to needs. To be successful we need to explore every option towards acquiring our own fields. We need to have the continued backing of our community and local businesses.

I am asking that all of our voices be heard. Please show your support by writing a short letter so I can relay your feelings to people that will allow our future to happen. Please send letters to: Key Peninsula Little League, 6116 Crescent Beach Road KPN, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Thank you,
John Dierck,
President, Key Peninsula Little League

To the Editor:

We received the following lovely letter and want to share it with your readers...

"Just wanted to drop a little note to say thank-you for a wonderful mothers' day breakfast and for all the good work you and the Key Peninsula Lions do.

I know it often seems like a thankless job but it is noticed, and it is appreciated. May you know in your heart that we on the Peninsula are truly grateful to have you among us spreading your own special brand of help and good will.

Keep up the good work."

Unfortunately, the person who wrote the letter failed to sign it. This is an appeal to the writer to call me at 884-3485. We would like to thank you personally.

Frances Challenger,
President
Key Peninsula Lions

next issue of the KP NEWS: June 4 - deadline May 28

Editorial: A Child's Life

by Megan Aprile

When a ten year old girl was hit recently near the intersection of Creviston Road and Highway 302, it was a personal tragedy for her and her family. As of press time, she remains in a coma, and we share in the pain of her friends and family.

Everyone who lives on the Key Peninsula knows, or should know if they don't, that our roads are dangerous. That's why a road committee was formed, why pressure has been applied in the past, and why a traffic light will be installed at the Purdy spit intersection this summer and turn-out lanes built at other dangerous spots along 302.

These improvements will undoubtedly prevent injuries and save lives, but we need to voice ourselves forcefully about the need for some improvements at the Creviston/302 area. No one planned that a large residential development with many children would be separated from the nearest store by a busy state highway,

and maybe it is partly our fault as a community that development has not been more carefully planned.

It is now clear that there is danger and the possibility of more injuries or deaths if nothing is done. Please be sure to sign the petition asking the state to study the conditions at that site. It is available at many local businesses. If you can, call or write to Ron Meyers, one of our state representatives. He sits on the transportation committee and has worked hard in the past for improvements in our roads.

It is hard enough to lose children to drugs and poverty, but these are great big problems that are beyond the reach of most of us as individuals. Isn't it too painful to lose children because there is not a simple light or other traffic device at an intersection? For the sake of all our children, I think we must demand a safer road system. If we do, our elected representatives will listen and act. If we do nothing, nothing will be done.

Bingo ends May 30

Bingo Night at the Civic Center will no longer exist after May 30, 1990. It is with great sadness that the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board has voted to close Bingo. After almost a year of steady loss it is just not feasible to continue to fund the program. On May 23 the "pick eight" will go to 27 numbers, and on the 30th to 28. If at some time in the future enough interest is generated, the program can perhaps start up again. In order to break even and have decent prizes there needs to be at least 60 steady players.

The Civic Center Board thanks all of you who have supported this program in the past.

Upper Sound Grange

Upper Sound Grange #705 held their Spring Dinner open meeting May 7, 1990. Members and guests attending numbered 37. A surprise visit from State Deputy Bernadine Young and Howard Young made the evening special. Musical entertainment was provided by Lori Leavitt, from Gig Harbor, accompanied by Don Blakemore. Mrs. Leavitt sang a selection of songs fashionable in the 60's.

Visitors from Gig Harbor Grange 445 were Master Jerome Dolney, Elza Bryant and seven other members from that Grange. The next meeting, scheduled for June 4, is expected to include a members' display of spring vegetables just harvested from gardens.

Childfind Screening

The Peninsula School District will offer developmental screening for 3 to 5-year old children at Vaughn Elementary School on June 6 (Wednesday), from 9:00 to 11:30 am.

The purpose of the screening is to identify factors that may affect a child's 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. These problems, if identified early, can frequently be corrected, or at least brought to the attention of specialists who can work with the family and child.

The screening takes about an hour. Parents will receive a summary of results on the day of the screening. A child who has difficulty in any area may be asked to return for further testing.

