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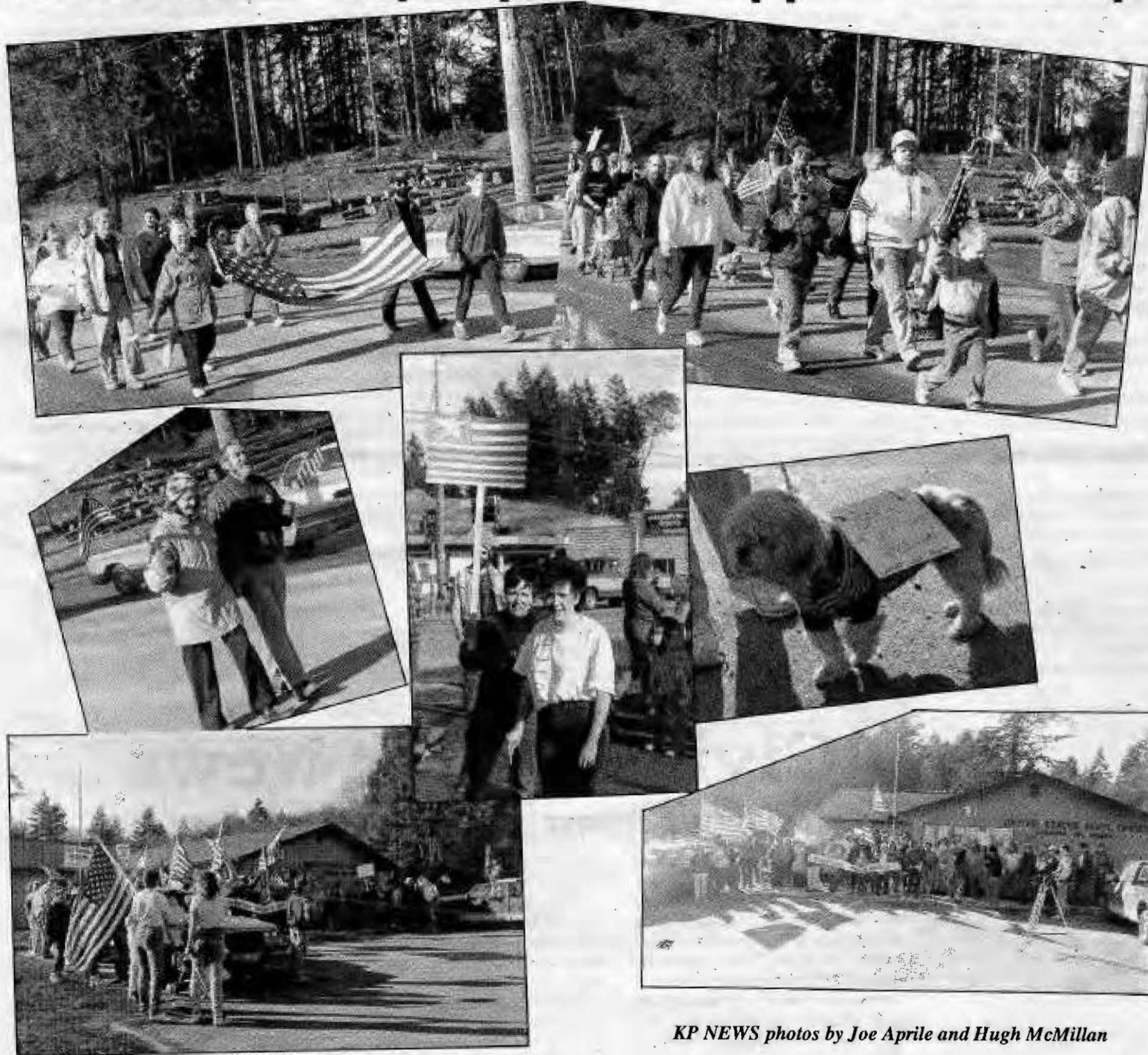
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News from KP people is - Support the troops



KP NEWS photos by Joe Aprile and Hugh McMillan

About 120 Key Peninsulans gathered at the Home/Lakebay post office on January 20 to show support for our forces in the Persian Gulf. It all started when Dick Callahan called Hugh McMillan, both of Home, with the proposal. Between 8:30 pm Friday and 10:30 am the following day, Callahan and McMillan estimate they called between 60 and 80 Key Peninsulans. They also invited Channel 11 and other TV newspeople. The display of support for our servicemen and women appeared on the 5:30 and 10:00 Channel 11 news that evening.

Even more people, an estimated 300-400, turned out for the march and rally held the following Saturday. That event was organized by Mindy Standish, (pictured above, center), who said she "just wanted to do something" to show support for the troops. The marchers formed at the Vaughn post office and walked peacefully to Key Center, where they heard various speakers. Among the crowds, the feeling most often expressed was a determination to show that "this time," as opposed to the war in Vietnam, our troops would have the moral support of people at home.

Many of the yellow ribbons and flags appearing around the Peninsula were put up by Bill and Lola Howe, who collected donations from 35 local businesses and individuals.

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Letters

To the editor and taxpayers of fire district 16:

Let me start this report out by saying how proud I am of our fire department, complete with advanced life support ambulance. If ours isn't the best around I would like someone to show me a better one. We have achieved a response time only hoped for by many large cities. The support our fire department received and continues to receive, is truly a credit to this community.

From the chief to the newest volunteer, there are none more professional in their duties or more dedicated to the community they serve and protect.

As I promised many I would give a yearly report to the people on the expenses and pay to the commissioners, I will do that now.

Our senior commissioner, Art Fenton received a total of \$100 in expenses and \$167.22 in directly attributable expenses and asked for no pay. This amount is 3.71% of direct commissioner expense. Thank you, Art; I know you will continue to set an example for the others.

Our second commissioner, Hugh McMillan, received \$367.30 in expenses, \$3,000 in pay and \$625.60 in directly attributable expenses. This amount is 55.49% of direct commissioner expense. Hugh, I really wish you would follow Art's example a little better. If you choose to attend Thurston County Commissioner meetings or travel to Washington D.C., I would hope you would consider doing so on your own expense account in the future.

Our junior commissioner, John Hendrickson, received \$409.93 in expenses, \$1,750 in pay and \$775 in directly attributable expenses. This amount is 40.8% of direct commissioner expense. To give

John credit, many of his expenses are for training any newly elected commissioner would have to take to do the job of commissioner. I would expect John's expenses to go down this year. It is a difficult job and I hope to see John's enthusiasm continue.

I arrived at these figures by using the voucher records at Fire District 16 headquarters. Expenses are those items reimbursed by the district. Directly attributable expenses are those items such as registration fees for conferences, training, lodging, and so forth used by commissioners. Pay is the amount requested by each commissioner at a rate of \$50 per day doing district business. As is obvious in the above figures, not all commissioners request pay for attending meetings. I make this report only to fulfill a promise to many supporters of Fire District 16 and in hopes I can arouse the interest of at least one person enough to attend some fire district meetings.

In closing, I thank all those people who make Fire District 16 possible; commissioners, staff, and most of all, the tax paying voters.

Allen A. Yanity
Lakebay, WA

To the editor:

We are pleased when young people exhibit an ability to persuasively use the English language and be acknowledged for it. However, it makes us sad to see how overly rampant U.S. propaganda has been used in our Washington schools.

This is in response to the article in the Key Peninsula NEWS of October 1, 1990 in which Joel Wood wrote "Why I'm proud to be an American."

It's a good thing he got a scholarship for college because now he'll have the opportunity to learn the truth.

Milli & Alexi Roads
Allyn, WA

To the editor:

After reading Stephanie Zampini's letter about the \$20 donation from each homeowner covering needed expenses I called to find out where to send it. Please, consider a small donation to keep this fine center going. The address is: Civic Center, P.O. Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394.

My check is in the mail!

Linda Reid
Lakebay, WA

Editorial

ASSUMPTIONS

by Megan Aprile

When I have used the phrase "I assumed," in conversation, I have had people interject "Never assume!" People don't like to have someone else make assumptions about their thoughts, beliefs, or expertise - it's a valid point. On the other hand, I doubt many of us could sleep too well if we didn't go to bed assuming that the sun would come up in the morning.

The budget plans of the Civic Center Association; the contract worked out with the Park Board; the future of the programs run by the Association, including skating, bingo, Pioneer Day and this newspaper; are all based on an assumption. It is that the community will support, in some way or other, the continued existence of the Center.

That support may be as volunteer help, donations, or attendance at fund raisers. As a member of the community, I have chosen to donate the dollars that I would have paid in taxes to the Association. Please consider doing the same if you can, and let's hope the community proves that in this case, making assumptions is the right thing to do.

next KP NEWS: February 25 - deadline February 15

Civic Center News

president's report

It's February and all is well with the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. We met with most of the regular users and presented them with contracts to bring back to their boards and return to us signed. All of the fees are staying the same for 1991 with the added element of having a fund raiser with proceeds going to the Association to help pay the cost of the utilities and maintenance. They are also requested to have a voting member on our board.

Again I'm asking you all for a donation (tax deductible) - with it we will be able to stay open and maybe not have so many fund raisers.

The first fund raiser of the year is Reno Night on Saturday, March 2, 1991, from 4 pm to midnight. We'll have blackjack, chuck-a-luck, dice, bingo and oth-

ers. So all of you who are over 21 please join us for a fun night.

All programs that we have been running will continue to run as before the levy failure; this includes the newspaper, bingo, rollerskating and our many fund raisers during the year.

The KPCCA meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Whitmore room of the Civic Center. You are all welcome to come and join us.

By the way, since the newspaper goes to bed before the end of the month, I'm not able to give you the figures for the month of January, but I have the balance sheet figures as of the first of January. Beginning this month, the Civic Center balance sheet will appear in each issue of the News.

Civic Center Balance Sheet

as of Jan. 1, 1991

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|------------------------|---------------|
| CASH IN BANK | \$4,725.24 |
| COMMITTED CASH IN BANK | \$2,341.51* |
| BINGO ACCOUNT | \$4,759.25 |
| PIONEER DAY ACCOUNT | \$126.88 |
| SAVINGS CD | \$18,823.12** |
| TOTAL | \$30,776.00 |

*this amount has been earmarked for furnace, carpet and sales tax.

**of this amount \$5,783.03 is earmarked for furnace; the balance of \$13,040.04 is the current available funds to keep the center open.

Learn to grow beautiful roses

The Master Gardener's program of the Washington State Extension office will be holding a free rose clinic at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center on February 23 from 11 am to 2 pm. Several Master Gardeners will be there to discuss the selection, planting, pruning and general care of roses.

Anyone interested in rose-growing is invited to attend and encouraged to bring a list of questions to take advantage of this informative session.

Fraud alert program open to public

by Hugh McMillan

Citizens Against Crime members will take a course on "fraud alert" from the State Attorney General's office from 1:30 to 5 pm, February 22, at Tacoma Community College, building 15, room 1.

