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Washington, our beautiful state. Happy 100th Birthday

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Washington 100, KP News 16

While not quite as old as the state, the Key Peninsula News is coming up on its sixteenth birthday. That will be sixteen years of bringing you the news, features and happenings that make up the unique atmosphere of the Key Peninsula.

Like persons who will be sixteen, we feel it's a milestone. We've grown a lot since 1975, when our logo was "neighborhood news from Wauna to Longbranch", but we have never lost sight of our purpose, which is to support and promote the activities of the Key Peninsula and the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The Civic Center is special to us because it is our home and the home of our publishers, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

During our birthday year, we will be running selected items from our first years. We also want to recognize the local businesses who have been advertising with us all this time. We are planning a cookbook with recipes from past issues of the News and the community at large, and we will also be offering t-shirts and sweat-shirts for sale that say (of course) "I read the Key Peninsula News".

These are available by order only in classic newsprint colors, white letters on black or black on white. T's are \$8.00, sweats \$16.00. You can order by filling out the coupon on page 2 or by phone. If you would like to phone your order, please call after business hours and leave a message on the answering machine. Orders will take about 3 weeks to fill.

We know that without the support of our advertisers, the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the many volunteers who have worked on the paper through the years, the KP News would not have survived, but it is our loyal readers that have made our "little paper" as it's often called, the local institution that it is today, and we thank each and every one of you.

Fire district 16 takes honors again

by Hugh McMillan

The Key Peninsula Fire Department was awarded second place in the Management Excellence Awards competition for
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Who won?

Election day is Tuesday November 7. Local election returns are seldom if ever broadcast on Seattle radio and television stations. This year, our Peninsula school district radio station, KGHP, is continuing to take a meaningful role in community affairs by broadcasting local election returns. In October, students staged a debate between Gig Harbor mayoral candidates and Peninsula School Board candidates. Two of those candidates, Archelle Reynolds and Leo LeBitty, were candidates for a school board position covering the north half of the Peninsula. Listeners learned a great deal about the philosophies and goals of all candidates.

KGHP is received at 89.9 FM. Local returns will be broadcast as they become available on election night. Local positions of particular interest to Key Peninsula voters are the Fire district 16 commissioner's race between John Hendrickson and Keith Stiles, and the School board race between Archelle Reynolds and Leo LeBitty.

100th Birthday bashes

Join thousands of fellow Washingtonians for Washington state birthday celebrations. There will be Centennial balls, parties and essay contests around the state. Hospitals will honor first babies born in the new century. Bakeries will share birthday cakes. Schools will present Centennial concerts.

The Pierce County Centennial Commission is holding a hoedown on November 10 at the Western Washington fairgrounds in Pnyallup from 4 to 9 pm. There will be no charge for the event and everyone in the county is invited to attend.

Planned as an old fashioned hoedown, those coming can dance to the music of the era, see and hear the results of a countywide essay and poster contest, take a hay ride, view a media exhibition of local projects and generally have fun. Those individuals and organizations who have made a significant contribution to the preservation of Pierce County's heritage will be honored at the event.

Communities everywhere will acknowledge Washington's 100th birthday on November 11. In Olympia, a ceremony at the capitol will feature fireworks, a time capsule, giant cakes in the shape of Washington landmarks and the receipt of a beam of light from a star approximately 100 light years away.

For a schedule of Olympia events and tips on how to celebrate, call 1-800-321-1889.

Centennial commission seeks "capsule keepers"

The 1989 Washington Centennial Commission is seeking 100 children born in Washington state between November 4 and November 19, 1979, to be the official "capsule keepers" of the 1989 Centennial Time Capsule.

The capsule will be opened at 25-year intervals for a period of 400 years. Every 25 years, a new group of capsule keepers will fill the capsule with items to be taken out 25 years later. Some of the items unseen until Washington's 500th birthday in the year 2389.

The capsule will be monitored over the next 25 years by the capsule keepers born between November 4 and November 19, 1979. This group will be responsible
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KP NEWS Deadline

The next issue of the KP NEWS will come out on November 20. Please note that the deadline for notices, articles and ads for that issue is Monday, November 13.

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To the Editor

To the editor:

Remarks I have heard concerning the traffic revision of the Hall, South Vaughn Roads and SR 302 intersection have been most revealing. Apparently quite a number of people in this area are very resistant to change. No matter that the change concerns safety. Maybe some drivers don't give a hoot about the safety of themselves and others. But I do!

Since moving here in 1985 I have viewed this intersection as an abomination and one of the most dangerous I have seen. It's too bad that some people are so affected by changes. The horse and buggy was nice, but now we have two to four ton vehicles on the roads. These vehicles are iron, steel, aluminum and plastic. At times they are projectiles on wheels, if not properly controlled. I for one was exceptionally pleased to see the officials finally take some action to improve traffic flow through this intersection.

Howard Reynolds
Vaughn

To the editor:

It goes without saying that the fire department is a powerful force in our community, mainly because it offers help to folks in time of disaster.