To schedule an appointment, please call the Special Services Department at 857-6111.

Helmet law effective June 7

Washington's new law requiring helmets on all motorcycle drivers and passengers goes into effect June 7, 1990. Besides wearing a helmet that meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard #218, the law requires that a windshield, glasses, goggles or a face shield be used at all times. A safety strap must also be secured when riding. Helmets that meet federal standards should have a visible Department of Transportation sticker.

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

KPBA June 1: 7:30 am Huckleberry Inn

childrens organizations:

Brownies, Cadettes, Jr. Girl Scouts see Civic Center Calendar
Cub Scouts & Webelos, Pack 213

Pack 213 Cub Scouts meet through the end of May, then adjourn for summer

Cub Scouts, Pack 252 Tuesdays: 4 pm home of Janice Lodholm

Webelos, Pack 252 Wednesdays: 4 pm Minter Crk. Hatchery

Boy Scouts, Troop 252 Wednesdays: 6-7 pm LDS church

civic organizations:

Angel Guild May 28: 10 am KC Library, Brones room
Cootiettes May 22 visit Naval Hospital

meet at noon in Key Center to carpool

KP Health Ctr. Bd. May 24: 7:30 pm KC Library, Brones room

Lions Club June 6: 7 pm Huckleberry Inn

Vaughn Bay Cemetery Asc. May 26: 2 pm Vaughn Community Church

community services:

food bank Tues through Fri: 10 am - 3 pm KPCS bldg.

hot lunch for seniors Wednesdays: noon Community Center, Home

respite care Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm KC Library, Brones room

sewing classes Tuesdays: 1-4 pm KC library

public meetings:

KP Fire Com. May 21: 7:30 pm Key Center Fire Station

Vaughn School Com. May 24: 7:30 pm Vaughn School

self-help groups:

Al-Anon Mondays: 7 pm Lakebay Community Church

social/hobby groups:

Gig Harbor Twirlers, Mondays: 7:30 - 9:30 pm Square dance lessons,
Burley, next to P.O.

KP Senior Society Thursdays: 11 am-4 pm KPCC, Whitmore room

Upper Sound Grange June 4: 6:30 - 9 pm KPCC, Whitmore room

events:

L.I.C. dance May 26: 9 pm - 1 am Longbranch Improvement
\$7.00

PUMA Summer Series June 4: 8 pm Agnus Dei Lutheran Church
string trio concert

KP Lions fete Moms

"We view this event as a thank you to our mothers and to our community for the support given our Club over the years," noted Club Secretary LeRoy Challender.

More than 200 people enjoyed what many described as "the best pancakes I've ever eaten." Lion George Parrott's secret recipe and the hard work of Frank Geary, Linda Reid and Rhys Wood in the kitchen ensured that a fine meal was served.

Among the many mothers who enjoyed the food and visit was Clara Curren of Tacoma, Lion Hugh McMillan's 93 year young mom, who revelled in chatting with her many friends on the Key Peninsula and Lions' President Frances Challender's mom Ellen Shaw from Federal Way.

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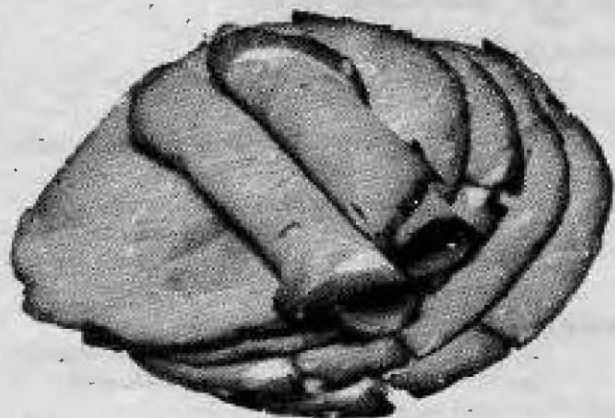
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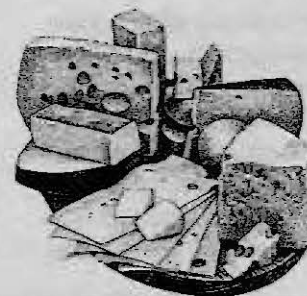
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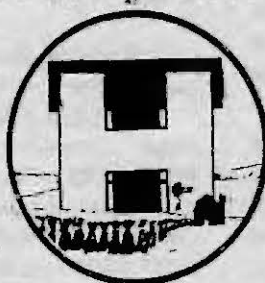
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Annual fire-works show

