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## Congratulations, Citizens of the Year

### TRACEY MANNING AND KRICKET STEPHENSON PICKED BY LIONS AT ANNUAL BANQUET

Sisters Tracey Manning and Kriket Stephenson were voted the 1992 Citizens of the Year by the Key Peninsula Lions.

Since taking over the Key Center Tavern in downtown Key Center in 1989, Tracey and Kriket have never failed to respond to any program or benefit which helps the Key Peninsula community or individuals in need.

They also were determined to change the image of the Tavern and the perception other people in the community had of it.

They began with a Christmas fund raiser that first Christmas of their operations. They held events that were fun for their customers, like a dart tournament and a gong show, and collected \$500 in cash and many donations. They held a similar fund raiser in 1990.

They organized work and created an imaginative float which won "best in show" in the annual Pioneer Day parade two years in a row. They put in the work because as Kriket said, they "wanted to show some community spirit."



Tracey Manning and Kriket Stephenson accept their Citizen of the Year award.

They have been very supportive of the Civic Center Association. They permit the Civic Center Association/VFW fireworks stand to do business each year on their property and even help to run it. After the 1990 levy failed, and the Civic Center's future looked uncertain, they organized Family Fun Day, which raised \$1300 for the Civic Center Association.

In addition, the VFW Veteran's Assistance Van has enjoyed rent-free use of their property each year. Their place of business became the

unofficial "headquarters" for rallies supporting our forces in last year's "Desert Storm."

When "Chip" Chipman, a young musician, was killed in an auto accident, they raised \$1,200 for his bereaved family. A one-week-old baby needing heart surgery was the recipient of \$400 raised by the two sisters. They also raised funds for Mrs. Pat Watson whose husband and son were recently lost in an accident.

Since winning the honor, the sisters said people have "come in

from all over" to congratulate them, and they were also recently profiled in the Tacoma News Tribune.

Tracey Manning said, "I think the thing we're the happiest about is that the tavern is being looked at in a positive manner. We've done our best, but it's happened because the people out here are giving-type people. When we come up with an idea, our customers are always right there to help."

Tracey said she wanted to give a special public thank-you to her

sister, Kriket, for all the help and support; her mother Avis; Jay, "for being so patient;" to Richard Raschle, for all of his help; to Bonnie, Kathy, Janet and Linda, the Tavern bartenders, for their help and support; to the Key Peninsula Lions for selecting them; and Rhys Woods. "We love him," Tracey said. "He cares. He's one of those people who care."

The same could be said for these two sisters, who have given so much of themselves for the benefit of our community.

story - Hugh McMillan & Megan Aprile

## Don't miss the next issue!

Every year around the first of April a certain date occurs which celebrates the lighter side of life. Some of our columnists (we're not saying which ones), write some unusual columns, and there are always some pretty fantastic news events which seem to occur around that time, so you won't want to miss our special edition of the Key Peninsula - well what will it be this year? 1990 was the SNEWS, 1991 the tabloid Unlocked! Who NOSE what April Fool stuff you'll see this year, so don't miss the fun.

## New for the NEWS - a business section

This month we begin a business section in order to promote and support our local business people, and to better serve you, our readers.

We invite local business people to keep us informed about changes or new developments. We are developing a standard press release form, which we will be happy to mail to anyone requesting it.

In addition, the Key Peninsula NEWS, in cooperation with the Key Peninsula Business Association, will be holding open roundtable discussions with local business people. The discussions will then be featured in the NEWS. The first roundtable is scheduled for March. See the article on page 23 for more information.

The business section will also highlight the familiar KP NEWS features of business briefs and tax tips, plus news items of general business interest.

And there's more. The coupon page, a new page featuring special offers, is a service both for our readers and our advertisers.

And there's still more. See our NEWS feature on page 23 about our planned Small Business Fair. It's all in the NEWS business section.

## Volunteer Park work party scheduled

A work party for spring-cleaning Volunteer Park has been set for February 29 at the park, which is located about two miles south of Key Center off the Key Peninsula highway.

Work will start at 8 am. Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Chair Tim Kezele promises, "We're gonna do things like pour cement for new gateposts so we can lock the park; pour new mounts for the lampposts donated by the Civic Center Association, which the light company is going to help us with; change the upper fields from soccer to baseball; fix sprinkler heads; rake; move a big rhody; maybe have a barbecue. There'll be something for everybody to do!"

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**Letters**

**To the editor and people of  
Fire District 16:**

Time once again for my annual report to the people of Pierce County Fire District 16 on the expense of their fire commissioners. Art Fenton resigned this last year. We will miss him. Thanks, Art for all you did over the years to help make this fire district what it is today. His totals for 1991 were \$1140.00 of which \$1100.00 was pay. This is up from \$267.22 last year when he refused to take any pay.

Hugh McMillan cost us \$5140.41 for 1991; of which \$3800.00 was wages; up from \$3992.60 last year. John Hendrickson came in at \$3672.21; of which \$2700.00 was wages; up from \$2934.93 last year. Don Tjossem served the remaining three months of Art Fenton's term. He cost us \$1261.26 for those three months of which \$850.00 were wages. I did not include some expenses such as social security tax, insurance, etc. in any of these figures.

As a point of reference, here is what commissioners of a few districts around us took for pay in 1991. All figures are for a total of all three commissioners in the district: Gig Harbor #5, \$4500.00; Kitsap #8, \$1800.00; Kitsap #19, \$1800.00; Kitsap #7, \$6700.00; and Mason #5, \$4900.00.

Our fire department is still the best, thanks to all the dedicated people both paid and volunteer.

Speaking of volunteers, those who served on the long range planning committee deserve a big thanks from all of us. They did a really great job, donating many hours of their time. I can understand why some were a little concerned, when Hugh McMillan sat in on their meetings and charged the district \$50 each for his attendance, but I guess that is OK since we helped finance his trip to Washington D.C. again this year and we still pay for his attendance at so many other things such as Thurston County commissioners meetings.

John Hendrickson has learned well how to make the most of his pay by arranging to attend commissioners meetings on a meal break from his regular job of Sheriff Deputy. Not bad when you can make \$50.00 on a lunch hour, especially when you leave early.

Once again the commissioners and the firefighters union are at the contract table. So far, \$3200 for lawyers fees to help our commissioners at the table. I wish I could tell you who is being the other end of a horse in the bargaining sessions, but those meetings are behind closed doors. I haven't talked to any firefighters who would object to opening those meetings to public view.

What I'm getting at is, will the cost of the board of commissioners keep going up at this rate? Without some public pressure I think it will, because the law is very vague concerning commissioners pay and expenses. Believe it or not, these elected officials have not taken anything they are not "legally" entitled to. I hope I have excited someone enough to become involved a little and come to some of the commissioners meetings.

Thank you, **Allen Yanity**, Lakebay

**To the editor:**

What is the Angel Guild and why does it exist? Basically, the Angel Guild is 35 to 40 civic minded ladies who want to help those who are less fortunate than they.

Back in the early '70s when Jeanne Brodsack, Judy Wilson and Nat Knox were running the Key Peninsula Health Center located in the parish house of the Longbranch Church, people were coming to them to ask if they could help with some clothes or furniture (bed or crib). When I came along in 1976, the basement of the parish house was full of used clothes and furniture. If there was something a person needed, he or she paid what could be afforded.

Eventually, the church needed the parish house, so the Angel Guild had to move. They moved to the little building across from 9th Street on the Key Peninsula Highway. Imagine spending a day in that building with only a little smoky wood stove to keep out the cold. It wasn't too long until the owner wanted that building so the Guild had to move again. They were fortunate that several civic minded men moved a donated building from Parkland to property owned by the Olsons. After a couple of years, it was necessary to move again.

A store became available in the KC Corral and they were able to move in there. The donated building was moved at the same time to the back of the Corral for storage and sorting of donated items. Two years ago, more men volunteered to move another donated building to provide more comfortable working space. The two buildings were then painted with donated paint making an attractive storehouse.