The course will deal with offers made by "con artists" who prey on unsuspecting citizens, particularly seniors with convincing - but spurious - offers of easy money.

The program will illustrate how to detect apparently excellent offers which sound "too good to be true," will indicate how to detect them, and provide advice on how to cope with them.

Once trained, CAC teams will accept requests to present the program to interested groups. If interested, call 857-3700.

Homeschool meeting

The Greater Gig Harbor Homeschool Support Association will present "How to Avoid Burn-Out!" on Monday, February 11 at 7 pm.

The meeting will be held at the Gig Harbor Christian Church at 10011 Burnham Dr., Gig Harbor. GGHSSA meets the second Monday of every month through May 1991. For more information call 884-2735 or 265-8210.

Athletic Scholarships are available for college

from the National Sports Foundation

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, students don't have to be All State to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step thru the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For details on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a large self-addressed, stamped envelope to The National Sports Foundation, 612A Willow Dr., P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, N.J. 07755.

February 24 rally for our forces

Karla Crocket is organizing a rally in support of US forces to be held on February 24 at noon at the Home/Lakebay post office.

The group will march to the nearby Key Peninsula Community Services (Food Bank) building on Hoff Road. It is requested that participants bring their own flags and signs of support. For information call 884-4641 or 884-4440.

KPFD honors Marty Pedersen

The Key Peninsula Firefighters' Association recently honored Marty Pedersen on his retirement.

Marty served as a KP Fire Department volunteer officer and was immediate past president of the Volunteer Firefighters' Association. To show its appreciation to Marty for his contributions, the department held a celebration complete with a cake decorated with a large "thank you".

Adult literacy class

Altrusa Adult Literacy program offer free tutoring Monday and Wednesday from 2 pm to 8 pm at the Purdy fire station (located on 144th NW). Books and supplies are provided free of charge. Call 857-2633 for more information.

Diabetes support group forming

An insulin dependent diabetic support group is being formed on the Peninsula, with the cooperations of Peninsula school district.

Please call your local school nurse or Diana Home at 884-3592 for more information.

VFW will hold fund-raising breakfast

The V.F.W. Post 4990 will hold a fundraiser breakfast for the benefit of the Key Peninsula Civic Center on March 10. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8 am. Please plan to attend, enjoy a good breakfast and know that you are helping the Civic Center stay open.

Asthma Support Group meets

A support group for parents with asthmatic kids will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, February 20 at Mary Bridge Children's Health Center.

The topic of discussion for parents and children, ages 5 to 15, will be "Diet & Asthma." The meeting, sponsored by the American Lung Association of Washington, is free and open to anyone with an interest in asthma. For more information contact Susan McAlexander at 565-9555.

K.P. Civic Center Association Officers

Stephanie Zampini, president 884-9821 Terry Thomas, secretary 884-4685
Dave Freeman, vice-president 884-2313 Ann Larson, treasurer 884-3562
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Key Peninsula Park District Commissioners

Tim Kezele, chair 884-4538 Mike Salatino, vice chair 851-4556
Max Marlow, treas. 884-3700 Daphne Daus, sec. pro-tem 884-3503

Names and telephone numbers of the Key Peninsula Park District Commissioners and the officers of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association are provided as a public service so that any resident may voice concerns or suggest improvements in the operation of the Civic Center and Volunteer Park.

Key Dates ~ Key Dates ~ Key Dates

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| | <i>~business/professional groups~</i> | |
| KPBA | Feb. 1, 15: 7:30 am | Huckleberry Inn |
| | <i>~civic organizations~</i> | |
| Citizens Against Crime | Feb. 7: 7:30 pm | KPCC, Whitmore rm. |
| Cootiettes | Feb. 5: | Cottesmore |
| | Feb. 12: | Retsil Veterans Home |
| | Feb. 19: | Naval Hospital - Bremerton |
| | meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot | |
| | Feb. 21: 7:30 pm | KPCC, Whitmore rm. |
| KPCCA | Feb. 14: 7:30 pm | KPCC, Whitmore rm. |
| KP Lions | Feb. 6,20: 7 pm | Huckleberry Inn, Key Center |
| | <i>~childrens organizations~</i> | |
| Cub Pack 296 pack meeting | Feb. 22: 6:30 pm | Longbranch Imp. Club |
| | <i>~community services~</i> | |
| Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa | Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm | Purdy Fire Station 857-2633 - info |
| CPR classes | Feb. 7: 7-10 pm | 884-2222 for reservations |
| food bank | Tues - Fri: 10 am-3 pm | KP Community Ctr., Home |
| hot lunch for seniors | Wednesdays: noon | " " " " |
| respite care | Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm | KC Library, Brones room |
| sewing classes | Tuesdays: 1 - 4 pm | KC Library |
| | <i>~of interest to parents~</i> | |
| Greater G.H. Homeschool Support Asn. | Feb. 11: 7 pm | Gig Harbor Christian Church info 884-2735 or 265-8210 |
| Peninsula School Board | Feb. 14: 7:30 pm | ESC center, Purdy |
| Preschool Story time | to Mar. 21: Thursdays 10:30 am | KC Library, Brones rm. register at the library or call 884-2242 |
| | <i>~public meetings~</i> | |
| Drug & Alcohol Forum | Feb. 19: 7 pm | Gig Harbor H.S. |
| KP Fire Com. | Feb 13: 7:30 pm | Key Center Fire Station |
| Public Forum on Pierce County Transportation Plan | Feb. 28: 6-9 pm | PHS auditorim, Purdy |
| | <i>~self help groups~</i> | |
| Al-Anon | Mondays: 7 pm | Lakebay Com. Church |
| Asthma Support Group | Feb. 20: 7 pm | Mary Bridge Hospital TOA rooms 2&3 |
| Single Parent Support Group | Feb. 5: 7 pm | Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359 |
| Lung Support Group | Feb. 8: 1 pm | Mary Bridge Childrens Hosp. TOA rms. 2 & 3 |
| Daily Living Skills: Coping with Lung Disease | Tues. & Thurs.: 7pm | KPCC/downstairs |
| Narcotics Anonymous | | |
| | <i>~social/hobby groups~</i> | |
| Bayshore Garden Club | Feb. 15: 1 pm | Longbranch Improvement Club |
| Christian Women's Club of Gig Harbor | Feb. 13: 9:30-11:30 am | The Cimarron - reservations req. Lorraine 851-3163, Lois 851-5522 |
| Key Peninsula Social Club | Feb. 7: 7:30 pm | Key Peninsula Lutheran Church |
| Peninsula Neighbors | Feb. 13: 10 am | Longbranch Church |
| Ruth Circle lunch & mtg. | Feb. 17: noon | Longbranch Church |
| Senior Society | Thursdays: noon | KPCC, Whitmore room |
| | foot care and blood pressure | |
| Senior Soc. BOD | Feb. 7: 10 am | KPCC/ Whitmore |
| Upper Sound Grange | Mar. 4: 6:30-9 pm | KP Civic Center, VFW rm. |
| Vaughn Garden Club | Feb. 20: 10:30 am | home of Eleanor Stock |
| | <i>~events~</i> | |
| Fraud Alert program | Feb. 22: 7 pm | KP Civic Center |
| Reno night | March 2: 4 pm - midnight | Key Peninsula Civic Center |
| Rose growing clinic | Feb. 23: 11 am - 2 pm | Sunnycrest Nursery |
| Support rally for US forces | Feb. 24: noon | Home/Lakebay Post Office |

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KP NEWS poll results

Thank you to all the people who took the time to phone in their reasons for voting "no" on the park levy. The statistical significance of the callers is not easily determined, since the callers were random volunteers, but the variety of viewpoints expressed probably covers most of the reasons people had for feeling they could not support the district.

Many people calling in stated that they voted no because while they did support the Civic Center, they did not support the park. One caller commented that the park is "used only 90 days of the year," and so "is a waste." Another caller commented that "schools have plenty of yard spaces for kids to play ball."

Key Peninsula Park Commissioner Tim Kezele provided the NEWS with the actual schedule of the park for 1990-91. Soccer and baseball are the team sports played in the park. The schedule, briefly, looks like this:

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| Peninsula Soccer Club teams: | second week in September - first week in February teams play about 10 games per weekend. |
| Peninsula Athletic Association/Key Peninsula Little League (baseball) practices: | March to the second week of April seven days per week, day & evening |
| games: | second week in April to the end of June 6 nights per week and 9 am to 9 pm Saturday |
| tournaments/ make-up games: | July |
| P.A.A. co-ed baseball: | August 2 nights per week, 3 games per night |
| Gene Berg Memorial Tournament: | April |
| Pioneer Day Tournament, | |
| Horseshoe Tournament: | August (planned) |
| Horseshoe play: | Wednesday evening, summers |

Area schools can make playfields available for team sports, but the increased liability of the school and the cost of maintenance is ultimately reflected in school levies. Play fields require a great deal of maintenance; they must be thatched, fertilized, re-seeded and dressed on a regular basis.

Some respondents had the opposite view: one caller "doesn't see any reason to pay for a park that's taken by in-town leagues," and a caller who said she voted no because "everytime I go to use the park it's all filled up with baseball players. Our family has tried to have a picnic there, but everybody plays ball all summer long, and if you can't use something, why pay for it?"

It is estimated that about 75% of the membership of P.A.A and 90-95% of Peninsula Soccer Club members live in the Gig Harbor area. The user fees paid by these groups now provide almost all of the funds used to run Volunteer Park. Players coming in from other areas also patronize local businesses.

Key Peninsula Little League requires that players live between Purdy and Longbranch within Pierce County lines. Last year over 200 kids played in Little League.

There are a few picnic tables located at the far end of the park near the Horseshoe pits. There was a provision in the failed levy to build a covered picnic facility to accommodate more people who wished to picnic.

Other issues mentioned were: the logging/horse arena episode; concerns about individual commissioners and the relationship between the two boards.

In 1987, property in the park was logged after a local horseman's group had approached the park board about the possibility of building a horse arena on that site. The original plan was to build an arena, covered facility and install roads, lights and fencing. Funding was to come from logging proceeds and a grant from the Agency for Outdoor Recreation, a state agency supported by state bonds, which distributes money for all kinds of outdoor recreation. Park commissioners attended some agency meetings and it was determined that the park would not qualify for a grant. The plan was then downscaled to the building of a corral and installation of parking. Ultimately, the proceeds were used to keep the Civic Center and Volunteer Park open after the failure of the operations levy in that year's election.

Elections present the opportunity for people to select park commissioners in whom they have confidence or to run for that office. KPCCA president Stephanie Zampini commented that friction between the boards exists mainly now "in people's minds."

Several people expressed the view that the park should be kept open with user fees, and this is, in fact, what has happened. According to Commissioner Kezele, much of the park time is scheduled for team play, and current user fees will pay for basic maintenance and operation, but not for improvement, expansion or maintenance beyond the basic level.

Another concern expressed by one caller was: "I would like to see separate park and Civic Center levies. Obviously they are two different interests in the community." Variations of this opinion were expressed by other callers as well.