by Hugh McMillan

Is it a surprise to realize that this is to be the ninth year that the Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association (KPFPA) will be staging the Fourth of July fireworks spectacular on Von Geldern Cove (aka Joe's Bay) in Home? Surprise or not, that's the case!

Soon businesses throughout the community will display our "firecracker" collection boxes into which everyone is encouraged to place a contribution to support this event.

It started back in 1980 when a generous couple, who insist on anonymity, proposed that the KPFPA use a \$2,000 gift to the community to stage a fireworks show on Joe's Bay. KPFPA agreed that this was a splendid idea and three volunteer fire-fighters spent some six months training to become licensed/certified pyrotechnicians. The caliber of the fireworks (up to six inch mortar shells) and the danger of launching them requires that only such highly qualified personnel be involved. That is Washington State law. In 1981, we had our first grand fireworks show to everyone's delight.

Following the 1981 show, our anonymous friends and KPFPA made a pact: our friends would provide \$2,500; \$1,500 towards the purchase of fireworks provided donations of \$1,000 or more were received from the community, and \$1,000 for purchases of special equipment for the KP Fire Department provided our community contributed \$500 of its own money. If these conditions were met, there would be a fireworks show. If not, the money from our anonymous friends would go to a Tacoma charity.

As time passed and expenses grew, these sums increased. This year, our anonymous friends have contributed \$4,000 and the conditions still pertain: Our community must provide \$1,000 toward the fireworks and \$1,000 towards special equipment purchases.

Over the years, this arrangement, along with the large contributions by those wonderful ladies who are the Angel Guild, has made the acquisition of several major pieces of life-saving equipment possible.

Unfortunately, last year, the fireworks were the best ever, but the behavior of some of the viewers was atrocious. The people of Home, who understandably were losing patience, wanted the fireworks show discontinued. But after discussing the problem with members of the fire department, agreed to risk one more - and possibly last - show.

This year, we will not only have Sanicans, garbage cans, and a blocked-off "A" Street, we will have six Sheriff's Deputies on hand and they will countenance NO bad behavior on the part of anyone. There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs for sale from 8 to 10:30 pm.

Whatever special equipment will be purchased with funds collected in this year's drive will bring our community more of the best fire and emergency medical service possible anywhere.

In the Library

The "Little by Little" collection of columns by Ruth Little published in the Key Peninsula News, 1977-1982, is available at the Key Center Library. Lee Edler volunteered to work on this project for the Friends of the Key Center Library. This memorial tribute to Ruth is free to anyone in the community. If copies become scarce, we will add your name to a waiting list and call as soon as more are prepared. As one person has said, "Reading Ruth's columns is like sitting down with her over a cup of tea."

Young people are invited to join Pierce County Library's summer reading program, **Secrets of Silver and Gold: Summer of Hidden Treasures**. Free posters, storytelling events, and a film series for preschool-age children will be offered at branches of Pierce County Libraries.

Beginning June 11, reading club participants will receive a free poster depicting a "maze." Children can find their way through the maze while finding out about secret codes and messages. For each book read children can get a silver or gold sticker to add to their poster.

Storytelling events for ages 6 and up are scheduled weekly at the Key Center Library, June 28 through August 2, each Thursday at 10:30 am.

KP Lions to fund kid's programs

by Hugh McMillan

A generous, concerned citizen recently contributed \$500 to the Key Peninsula Lions' Club for the purpose of "doing something for our kids." The citizen wishes to remain anonymous.