The community has voted \$650,000 in levy money for the next two years—that is a pretty sizable public trust. Who will best manage it for us? Who should be the next fire commissioner?

Running a fire department is a large and complicated business, and the people who have been responsible have done an excellent job in a community that is growing like Topsy.

During this campaign we have been given some insights into some problems that have risen. Jim Penfield in a letter to the editor last spring gave us some valuable information that needs to be remembered, when he challenged the status quo, which is never an easy thing to do.

Not enough business expertise and a lack of forthrightness in disclosure to the public seem to be weaknesses that need to be corrected.

If we want open and efficient government, this is a time to look for true excellence in a candidate. We want a man who is clearly dedicated to accountability to the community at large, not just the fire department. We need a man with vision who can foresee problems before they arise and set about solving them in an efficient and timely manner. Keith Stiles fills the bill. We are fortunate to have a man of his caliber willing to take on the job. Let's vote him in!

Virginia Thompson
Lakebay

To the editor:

"Shorty," the white ram, loved by friends of Burley Galleria, was attacked and mortally wounded by two Shar-pei dogs, Sunday morning, October 22. Shorty, the Burley Galleria mascot, en-

joyed having his ears scratched and snacking on handfuls of grain offered by adults and children who made special trips for the sole purpose of visiting him.

At the time of the attack, Shorty was in his home pasture to breed the ewes of his small flock. They, also, were destroyed in the attack. We were forced to kill one of the dogs, the other escaped. All of this could have easily have been avoided if the dog owner restrained his dogs.

Our sheep had been attacked by these dogs on prior occasions and the owner was notified. We tried to dog-proof the fence. After Shorty's attack, we learned the dogs climbed the fence at the corner.

Many people will miss Shorty. Our sheep were pets and raised for wool, not butchering, certainly not to suffer the pain and tragedy of being torn apart by dogs.

Where are your dogs today? The owner of the Shar-pei that attacked our sheep could not believe his dogs would do such a thing. Now, he believes. Do you think your dogs are incapable of injuring another living being? Do you believe your dog is "street smart" and could never be hit by a car?

I would like to think someone reading this will respond by controlling the family dog and avoid at least one possible tragedy. I think Shorty would like it too.
Dolores Nicolai
Burley

To the editor:

I would like to thank the Fire Department of Key Center for responding so quickly to my 911 call on October 30, 1989.

My three-month-old daughter had suffered from a loss of breath and passed out. She quit breathing for several seconds at which time I called for medical assistance. Within a few minutes the ambulance arrived. They took excellent care of her! I am happy to say she is all right.

I would also like to thank them for the care they gave me when I was in labor with her on August 6. Once again they were there to see my child and I through a difficult time. I am happy to know we have a great team working in our Fire Department.

Thanks again, guys!
Leigh and Autumn Schulz
Gig Harbor

Food Bank needs food

The number of families who need food from the food bank is rising. Our food bank in Home is now giving food baskets to twenty-six families. A family may receive two baskets a month, which will contain canned meat, vegetables, soup, applesauce, pasta and other canned food. At the same time, the normal sources are falling. Please give canned or non-perishable food if you can. Donations may be dropped off at the Community Services Center in Home, between 10 am and 4 pm Tuesday through Friday. Donations can be picked up if necessary by calling 884-4440.

KPCCA arts and crafts fair coming soon

Don't miss the annual arts and crafts fair on Saturday November 25. Shopping hours will be from 9 to 4 pm with a nice assortment of quality handmade items. In keeping with the season, there will be wreaths and Christmas decorations. There will be sweatshirts, around the world items, stained glass with wood frames, stained glass wind chimes, wood crafted items, stuffed toys, baby clothes, quilts, crocheted items, and woodern bird feeders and houses. Dori Richards will be there with six of her students with oil paintings and mini prints.

Santa will be there from 10 am to 2 pm, giving out candy canes to all the children. Santa will be happy to have his picture taken with your child also, for a small fee.

Volunteers from the Key Peninsula Community Services Center in Home will be manning the kitchen, offering a variety of treats. Proceeds from the food sales will go to benefit the food bank.

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Class B Fire Districts at the recent Washington Fire Commissioners' Association conference. This annual competition embraces some 419 fire districts in the state.

Districts receiving the awards are judged to excel in various disciplines including firefighter training, fire prevention, budgetary and administrative control, emergency medical services, involvement with the public, participation in various county, state, and national fire prevention, emergency medical, emergency management, disaster planning, communications, and several other demands of the service.

Fire district 16 began entering the competitions in 1982 and has received awards every year.

Evergreen Elementary News

Evergreen Eagle Boosters will meet November 14 at 7 pm at Evergreen School. There will be a business meeting at 7 pm and at 7:30 a program will be presented by Wetzel's Recycling. The Eagle Boosters has been called the Volunteer Parent Organization, but we are not limited to Evergreen parents. Interested community members, grandparents, staff and students from Evergreen are always welcome and necessary for a successful partnership.