With the last move, the expenses started to increase: rent, lights, garbage and everything else that goes with a small business. The only thing they don't have is a payroll. All time is donated and there is plenty of time needed to make it function. Each of the 40 members works between 6 and 12 hours a month - some work many

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**Longtime Civic Center  
Supporter Henry Stock  
speaks at banquet**



*Volunteer Civic Center fundraiser Henry Stock spoke eloquently at the Citizen of the Year banquet on behalf of the Civic Center, and received many contributions, including one from the speaker of the evening, Mayor Gretchen Wilbert!*

**Civic Center  
Cash Flow**

January - 1992  
**INCOME**

RENT	.00
USER FEES	653.50
MISC. INC.	.00
INTEREST INC.	230.82
DANCES	555.00
BINGO	.00
KP NEWS	.00
ROLLER SKATING	1500.12
PIONEER DAY	.00
RENO NIGHT	.00
MISC. PROG.	.00
DONATIONS	775.00
FLAVOR OF FALL	.00
EASTER EGG HUNT	.00
<b>TOT. INC.</b>	<b>3,714.54</b>

**EXPENSES**

CARETAKER	919.50
MGT. FEES	.00
MISC.	149.00
EMP. TAXES	320.18
OFC. EXP.	34.16
ADVERTISING	136.65
DANCE EXP.	300.00
SKATING EXP.	379.95
RENO NIGHT EXP.	352.90
MISC. PROG.	.00
PIONEER DAY	.00
FLAVOR OF FALL	.00
OPERATING EXP. (elec, oil, septic)	1600.51
REPAIRS/MAINT.	287.74
INSURANCE	.00
TAXES	2490.16
<b>TOT. EXP.</b>	<b>6,970.75</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>-3,256.21</b>

# Civic Center Calendar of Events

## Feb., MARCH, Apr. 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>FEB. 24</b> gym walk 8-11 AM	<b>25</b> gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15-4 PM B.BALL 5:30-7 PM T.O.P.S. 6-8 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	<b>26</b> gym walk 8-11 AM BINGO 6:30 PM	<b>27</b> gym walk SENIORS 11-4 PM BASKETBALL 5:30-7 PM KARATE 7 PM NA 7-8:30 PM	<b>28</b> gym walk 8-11 AM HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING 2-3:30 PM SCOUT MT. 7-9:30 PM SKATING 6:30-9:30 PM	<b>29</b> Gym Closed for Skate Parties 10-11 am; 12-2 pm <b>Leap Day Jamboree Youth Rock &amp; Roll Dance 7:30 pm-2 am</b>
<b>MARCH 1</b> KPLF 10:30 am Beg. Skate 2-3:30 pm Volleyball 4-6 pm Square Dancing 4-6 pm AA 7-9 pm	<b>2</b> gym walk BASKETBALL 5-7 PM GRANGE 6-10 PM ABATE 7:30-10 PM	<b>3</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>4</b> gym walk <b>BINGO \$100 NIGHT!</b>	<b>5</b> gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA CAC 7-9 PM	<b>6</b> SKATING	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> KPLF RENO NITE TRAINING-3 PM BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL AA	<b>9</b> gym walk BASKETBALL KPCCA EXEC. BD. MTG. 7:30 PM VFW & AUX. 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>11</b> gym walk BINGO	<b>12</b> gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA KPCCA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>13</b> gym walk HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING SKATING	<b>14</b> St. Patrick's Day <b>Dinner/Dance 7-2</b>
<b>15</b> KPLF BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL SQUARE DANCE AA	<b>16</b> gym walk BASKETBALL	<b>17</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>18</b> gym walk BINGO	<b>19</b> gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA COOTIETTES 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> gym walk SKATING	<b>21</b> Cub Scouts Sale 8 am - 6 pm <b>Guns and Garters Dance 7 pm - 12 am</b>
<b>22</b> KPLF BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL AA	<b>23</b> gym walk BASKETBALL	<b>24</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>25</b> gym walk BINGO	<b>26</b> gym walk SENIORS BASKETBALL KARATE NA	<b>27</b> gym walk HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING SKATING	<b>28</b> <b>Lions Club April Fool Dance</b>
<b>29</b> KPLF BEG. SKATE VOLLEYBALL SQUARE DANCE AA	<b>30</b> gym walk BASKETBALL	<b>31</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>1</b> gym walk <b>APRIL</b> BINGO	<b>2</b> gym walk SENIORS KARATE NA CAC 7-9 PM	<b>3</b> gym walk HOME-SCHOOLERS 11-3 PM SKATING	<b>4</b> <b>RENO NIGHT</b>
<b>5</b> KPLF VOLLEYBALL	<b>6</b> gym walk GRANGE 6-10 PM ABATE 7:30-10 PM KPCCA EXEC. BD. MTG. 7:30 PM	<b>7</b> gym walk W.I.C. T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	<b>8</b> gym walk BINGO	<b>9</b> gym walk SENIORS KARATE NA KPCCA MTG 7:30 PM	<b>10</b> gym walk HOME-SCHOOLERS SKATING 2-3:30 PM SKATING	<b>11</b> <b>Lions Club Clam Chowder Cook-Off</b>

Events subject to change; for more information, call 884-3456.

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#### Deadlines for April issue

copy deadline: **Mar. 13**  
ad deadline: **Mar. 17**  
print date: **Mar. 23**

Please note that we now have separate deadlines for ads and articles or columns to better serve our advertisers and readers.

Material received after the deadline will not appear in the paper.

# March Dates

## CYR TO SPEAK AT LONGRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB MEETING

County Councilman Paul Cyr will discuss the current status of land use plans for the Key Peninsula at the regular meeting of the Longbranch Improvement Club on Wednesday, March 18.

He will also discuss plans for improving the safety of the Key Peninsula Highway and answer questions from members of the audience. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and is open to the public.

## Local history talk

In a Historical Society program, Keith Stiles will speak on the life of Joe Smith on March 26, at Longbranch Church. Enjoy some colorful local history and learn about Joe and Emma Smith and Joemma Beach (now R. F. K. Recreational Area). The program will follow a 6:30 pm potluck dinner. (For more info on Joe Smith/Joemma beach, see the August, 1991 issue of KP NEWS.)



## St. Jude's BIKE-ATHON slated for May 30

Get ready for the St. Jude's Bike-a-thon on May 30. Riders need your pledges. Our area was the top fund-raiser in the nation last year.

**Attention, kids** - St. Jude's Children's Hospital is putting on its annual fund-raising BIKE-ATHON on the Key Peninsula. Line up your pledges and look for more information in the next issue of the NEWS.

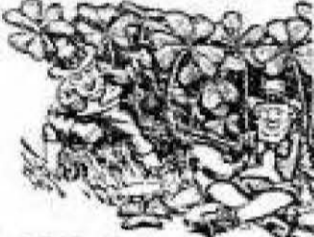
## Saint Patty's Day dance

ABATE of Washington is holding its first annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance at the Civic Center on March 14, from 7 pm to 2 am.

Save a dollar off the admission price of \$10 each or \$17 per couple by bringing a donation of non-perishable food.

Enjoy live music, and a dinner of Irish stew, fresh biscuits, plus a special Irish dessert. Green beer will be available to wash it all down.

For more information, call 884-9035.



## Little League pancake breakfast

Key Peninsula Little League is busy preparing for its third annual pancake breakfast, featuring pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, juice and coffee, to be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Breakfast will be served from 8 am until 11 am. The cost will be \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for seniors and children. Tickets will be available at the door.

A raffle will be held in conjunction with the breakfast, tickets will be \$1 each. Proceeds from the breakfast and raffle will go toward equipment and field fees.

For more information about Little League or the breakfast call 851-4910 or 884-4524.