It would be possible for the park district to split the funding of the two facilities on a levy, with proposition A, for example, to fund Volunteer Park, and proposition B to fund the Civic Center.

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Local teachers to decide on strike

In the continuation of a state-wide "Crisis Action Plan" adopted last summer, our local teachers' organization, Peninsula Education Association, will meet this week to decide on an "authorization vote." The teachers will vote yes or no to a strike, to be held at some point in the future if the state legislature does not act on the teachers' legislative proposal. (see Dateline Olympia on page 22).

According to Carol Frerichs, president of Peninsula Education Association, teachers feel that funding for education has deteriorated in the last ten years, and the priority of education has also slipped in that time.

She said the message teachers want to send to the legislature is that there is an educational crisis, that "we cannot continue to be number 48 in the nation in class-size rankings, number 45 in textbook spending, and \$257 below the national average in total per-pupil spending.

Frerichs said teachers all across the state are making the decision, through their local Education Associations, about whether to strike. She said voting should be completed by mid-February and that most Associations have voted for the strike.

She said teachers will continue with all their other activities; which include speaking and staying politically active, with the strike decision held in reserve. Frerichs said, "We're not asking it all be fixed in one fell swoop, but we have to see some movement towards solving these problems. We don't want to strike, but if the legislature ignores us again, we'll strike.

Last chance for Little League sign-ups

Key Peninsula Little League will hold its last sign-up for the 1991 season on February 9 from 2 to 4 pm at the Key Center Library. You must bring an official state-certified birth certificate to register your child; fee is \$25. For more information on girl's softball call Pedro Lay at 884-3323; for baseball call Sheryl Brown at 884-2118.

Taste of the Northwest

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Taste of the Northwest is a new professionally bound and printed, locally-produced cookbook sponsored by the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild. *Taste of the Northwest* is made up of three individualized sections of recipes using Northwest apples, salmon, and strawberries, and is priced at only \$10.

To reserve your copy, call 884-3319 or 884-3597. All proceeds from sales of the cookbook will be used for the philanthropic work of the Orthopedic Association in its support of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

Angel Guild seeks.....

Do you have a few extra hours a month, and would you be willing to donate that time to one of our most helpful local service organizations?

If so, the Angel Guild is seeking a few new members who would like to assist that group in operating the thrift shop in Key Center, which is the major activity of the group. Donations from the community are sorted, cleaned, priced and sold at the shop.

Funds raised from sales are administered by the group to provide support for a wide variety of social and public projects for Key Peninsula residents.

The group holds a general meeting once a month to make decisions with regard to their programs, and recently voted to support the WIC program held two days a week at the Civic Center. The Angel Guild has also given funds to the fire department, health clinic and Citizens Against Crim, as well as providing a scholarship for a Peninsula High School student each year.

Volunteers who would like to join in this work should contact Nita Glass at 884-2431.

Electric service to be improved

A three year budget recently adopted by Peninsula Light Company Board of Directors has provisions for improving service and overall system reliability, with immediate focus on enhancements to the Key Peninsula.

Improvements for our area include a new substation at Lakebay and new feeder lines to relieve demand on the aging Vaughn substation which currently serves most of the Key Peninsula. Once the new substation is on line and electrical load is redistributed, shorter feeder lines to outlying Key Peninsula areas will reduce the number of people affected by outages. Splitting the electrical load between these two substations will also lessen the burden carried by the Purdy substation, thereby extending the life of the equipment in all three substations. Tim Macy, director of Engineering for Peninsula Light said the company is anxious to work with the public and invited anyone with questions to call him at 857-5950, extension 339.

The company will also be bringing on another contract tree trimming crew to help clear trees and limbs away from overhead power lines.

To avoid a rate increase to customers, the company will be putting a modest long-term borrowing strategy together to help pay for much of the capital improvements and absorb an anticipated BPA rate increase of 3.5% in wholesale rates which will become effective in October 1991.

Transportation problems?

A Pierce County Public Works department public meeting will be held at Peninsula High School auditorium in Purdy on February 28 at 7 pm.

Public Works personnel have been directed to gather public input before putting together a transportation plan for the county.

Citizens are asked to bring their concerns about transportation issues and problems.

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Joanne and Doug Blundell

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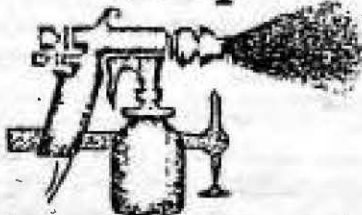
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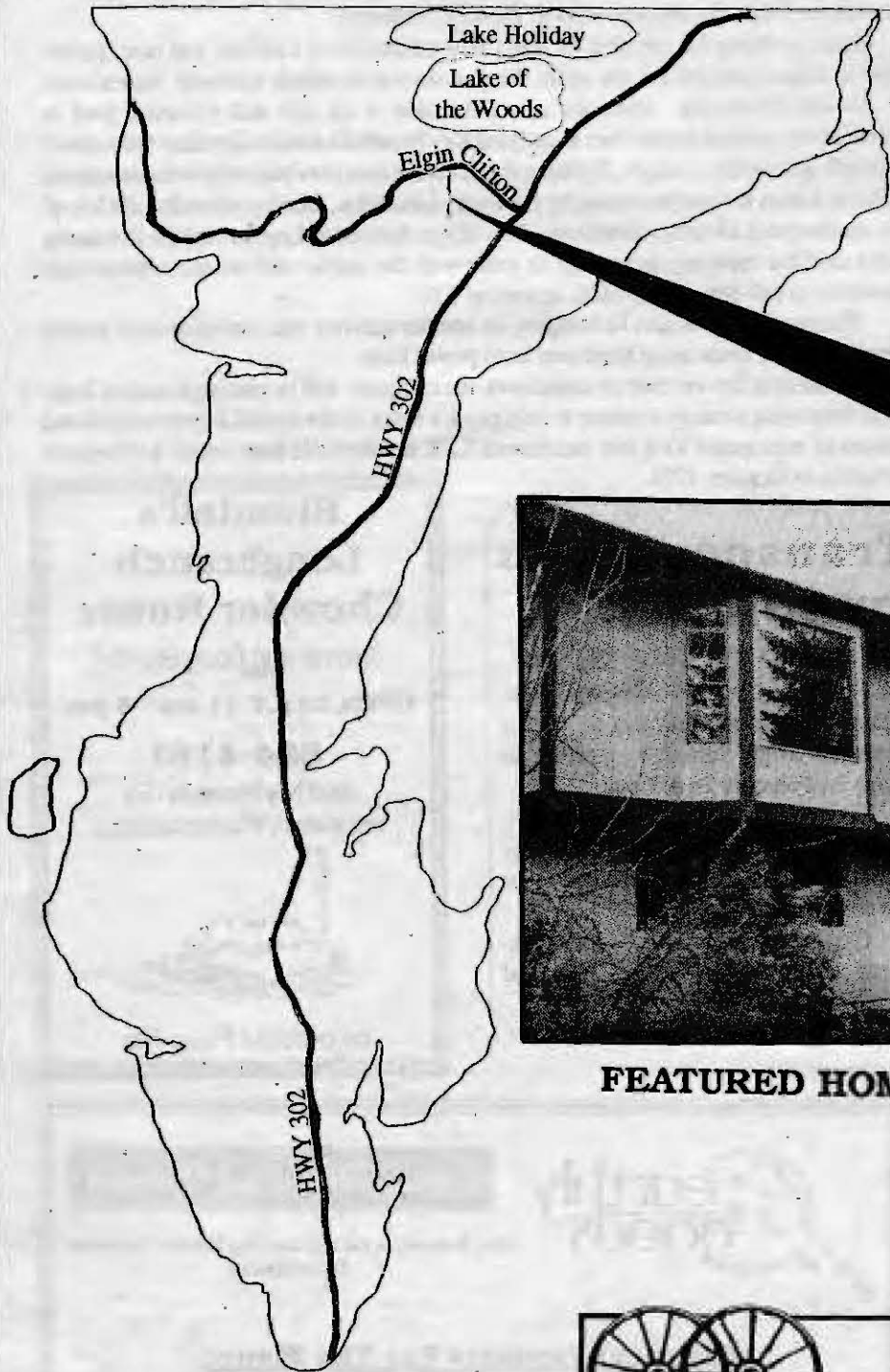
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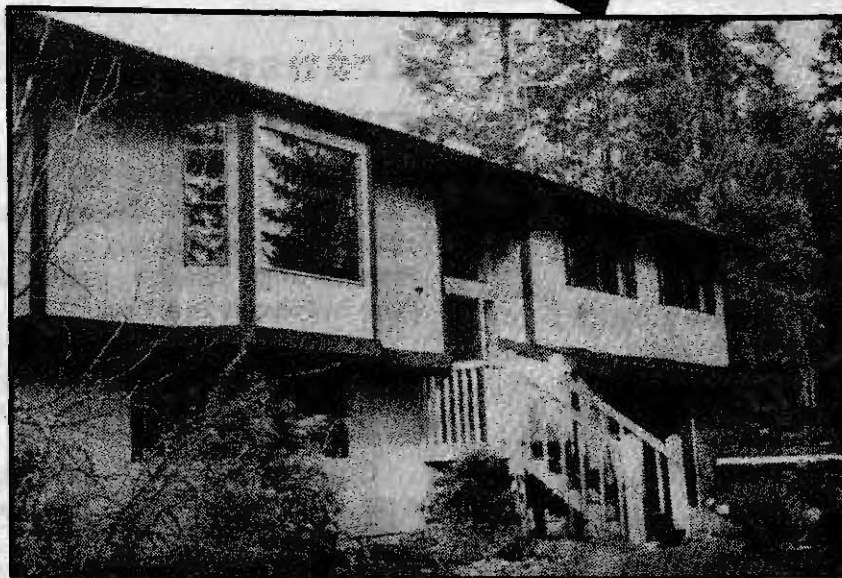