Principal Larry Hawkins reports that eight fifth graders from Evergreen are learning about responsibility by being given responsibility. They have been asked to be rainy day recess helpers in the first and second grades. Their job is to model good citizenship, lead classroom games and to be generally friendly and helpful to the younger students during rainy day recesses. Congratulations to these fifth graders: Jeanne McCourt, Eva Miller, Jacey Pike, Amy Nicholson, Holly Kintner, Lisa Corbin, Scott Fleshman and Daniel Silva.

Ocktoberfest - a new tradition

by Megan Aprile

Ocktoberfest, the annual festival staged on the third weekend in October by the Key Peninsula Business Association, was another success this year, in spite of the fact that most of the advertising was by word of mouth, due to the week long closure of the Key Peninsula News.

Maybe it was Doug Blundell's chowder, or maybe people wanted to see how Shirley Frame would dress up her scarecrow this year, or maybe people didn't want to miss the chance to turn their apples into delicious cider. The well-organized set-up and operation of the

Angel Guild News

Once again we say a big thank you to all who have made it possible for us to continue to do well. We are aware some organizations will be having special projects during the holidays and we'd like to remind you that to obtain a donation, your request is required to be in writing and received by the fifteenth of the month, to be considered by the membership at that month's meeting.

Our by-laws read "All donations must be given within Fire District 16, with the exception of Peninsula High School which serves the youth from said district." We're pleased to serve our community.

Community Services Bazaar

Key Peninsula Community Services will host a holiday bazaar and breakfast on Sunday, December 10 at the Longbranch Improvement Club. Butane heaters will be imported for the event to produce a cozy atmosphere.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 am, and from 11 am on, hamburgers and hot dogs will be available. Booths are available for \$10 to anyone wishing to sell crafts or other items.

All proceeds will go to benefit the food bank.

More Pierce County deputies hired

Voters in unincorporated Pierce County approved a \$3.6 million road-fund levy in September 1987 for 50 additional Pierce County deputies and equipment, including patrol cars. Levy monies were also used to increase justice service department staff.

Following a lengthy hiring process involving more than 2,000 applicants, the new recruits are trained and working alongside the other 175 commissioned officers in the department. Thirty-six of the 50 are assigned to patrol duty in Lakewood and Puyallup's South Hill. Others are beefing up the Peninsula, Mountain and Valley patrol detachments.

cider press made for some fast squeezing and the huge steaming pot of chowder made some good eating. I wanted to see the prize pumpkins; the "biggies" grown by local gardeners and the decorated ones done by people aged one to "mature".

Fred Ramsdell's pumpkin, pictured on the front page, took the prize at 80+ pounds. I wanted to know Mr. Ramsdell's pumpkin growing secrets. He claimed that his last year's pumpkin was even bigger. How, I asked did he do it? What was the secret? He considered a moment, but no longer. "I just throw the seeds out on the ground," he said. "I don't do anything to them. That's the best way; just leave them alone." Whenever I've thrown seeds out on the ground, they have instantly disappeared into a thicket of couch grass, so I still wonder if Mr. Ramsdell knows something the rest of us don't.

Kudos go to the KPBA for putting on such a nice community event.

Burley News

The Burley Library Association will meet 7:30 pm, Wednesday November 15 at the Burley Community Hall, next door to the Post Office. Topics slated for the meeting include; a community Christmas party, election of trustees, planning an agenda for 1990, fellowship and new ideas you wish to submit.

Membership is open to persons interested in the welfare or betterment of the community, regardless of where they live. This non-profit, non-partisan, social and educational club endeavors to foster and encourage a higher degree of fellowship among its members, thereby securing better and more improvements through an understanding of social and economic conditions.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend the November 15 meeting and share their constructive ideas with the enthusiastic membership and the recently installed officers; Ron Roper, president; Kenny Organ, vice-president and Sheryl Pierson, secretary-treasurer.

YWCA offers free classes

The YWCA Resource Center offers a program for women or men looking for trades employment. The class will cover the blue collar job market, trades training programs, apprenticeships and more. Class begins November 13. There is free child care for students. Call Lois Jones at 272-4181.

The Women in Transition/Employment Readiness program offers services to women (or men) seeking a change in their present status or career field. Learn how to re-enter the work force or find other opportunities. For more information come to the YWCA resource center or call to register for the next class starting on November 13, 1989. Free child care is available. Call Linda McLeod at 272-4181.



Decorated pumpkins wait for judging. All of these won prizes.