# Key Dates

## ~BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS~

Allyn Comm. Assn.	March 5: 7:30 am breakfast 8 am meeting	Allyn Inn
KPBA	March 6, 20: 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn
~CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS~		
Angel Guild	March 24: 10 am	KC Library/Brones rm.
ASHES	March 5: 10:30 am - potluck	Key Center fire station
Citizens Against Crime	March 5: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Cootiettes:	March 10: March 17: March 24:	Cottesmore Retsil Veterans Home Naval Hospital - Bremerton
meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot		
Gig Harbor Eagles Aux.	March 19: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Longbranch Imp. Club	March 9, 23: 7:30 pm	Eagles Hall - Gig Harbor
KPCCA	March 18: 7:30 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club.
KPCS Board	March 12: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
KP Lions	March 10: 7:30 pm March 4, 18: 7 pm	Community House - Home Huckleberry Inn - Key Center

## ~COMMUNITY SERVICES~

Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm	Purdy Fire Station 857-2633 - info
CPR classes	March 5: 7-10 pm	884-2222 for reservations
food bank	Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Community House - Home
hot lunch for seniors	Wednesdays: noon	" " " "
free lunch	Sundays: 2-3 pm	" " " "
also, food and clothing assistance; for more info, call 884-4514; 857-4780		
Key Center library	preschool storytime; exhibits: see article on page 21	
respite care	Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm	KC Library/Brones rm.
W.I.C.	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:00 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm. Call 884-3835, Tuesdays, for an appointment

## ~OF INTEREST TO PARENTS~

Beg. skate (preschool - 2nd)	Sundays: 2-3:30 pm	KPCC/gym
Peninsula School Board	March 12: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Board rm. - Purdy
KPMS Activity Nights	March 6: 6:30-8:30 pm & Thurs., March 19 (no school Fri.)	KP Middle School .50 admission or a can of food for the food bank.
For KPMS students - basketball & pickle ball; music, dancing, crafts & food.		
KPMS Volunt. Parent Grp.	March 2: 7 pm - meeting	KP Middle School library

## ~PUBLIC MEETINGS~

KP Fire Com.	March 11, 23: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	March 10: 7:30 pm	Key Center library/Brones rm.
Peninsula School Board	March 5: 7:30 pm	Gig Harbor High School aud.

## ~SELF HELP GROUPS~

AA	Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm Sun.: 6 pm;	KP Community Services; Lakebay
Narcotics Anonymous	Tues. & Thurs.: 7-8:30 pm	KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Grp.	March 3: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge, info 857-7359
T.O.P.S.	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg. 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW rm.

## ~SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS~

ABATE of Wa.	March 2: 7:30 pm	KPCC/VFW rm.
Bayshore Garden Club	March 20: 1pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
program: Conservation - Sylvia Retherford		
Friends of the KC library	March 11: 5:45 pm - mtg.	Key Center library
program: The Bill of Rights -- 7 pm -- Kevin Hamilton		
Longbrancheros	March 31: 7 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
Peninsula Neighbors	March 11: 10 am	Longbranch Church
Ruth Circle	March 16: noon	Longbranch Church
Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
foot care and blood pressure		
Upper Sound Grange	March 2: 6:30-9 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Vaughn Garden Club	March 18: 10:30 am	
at the home of Ole Wambo; program to be announced		
VFW & Aux.	March 9: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW rm.

## ~EVENTS~

Community House Breakfast	March 15: 8 am - 1 pm	Community House, Home adults \$3/kids \$1.50
Cub Scout Pack 213	March 21: 8 am - 6 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Gigantic Garage Sale -- proceeds to benefit Pack 213; items purchased for donation		
Guns and Garters Dance	March 21: 7 pm - midnite	KPCC/gym
Historical Society	March 26: 6:30 pm/potluck	Longbranch Church
following potluck, program on Life of Joe Smith; speaker, Keith Stiles		
Leap Day Jamhoree	Feb. 29: 7:30 pm - 2 am	KPCC/gym
no alcohol/smoking youth rock & roll dance; food; admission, \$4, \$3 w/can of food		
Little League Bkfst.	March 28: 8 am - 11 am	Longbranch Imp. Club
St. Patrick's Day Dance	March 14: 7 pm - 2 am	KPCC/gym

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# Community Square

## Opportunities for you

### Free housepainting available for low-income seniors and disabled

Applications are available for low-income seniors and low-income disabled men and women to get their homes painted at absolutely no cost. The painting will be done this summer by Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful, a program of Associated Ministries of Tacoma/Pierce County.

As well as being a low-income senior or low-income disabled person, applicants must be owner/occupants, i.e., their name must be on the deed to the house in which they live. Also, the house must be in Pierce County.

The painting is done by crews of volunteers from churches, service clubs, businesses, unions, local government offices, and individuals who come out on their own. All the paint is either donated or purchased at cost, and there is no charge whatsoever to the homeowner.

For applications and further information, call Sallie Shawl at 383-3056.

### Reno Night classes

The Civic Center will hold training sessions for dealers for its upcoming Reno Night on April 4. Sessions will be held March 8 and March 22 at 3 pm, for both beginning and advanced students. Classes are free, and qualify you to work at Reno Nights.

### Community Education

The Peninsula School District's spring session of Community Education will begin Monday, March 2.

Classes range in length from one evening to eight weekly sessions. Persons 62 and older may attend some classes for a registration fee of only \$10.

Brochures on the classes have been mailed to all households. Most classes require pre-registration. For registration information, or to receive a brochure, call 857-3511 weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm.

### Community House needs you

Marge Adams, manager of the Community House in Home, reports that there is still an opening for the position of senior aid, a position requiring that the applicant be 55 years of age or older, low income, and willing to work a 24-hour-week job. For more information, call Adams at 884-4440 Tuesday through Friday, from 10 am to 4 pm.

## Letter, con't.

more hours. The Guild in the past 10 years has given between \$60,000 and \$70,000 to the community. Stop and think for a minute how many items must sell at a quarter, fifty cents or a dollar to raise that much money.

What the Angel Guild is not! It is not a place to dump your garbage and trash! The women are not physically able to wrestle the big sofas that someone wants to get rid of. Nor are they able to take care of old mattresses and TVs. You have these things on a truck, so just continue on to the dump and get rid of them. Be a positive force rather than a negative influence.

1/22/92. It is raining, yet some of the Guild members are at the KC Corral working to clean up things that had been dumped there. Goodwill and Salvation Army will no longer pick up sofas, mattresses and TVs, so the Angel Guild has to impose on some member with a truck to take those items to the dump. Every load they must take to the dump reduces the amount of money they can give to community projects.

Keith V. Seavy

### To the editor:

Your choice of words regarding the Evergreen Irish team's performance did nothing but drop their self-esteem. The Bullets have played for four years with the same kids. I think you should think about people's feelings and their self-esteem before you print your words. After all, I thought it was to learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and to have fun.

Signed, Concerned Persons

The caption read "The Vaughn Bullets outshot the Evergreen Irish 24-1 in the season opener."

**Editors Reply:** Normally we don't print letters unless they are signed with a person's name, but I felt your letter was important and deserved a response. What I meant by the word 'outshot' was simply that the other team made more baskets. On my side of it, I was making an effort not to use some of the traditional sports words that are used to describe scores, like 'hammered,' 'slaughtered' and so forth, just because I don't want to damage anyone's self-esteem. I really do try to think about peoples feelings before I print my words, but this can be very difficult because sometimes people get a different meaning out of things than the one that was intended. The common word for this is misunderstanding. I feel badly for any hurt that was caused to you because of it.

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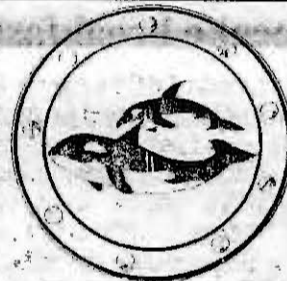
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# Paul Cyr will run for county executive

by Megan Aprile

Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr has announced that he will run for the office of Pierce County executive, a post currently held by Joe Stortini.

In a telephone interview, Cyr said, "The issues I'd like to focus on are accessibility and the decentralization of Pierce County government. Sixty percent of the people in Pierce County live in unincorporated areas, and they are paying for services they don't receive."

Cyr said county services should be extended to rural areas.

He said the Key Center branch of the Pierce County library will have additional space once Dr. Roes moves into his new quarters, and is an example of the kind of arrangement that could be made for a county satellite office.