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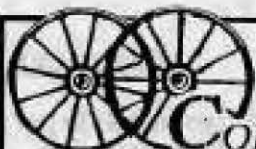
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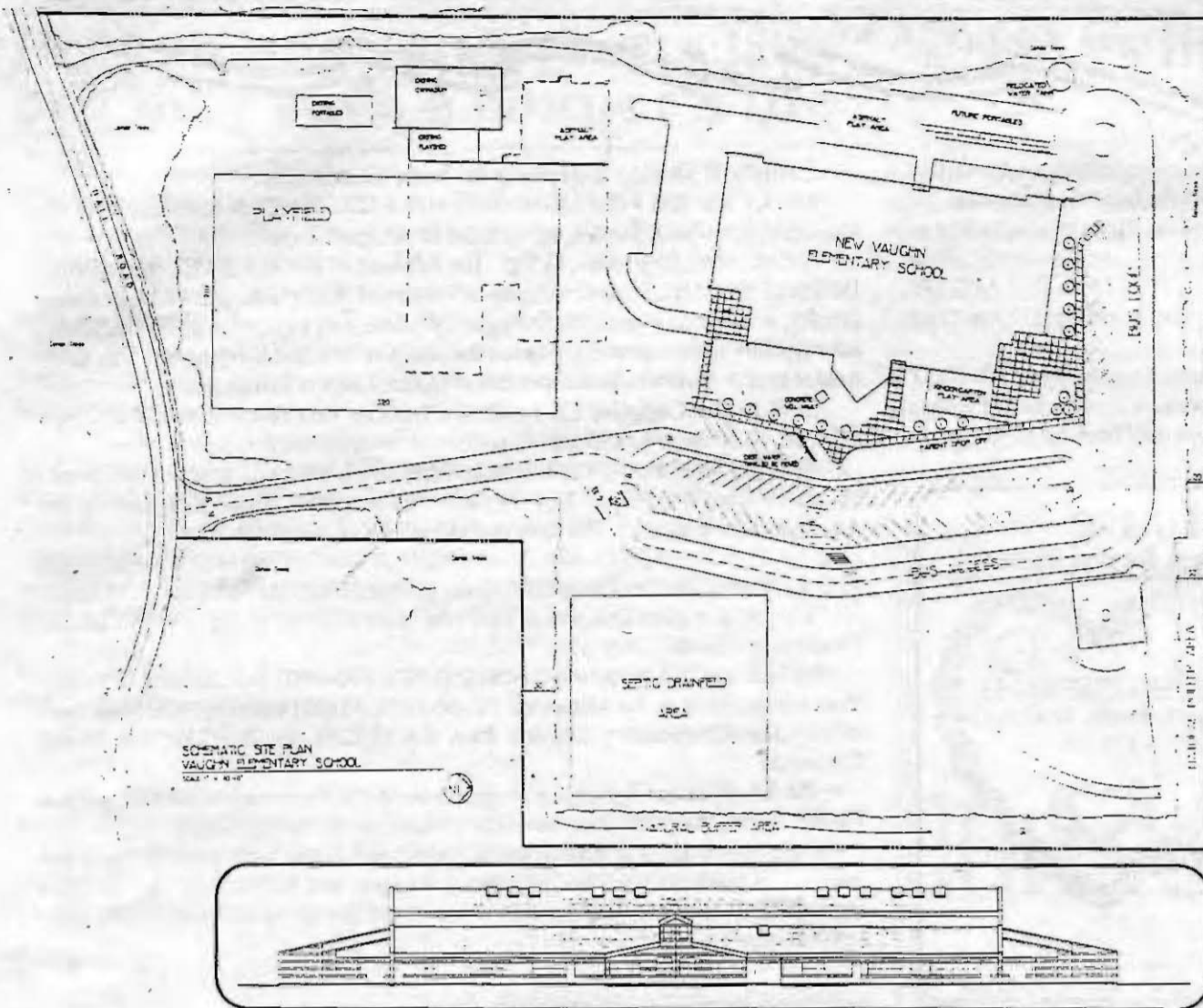


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by Keith Stiles

Detail plans and drawings for the new Vaughn Elementary school are now being prepared following the approval of the general building layout drawings and site plans in December (see above).

The actual design for the building was done by a team of parents and teachers working with the district-chosen architect. The project includes the moving of a major water storage tank and the creation of a much larger and better drainfield on a five-acre parcel of property that the district recently purchased on the east side of the current site.

Project plans call for the school district to go to bid with the final construction drawings sometime late this spring. If all goes as planned the new school will be ready to receive students in the fall of 1992. During construction (in the school year of 1991-92), Vaughn students will continue to attend classes in the current building, which will be demolished during the summer of 1992. The current gym, with its covered play area, will remain for future use.

Construction funds for the new school will come from a bond issue approved by the voters about two years ago. The current Vaughn buildings were constructed about 35 years ago, and are being replaced in order to provide improved facilities with lower maintenance and operating costs.

State toll-free hotline for prenatal information

The Healthy Babies Coalition has established a new toll-free hotline to help pregnant women in Washington state. Anyone calling the hotline at 1-800-282-3064, can receive free pregnancy information packets as well as referrals to doctors, nurses and midwives.

The campaign is funded by foundations, corporations, the medical community, private organizations and public agencies, as well as a \$50,000 federal grant, and matching-funds donations by the federal Medicaid program. The hotline is the latest effort by the coalition to combat infant health problems in Washington state, where every 2.5 hours a low birth-weight baby is born and every 12.5 hours a baby under age 1 dies.



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Serving in the Gulf

The Key Peninsula NEWS would like to recognize our local people who are either serving in the gulf, or who have relatives serving. With the family's permission, we include addresses so that you may write to them if you wish. Many relatives asked us to print a brief message in the paper as well.

Sgt. Norman Peterson/ 535-88-6464/ HHB 18th FA BDE(ABN)/ APO NY 09315, is the son of Marge and Norman Peterson. His mother wants him to know "Dad and I support you and your troop, Norm." Love, mom.

Deborah Johnson, major/ 532-64-3377/ Operation Desert Storm/ ARCENT 50th GENL HOSP./NURSING/ APO N.Y. 09772. Deborah is the sister of Rob Home. She is stationed at a Saudi Arabia hospital set up to take patients from the MASH units.

Crawford Shirley is serving in the Army medical corp. **1st. Lt. Barton P.T./ 536-66-5666/ H & S CO., 3rd. Tank Battalion/ FPO San Francisco, CA 96608-5525**, is the husband of Margaret Barton.

G/Sgt. Tom Reynolds, G/Sgt. Joe Ishmail of the U.S.M.C., and Jimmy Dillon of the U.S. Army are friends of Maureen Shaler, who attended the January 26 rally, and wished to send this message: "We love you, guys, we support you 100% - have a yellow ribbon around our hearts for you. Go for it and hurry home. Stay safe!! Best of luck." Maureen Shaler and family (Jeremy says hi and thanks.)

SPC James Cappini/ 530-66-0241/ 681st Eng. Co./ Task Force 325/ APO New York 09797, is the son of Helene Cappini, who works at the Huckleberry Inn.

Sp. Ed Fourman got this message from his parents, who attended the January 26 march from Vaughn to Key Center. "Your mother and I took part in this demonstration of support. We love you and miss you. Stay safe."

Karl M. Forch HMC - SS/ 535-36-0425/ Fox Trot Co./ 1st Med. Bn., 1st FSSG/ FPO San Francisco, CA 96608-5702, is the brother of Harrold Forch of Longbranch.

Harrold also gave us names of men who were relatives of members of Lakebay Community Church. They are:

E5 Sgt. Joe S. Clark/ 464-57-2488/ A.Z.O. 1-504-PIR 3rd. Brigade/ APO New York 09656; Paul A. Lewkowski/ 395-66-5840/ 401st. Deployed/ APO New York 09869; Jim Carpenter; Darrell Lee, son of Dell and Bev Lee; and David Richards.

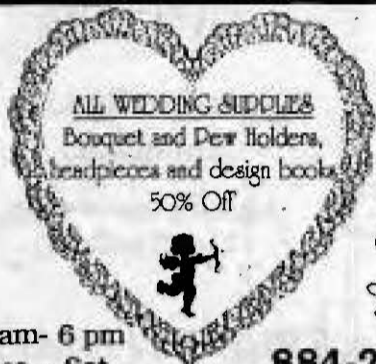
Ft. Lt. Weldon Barrett is the grandson of Cecil and Ardelle Curran, and **Lt. Cmdr. Steve Woods** is the son-in-law of Ron and Dulcy Schillinger.

If you have a friend or relative serving in the gulf, please send his or her name and address if desired to KP NEWS, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. You may include a message if you like. Please include \$1 if you would like us to mail a copy of the paper to the person listed.

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More who would like to hear from you

These people are a few more of the American service people involved in Operation Desert Shield, but they are different in an important way. They do not have anyone to write to them, and would appreciate hearing from home.

Sgt. Alvin D. Martin, 442-74-1999; Sfc. Hector A. Pedroza, 526-06-03785; Pfc. Jeffrey A. Stewart, 176-56-0460; Spc. Ronald J. Perry II, 533-86-6337; Pfc. Raymond L. Stewart, 267-33-1641; Pfc. Jack Duquette, 455-95-0632; and Spc. John Noona, 539-78-1294 all have the same address: Operation Desert Shield, HHC 1/327 INF REGT, 101st. ABN (AASLT), APO, NY 09309.



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KPBA to provide yellow ribbons

As a service to the community, members of the Key Peninsula Business Association voted to purchase yellow ribbon which will be provided to any business to give away to customers.

Homemade sand-protective bag may save a soldier's life

The best way to keep wind-blown sand and dust from causing an M-16 to fail to fire or to jam is to keep it in a quickly removable, lightweight plastic bag. Unfortunately, American soldiers and Marines are not issued bags or other means to protect their M-16's and magazines from sand, but you can help.

The only materials you need to make a serviceable M-16 bag are polyethylene film and good 3/4" wide tape, such as Scotch Magic™ tape.

Film 2 mils thick is best, but if only 1 mil thick is available, use it. Film 3 mils thick makes a bag which is difficult to readily tie shut and is too strong to rip off very quickly in an emergency.

Cut a piece of film 2 feet wide and 5 feet long. Many plastic dropcloths are 10 feet wide. To easily make a 2' x 5' piece with straight edges and square corners, draw a straight line 2 feet from the end of the dropcloth and parallel to the end before unfolding it. Carefully cut off a 2' x 10' piece. Find the mid-line across the piece, crease and mark it, and cut along that line. You will have film cut out to make two bags.

Lay a 2' x 5' piece on a table or bare floor. Fold over its two 5' edges until they meet in the middle, with one edge overlapping the other by 1/4 to 1/2 inch.

At each end of the overlapping edges, tape together the overlapping ends with a piece of tape 1 inch long. With several more short pieces, secure the 1/4" to 1/2" overlap in several places along the 5' seam.

Tape down the whole overlapping edge. Make sure the tape is pressed down firmly. Then tape one end of the tube closed, to make a bag.

Turn the bag inside out, and tape the overlapping edges of the side and bottom seams. To strengthen taped seams, press and rub them vigorously.

Your M-16 bag, weighing only 2 ounces if made of 2 mil film, then will be ready to air mail to Saudi Arabia or elsewhere, with accompanying instructions.

Air mail these instructions with the bag: to keep sand and dust from getting into an M-16 while it is in this five foot long bag, and to make it easy to put an M-16 in and take it out many times, twist the part of the bag above the M-16's muzzle and tie the illustrated overhand loose knot. To untie this loose knot, simply pull on the end of it.

In an emergency, such as a night attack, a 2 mil bag can be ripped off in two seconds by grasping the bag below its knot and jerking it off. Shooting through this thin bag does not damage an M-16.



When soldiers are sleeping on the ground or occupying foxholes in deserts, wind-blown sand will get into their unprotected M-16 magazines, clog many of them, and cause failures to fire.

Magazines as usually carried in ammunition pouches are not adequately protected in windy deserts.