KP NEWS photo by Joe Aprile

Key Dates

business/professional groups:

Altrusa	Nov. 14 - noon	Shoreline restaurant
Caregivers group	Nov. 15 - 6:30 - 9:30	KC Library, Brones room

KPBA	Nov. 17 - 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn
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childrens organizations:

Cub Scouts; bear den 4 webelos		see Civic Center calendar
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Boy Scouts:

civic organizations:

Cootiettes	Nov. 7	visit Cottesmore
	Nov. 14	visit Retsil Vet. Home

meet at noon in Key Center to carpool

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild	Nov. 9 - luncheon mtg.	home of Olwyn Merrill
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KPCCA	Nov. 9 - 7:30	KPCC, Whitmore room
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Lions Club	Nov. 15 - 7 pm	Huckleberry Inn
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Longbranch Imp. Club	Nov. 15	Longbranch Church Hall
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potluck - 7 pm, meeting 7:30 pm

VFW and auxiliary	Nov. 12 - 7:30 pm	KPCC, VFW room
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community/church groups:

Friends of the Library	Nov. 8 - 7 pm	KC Library, Brones room
	presentation by Stephanie Coontz	

Longbranch Community Church	Nov. 12	Longbranch Community Church
Community Church	dedication & potluck	

community services:

hot lunch for seniors	Nov. 8, 15, 22 - noon	Community Center, Home
respice care	Nov. 8, 15 - 9 am - 3 pm	KC Library, Brones room

of interest to parents:

Evergreen Eagle Boosters	Nov. 14 - 7 pm	Evergreen Elementary
Peninsula School Board	Nov. 9 - 7:30 pm	Educational Service Ctr. Purdy

Vaughn VPO	Nov. 14 - 7 pm	Vaughn Elementary
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public meetings:

KP Park Board	Nov. 8 - 7:30 pm	KPCC
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self - help groups:

Al-Anon	Nov. 6, 13, 20 - 7 - 8 pm	Longbranch Improvement Club
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Survivors Group	Nov. 9 - 2 - 3:30 pm	KC Library, Brones room
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social/hobby groups:

Bayshore Garden Club	Nov. 17 - 1 pm	Longbranch Hall
Gig Harbor Twirlers	Nov. 13, 20	Square dance lessons, Burley, next to P.O.

	7:30 - 9:30 pm	KPCC, Whitmore room
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KP Senior Society	Nov. 9, 16 - noon	Longbranch Church
Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club	Nov. 8 - 10 am	

Peninsula Social Club	Nov. 7 - potluck 6:30 pm	Longbranch Church
	meeting 7:00 pm	

Ruth Circle	Nov. 20 - noon	Longbranch Church
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Twilight Dance Club	Nov. 18 - 9 pm - 1 am	KPCC
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Vaughn Garden Club	Nov. 14 - 10:30 am	KC Library, Brones room
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for reminding state officials that the capsule is to be opened and filled in 2014. A new generation of keepers will be recruited at that time.

The capsule will be dedicated at the state capital building at 3:15 pm on November 11 as part of the official Centennial day activities. Call (206) 448-0856 for more information if your child is eligible.

What garbage

by Megan Aprile

In an effort to deal with the ever-mounting tons of garbage, also known as waste stream or solid waste, a 20-year management plan has been put out in final draft form for review by cities, towns and the state department of ecology. The plan covers Pierce County and has been released from the public works department. It is available at libraries or by calling 591-3678.

The number one priority set up by the state legislature was a 50% reduction of garbage through recycling, and the county plan also puts recycling as the first priority. By early next year, representatives from the recycling industry, solid waste management associations and state and local governments will recommend ways to expand markets for the state's recycled materials. The basic philosophy which is emerging is that a material is not

truly recycled until it is made into another usable product. Special emphasis will be given to yard waste, tires, plastics and waste paper such as magazine and junk mail papers because they are the most difficult to dispose of or recycle. It is hoped that 50% of the waste stream will be recycled by 1991, but that still leaves thousands of tons of garbage annually. Options for converting waste to energy are controversial, but the county will continue to carefully explore those options. Waste to energy conversion is commonly known as garbage burning.

Landfilling is a last option. The Hidden Valley landfill, which is the only landfill left in Pierce County, will close in 1991, so long hauling of waste to some other part of the state is a strong possibility, since the siting and approval of a new landfill is a lengthy process.

The county plan also endorses the use of treated or composted sludge and septage. One local septic company currently trucks septic pumpings to Renton for disposal. Annetta Hemley of Hemley Septic Pumping expressed a concern that she says all operators of septic pumping companies must soon face, and that is how to legally and safely dump septic pumpings. Hemley trucks travel to Renton because "tipping" (dumping) fees are low, but the Renton land could and probably eventually will refuse to accept septage. Because many rural homes have septic systems, planning for the disposal of pumpings is important.

Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

Starting in October, the IRS charges 11% interest on tax underpayments and 10% interest on tax overpayments, in each case a rate reduction of one percentage point. Rates will be adjusted again on January 1, 1990.

Estimated tax is the method used to pay tax on income that is not subject to withholding. This includes income from self-employment, interest, dividends, alimony, rent, gains from the sale of assets, etc. Under tax reform estimated tax payments, plus the taxes withheld from your salary, must equal 90% (old law, 80%) of the total tax due or you'll be hit with an 11% penalty on the underpayment.

Self-employment tax is 13.02% of your net self-employment earnings. (unless you have made \$48,000 this year and you have already paid the maximum in Social Security tax through withholding.) Failure to pay self-employment tax, like income tax, can subject you to IRS penalties for late payment and underpayment of estimated tax.