The money was immediately deposited in a separate Lions' Club account named "Children's Fund" and a committee was formed to determine the most appropriate means of satisfying the donor's objective. Several ideas were discussed, all with merit.

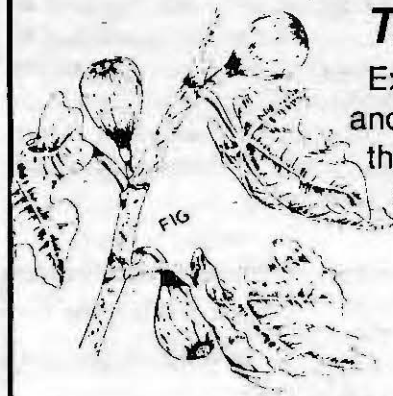
At its May 7 Board of Directors meeting, the Lions Club decided to a) consider the \$500 as seed money and to add to it as funds are available, b) to ask the public for ideas to fulfill the mission of "doing something for our kids" to ensure that no idea goes without consideration, and c) to select from its own and ideas submitted by the public a program which shall become a permanent project of the Club.

The Lions ask that anyone with an idea submit it to: Key Peninsula Lions, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn, WA 98394. All ideas, no matter will be welcomed and considered. If you wish to contribute, please make your checks out to Key Peninsula Lions.



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Mayo Cove/Penrose Park Shellfish Project

by S. Retherford

Jim Hoyle of Pierce County Health Department explained the Penrose Point/Mayo Cove Shellfish Project that is part of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Program. There is a \$120,000 grant for the study which it is hoped will lead to preserving the clean water of south Puget Sound.

He emphasized it is not a "clean up" project, but is aimed at prevention of further pollution. The Mayo Cove watershed and marine waters were chosen as the study area because of the considerable

public shellfish harvesting done at the state park.

The Health Department team has been meeting with Lakebay residents examining septic outfalls, storm water drains, and effect of the many recreational boats using Penrose Park. There are about 160,000 recreational boats registered in the state. It is estimated this could lead to 800,000 gallons of raw sewage entering Puget Sound on a summer weekend. With only one pumping station in Pierce County, recreational boats could be part of the problem.

A local Citizens Advisory Committee on the Shellfish Pollution study meets with Jim Hoyle on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Key Center Library. They have made a number of recommendations and are now ready to begin helping with the field work.

The Peninsula Social Club, a local service organization, will hold its June 14 meeting at the Lutheran Church on Lackey Road and Key Peninsula Highway at 6:30 pm for potluck dinner and 7:30 for the business meeting. Residents are urged to attend.

Pruitt opens Port Orchard office

State Representative Wes Pruitt recently opened his new district office in Port Orchard at 2068 SE Sedgwick Road.

Daphne Daus, Pruitt's legislative assistant, will staff the office from 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday until the Legislature reconvenes in January. The office phone number is 876-7547.

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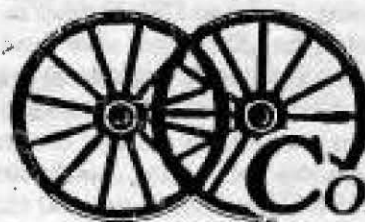
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Citizens Against Crime visit McNeil Island Prison

CAC in McNeil's cellblock by Hugh McMillan

The call came from Frank Geary, a corrections officer at McNeil Island prison. He asked if we would like to visit the Island on April 11 to see at first hand problems arising from a constantly increasing inmate population and, most importantly, a potential for a corresponding increase in probable escape attempts.

The trip to the island from Steilacoom aboard the *McNeil*, the Corrections Center's passenger ferry, was made in about 20 minutes. It began after our group of eight Key Peninsula residents were issued passes and moved through a metal detector so sensitive that it reacts to the tinfoil on a stick of gum.

Approaching the island's ferry landing, the new construction of an on-wharf waiting room and boat-lifting facility dominated the scene. Key Peninsula's visitors, kept together and escorted by officer Geary, walked to and through the main building entrance.