Most soldiers armed with M-16 seldom will be able to take apart, clean, oil, and reassemble their sand-clogged magazines during offensive desert operations.

To help an M-16 armed American in or near a Middle Eastern desert, air mail several dozen throwaway baggies to him or her. Pleated sandwich bags 6.5 x 5.5 x 1 inch are excellent.

A dozen baggies are enough to cover the 12 M-16 magazines typically carried by a soldier in his four ammo pouches. Twelve baggies, sealed inside another baggie, weigh only half an ounce.

Attorney General warns of war-related scams

Ken Eikenberry, Washington State Attorney General has issued a warning that many fraudulent schemes could surface during the Persian Gulf War.

Be careful of groups that set up "900" toll numbers or charge other fees to send care packages to U.S. troops. The packages may never be sent or you might pay far more for these supplies than market value.

Solicitations for supplies for refugees and children can result in most of the

money going into the pocket of the solicitor if the charity is not a reputable one.

If oil prices skyrocket, expect oil and gold investment scams, like mining schemes and "investments" in oil drilling or pipelines, which promise very high rates of return; or highly promoted "gas-saving" devices, none of which significantly increases fuel economy.

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Your Deputy Reports



by John Hendrickson

Twenty six arrests were made from December 19 through January 8, 1991. The weather may have been bad, but snow, ice and power outages virtually eliminate crime. Compare criminal activity and snow days.

On December 16 a burglary occurred at the 14000 block of 97th Ave. NW; a microwave and jewelry were taken.

On December 19 cash and checks were taken in a burglary at the 1500 block of Key Peninsula Highway KPN.

On December 21 an outboard motor was stolen from the 10900 block of 122nd Ave. KPN., and a vehicle window was shattered at the 13700 block of Easy Street. There was also a domestic violence incident at the 2000 block of the Key Peninsula Highway KPN.

On December 27 a residence at the 15700 block of 126th Ave. KPN was vandalized and there was a minor assault in a local tavern parking lot.

On December 31 alcohol was stolen from the 2600 block of 194th Ave. KPS and a computer and guitar were taken

from the 2600 block of Whiteman Rd. KPS. A man who has taken a check from the mailbox of a T.V. repair business in Purdy was arrested after he tried to cash it at a local convenience store.

On January 2 & 3, a burglar took T.V.'s, V.C.R.'s, a gun cabinet, china, jewelry and a microwave from a residence at the 5500 block of 174th Ave. KPS, and there was a domestic violence incident at the 2000 block of Key Peninsula Highway KPN.

On January 4 a Honda outboard motor was taken from the 6400 block of 149th Ave. KPN.

On January 5 a disgruntled girlfriend vandalized her ex-boyfriend's car and assaulted him at the 17300 block of 38th KPN.

On January 6 there was a theft of vehicle parks from the 14000 block of 136th St. Ct. KPN.

On January 8 there was a burglary at the 12600 block of 121st. St. KPN; guns, tools and electronics were taken.

Obscene phone calls were reported at the 14000 block of 97th Ave. NW on January 2.

CIVIC CENTER DONATIONS

In a novel fund-raising idea, the downtown Key Center readerboard will be available to rent for \$10 per day for personal messages. The rental money will then be donated back to the Civic Center Association.

The first fund-raising message was bought by the wife of a certain local businessman who thought he was keeping his fiftieth birthday a deep dark secret. If you would like to help the Civic Center and send a message at the same time, please call Sunnycrest Nursery at 884-3937

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association would like to thank those people who have made direct donations.

Two donations were made by Agnes Whitmore, one of which was in memory of Ollie Whitmore. The Whitmores were part of the original group which worked on the fund raising to purchase the Civic Center building as a community center.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Seidleman have donated money in memory of Charles Fischer.

Megan Aprile, for the benefit of the children of the Key Peninsula.

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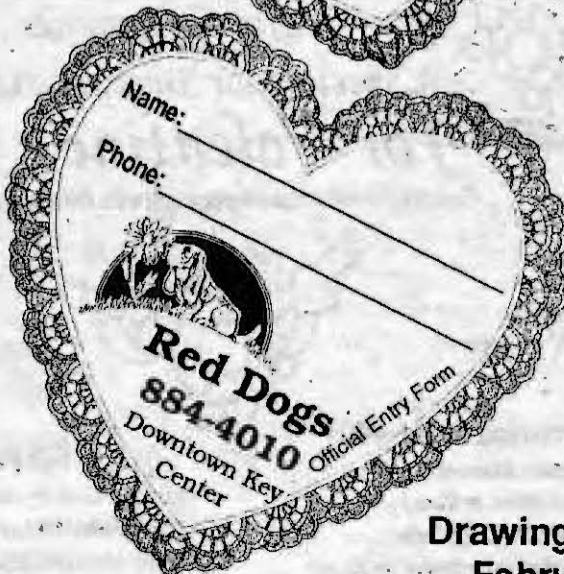
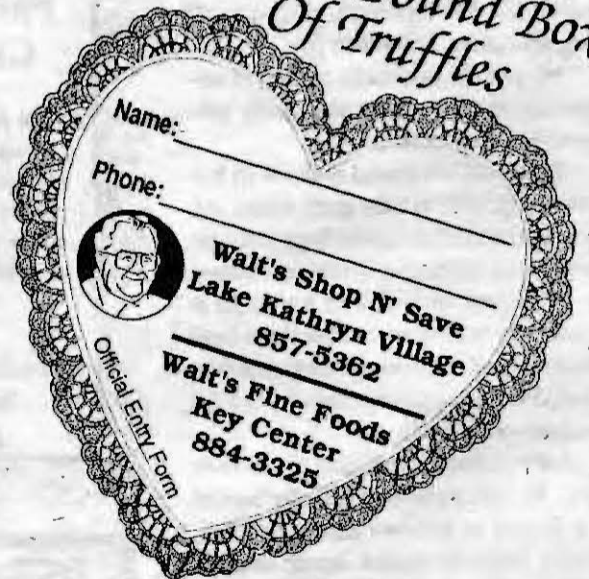
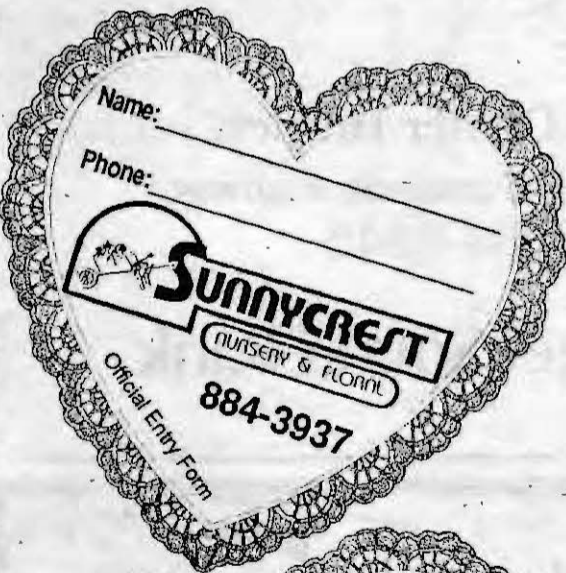
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Where's the buffer?



by Megan Aprile

A twenty acre parcel just south of Key Center was recently logged. The owner obtained a Department of Natural Resources timber permit and had the property legally logged - except that when he was finished there was no fifty foot buffer as required in interim zoning

plan for property along the highway.

All timber permit applications are sent to the county by DNR personnel. The county has five days to respond on a class 2 permit (logging only) and more time to respond to a class 4 permit (conversion of the land to residential use). Any county restrictions will be attached to the permit when it is given to the landowner, but flagging permits and enforcement is left to the county.

There are no penalties for violating the county ordinance, but Councilman Paul Cyr said he would be willing to pursue adding penalties if problems continued. In a recent county action, six year moratoriums on development are being placed on properties improperly logged. Moratoriums are placed through the county auditor's office so that title searches will reflect them.

Apparently county ordinance can be overlooked by either the county or the DNR or ignored by the landowner. Speaking of the buffer requirement, councilman Paul Cyr said "This isn't a nice thought, this is life." Any resident who sees violations occurring can contact the following people: C. Wayne Gloger (DNR enforcement) 876-7546; or the zoning enforcement office at 591-7153 or 591-7155. Report incidents as violations of county ordinance number 89198.

Community Drug, Alcohol Forum

by Keith Stiles

Peninsula School District will present a Community Forum on Drug and Alcohol Awareness in the Gig Harbor High School Auditorium at 7 pm on Tuesday evening, February 19.

The open forum will be particularly designed for students and their parents. It is free, and will also be broadcast live on KGHP, the School District's FM radio station at 89.9 Mhz.

The major presenter of the evening Dr. Gary Fields, is the Superintendent of the Kennewick School District, and a nationally known consultant who develops school-community partnerships for alcohol/drug prevention and intervention.

There will also be a panel discussion on drug and alcohol awareness for young people. Tom Hulst, Peninsula School District Superintendent, will be moderator.

The forum is being jointly sponsored by the Peninsula School District Drug-Free Schools Committee, and the Community Health and Safety Expo Committee.

Who is KP's Citizen of the Year?

The seventh annual Key Peninsula Citizens of the Year Awards Banquet will be held in the KP Civic Center, Vaughn, at 6:30 pm, April 6.

Who will be citizens of the year? Only you can decide.

Your letter of nomination should contain the name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of the voluntary contribution to the KP community of the person(s) you select. The volunteerism to be recognized could be months or years of effort or a single outstanding act benefiting the KP community. Nominees must be residents or persons who work on the Key Peninsula. Members of the Lions' Club are not eligible.

The KP Lions' Club, sponsor of the event, asks that you submit the name of the person or persons you feel deserving of this honor to: Key Peninsula Lions' Club, P.O. Box 63, Vaughn WA 98394.

Because the next issue of the News will be February 26 and there will be no issue in March, in order to schedule time to photograph nominees for that issue, nominations must be received not later than February 20.

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Lucky Day?

by Cecil Paul

The north wind had been moaning and swishing around the trees on the night of December 28. It was cold, cold, cold. Although we have no trees close enough to threaten our house, we felt somewhat

edgy with the power off and a wood fire burning.

At about 7 am, there were several dull thumps that seemed to be connected with our 14' X 56' carport roof. The sounds would not happen when I went outside to look. At 7:28 am something like an elephant galloped across our house roof. The bedroom on the east side of the house suddenly had plenty of light through its normally darkish window. There was a crash on the west side of the house. The cats bailed out until late that night.

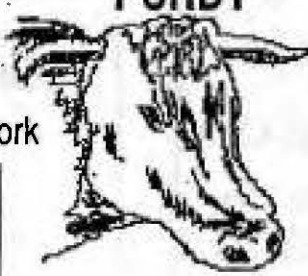
That huge carport roof had sailed over our house, hit the TV antenna on one end, and a weather vane on the other end of the roof, but it had not touched the metal chimney in between! With a hot

fire in the stove, that was just as well. With the chimney broken down inside, the house could have easily burned.