Business briefs

Dan Towey has formed **Mobile Music and Sound Systems**. He will offer a wide variety of music spanning seven decades, as well as video, light shows and a mirror ball. He can provide sound for wedding receptions, Christmas parties, and other social gatherings. Dan had scheduled a dance at the Civic Center for October 14, which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of the closure of the building, but that event will be rescheduled.

Dan spent summers on the Peninsula as a boy, and is now building a home here where he will live with his wife Michele and their twin four-month old sons, Jake Oryen and John Paul.

Marty Sorlie, owner of the **Clip Joint** in beautiful downtown Vaughn, is offering a special; 50 cents off a haircut for a food bank donation of one can of food, and \$1.00 for three cans. Thanks, Marty.

Peninsula Seahawks make play-off try

The Peninsula High School Seahawks will meet the North Kitsap Vikings Tuesday, November 7 in Poulsbo. The winning team secures a spot in the state AA play-offs. The game will be broadcast live from North Kitsap High School in Poulsbo on KGHP 89.9 FM. The pre-game show starts at 7:20 pm.

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Fun Times**



l. to right, Jan Rogers, Peggy McDonald, Barb Turecky and May Hudson.



l. to r. Dave Turner, Ed Hudson, Elizabeth Burstad, Tonya Schuler and Mary Bowen are the teen helpers for Project Plus.

May Hudson, one of the Parenting Plus teachers, has worked in the Home and Family Life program at Bates Vocational School for a long time.

Parenting Plus, which is held at Vaughn elementary for parents with small children, is run cooperatively with Bates and other agencies, and May is an ideal person to represent the idea behind the program. May Hudson, Jan Rogers, Peggy McDonald and Barb Turecky are in charge. If you're a kid, you're going to want to sit on their laps. If you're a grown-up you're going to want to pick their brains.

Having made the study of kids and their behavior their profession, they have acquired an enormous amount of the practical kinds of information that makes raising children so much easier.

If you have a smart best friend who has raised lots of children and will share all her tips with you, feed you dinner and have some enthusiastic friendly teenagers around to do fun activities with your kids, you probably don't need this class, but otherwise you don't want to miss it.

Come once or everytime, Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:45 pm at Vaughn Elementary. May asks that you call the school office by noon Tuesday to "let us know if you'll be attending on Thursday. We don't want to run out of food!"

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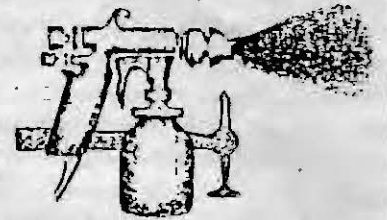
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Civic Center Halloween Success Story

by Dixie Lodholm,
LDS Church, KC Ward Activity
Chairman

The Halloween carnival was a big success with between 900 and 1000 people attending. About 600 kids went through the "spook alley". The Key Peninsula community; the Civic Center Association, the local business men and women, professional people, parents association and individuals really came through with donations of cash, candy and prizes to make it a fun and safe night for the children. Without their support this wonderful free carnival would not be possible. Please read this list of contributors and when you see them give them a big thank you.

On behalf of the ward, we would like to thank the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association for asking the Key Center Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints to organize and direct the carnival. The membership really sprang into action with 40 families participating in one way or another. Some donated candy, cup cakes or money and lots of our members worked hard in the creating and setting up of the carnival and spook alley. Others worked during the carnival and some helped with tear down and clean-up. Some helped with *everything*. Thank you all so much.

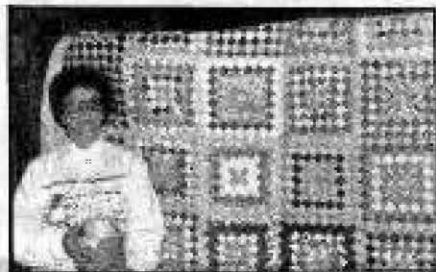
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Helen Wolniewicz, raffle chairman, stands beside the hand-pieced quilt which was donated for the raffle, and hand quilted by Georgia Gillis.

The quilt will be on display at the Arts and Crafts fair at the Civic Center.

Hugh McMillan re-elected region 7 director

Key Peninsula Fire District 16 Commissioner Hugh McMillan was re-elected to another two year term in the Washington Fire Commissioners' Association (WFCA). McMillan will serve as the Region Seven Director, covering Pierce and Thurston counties. Election to this office is by the vote of all fire commissioners or proxy holders attending the conference from throughout the State.

The WFCA Board of Directors determines and coordinates policies for 419 state fire districts on matters concerning fire district funding and fire and emergency medical protection. It serves as an advocate and representative of the state's fire districts and taxpayer's interests in dealings with the state legislature and the National Fire Protection Association(NFPA). The NFPA is a non-profit organization heavily influenced by manufacturers of fire equipment, which recommends equipment upgrades; many of which are felt by the WFCA to be unwarranted, inapplicable to local conditions, and excessively costly. The Washington Fire Commissioners' Association's Board of Directors also oversees committees which formulate educational and training programs for the fire service among many other matters.