He said that satellite offices could offer full county services, like obtaining building permits. Cyr said that "healthmobiles" could operate the same way as library bookmobiles to deliver health services to outlying areas, and that better Pierce Transit service could be provided as well.

Cyr said Citizens Against Crime's (CAC) involvement in the Purdy Sheriff's Detachment is a

model of citizen involvement in government that could be used in other rural Pierce County areas.

"The whole CAC experiment has been a wonderful example of a grass roots movement, and it can work in other places. I'm grateful to the Key Peninsula, in particular, for showing the way. It's given us an example all the time of what can be done," Cyr said.

Cyr made a local announcement of his candidacy at the Key Peninsula Community Services volunteer recognition dinner, held at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

Paul Cyr has lived in unincorporated Pierce County for the last twenty years. He and his wife Carla have three children: Matthew, 14; Katie, 12; and Julie Ann, 8.

He served on the Peninsula District school board for five years, resigning that post when he was elected to the Pierce County council in 1986.

As councilman, he is currently serving as council chair, chair of the Planning & Environment Committee, chair of Rules and Operations Committee, and vice-chair of Fiscal Management Committee.

## FIRE DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE RELEASES

by Keith Stiles

Fire District 16's Future Planning Committee, led by Chairman Dave Freeman, presented local fire commissioners with a major report on February 12, calling for new facilities, more resident firefighters in outlying stations, the creation of a strong auxiliary group to support the paid staff in community volunteer activities, and the creation of a local training facility for department personnel.

Among the committee findings: "population is increasing at an alarming rate. Although as-

sumptions are made that significant changes will occur over the next decade, the changes may overrun the district's ability to meet the demands placed upon it."

Other findings concerned the increasing numbers of calls for service, longer response times due to road conditions and road crowding, and the need for additional apparatus to meet future emergency needs.

During the eight-month study, the group visited and reviewed all of the district's six fire

## Hovercraft donated to local Puget Sound Sea Rescue



Bill Howe and Glen Pszczola, both members of the local chapter of Puget Sound Sea Rescue, stand by the hovercraft donated by Jay and Arlene Watters of Home.

The 2-cylinder cycle gas engine hovercraft rides on a cushion of air and is excellent for rescue work because it will run along flat, wet ground or ice, can turn 360° if necessary and does not need to be launched.

The chapter has need of a location near the Home boat ramp on which a portable storage structure can be built. Please call 884-3120 if you can help.

## Democratic precinct caucus locations

Democratic caucuses will be held March 3, beginning at 8 pm at many locations around the Key Peninsula:

Precincts 26-515, 516, 517, 518, 526, 541, 542, 543, 544, 550,

Peninsula High School Library, 14105 Purdy Drive NW;

Precincts 26-519, 520, 545, 546,

Minter Elementary School Gym, 12617-118th Avenue NW;

Precincts 26-521, 528, 547, 552,

Vaughn Elementary School, 17521 Hall Road KPN; and

Precincts 26-522, 523, 524, 548,

Key Peninsula Middle School Commons, 5510 KP Highway.

For further information call

Terese Jackson at 857-3137.

## Smitherman to KPCS Board

Former state Senator Bill Smitherman was appointed to the board of directors of the Key Peninsula Community Services (food bank). Smitherman will fill the position vacated by Barbara Henderson, a lawyer whose current case load makes it, in her words, "impossible to do justice to this important job."

Board President Earl Saxer said, "We will miss Barbara's presence and hope for her early return, we're delighted that Bill will be able to bring his talents and expertise to the board. His knowledge of grant acquisitions will be a major contribution to our operations."



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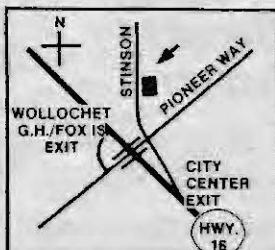
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stations. The committee determined that only two, Key Center station #2 and Herron Island station #6 would be suitable to meet the future service needs.

Recommendations included the sale and replacement of Wauna/Minter station #1, the addition of two new bays and various facilities to Home station #3, and the complete replacement of Longbranch station #4 with a larger building that would include four equipment bays, a public meeting/training room and dormitory facilities.

The committee also recommended that Wright-Bliss/Elgin-Clifton station #5 should be remodeled to add two equipment bays, a public meeting/training room and dormitory facilities.

In presenting the report to the fire commissioners, Chairman Dave Freeman emphasized that the need for action on the recommendations was urgent. The fire commissioners will now study the report and consider the district's next moves, which may include the placing of a Facilities and Equipment Bond Issue before the public at some date in the future.

In addition to Freeman, other members of the committee include Ross Bischoff, Ruth Bramhall, Ken Buck, Bob Cole, Jim Larsen, and Ron Quinsey.

# Chataqua!

A joint committee of Peninsula High School staff and administrators, and community members are planning an exciting community wide event, dubbed Chataqua, to be held all day, May 16 at Peninsula High.

The event will include arts and crafts; recreational and education demonstrations and displays; and entertainment by the high school choir, band and drama department.

Please plan on attending this exciting event.

## Key Peninsula Community Services holds volunteer recognition dinner

More than 50 people attended the annual volunteer recognition dinner held by the directors of the Key Peninsula Community Services. Board director Earl Saxer said that the more than 300 volunteers affiliated with Community Services in 1991 worked more than 6,000 volunteer hours last year. The dinner, he said, was a way to show the appreciation of the board. The Community Services Board runs the local food bank and also provides lunch and other programs for seniors. Volunteers pick up food, prepare and serve meals, organize fundraisers, and provide general help and assistance at the center.

After the delicious dinner, topped off with a festive cake, Pierce County Councilman Paul Cyr, the evening's speaker, announced his candidacy for Pierce County Executive, his first such announcement on the Key Peninsula. He invited questions and comments from the audience about county government, and received several spirited examples of both. Cyr also spoke on the volunteer spirit of the Key Peninsula.

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# 8 Park district is working to keep Volunteer Park green and in the black

by Megan Aprile

The transfer of the Civic Center back to the private ownership

of the Civic Center Association has been completed, but the main thing on the minds of Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Commissioners these days is still money.

The district has not passed a levy in two years, and has been struggling to pay the bills with a combination of revenues from fees from sports players, percentages of the revenues from the park's concession stand, and district sponsored ball tournaments.

I asked Key Peninsula Park District Chairman Tim Kezele for an update on the district's money situation. "The county came and extracted \$1600 for the levy, but now that the Civic Center Association has said they would share the levy costs, plus get us the 10% of the last quarter and January rents, that will bring our account back to close to a thousand dollars, so we'll have seed money to

start [the season] with."

"Little League has signed on for 225 games this year at \$20 per game. Kezele said that the scheduling for all the baseball teams was in place.

"The adult [baseball] program sounds like it's going to be as strong as last year." He said the commissioners might "have to do a little bit of work at the park to start with, but once the revenues come in, we can hire a groundskeeper."

On the subject of ball tournaments, Kezele said, "We might be able to throw a ball tournament or two on top of the three we are already sponsoring. The district-sponsored Pioneer Day tournament made over \$800 last year, as opposed to the \$350 or so that we make renting the field for two days." Kezele said commissioners are planning to allow ballplayers participating in the two-day tournaments to camp at Volunteer Park.

When asked if there were any plans to put another park district levy on the ballot, Kezele said, "We have no plans for a levy. We haven't talked about it. If we were to go

for one, the general election would be the way to go, because of the turnout. I don't know, we might. We need other programs besides soccer and baseball, but you can only do so much in a certain amount of time."

Kezele said he and the other commissioners would welcome input from the community as to what programs are wanted and needed at the park; and that commissioners would also welcome suggestions to help keep the park operating.

## Local couple open Key Peninsula Life Fellowship



There is a new church on the Key Peninsula, called Key Peninsula Life Fellowship.

Pastor Frank Tucker and his wife, Mollie, began holding Sunday morning services during the month of February in the Whitmore room at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

Pastor Frank has lived in the Puget Sound area since he was discharged from the Army in 1974.

He is a 1980 graduate of Northwest College in Kirkland. Pastor Tucker is ordained through Living Word International, a highly regarded ordaining body headed by Dr. Mark Barkley of Midland, Michigan. He has three years of senior pastor experience, and has been involved in church leadership for over twenty years.