"an old, old place"

In a room off the main chapel, Captain Scamahorn, who has been a corrections professional since 1972 and who took up his current McNeil assignment in 1982, explained that the McNeil Island correctional center is the oldest continuously operating prison in the U.S. "This is an old, old place," he said. "It was founded in 1863 as a military prison."

A sudden BANG! caused all heads to snap to the windows and Captain Scamahorn did not relax until satisfied that the report was only a vehicular backfire.

Scamahorn continued, "the prison originally was built to house 10 to 15 prisoners and, as needed, they just added buildings here and there with no real planning involved; the place just evolved like an unorganized city."

Escapees leave the island in one of two ways. Either they have a boat pick them up, or they get across Pitt Passage to the Key Peninsula. Generally speaking, those who escape are not dangerous criminals, they are almost always inmates from minimum security custody. The really bad ones never get a chance to make a break, they are under maximum security custody."

Although there is a K-9 program on the Island, it has proven to be not very effective because of the nature of varied terrain features, undergrowth, and the surrounding waters of Puget Sound, which make it fairly simple to obscure trails on the approximately 4,400 acres of McNeil.

"There's an awful lot of ground out there and it's just about impossible to find anyone," said Scamahorn, "the prison covers 60 acres and all the rest of it is game preserve."

was built for 500: now has 1006

The present facility was built to hold 500 inmates; the current inmate population is 1006," Scamahorn noted. Some of the inmates are housed eight to a "bull-

pen-type" cell. Some are two, and some one to a cell. Cell assignments are based in part on four classes of custody: maximum, close, medium, and minimum, the latter of which is usually for prisoners with less than two years remaining on their sentences. Custody level is predicated on 1) nature of crime, and 2) time remaining to be served. Washington State law mandates that prisoners with sentences of more than a one year shall be confined in State prisons, those with less than one year to County correctional facilities.

•job training programs•

We saw a group of firefighters drilling during a tour of the island. There is a well-equipped furniture manufacturing plant where inmates are taught this trade and upholstery by civilian instructors from the mainland. Captain Scamahorn said the inmates generally bring no skills with them to prison and that at the various industries on the Island they are able to learn trades with which they might become productive citizens upon release. Inmates may take college-level courses on their own time; the courses are taught by instructors from Pierce College.

Inmates are paid 19.5 cents per hour, a figure the Center is endeavoring to raise to provide incentive. Those inmates we

saw at work in the furniture plant appeared to be conscientiously plying their trade; the products they turned out were very well constructed and finished. Inmates receive no money but may draw goods from the inmate store on the island against their earnings.

Inmates must wear khaki pants and shirts or jackets during duty hours but are permitted to wear civilian clothing in their cells or on the athletic grounds. They are permitted to attend school during the regular work schedule to learn English and basic education. "If they don't want to work or attend school, they remain confined to their cells," said Scamahorn. By law, prison authorities may not compel the inmates to work, "but sitting around in a cell serves as incentive to make better use of their time," Scamahorn added.

Some members of the prison staff are required to live on the island. Among these are the Warden and Captain Scamahorn. Much of the housing has deteriorated and is now being re-furnished.

"It's a good place to live if you enjoy quiet, the outdoors, wildlife, and the water," said Scamahorn. On our tour, we saw herds of deer throughout the Island.

They're so tame they behaved like herds of cows at a dairy farm. Scamahorn said the island has all sorts of wildlife which includes large numbers of racoons. We watched a brazen, brightly colored Chinese pheasant who apparently owned the road he was crossing.

•escape attempts•

In the event of an escape attempt, Captain Scamahorn must make dozens of telephone calls to various maritime and land search units on the island and to State and County law enforcement offices. Because many escapees attempt to make their way to the Key Peninsula, a critical call is made to a cleared contact on the Key Peninsula who in turn alerts volunteers.

Volunteers can advise others to watch and report unusual activities and strangers in the area. The role of the volunteers is strictly passive; confrontational acts are totally ruled out.

Little did the visiting CAC volunteers realize that within weeks an escape attempt would be made. When two prisoners recently escaped in a prison transport boat, two dozen CAC volunteers around the Peninsula were watching for any sign of the escapees.