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A Tribute to Ruth Little

Ruth Little was born on June 24, 1898, to George and Nellie Putnam of Prairie City, Iowa. Her family subsequently moved to Spokane, Washington. She attended Eastern Washington College and then taught in that part of the state. She studied music at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and taught in the Chicago area, where she met and married Joseph Little.

After World War II, Ruth and her husband came to Washinton and settled on the Peninsula. They lived first in the Lakebay-Longbranch area, and then built a home in Gig Harbor. Ruth worked as a teacher in the Peninsula school district. In the late 1950's the Littles moved to Vaughn Bay. Ruth retired from teaching in the early 1960's, although she continued as a substitute teacher for many years. In the words of David Suter, pastor of Longbranch Community Church, "Ruth died on October 18, 1989, at the age of 91, with the same dignity and independence with which she had lived."

Many people living on the Peninsula never met Ruth Little, but they knew her through her words. Ruth was one of the founders of the Key Peninsula News, which started its life as the "Key Peninsula Civic Center Newsletter". In the very first year of operation, 1975, it was a large sheet or two left for free in the stores around the Peninsula. By the next year,

1976, the Newsletter had grown to several pages, and Ruth began writing a column called "Little by Little", where she discussed everything from making soap to Congress' pay raise. Her intelligence, which sparkles from the pages, was like that. One thing sort of naturally led to another.

It seemed the most fitting tribute to quote from those columns.

March 1977

Recently there was a report in the paper about a dinner being given for the elderly somewhere in Tacoma. Of course, heaven forbid, they didn't call them elderly. They were referred to as S—— C——s. I refuse to write that idiotic expression. No one talks of Junior Citizens. How would all of you under 65 like being called Junior Citizens?

The woman who was sponsoring the dinner was no doubt a very good woman and interested in helping old people, but she must have had a hang-up on old age, because she cautioned everyone "not to dare to call them old folks." Now, I want to know what's wrong with being called "old folks"? It's wonderful being an old person!

February 1977

Quite a few years ago we had one of our winters when the water freezes enough for ice skating, and everyone, or nearly everyone, digs out the old ice skates and heads for Doyle's Pond. As

one of our well-known citizens (he probably won't like it that I'm telling this story, so I'll not give his name) was skating about, showing off how good he was, his feet suddenly got ahead of the rest of him and he fell with a thud. As he hit the ice, his false teeth shot out of his mouth, landing some distance away on the ice. With remarkable presence of mind he immediately shouted out in a loud voice, "Hold everything - don't move!" All the skaters stopped dead in their tracks while he searched for the missing teeth - and found them.

Today I watched a ruffed grouse in my apple tree for fifteen minutes. I don't know what he was so busy eating - I hope some harmful insect or insect eggs. Last spring a grouse flew into my big window, and when my attempts to revive it failed, I had grouse for dinner. Delicious, too! As I prepared it for cooking, I discovered the crop chuck full of pink Japanese plum blossoms, just as they had been when on the tree a few minutes earlier. Apparently their diet includes quite a variety of foods, depending on what's available...

Practically any nice day, if you take time to go out in your yard and sit still for several minutes among the trees, you will be rewarded by seeing some kinglets - those tiny, short-tailed, olive-gray birds. The ruby-crowned has a white eye ring, so can be distinguished easily from the

golden-crowned, since the bright colors on top of their heads don't show much of the time. These birds winter in our area but won't be noticed unless you are looking closely. They move about very quickly, often with flocks of chickadees. The Sitka Kinglet from Alaska joins our native birds during the winter. It is smaller and slightly duller in color, but has an amazingly loud voice for such a mite of a bird.

October 1977

In this column, Ruth begins by explaining the aggravation of machines, then goes on to tell this story...The purchase was for...material. When I gave the sales girl 52 cents...she said the machine showed it was 54 cents. One glance at her as she studied the machine, which definitely registered 54 cents, and I knew I'd have to go into the routine I'd used for years teaching slow fourth graders just such arithmetic problems. About this time the manager came by and upon learning our trouble informed me in a very superior manner that "the reason they had machines was for people like me who thought they knew more than machines."

Ruth Little will be missed.

In Sympathy

Our hearts and support go out to our NEWS bookkeeper, Ruth Updike, who recently lost her sister and life-long friend, Ginny, to cancer.



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25' shark in Lakebay

by Hugh McMillan

About noon, Don "Skip" George was peacefully gill-netting in Carr Inlet on Tuesday, October 31, when the water exploded behind his boat and his nets took on tremendous strain. His eyes widened and his stomach knotted as the body of a 25 foot long *basking shark* broke the waters and set about thrashing in efforts to gain its freedom.

"It took "Skip" over five hours to pull his boat and its cargo ashore," said Dewey Hostetler, owner/operator of the Lakebay Marina on whose shore the huge sea creature ultimately was deposited. "It ruined 500 feet of Skip's net," added Hostetler.

Hostetler explained that biologists from the State Department of Fisheries who were on the scene for a routine inspection of salmon catches, called the State Fisheries office which evinced no interest in the shark.