The Tuckers moved to the Key Peninsula a year ago May, and they say, "We've never felt more at home. We love this area and its people." The Tuckers are community minded and have joined the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, where Frank is serving on the Building and Grounds Committee. Molly will be volunteering on the NEWS staff.

The Tuckers have four children. Their son Chris, an E-4 in the Army will be coming home in November and will serve as the youth pastor. Their daughter Christy, is an E-4 in the Coast Guard; daughter Alysha is 13; and son Micah is 10.

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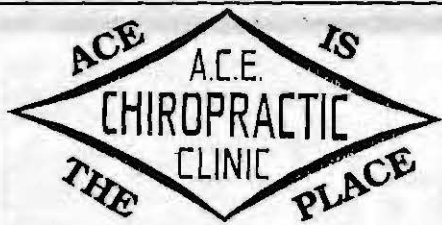
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The Key Peninsula Civic Center Association's Building and Grounds Committee has been working on the short and long term needs at the center. Committee members recently completed a report detailing needed projects.

Much of the work will mean substantial savings in operating costs when completed. Some is necessary maintenance and repair, and some will just make the building look nicer. Items marked with a \* are scheduled for immediate attention.

Donations of time, money and materials will greatly help the Association to complete these projects. If you can help, please call 884-3456. Donations may be sent with the coupon on page 6. If you would like to donate toward a specific project, please make a note with your donation. Thanks for all your help so far.

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Prime and paint the annex with exterior latex. Use of pressure washer and spray equipment donated by Ed Taylor.  
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paint  
volunteer labor



Replace light fixtures in gym ceiling with low-energy, long-life fluorescent screw-ins.  
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Install 8" of blown-in cellulose insulation in attic space above gym (5600 sq. ft.)  
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misc. repair	\$50
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Replace all existing windows in Whitmore room with insulated single-hung wood windows.  
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Replace floor in caretaker's residence with vented wood floor and carpet.  
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# 10 GH Eagles present gift to Key Center library

The Gig Harbor Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles presented a gift of three hundred dollars to Sandra Schogren, regional librarian, on behalf of the Key Center branch of Pierce County Libraries, as a gesture of support to the library for its services to the elderly.



This is the eighteenth year of the grant program which is national in scope. Libraries receiving these grants are asked to purchase large print books for the elderly.

*photo - Megan Aprile*  
**Sandra Schogren receives a check from Madame President Cindy Schweppe.**

Eagle Auxiliaries receive the grants from the Order's Memorial Foundation in appreciation of their support of the senior-citizens-oriented Golden Eagle Fund, which the foundation administers. Eagles raise money for this project, which makes grants to organizations working on programs aiding the aged.

Each year at the Grand Aerie-Auxiliary convention, a display is shown of library gift presentation news pictures sent in during the current year.

Mrs. Schogren said the money will be used to purchase large-print books for a variety of reading tastes, and expressed her deep appreciation for the support of the Gig Harbor Eagles Auxiliary.

The Gig Harbor Eagles Auxiliary meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm at the Gig Harbor Eagles.



*One Citizen of the Year nominee was the Civic Center Association's own Ann Larson, shown here at the banquet. Ann has been a long-time supporter of children's programs and the association.*

## Another beach park planned

by Keith Stiles

The Washington State Parks Department released information recently stating that the "Haley Property" which lies along the shoreline of Case Inlet, west and slightly north of Jackson Lake, will be developed as a picnic and camping area.

The land of the new park includes a small lagoon, which was formed by a small dam erected by Jonathan Clifford Haley. The lagoon receives some flow of fresh water from three small (seasonal) creeks which rise from the east in the general Lackey Road area. It is not clear if the little lagoon ever was given a name. It has been suggested that it might have been called "Reynold's Lagoon," following the name given Reynold's Bay, but this has not been clearly established.

Plans for the overall development of the property list a group camping area for RV's, with 7 additional tent sites and four shelters. Also planned are two 50-site campsites on road loops, a parking lot, trailer dump site, restrooms; and an administrative complex with a residence building, shop, compound and various support services.

The completion of the development will probably take several years, with funding currently available to put in only a gravel entrance road, a 30-car parking lot, some trails, picnic facilities and vault toilets. If all goes well this initial work will be completed sometime before July of 1993.

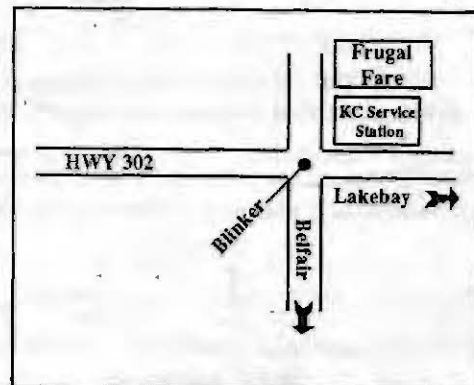
Old maps, dating back to about 1915, show the property was first owned by the Puget Mill Company, which had extensive holdings in the Jackson Lake area. It then came under the ownership of Jonathan Clifford Haley, one of the co-founders of the Brown and Haley Candy Company, and the father of current Key Peninsula resident Fred T. Haley.

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## Cupp family needs our help

by Hugh McMillan

You may have read about six-year-old Shane Cupp of Herron Island.

After a long search, with the help of the Fred Hutchinson Research Center's bone marrow registry, an exact match donor was finally located.

Shane's stay at the hospital for a bone marrow transplant will last about three weeks. Then Shane and one or both parents will have to live within four blocks of the Fred Hutchinson facility for continued treatment. In addition to expenses to cover this stay, there will be a need for funds for medication and months of frequent travel to and from the hospital.

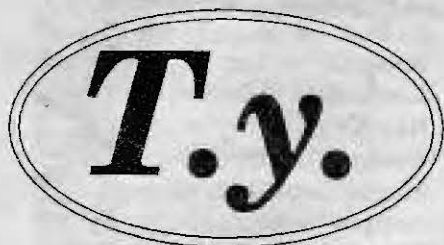
Shane's parents, Jeff and Fredricka Cupp, have exhausted their financial resources covering the costs of his care over the years.

Young Shane has been in remission twice over the years and currently is equipped with a "skull shunt" to avoid the pain of spinal taps. He is described by fellow Herron Island resident Barbara Whitney as, "a sweet, intelligent, loving child who desperately needs all the help he can get right now."

To help the Cupps cope with Shane's medical expenses, an account has been established by the Organ Transplant Fund, Inc, Memphis, Tennessee, at the Key Center branch of Puget Sound Bank. All contributions are tax deductible. Make contributions to the Organ Transplant Fund account for Shane Cupp. This account was arranged through the efforts of Barbara Whitney and Jeannie Sagle, Shane's teacher at Evergreen Elementary. In doing so, they sought advice from the Hutchinson Research Center and National Leukemia Organization to determine the legitimacy of the Organ Transplant Fund.

Contribution canisters bearing Shane's photo can be found at businesses throughout the area. Your help in any amount would be gratefully appreciated.

Questions, call Barbara Whitney, (206) 884-3319.



*It's important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices will appear in "T.y." which is short for Thank You. If you would like to thank a person or group for their work, contribution or generosity, send your letter to the Key Peninsula NEWS, P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394. The deadline for each issue is on page 2.*

**To Paul Spadoni of Peninsula High School and students Stephanie Anderson, Brenda Peterson and Beau Taylor:**

Many thanks for their excellent, professional quality work on new brochures for the Altrusa Adult Literacy Project. Your efforts are highly appreciated.

**Marilyn Perks, Vista Volunteer**

**From the Twilite Dance Club:**

The Twilite Dance Club has closed its doors at the Civic Center due to a financial problem. After 20 years it was hard to let it go.

A big thanks for the help to keep it going, besides the members, goes to Walt for the ice, Bev and Mary for copying our monthly newsletter, Med and Marie for their generous donations and to all who served as officers during those years.

We are all going to miss the dances but maybe with enough interest there can be some dances again at the Civic Center.