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Key Peninsula Players

will be staging a melodrama on Pioneer Day, August 4. The one-act melodrama has been written by Ann Sanders, a PHS high school student. Auditions will be May 29 at 7:30 pm in the Whitmore room at the Civic Center. Anyone who auditions will get a part. For more information, call Jerry Benoit at 884-3228 or Ann Sanders at 884-2350.

Key Dining Room

Watercolor florals and local scenes by Judy Tauscher will be on display during June. Judy has a fine arts degree and has taught art in the Tacoma Public Schools.



Your Park Board Reports

by Daphne Daus

At the May 10 meeting, representatives from the Little League, Kitsap Pony/Coly League and adult PAA teams discussed the need for additional playing fields. Commissioner Tim Kezele reported that we are currently at full scheduling capacity at Volunteer Park, which will not allow any expansion of playing times as the leagues grow. A committee of various sports enthusiasts is being assembled to discuss this problem. We hope to have a representative from all current user groups and from people interested in organizing tennis, running or any other sports event at the park.

Commissioner Mike Salatino has

hammered out an agreement with the Peninsula School District for the hiring of an on-site security person to be stationed on the property between the Key Peninsula Middle School and Volunteer Park. An area-wide search for someone to fill this position has begun.

Our caretaker Al Taylor was injured during the first week of tournament season. We have hired an interim replacement and look forward to Al's speedy recovery and return.

A special meeting of the Commissioners was held to discuss our insurance renewal of just under \$12,000. Dan DeLorenzo, our underwriter with Ralieggh, Mann and Powell was on hand to answer questions.

A special thank you to the Civic Center Association for donating the flowers that have been planted around the Center and to Dan and Joanne Baldwin for doing a beautiful job planting and maintaining the flower beds.

Historic Home Volksmarch

by Hugh McMillan

Roadways from Key Peninsula Middle School (KPMS), south on the KP Highway, up McEwan Road, wandering through historic Home and back to KPMS are expected to be filled with well over 1,000 happy walkers enjoying the Key Peninsula Lions' Volkssport Club's Second Annual Walk on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8.

Everyone is eligible for the event at no charge if official credit is not desired. For Volkssport Club members, the standard IVV/AVA fee of \$1.50 applies for those desiring credit. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult. Start times each day at KPMS will be between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. For those desiring official IVV/AVA credit, finish time is not later than 4:00 pm. The trail is rated IVV/AVA 2, has some minor hills, and is not suitable for wheel chairs or strollers.

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Councilman Cyr speaks at Longbranch

by Megan Aprile

Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr spoke to the members of the Longbranch Improvement Club May 16. Speaking to the main issues being faced by the county, Cyr said that crime in Pierce County is rising, and gave statistics of 220 drug cases being prosecuted in 1987, 2200 in 1990. He said the other big issue is growth, and the impact growth will have.

He said that the Key Peninsula citizens group who initiated the recently passed interim zoning for the peninsula offered protection against unbridled development and that several other areas in the county are using the Key Peninsula process as a model.

As another example of citizen participation that made a difference, Cyr

referred to the citizen-formed road committee whose actions caused the Department of Transportation to allocate funds for the installation of a traffic light at the Purdy spit intersection. The light is scheduled for installation sometime this summer.

In response to a question, Cyr said that the Home bridge is scheduled for re-

placement in 1991. Engineering is being done now to create a better entrance to the bridge.

Cyr also told his audience that "90% of my success has come from this community" because of the active participation of so many residents, adding that he had "a special place in my heart for you. I value what you have out here".

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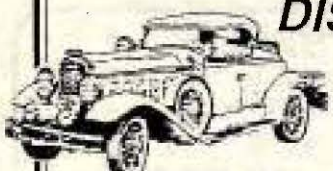
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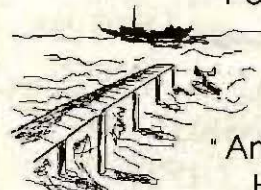
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