It is reported that any shark over 28 inches in length caught in South Puget Sound may not legally be eaten because of their extraordinarily high mercury content.

What is to be done with Lakebay's shark? Hostetler admitted, "I don't know." Jerry Voss, a Lakebay neighbor said that on a previous landing of a large shark, he simply towed the carcass out to mid-Sound and cast it adrift where, presumably, it was quickly consumed by other sea life and scavenger birds. "But

PHOTO:

Stretching a tape measure the length of a *basking shark* beached at Lakebay are Dewey Hostetler, owner/operator of the Lakebay Marina, and Lakebay resident, Jerry Voss. The shark measured 25 feet from nose to tail end, 23 feet from nose to tail "V," and 5 feet 10 inches in width.

that one was only six feet long," Voss said; "There's no way we could even move this guy off the beach."

McClane's Field Guide to Saltwater Fishes of North America notes; the basking shark is exceeded in size only by the whale shark, has a shape and nose similar to the great white and mako sharks, has a huge mouth, peculiar teeth reduced to conical protuberances only 1/8 inch long in a 12 foot specimen, and that California specimens of 28 and 30 feet weighed 6,580 pounds and 8,600 pounds respectively. It is sluggish in habits and, as the name implies, is often seen floating at the surface, occasionally on its back or lazily swimming open mouthed ingesting quantities of plankton which are converted into several tons of shark. They occur in Pacific waters from Peru and Ecuador, California to British Columbia, New Zealand, China, and Japan.



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Here is the voice of one of the original residents of Vaughn Bay from out of the past. In a letter written in 1954 when he was 81 years old, Mr. A.R. Critchfield describes some of his childhood memories.

The Critchfield family, consisting of my father and mother, sisters Jessie, Alma and myself came to West Territory in 1882 from Iowa. The railroad was not finished to this territory then, so we came over the Union Pacific to San Francisco, and from there to Tacoma by steamship, The George W. Elder. Landed in Tacoma on June 16, 1882. Father bought property in Puyallup where we lived about two years, then moved to Vaughn, where father preempted 80 acres of land and built the first home to be built at Vaughn.

One of the reasons why father selected this place was the fine spring water. He heard water running, parted the bushes and discovered the spring. Father rowed a boat from Vaughn to Olympia, about 25 miles, I think. He chartered a small tug with a scow and brought lumber from a sawmill there for our new home at Vaughn. They pushed the scow load of lumber up to the bank at extreme high tide. This place was right in front of where the store and Post Office were afterward built. I think Dr. Collentz ran the store. The lumber was piled up on the bank. Father had selected a building spot near

the spring. It seemed a long ways from where the lumber was piled to where we built, as every piece of lumber had to be carried.

As soon as we built, we immediately cleared some land and father set out a small orchard. During part of the time we lived at Vaughn, father was agent for a fruit tree nursery at Puyallup called the Ogle Nursery. The orchard on our place came from there, as well as many of the first orchards near Vaughn and on Henderson Bay. The trees were purchased as a result of father's agency. Henderson Bay had many settlers before North Bay did, I suppose because it was more conveniently located to Tacoma.

A family named Cisco lived across Vaughn from where we settled, about where the Bassetts built their home. They were not permanent settlers and moved away before we did. They had a large family. I remember being in their house - there was no furniture except for home made articles. All I ever knew Cisco to do was just to hunt. Every week or two he would kill a deer and father would buy a quarter, and I remember what a feast we would have of this fine venison. This was our only way of obtaining fresh meat. During the last two years we lived at Vaughn, I had an old-fashioned double-barreled shot gun muzzle loader and shot many grouse and pheasants on the home

place. I was only 12 or 13 years old, so did not hunt far from home.

Yes, we were the first settlers at Vaughn. Alversons next and then Sam Wright and Jacob Maxwell and wife. Their place adjoined ours. John Alverson and family moved on land just across Vaughn from us. The following year Uncle Will Wright took up a homestead at the head of Vaughn Bay. Sammie Wright, my cousin who was just my age, was one of that family.

Father went to Tacoma and saw the commissioners about a school district, as the three families had the required number of children. We all got together and built the log school house. Lawrence and I were only 11 or 12 years old, but we worked with the men and helped carry material out of the woods.

Our only communication with the outside world was by water, as there were no roads, only trails. We got our supplies by boat. The old Bob Irwin, a flat bottom scow built boat, made weekly trips from Tacoma to Henderson Bay, and our supplies were landed at what was then called Balch's Cove, now Glen Cove. Of course we had no Post Office. All our mail came to Tacoma and the Bob Irwin brought it to us. It was always quite an event when we got our mail and supplies. Everything had to be carried on our backs to Vaughn.

Our nearest neighbors, the

Maxwells, whose land adjoined ours, were fine people. We soon had a trail cut to their home and there was hardly a day but what we visited one another. Maggie Bland did not come to live with them until after we moved away. Some years later I visited Vaughn and became acquainted with Maggie. We were about the same age. I kept company with her for a while, then met Ella Reynolds. That was the lady I married July 25, 1897. I was more fortunate than many as we had a happy married life for nearly 56 years.