**Officers of the Twilite Dance Club**

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## Community garage sales

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Once again the **Longbranch Improvement Club** and the **Taylor Bay Beach Club** will host the biggest little garage sale in the Northwest on April 25 and 26 from 9 am to 5 pm.

In addition to new and used items there will be crafts, collectables, books, bake sale and the popular plant sale. We are also hoping to have seedling trees. If you have personal items or crafts to sell, we will have tables for rent, reserve early.

Donations of articles of saleable quality items will be appreciated and can be given any time between now and April 23. If you need to have donations picked up, we'll give you a hand. Proceeds will be divided between the Longbranch Improvement Club and the Taylor Beach Club.

Phone numbers to call: Dorothy Rome 884-9355; Joe Gillfillan 884-4614. Taylor Bay numbers: Fern Bays 884-4227; Ann Williams 884-3270.

The **ASHES**, (Auxiliary to Fire District #16) are planning a rummage sale for Saturday, April 11 at Fire District #16 headquarters in Key Center. Donors are asked to deliver their good, clean, usable articles to the Key Center fire station on Friday, April 10, the day before the sale.

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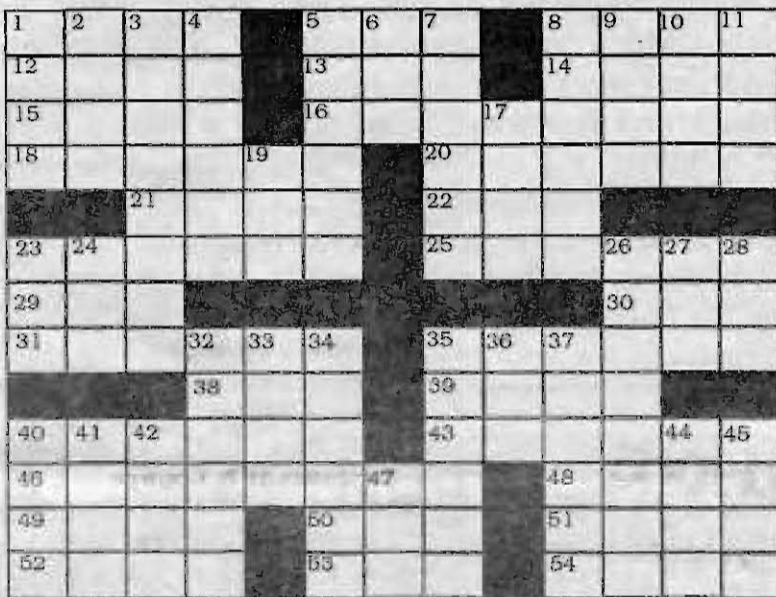
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15. BUFFALO \_\_\_\_\_
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18. OCCASION FOR BLESSING
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23. OVER ACTS
25. MENDED
29. PREVENT
30. PRAYER
31. HOUND DOGS
35. INCREASE SPEED
38. LACY FABRIC
39. JAI \_\_\_\_\_
40. BLACKBOARD ACCESSORY
43. DOG FACED APE
46. IMITATE
48. ONE TIME
49. WILD PLUM
50. TYPE OF BANK ACCOUNT
51. SCARLETT'S HOME
52. LARGE DEER
53. WHAT OUR COUNTRY IS OF THEE
54. SMACK

1. RULES (ABBREV.)
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3. PARABLE
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5. MONASTERY CHURCHES
6. BEHOLD
7. VEGETABLE CASING
8. FRIENDLY GHOST
9. AFRICAN LILY
10. PROD INTO ACTION
11. SUPERNATURAL POWERS
17. VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA
19. ZED (BR.)
23. WANE
24. BARNYARD SOUNDS
26. \_\_\_\_\_ VELVET
27. NIGHT BEFORE
28. LAIR
32. FOLLOWS
33. SPOOL
34. NARROW PASSAGE
35. \_\_\_\_\_ CORPUS
36. \_\_\_\_\_ NEWBURG
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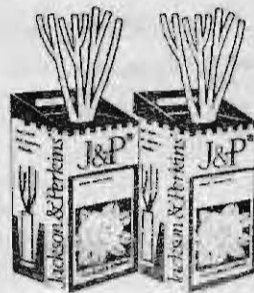
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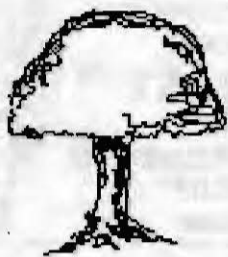
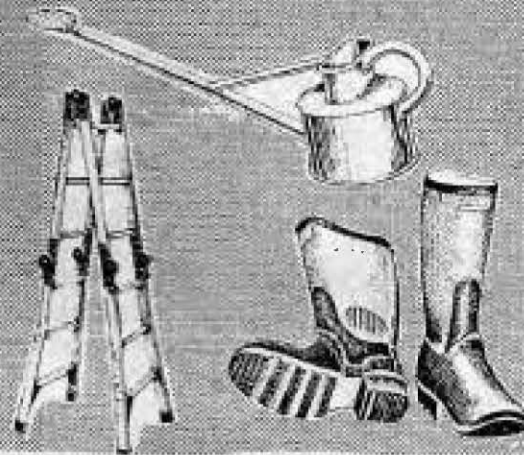
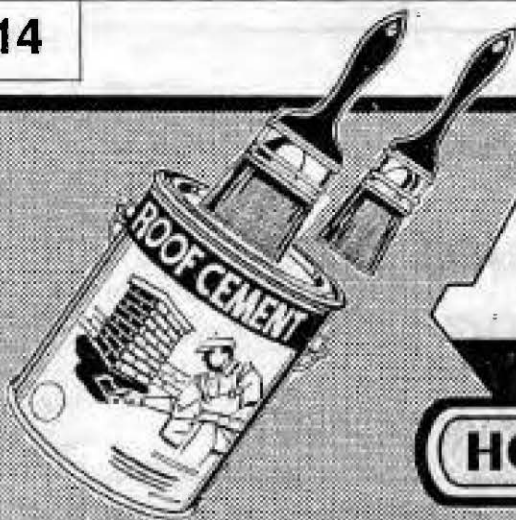


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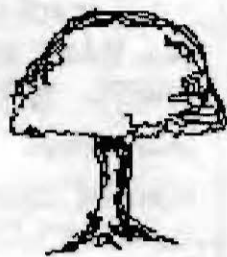
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# More with Cecil and Margaret Paul

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by Megan Aprile

As you may remember, the first part of this interview with Cecil and Margaret Paul was in the December issue of the NEWS. Cecil and Margaret shared some of their memories about their childhoods with me and Jacqui Frank, the assistant editor here at the NEWS.

Cecil Paul was born in Bee, Washington, which was the post office name of the McNeil Island penitentiary post office. Margaret Paul was born Margaret Mary Harriman at her "grandmother's house in Chum." Both grew up on the Key Peninsula, Margaret on Vaughn Bay, and Cecil on McNeil Island, which at that time was mostly privately owned.

*Now Harrimans, weren't they some of the original settlers around Vaughn Bay?*

**Margaret:** Yes, they were pioneers, and came from Yorkstown, out in the country, in the state of New York. My grandparents were married in Chicago the eighteenth of April in '85, just a hundred years after Paul Revere's ride - easy to remember.

The Austins, my mother's side of the family, had come later from England and Ireland. They lived next door to the Harrimans. Both my grandparents, my grandfathers were orchardists. I guess that's why I like to garden. Dad and mother were both born at Vaughn, in 1893.

*Do you know why your family decided to come out here?*

**Margaret:** Climate, primarily. ...When grandma and grampa were married in Chicago, there was a great Irish population and some of them had kinfolk out this way and they had told them that the winters were so much like Ireland and England. So they came and found it to be so.

**Cecil:** You know, the story of the grandmother's search for a church would be interesting, maybe.

**Margaret:** Great-grandmother came to visit from Ireland and was horrified that grandma, who had been raised as a Catholic and had what amounted to about a fourth grade Catholic education in a convent in Ireland, wasn't attending any Catholic Church.