The carport then crashed into our neighbor's new mobile home where it broke through the siding, damaged a heavy window casing and did considerable damage to trim, downspout and such. It then bounced back and came to rest, partly on our westerly roof, a large decorative tree, the chainlink fence, and our good neighbor's yard. Neighbors quickly helped tie it down as the wind was still trying to move it on its way.

The car was not damaged; the chimney was not damaged; there were no broken windows! Was that our lucky day? I am not sure.

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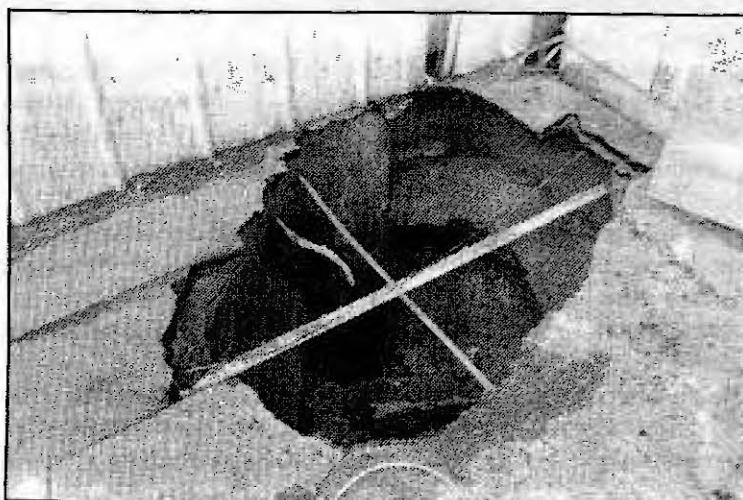


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Hole appears in fire station pavement



On January 11 firefighter Paul Bosch noticed that the asphalt at the base of the Key Center station's hose tower had cracked and seemed spongy. When he and Battalion Chief, Fred Ramsdell, dropped a

KP NEWS photo by Hugh McMillan

pebble through the crack it splashed at some distance from the surface. Removal of a section of asphalt revealed an excavation some ten feet in depth and six to eight feet in width which apparently had been created by water rushing from a hole in the 15 inch drainage pipe running from the next door library area across KPFD's property.

According to Chief Horace Kanno, the gaping hole has had no apparent effect on the hose tower's stability but corrective action is being taken on an emergency basis.

Citizen advisory committee formed for EMS levy

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Fire Department recently formed an advisory committee made up of Marty Pedersen, Keith Stiles, Randy Carr, Gary Ostlund, Robert Cole, Ruth Bramhall, Walt Schmidt, and Howard Wilson.

The committee is scheduled to meet February 21 to formulate plans to ensure continuation of the Department's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) funding.

Funding for EMS is made possible by six year levies. The 1985 levy expires this year (1991) and must be renewed to ensure continuation of what many consider the finest EMS system in the State.

"Renewal of the EMS funding is not a new tax," explained KPFD's Fire Chief Horace Kanno; "it is a continuation of the same source of revenue our voters have approved over the past twelve years."

These funds are essential to continue emergency medical service. In 1989, voters approved a special two-year levy to provide a new, third, ambulance and paramedics who provide advanced life support (ALS).

Thanks to economies and proper management, KPFD expects to continue the operation within the current budget of which the EMS levy provides a vital part.

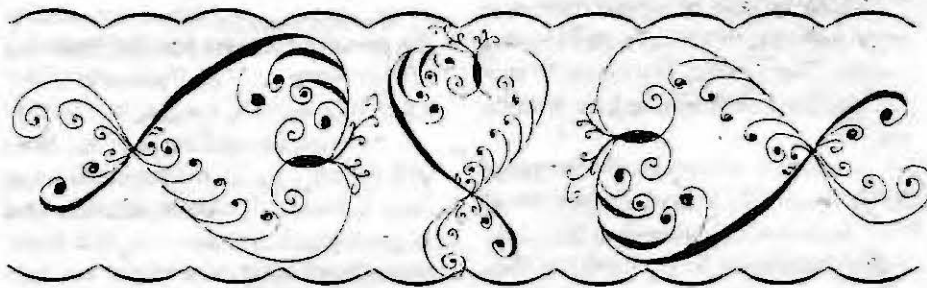
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SCIENCE CORNER

by Joe Aprile

The AIDS epidemic is continuing at an alarming rate in the inner cities. It has been estimated that by the year 2000, in New York City alone, there will be 10,000 children orphaned by the AIDS epidemic.

This can be explained, in part, by the lack of adequate health care available to the nation's poor, drug addiction and the generally sub-standard living conditions of inner-city neighborhoods.

However, there is some encouraging news regarding the development of a vaccine for the AIDS virus [HIV: human immunodeficiency virus]. Its successful development would, if widely administered, stem the spread of AIDS. There are a number of clinical research teams throughout the country that are working on the development of such a vaccine. The general approach, however, is the same.

HIV, like other human retroviruses, [the class of RNA viruses responsible for a wide variety of diseases in man and animals] has unique proteins on its surface.

Most of these proteins have been isolated and characterized. The virus constructs these protein, which it uses for both protection and the infection process, from the information contained within its viral genes.

The molecular biologist can clone these viral genes, insert them into bacteria, and have the bacteria manufacture the viral proteins in vast quantities. These manufactured proteins can then be isolated from bacterial cultures and used in experimental vaccines.

The hope is that a person injected with this material would begin to develop an immunity against it, and against any HIV virus that the person may come in contact with at some later date.

Volunteers, (consisting of individuals considered to be at risk for infection), are already involved in pilot studies.

The results are mixed: all subjects apparently have suffered no ill-effects, but the amount of antibody they have actually developed against HIV is not ideal.

A troubling property of HIV is that there seem to be a considerable number of variants of this virus [different strains that have different proteins on their surfaces]. This fact makes developing a vaccine particularly perplexing. These results, nonetheless, offer some hope that an answer will eventually be found.

Art News ~~~~~

The Performance Circle will hold open auditions for the musical comedy "Into the Woods," on Sunday and Monday, February 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. at 6615 38th Avenue NW in Gig Harbor. This is an open call and no appointments are needed.

The cast requirements are for 10 men and 15 women. A vocal number displaying characterization and animation is the required audition material. An intensive rehearsal schedule will start February 17 or 18; the play opens April 4 and will play Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For further information call 851-PLAY between 1 and 5 pm.

Watercolor paintings by Beverly Pedersen will be on display the month of February at the Key Dining Room.

Beverly is back in production after a 10 year break and has a lot of upbeat work to share. Subjects include Friday Harbor apple orchards and Hawaiian settings.

For further information, call the The Key Dining room at 884-4403.



Measles still a threat to health of children, young adults

news release from Tacoma-Pierce county health department

More than half of the cases of measles occurring in Pierce County in 1990 required hospitalization for complications. These may include pneumonia, severe ear infections, and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain.) Deaths occur most commonly from pneumonia.

In response to this serious situation, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department is recommending that children be immunized against measles at 12 months of age instead of the usual 15 months of age. This change is being recommended due to the young age of those affected and the widespread nature of the outbreak.

Measles is a serious disease and is easily spread from person to person.

Early symptoms include fever, runny nose, hacking cough, and red or "glassy" eyes which may be sensitive to light. After about four days, a rash appears. It usually begins on the face and neck and spreads over the trunk and limbs.

Health officials are concerned about preschoolers who have not been immunized and adults aged 20-43. The health department estimates that only half of local preschoolers are immunized. The young adult group were born too late to have had the disease, and in addition may have received an ineffective vaccine.

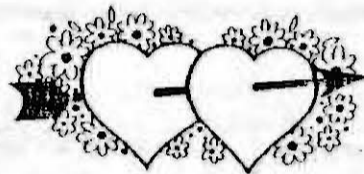
Immunizations and information are available for private physicians or the Health Department immunization clinic, 591-6452.

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February 14.

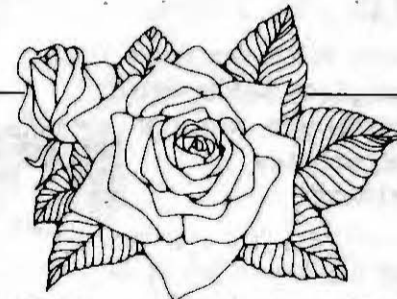
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A Woman's Heart



by Elaine Forch

These past few weeks have really been hard.

The first week of December brought news of the sudden death of my brother-in-law from a massive heart attack.

Not only did I have to cope with the fact that Doc was gone, but my own mortality, as well as the mortality of my husband, stared me squarely in the face.

That same week we heard that a little granddaughter was born prematurely with all of the attending health problems. She would not have an easy go of it.

Life was further complicated by a couple of nasty arctic storms and some bad

road conditions. Those extra hours added to any already lengthy commute only depleted my energy levels more.

Shortly after Christmas I said painful goodbys to my son, Kevin, who returned to Japan to work and study, to my stepson, Hal, who transferred to Holland on special assignment with the Army, and to my brother-in-law, Karl, who was called back to the front lines in Saudi Arabia after being home for a couple of weeks on emergency funeral leave for his brother.

At work we are undergoing a major reorganization that has everyone unnerved besides contending with the usual stress of year-end deadlines. And then, of course, there is the war.

Throughout all the busy preparations for Christmas, I managed to keep up. But my body knew that it was time for a break, so it took some time off. I got the flu. Not a bad case of the flu, but just enough to force me to retreat to my bed, slow down, and rest. My time out gave me time to think I was feeling overwhelmed, panicked and afraid for my children. Life had taken some decidedly nasty turns of late.

As I took time to sort through each situation, I realized that all were out of my control. When I put them to the test of one of my life standards, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference," I understood that these circumstances came under the heading of acceptance.

Actually, I probably wouldn't have to get sick if I could only get it out of my head that just around the corner is an easy, comfortable life. I don't know where I got that idea anyway. Not from watching other people's lives, certainly. My mother and grandmother knew that life was hard. They lived through World Wars I and II, Korea and the Depression.

My children will have their share too, and I can't prevent that no matter how hard I try. Maybe I've picked up that easy-life idea from television sitcoms. Maybe I still believe that life will be happy ever after like the fairy tale endings if I am careful to be a good little girl and work very hard. But I know that life isn't fair and sometimes, it can be very cruel.

So I end up with the same old conclusion - "live life one day at a time." Sometimes I have to take life in shorter doses, like one minute at a time when things are really hard. I can always get through one more minute or one more day.

I've always liked that line from *Gone With The Wind*, where Scarlett says, "I'll worry about that tomorrow." From that line it's a short distance to another life standard, "It's always darkest before the dawn." I guess it doesn't matter how my hope or optimism evolves, I'm just glad that it surfaces enough to give me the bounce I need to get me going again.

In fact, I think I feel good enough now to get off the couch, take a shower and go for a walk. The sun came up after all and it just might be a beautiful day.