We lived, I think, three years at Vaughn when we sold out to Mr. Van Slyke. This must have been about 1887. After we moved from Vaughn we settled in rural county about twelve miles south of Olympia.



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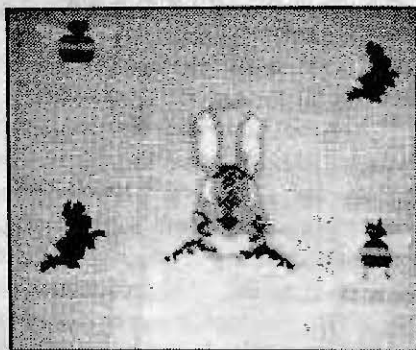
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The winner of a raffle to be conducted by the Friends of the Key Center Library will receive a Beatrix Potter afghan, two sections of which are pictured here. The afghan, knitted by Barbara Cobean, who is on the staff at the Key Center Library, incorporates several of Beatrix Potter's beloved characters; Peter Rabbit, Squirrel Nutkin, Jemima Puddleduck, Benjamin Bunny, Ladybird, and Bumblebee. The background color is pale green.

The afghan will be on display November 7 through December 19 at the Key Center Library, and at the Civic Center Arts & Crafts Fair in Vaughn on November 25. Tickets will be available at both locations for \$1 donation each. The drawing will be held Tuesday, December 19 at the library at 4 pm.

Plan to join us on Saturday November 25 at 1 pm when Frank Frazee, cartoonist, will conduct a cartooning workshop for children ages 6 and up. Please bring paper and pencil.

Arts News

The University of Puget Sound string orchestra will give a free concert on Friday, November 10 at 8 pm in Kilworth Chapel. The string ensemble will perform "Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G major" by Bach, "Quintet (Trout)" by Schubert, and "Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis" by Vaughn Williams.

The Tacoma Concert Band will present a concert on Friday November 10 at 8 pm at the Pantages Center. The band will perform works by Sousa, Beethoven, Weber, Press, Holst, Fillmore and a premier of a concerto for piano and band. Call 765-3555 for more information.

"Ward Six", a theater production based on the short story by Anton Chekov, continues its run in the Inside Theatre at UPS (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through November 18). Curtain is at 8 pm. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. Call 756-3419 for more information.

The Jacobsen Chamber Music Series continues with "Wall to Wall Brahms." Held in Jacobsen Recital Hall, it begins at 8 pm on Saturday, November 11. This evening of music from the Romantic Period features chamber and solo works by Brahms performed by members of the music faculty, along with informal discussion. Call 756-3555 for ticket information.

Hear the Turtle Island String Quartet at 8 pm Sunday, November 12 in Kilworth Chapel. These Windham Hill artists perform their own blend of jazz and classical traditions. Presented as part of the Cultural Events Series. Call 756-3419 for more information.

The Performance Circle's "Babes in Toyland" opens in Gig Harbor November 16 through December 3. This wonderful Victor Herbert musical explores the lives of favorite literary characters as they come to life, travel to mystical, magical Toyland and find the solutions to their problems. Performances are Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 pm with Sunday matinees at 2 pm. For this special holiday offering, admissions are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 17. Reservations are advised. Call 851-PLAY.

Olympia Film Festival

The Olympia Film Society will be holding its sixth annual film festival at the Capitol Theater in downtown Olympia from November 10 to November 19. Independent American and foreign films will be offered. For more information call 754-6670.

Burley Galleria

by Delores Nicolai

Water-colorist Arvid Harder is featured at Burley Galleria through November 29, 1989 by popular demand. His last showing, in 1987, was one of the best attended at Burley Galleria. A public reception is scheduled for Sunday, November 12 from noon to 3 pm.

Mr. Harder is a graphic artist who reserves his weekends and evenings for painting. Recently he has shown at the Pacific Gallery Artist's Annual Show and the Western Washington Fair where he enjoyed noteworthy acceptance. This year's Burley Galleria exhibit will boast numerous Western scenes, bird paintings and a few miscellaneous subjects.

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KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS NOVEMBER 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		7 Bear den 4 Boy Scouts NA KPCCA exec. bd. 7:30 pm	8 Park Board 7:30 pm	9 Senior Society 11-4 Webelos 7-8:30 pm NA 7-8:30 pm KPCCA 7:30	10 Skating 6-7:30 pm 8-9:30 pm AA 8-9:30 pm	11  Lion's Banquet Stan Boreson 6:00 pm
12	13 Rocky Bay 12:30 - 1:30 pm VFW & Aux. 7:30 - 10 pm	14 Bear Den 4 3:30 - 5:00 pm Boy Scouts 7:15 - 8:30 pm	15 Fun Night	16 Seniors Brownies #127 3:30 pm Cootiettes 6:30 - 10 pm	17 Skating AA	18 Twilite Dance Club 8 pm - 1 am
19	20 Rocky Bay	21 Bear Den 4 Boy Scouts NA	22 Fun Night	23 Happy Thanksgiving 		

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