There wasn't any available. She lived up at the hinterlands in north Vaughn, and the nearest Catholic Church was in Gig Harbor, and of course that was impossible. That was just like a foreign country! Great-grandma finally gave up. She had planned on living here, by her daughter you know, and being a neighbor and caring for the babies and everything but she gave up and went back to Ireland and died in her home village of Clonmel.

*What would be a typical day in your childhood, if you had to distill it?*

**Margaret:** It was an idyllic childhood. Two brothers and myself, living on the waterfront, it was like living in a great park. All the acreage that we had, we had unsettled acreage around us that belonged to people who didn't use it. It was just as if it was belonged to us. I was raised on waterfront, salt waterfront. Dad owned a freight and passenger boat and there was a dock and float. I remember how the water from the bay reflected on our kitchen and living room ceilings in the house.

I was always inclined to want to

draw and paint pictures. I had a small artistic streak. I liked to write. I wrote endless letters to girlfriends and cousins. I was always the artist on any school papers. The *Tattler* was the Vaughn High School paper. I first went to Vaughn grade school, where the parking lot for the Civic Center is now. It was demolished. It was right next door to the Civic Center, and later I went to Vaughn High School.

I didn't have girls to play with. There were none on our side of the bay, so I played with my brothers, mostly. I was a tomboy. We had chores to do every day. I helped my brothers saw wood. They helped me wash and dry dishes sometimes. ...We always helped in the garden, berry picking and pulling weeds.

...And my dad was one of the few people that owned an automobile real early. I can hardly remember it, 1925 I think was the first one. And every year we'd take trips to British Columbia, Oregon. And just camp out. We couldn't afford the hotels and motels and so forth, but we camped all up and down the ocean beaches and in the Olympic and Cascade mountains.

And mother, having been a school teacher, sometimes did substitute teaching every once in a great while when I was young, but most of the time, she was working around the place. She'd bake all of our bread and do all the chores that housewives used to do without aid of electricity because we didn't have that until I was sixteen and working out for other people.

**Cecil:** I went to school 51, the same school my mother went to. When I went there, there was a belfry. ...A big beautiful-toned bell would call us to school. This school was enlarged by lengthening one end or the other at least twice. They were pretty much Norwegians and Swedes over there and they all did good carpentry work. Anytime they did any kind of carpentry it was well done.

*Cecil, do you know what made your parents decide to come out here?*

My mother was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. My dad was born in Corning. My dad was a young man. He'd already had a couple of years in college and I think they call it the Panic of '93 and I think that's why they came west.

My dad's father, Asahel, he was a Baptist preacher and raised twelve children. My grandmother was a little bit of a woman. She wasn't five feet tall. She didn't live too long either. The whole tribe came out here. We lived in Tacoma

in my grandfather's big house that he had built, out on 71st and A street.

My maternal grandparents homesteaded on the island. Mother often liked to tell that the deed had the signature of Ulysses S. Grant on it.

*I guess what particularly interested me about an island is considering how difficult the travel and all that was, why people would choose an island.*

**Cecil:** I think because basically islanders are isolationists. I know I would be if I was younger. I think that's the reason, but there was a good land there, and transportation from the island was no different, hardly, than it was on the mainland.

**Margaret:** It was like Vaughn.

**Cecil:** Yeah, you would travel by water. The land was just a trail.

**Megan:** So it wouldn't really make any difference if there was water all around you or just on three sides then.

**Cecil:** That's right. All the little towns were built around coves someplace that offered some protection for the boats. You built a dock to land the boats and unload portage and the horses and the people.

*Now, in Vaughn, in those days, there were docks and stores?*

**Margaret:** More docks than now. Many more docks and boats. And, not motorized. We rowed.

**Cecil:** Margaret used to row across all the time and she also swim across occasionally.

**Margaret:** Yeah, it was only half a mile. Our storekeeper/storeowner, Mr. Freeborn was so pleased. He'd known me all my life. He fixed up a bag of candy for me, and boy I would have swum a whole lake for that. We didn't even have a real good road for a long time when I was a child. Finally the county put one in to South Vaughn.

**Cecil:** McNeil Island, if it didn't have the very first, had one of the first rural telephone systems.

I remember my mother holding me up to the phone. I couldn't have been over three. So the phone was there then. And there's stories connected with that. One time a convict got loose and there was a salesman walking around the island peddling something at the same time this convict was loose, and the women all talked about it on the phone system, so this nice-looking guy came up to the door and my mother kinda stepped back out of sight, and he heard her, and he said, "It's all right, lady, I'm not the convict."

*Did that...shake you at all, being close to that prison?*

It didn't bother us in the least. If you read history, you might have read of Roy Gardner, the train robber. Anyway he escaped, and there was a big commotion. There

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was one local fellow; see, the penitentiary hired local people as temporary guards when the convicts got loose; and this man, with his rowboat, rowed to Pitt Island looking for this convict that had swum across there.

Now, John Luhr was a great joker and he and another fellow came along, because they were also guards, and they saw this man was asleep, so they landed the boat real quiet and sneaked up and took I think either his gun or his boat. When he woke up he was

mad as a - hatter. That's the kind of stunts they played.

At that time [Gardner escaped] it was summer and we kids were sleeping in the chicken house. The floor to the chicken house was about four feet off the ground and we figured out a real good way to scare old Gardner if he came around. We piled a bunch of wash tubs and tin cans up so if he tried to crawl up into that building, they'd fall.

No, we weren't afraid. I worry more about convicts now than I did then. They never bothered us. All they wanted to was get away. There were convicts over there with whom I was personally acquainted.

*How would you get acquainted with a convict?*

**Cecil:** Well, they had a school section over there, it was 640 acres. They called them school sections. They belonged to state, and the penitentiary, as time went on, took that over, and they had honor cabins out there, and the convicts were out there making charcoal out of cord wood.

There was only a fence around the place, and these convicts were well acquainted with the kids. They wanted tailor-made cigarettes, and they'd give us practically a whole wash tub full of Bull Durham and stuff like that for a package of cigarettes. They'd get stuff out of the

commissary, hams and all stuff like that. Half the people on the island had clothes made in prison. Prison jackets with the number on the back and prison shoes, overalls. ...They used to give steaks, the very best, they fed 'em to the dogs, big old hounds, you know. They had their girlfriends come out and stay in some house on the island and visit them.

**Margaret:** Convicts used to go out fishing.

**Cecil:** ...That's the way we got acquainted with them. They were really living fair under this one warden they had.

**Margaret:** I would always look across and think, what a nice prison, where the convicts can go out fishing. Most of them were in for bootlegging, you know, instead of murder, so there were some decent ones.

**Cecil:** We used to walk by the fence on the way to school and the convicts would come out and talk through the fence. One convict was supposed to have gotten too friendly with this girl, and her brother, I believe it was, wrote a letter to President Roosevelt and told President Roosevelt he wished he'd keep his convicts in the penitentiary where they belonged. So, that created a stink, so they came out with an investigation.

One time myself and several of my buddies, we'd been talking with a couple of convicts who lived in a cabin near the beach on the north side of the island, and one day I stopped in to the cabin, and this guy was there named Chuck Wagner, Chuck Wagner the bank robber, and he went behind me and put a butcher knife to my throat and he said "Do you know me?"

I thought I'd better say no, and he said, "You remember that." ...I read the story about this Chuck Wagner and a couple other guys, in *True Story* magazine, I think. The title was something like *Five men, Five minutes, \$500,000.*

The FBI had found these guys in a motel room, and they broke in and took the firing pins out of all their guns, because they had to find them with the goods or something. So later when the FBI came to get them, they tried to shoot, but the guns wouldn't fire, so the law didn't get perforated, and the gang wound up in the penitentiary.

Interesting people. One of the convicts, Frank, who was in there for bootlegging, he knew this Chuck Wagner and he came one day and he said "Well, twenty days, Chuck, twenty days." [referring to the time left until he was released.] And he [Chuck] said, "Twenty years, Frank."