In the Library

"Women in Crow Society: their importance in tribal unity," will be the subject of a discussion by Dale McGinnis, professor of anthropology and chair of that department at Pierce College. Because the Crows are a matrilineal society, the Crow women held their people together culturally, politically and economically and the tribe has fared comparatively better, according to professor McGinnis.

The program, sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library, will be held Wednesday, February 13 at 7 pm.

Preschool storytime for ages 3-5 will be held each Thursday at 10:30 am through March 21. These storytimes, conducted by Nancy Jane Bare, are to enjoy, to listen, to share, to be part of a group, to help build imagination, a sense of humor, vocabulary, to introduce good books and illustrations, to lay a foundation for future reading, and to introduce your child to the library in a friendly way.

Roger Sands, Jr., who died April 17, 1990, was involved in the establishment of the Key Center Library, a substantial library user and reader, and a strong supporter of the Friends. A memorial remembrance of books has been given to the library by his family and friends. The following books are now in the library: Chronicle of the 20th Century; Invitation to Russia; Majestic Mountains - Roaming the Great Mountain Ranges of Six Continents; Islam, the Straight Path; Cambridge Encyclopedia of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives; The History of Inventions; Voices of Freedom; Forts and Fortresses; Ireland Your Only Place; Desert Heart - Chronicles of the Sonoran Desert; The Matter of Wales; Great Rivers of the World; Indians of the Northwest Coast; Vietnam War Almanac; Smithsonian Book of North American Indians; Ishi in Two Worlds; The Women's History of the World; Historical Atlas of the American West; The World We Have Lost - England Before the Industrial Age; The Middle Ages (a children's book); Iceland; Tibet - The Sacred Realm; Encyclopedia of Western Gunfighters; Exploring the Himalayas - Nepal and Kashmir (a video). Several more books will still be coming. The library staff and the community wish to thank Virginia Sands for her generosity.

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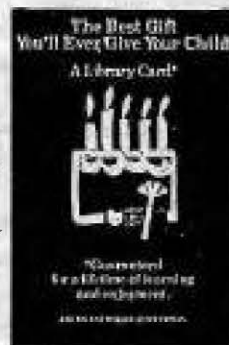
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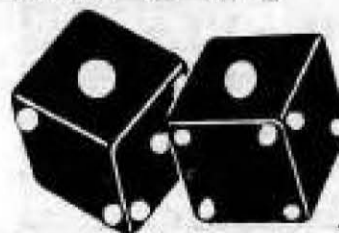
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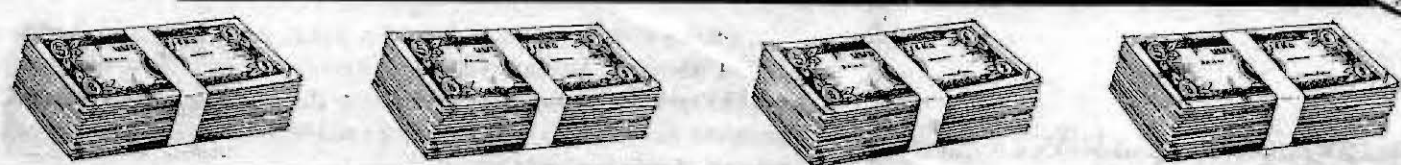
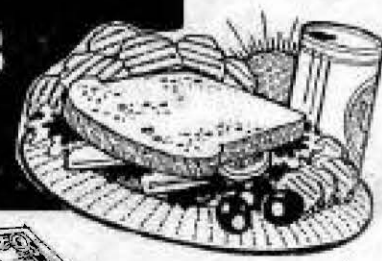
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Weatherize! -

by Megan Aprile

A recent survey indicated that nearly 75% of Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula residents heat primarily with electricity, with oil and wood furnaces providing most of the rest of residents' heating needs.

Whatever kind of furnace system you have, it will operate better if you maintain it.

A heating system can be wasting energy due to lack of maintenance. An annual professional maintenance check can save you lots of dollars in the long run.

Regular tune-ups will typically pay for themselves through increased savings on your heating bill.

There are also many things you can do. If you have baseboard heaters, turn off power and vacuum coils. Check and change filters three times a season; instructions on home maintenance should be in your owner's manual. Clean return and supply grilles and caulk around supply openings.

One thing my grandmother did, once once she got heating appliances instead of

Heating systems

wood stoves, was to set back the thermostat at night; in fact she turned it all the way off. I still remember the way the floors felt to my bare feet!

That was probably not efficient because of the amount of energy needed to get the house warm again, but setting the thermostat to a lower temperature at night is efficient.

If your thermostat has a night setback feature, make sure it is set correctly.

If your furnace is very old and will soon require replacement, it is probably better to let it go without major modification until you can replace it. A little time and money invested in home weatherization measures or an automatic thermostat will make a difference.

Whether your existing furnace is oil, gas or electric, it may not be working at peak efficiency for several reasons.

Perhaps your home has been remodeled or weatherized since the furnace was originally installed, or maybe your family has changed size. It is important that your heating system match as closely as possible your present heating needs for both improved comfort and efficiency.

If your oil or forced air furnace is in generally good condition, it is usually possible to increase its efficiency by making modifications.

Many older oil furnaces were oversized and if a home has been weatherized, a much lower heating load may make it possible to derate (or downsize) the burner nozzle. The burner will remain on slightly longer but the amount of heat lost up the flue is significantly reduced. Over-

all savings can be 4 to 6 percent.

A flame retention burner can also be installed on your oil furnace for greater efficiency. For an older oil furnace with a steady state efficiency of 70%, upgrading to a flame retention burner can reduce your bill by about 20 percent or more. Call the Oil Heat Institute for recommended contractors nearest you at (206) 623-8730.

A significant improvement for any forced air heating system is reducing heat loss from any ductwork passing through unheated spaces (basements, crawlspaces and attics. All air leaks and joints should be sealed using duct tape and then insulated. Excessive air leakage can also cause inefficient air distribution and possible fan overloading.

Need more information?

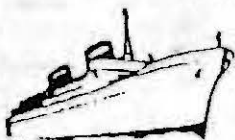
There is more helpful information on how to save energy available from our local power company. Besides extensive handouts, there is a series of videotapes made by the Oregon State Extension Service on weatherization topics.

You can also call the energy hotline toll free at 1-800-962-9731, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm for answers to questions about energy efficient appliances, moisture problems, furnaces, water heating, indoor air quality, woodstoves, new home design, solar energy and insulation.

Next month the "Weatherize" series will conclude with an article on heat pumps.

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County Executive Joe Stortini (on right), looks like he wishes he were in a meeting. However, he bravely agreed to help demonstrate the life-saving qualities of sprinkler systems. In the next moment after this photo was taken, a sprinkler system doused the flame. Fire officials want the public to know that sprinkler systems are a vital part of safety in buildings.

School News KP News News volunteers

Congratulations to Ernie Donehower, fourth grade teacher at Vaughn elementary, who recently received the Ellen Fay Award for Contribution to Educational Excellence.

Kids at Minter Elementary recently participated in an all-day writer's conference. Local people involved in writing and illustrating spent the day at the school giving workshops for students.

Here are some samples from the workshop on journalism held by Megan Aprile of the Key Peninsula NEWS.

The students were asked to write as if they were reporting for the Minter School News. Eric Dinius chose a "hard news" approach for his piece.

"January 17 was Minter Creek's Annual writer's conference workshop. Throughout the day students had four classes. Each student had the privilege of choosing one class; the other three the teachers chose. All the students had to present a story they wrote."

Eric Dinius

Taking the words about knowing your readers to heart, Lee Crider chose a subject of great interest to any school kid - school lunches.

"I think that school lunches should be better because the lunches aren't that good. That's why I hardly buy lunch. It's ridiculous that lunch costs \$1.20, when it has nothing good about it."

Lee Crider



As all of us who are associated with the NEWS go about our daily business in the community, we hear mostly good things about our paper, which is run by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and has brought Key Peninsula people local news for the last eighteen years.

The NEWS has grown over the years, but volunteers are still a vital reason that the paper continues to exist.

The NEWS has a lot to offer - like a nice working environment; a supportive atmosphere; and very worthwhile work.

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We need people who enjoy working with the financial aspects as well; someone who would enjoy scouting out lower cost alternatives for office supplies and so forth, or who has other kinds of financial skills and experience. We also would like to do more research and market research work.

In short, we have something for everyone, and you work for an hour or any length of time that fits into your life and schedule. For all of us, it is a labor of love, and one which we enjoy very much. We invite you to share in it too.

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1991 salmon, bottomfish licenses

New sport salmon and bottomfish licenses for 1991 have arrived at license dealers throughout Washington. The new license will cost salmon anglers an additional dollar to help pay for regional salmon enhancement projects. The enhancement program action is the result of a bill passed by the 1990 Legislature designed to improve salmon runs statewide. The new license is effective January 1, 1991.

The one dollar sport salmon license increase, combined with a commercial salmon license increase of \$100, is expected to generate about \$700,000 per year to fund projects from 12 regional groups statewide.

Salmon anglers are reminded to please return salmon catch record cards no later than January 31, 1991. This includes anglers who did not catch any salmon. These catch record cards are important to calculate sport fishing successes and failures in all fishing areas. Catch record cards can be mailed to the Washington Department of Fisheries, 115 General Administration Building, Olympia, Washington 98504.



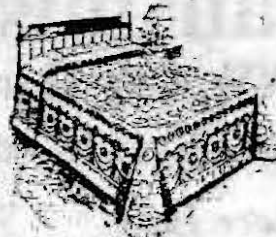
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Kids say the darndest things

by Kirsti Feldmann
Don't believe it?

One day when my niece was showing signs of sibling rivalry with her new brother, her mom told Emily that she would have to find some other way to deal with her frustrations.

She asked Emily, who was about 3 at the time if she had any ideas of other things she could do when she got angry at her brother. After much thought Emily said, "I know, how about a poke in the eye?"

My nephew Forest once pointed at the back of his knee and explained "it hurts right there in the arm pit of my leg."

There was another time when my father went to kindergarten with Forest on Grandparents Day. Dad was having a good time listening to the teacher read a poem to the class. It was about springtime and the joys of seeing new blossoms and gardens growing.

The wording being poetic said something about the green pea in the garden. Forest looked at one of his classmates with a funny expression on his face and asked "Pee, green?"

As a small child, my daughter Amy used to go with me to watch her daddy play softball. She enjoying watching everyone root for their teams as much as she did the game.

At one game, after I told Amy that her dad was about to bat, she sat up and in her cute but loud voice she hollered, "hit a homo daddy." Of course she meant 'hit a homerun.' I don't think her dad got a hit that time at bat.

I enjoy a child's view of the world because it is both fun and funny: fun seeing how children view the world around them, (maybe it is also an opportunity to regain a bit of our own childhood); and funny because their innocence creates their own unique perspectives!

KP NEWS Poll

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Many callers expressed a basic desire to keep their tax bill as low as possible, and many cited the necessity of living on a fixed income. Low income seniors may be eligible for a property tax exemption.

Persons receiving an exemption must be 62 years old, (applicants can be 61 at the time of application); and must have a gross annual income of no more than \$18,000.

To obtain a Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, call 591-7104 or visit the Assessor/Treasurer's Office, Pierce County Annex, 2401 S. 35th Street, Tacoma.

Lastly, although our Peninsula is small geographically, some callers said they never used the facilities and saw no need to support them.

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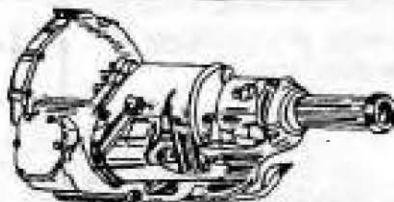
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Dateline Olympia

The legislative session has begun in Olympia. In his "State of the State" address, Governor Gardner said:

"These are not normal times. Every one of us is holding our breath, praying for peace, and worrying about the thousands of Washington women and men who are in Saudi Arabia. But no matter how much we worry about events so far away, we have to stay focused on keeping the home fires burning, and what worries me is that the home fire of democracy has burned too low.

In our last election, only 39 percent of the eligible citizens of our state voted - the lowest percentage in our history. And that sad percentage wasn't just an aberration - it was part of an alarming trend of public disengagement from democracy itself. Democracy won't run on autopilot. Cynicism won't solve our problems. And people who believe that the world can get by without their help are suffering from a dangerous delusion.

It's not hard to understand why people are worried - about war, about the economy, and about the future of our environment, our schools, and our children. But it is hard to understand why so many of us take our freedom for granted."

An important part of citizen involvement is not only to vote, but to give feedback to our legislators. It can be very confusing to follow the process that goes on Olympia. The NEWS does not take a political position on any issue, and

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To Your Health

by Wm F. Roes, MD



column, but this recipe might be worth trying (at least once).

The general idea is to cook the meat in unsaturated fats, drain the fats, rinse, separate the meat broth from the fats, and add back the broth. The resulting hamburger (ground pork, ground veal or lamb) will have a fat composition which is healthier.

Start with 1 pound of raw hamburger. Mix with 1 pt. of vegetable oil and heat to near boiling for 5-10 minutes while stirring.

Keep the heat raised for a few more minutes to brown the meat and boil off excess water. Remove it from the heat and strain through a fine strainer, keeping the oil/fat liquid.

Now pour 1 cup of boiling water over the meat, collecting it in the same oil/fat container. Remove and allow to cool. If you place the oil/water/fat mixture in the refrigerator, the fats will solidify and rise, making separation from the broth easy.

Add some of the broth back to the meat to enhance its flavor, and then use the meat in any way you usually use ground hamburger- spaghetti sauce, tacos etc.

I must admit we haven't tried it yet, but the idea is interesting. If you'd like a copy of the article from the NEJM drop by the Health Center, and if your recipe turns out OK, bring us some of the leftovers.

comes with her arms full! She has found a new game that Lois and Linda will like, flowers, a picture for Galen, and something noisy for Troy.

If you are caring for someone at home who has special needs, a change of scene can give both of you a break from the same old routine. That's what Respite is all about.

All our regular participants look on their day at Respite as the highlight of the week. You'd be surprised at how your loved ones will enjoy something different, a chance to share their stories with a new audience.

We are in the Brones Room at the Health Center right by the Library in Key Center every Wednesday from 9 am to 4 pm. Newcomers and visitors are welcome. The door is open, the coffee pot is on, so come in and join us!

Obituaries

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

William H. Heine

William H. Heine, 89, a resident in the Home area since 1903, died on January 11, 1991. He was born June 11, 1901 in New York, New York. He had been employed as a logger. Graveside services were held at Lakebay Cemetery.

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We have some new faces for the new year at Respite Care. Jane Albrecht and Evelyn Gelling recently started as volunteers. Carrie Ellsworth will be Pauline Longley's substitute and assistant. She has a background in caregiving.

Troy joined us a few weeks ago. He's our youngest at age 22. So far Hazel still holds the record for being our oldest at 98 years young.

Pauline, our director, brings so much to the program. There is warmth, charm, fresh ideas and also her background as a nurse, but she literally does bring a lot to the program! Every Wednesday she

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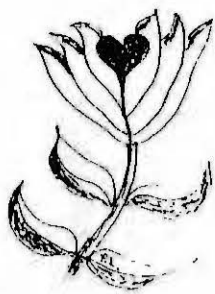
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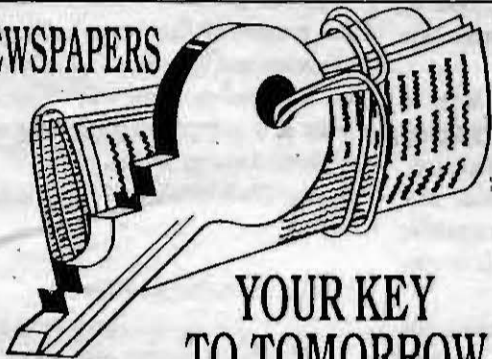


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Now is the time to start getting your information together for you income tax for 1990. Some of the standard items are W-2's, 1099's, records of medical expenses, real estate and personal property taxes, mortgage interest, personal interest (you still can take 10% for 1990), charitable donations and miscellaneous itemized deductions such as job travel, union dues, job education, tax preparation, safe deposit box and so on.

It still is a good tax planning tool to refinance your home to pay off your personal interest contract, because home mortgage interest is deductible and personal interest is not deductible for 1991.

Fire Department accepting bids on surplus property

Pierce County Fire Protection District 16 will receive bids no later than February 25, 1991, 7:30 pm for the following: One (1) 1981 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis with 400 cubic inch V-8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering and heavy duty alternator with vehicle identification number 1FDKF37Z1BNA81704. The vehicle has 75,000 miles on it. Vehicle is to be sold in as is condition at 8911 Key Peninsula Highway KPN, Lakebay.

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For further information contact: Fred Ramsdell, Technical Officer, Pierce County Fire protection District 16, 884-2222

Dateline Olympia, con't

we will do our best to keep you informed about the progress of bills our legislators have sponsored or other bills which will impact us on the Key Peninsula. If you would like to get more information or talk to our legislators about your concerns, the legislative hotline number and Olympia phone numbers of our legislators are listed below.

Senate Bill 5195, PROPERTY TAX REFORM, has passed in the senate and is currently in committee. It is a very important bill which proposes to freeze property tax assessments at their 1989 levels for one year.

Before the bill can become law, county governments must also approve the rollback because reducing the total valuation of properties would cause a substantial increase in local levy rates.

House Bill 1100, the EDUCATION 2000 TASK FORCE, introduced by Representative Wes Pruitt, would create a task force of educators, parents, business people and state legislators to redefine the goals of the state education system to focus on the skills students will need once they leave school.

Pruitt's bill outlines certain areas in which the task force should develop goals: academics; vocational education; personal development; and social and civic responsibilities. There was a public hearing on the bill in January - it is currently in committee.

The Office of Financial Management has recommended to Governor Gardner that the minimum wage be increased to \$4.80 per hour by January 1, 1992. Until a legislator steps forward to sponsor a recommendation of this kind, no action will be taken.

Another recommendation with no sponsor as yet has been made by Attorney General Ken Eikenberry to create a statewide network of consumer dispute mediation units.

The Washington State Education Association is planning to introduce a legislative package with five main points: lowering class size (Washington is currently 48 in national rankings); increased salaries for all educational employees, alternative methods of school funding to create a more stable tax base; a restructuring of schools to allow more community control; and an improvement in retirement plans for teachers.

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New census data released

Preliminary 1990 census data for the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula areas show the region has grown by about 47% over the past ten years. The total population for the two peninsulas was 41,090, up by 13,215 residents since the 1980 count.

The Key Peninsula has 4,161 households, with a total of 10,569 people, or about 2.5 people per home dwelling unit.

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Great American Pizza

has new owner

The Pizza Factory owned by Charles and Edna Campbell has been sold to new resident Ed Clement.

Ed plans to keep the menu the same for now, and is learning all of the in-house recipes. Ed first saw the Key Peninsula when he helped move his parents here upon their retirement. He's looking forward to becoming a part of the community.

Washington gets an "A", but . . .

A private research group says Washington state's development capacity is among the best in the U.S., but its overall economic health is only average because of high unemployment and a high business failure rate.

According to the 1990 Development Report Card issued by the Washington D.C.-based Corporation for Enterprise Development, Washington was one of 11 states that earned an "A" for development capacity.

"Washington is a leading state in the quality and availability of critical human and technology resources, but three other indicators of its economic health are only mediocre," the study said. Washington's rate of new company formation was about average but its growth of new business was below average and its business failure rate is among the highest in the nation."

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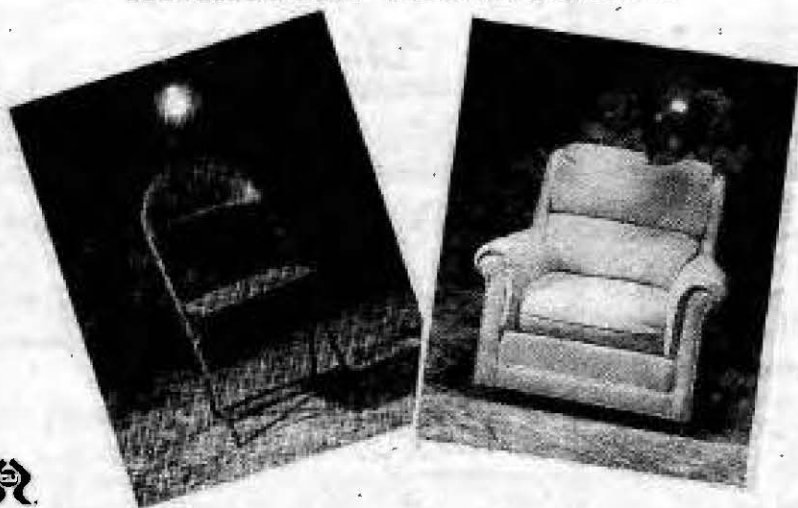
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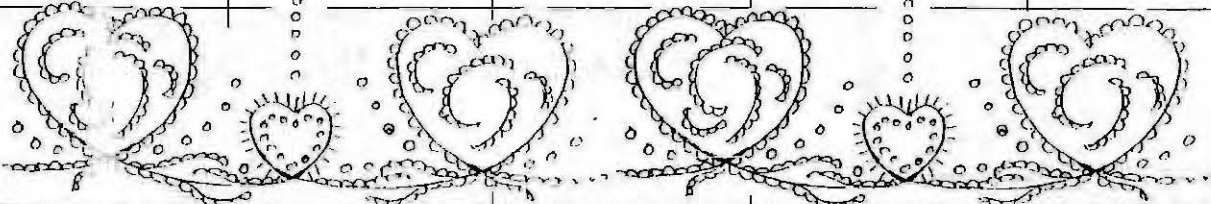
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