*Let's talk about people's working life, the types of jobs people had, and what the local businesses were...*

**Cecil:** [On McNeil Island], they had the log ramps, and a quarter-of-a-mile-long log yard. The logs went to mills in various places; Tacoma, Seattle, probably Shelton is the furthest they went. And at first there

were a lot of small mills around in the bay here. Wollochet had a mill for many years. There was Parr's mill at Gertrude. There was a mill at Taylor Bay, steam mills. There was a brickyard at Meridian, on the mainland, and a mill in Lakebay.

*There were four post offices on small McNeil Island - Why was that?*

**Cecil:** That Bee post office originally was down here near the original penitentiary. Eventually the Bee post office was phased out and there were two post offices on the island, one at Gertrude, which is Still harbor and the other one at Meridian. Gertrude, yeah the Gertrude, that was run by the Julin (Ju-LEEN) family for many years. Esther Julin was the eldest, she run the was post office and her brother...

**Margaret:** Emil?

**Cecil:** Charlie.

**Margaret:** Emil was the ferry hand.

**Cecil:** Charlie ran the store. And there were two or three other brothers that ran the store.

**Margaret:** They were Scandinavians.

*Was this a good thing to do, to have a post office? ...It seems like it must have been pretty easy, to become a postmaster?*

**Cecil:** I expect it was. Now that's beyond me. I don't know, but I think it was, at least the history I've read. Margaret, wouldn't you agree that being a postmaster was a pretty simple operation?

**Margaret:** Yes, there was very little to it. Our grocery store man, Freeborn, had a store and a post office in the same building.

**Cecil:** They had the same type of post office at Longbranch. There was no exam that a person had to take.

*How about your own work?*

**Cecil:** I had met Margaret when she was sixteen and I was married, and she was working for the Murers over there at Longbranch, for 50 cents a week, was it?

**Margaret:** No, no, 50 cents a day, three dollars and fifty cents a week. Big money.

**Cecil:** Anyway, she served us tea -

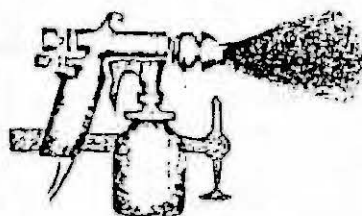
**Margaret:** Tea and cookies. I worked for people, usually, where there was illness in the family, and I took over the role of homemaker/housekeeper for them until they were well enough to do it again on their own.

There was one elderly lady and her husband, Fred and Alma Murer, and I worked about two years for them. They had a little ranch across from [what is now the site of Evergreen Elementary] school in the Lakebay area.

I took care of milk, milked the cow and brought the cream in, got the cream separated and got breakfast for Mr. Murer, just did the household chores. I canned and made jelly, pies and all kinds of things like that.

**Cecil:** Did you take a course in school, do you remember, to learn

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to do that?

**Margaret:** Oh, yeah. 'Course I learned at home. But the course in home economics in school was a great help to me.

**Jacqui:** Seems like you wouldn't need a course in home economics. It was such a part of everyday life.

**Margaret:** I enjoyed it because they taught us how to use electrical things. We didn't have electricity at home, so it was a more sophisticated way of life. But we had those things at school, like ranges.

**Jacqui:** Sort of like using computers at school now.

**Margaret:** Yes, it still puts you one step in the future.

**Cecil:** I worked in saw mills, and I worked a little bit free-lancing on the bay, picking up logs. I dug clams, did quite a bit of fishing. I put in 45 years picking brush. I got interested in brush picking about the same time it first started, about 1927. I owned

or leased the land that I worked on in later years.

**Was World War I a big influence on you?**

**Cecil:** I remember World War I when they had the first flu epidemic. People, young people died. I remember a young fellow came to visit us before he went overseas, and within three weeks we heard he was dead.

I know they made us wear a mask. People went around, we lived at that time in Tacoma, at a place that was called Bismarck, and they changed the name to Hillsdale because of Count Bismarck, over there, you know, they changed that to Hillsdale.

But anyway I remember going to the grocery store, I don't remember the name of the grocery store,

but anyway everybody was wearing these masks, and if you weren't wearing a mask, why you were considered a criminal. I think everything we did made it worse, though.

My mother got it [the flu]. It was Halloween eve. My father told me to go and find Uncle Lon, we lived about a mile away, to see if he would phone to get a doctor. First I went out knocking on doors nearby, but everybody thought I was a Hallow-

kind of a bad feeling and I thought it was bad to say bad things about him. I didn't know him. I couldn't understand the boys and I thought the girls were kind of silly too. I remember that...

*Someone was telling me, I think it was Shirley Olson, she was telling me about how the food, the food was really abundant and somehow it tasted better. Chickens were plumper -*

**Margaret:** Uh, huh. Well, there wasn't a lot of poisons being fed to

had friends that brought us peaches and we traded things back and forth for them.

**Cecil:** We had some unusual food during World War I. One time we caught a huge dogfish, they called it grayfish so it would be more palatable. Ma tried to cook it, but she wasn't very high-spirited about it. She didn't think much of the smell and stuff like that, so we only tried that once. But one time Pa brought home a smoked dogfish and it was really good. He brought home whale meat and Ma cooked it, and it wasn't bad. But she would always lean the other way.

One time Frank Luhr had a .22 high-powered rifle and he happened to shoot a porpoise on the bay and he brought that in, and that was quite a wonder to we kids. And Dad, of course, he smelled something to eat. He got a chunk of that and he rendered out the fat, and he got some real nice clear-looking oil out of the thing. And then he'd thought he'd see if it was practical for anything besides shoe grease and he cooked donuts in it.

**Megan, Jacqui and Margaret:** Ooh.

**Cecil:** Yeah. It had a very slight fishy taste. The kids could eat them, but they didn't eat as many, you know, as they would if it didn't have that -

*Slight fishy taste.*



photo - Megan Aprile

**Margaret & Cecil Paul**

een prankster and they wouldn't let me in. I came back and I told my father, "Nobody will let me in their house."

And he said, "You go down to uncle Lon," so I went down to Uncle Lon and Uncle Lon got Dr. Pearsall. Dr. Pearsall came in the morning, daylight, and he looked at my mom and he said, "I think I'm sicker than you are." That made us mad, because she was really sick.

The only [W.W. I] incident I remember was in the school, when I first went to Park Avenue school, they had, I was going to say a warden, principal, but anyway, he was going to war. He was leaving school to go to war and I remember all the girls were crying, and the boys they were saying they were glad to get rid of the old so-and-so. I was kind of in-between. I had kind of, it was

cultivate their growth and anything like that, and probably, things were better for us in those days. They didn't have sprays, a lot of poison sprays and that sort of thing. We were pretty self-sufficient.

**Cecil:** The only things to buy were salt and sugar and flour. I used to buy sugar in a hundred pound bag ... and flour in 50 pound bag.

**Margaret:** We canned and preserved things, and we had a huge prune drier. It was several stories high and down in the basement or bottom of it, there was a wood-burning furnace, with racks and racks and racks for the drying of the fruit.

Dad rotated and shifted the racks, but that was his deal because they were too heavy for us kids. I helped mother, and so did my brothers, can. We put up a thousand quarts, like everybody did in those days, every season.

We didn't can much meat, because we didn't grow much meat, but all the vegetables and fruits that we could get hold of and grow. I think the only thing we ever bought to can was peaches because we couldn't grow them as well here as they did in eastern Washington. We



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## Old Versus New

November 17 and 18 were pretty mean days. Electric power was off. Worst of all the cable was out for the better part of both days. While suffering without cable for a couple of days, I thought about when I was a kid. There was no electric service, so we cut wood. A woodshed full of dry wood, with a stockpile on the back porch, made it easy to keep a good fire going in the cookstove or heater daytimes. Plenty of covers usually were all we needed at night. We would breathe under the covers. A cat or warm rock helped too. On real cold nights the heater could be kept going all night. Of course someone had to get up now and then to stoke the fire, but we were not dependent on a million tree limbs cutting off the heat and lights, as we are today.

There was a good supply of hot water in the reservoir of the range. It



lasted between firings well enough for washing one's hands and face as needed. Heat was added whenever mom got another meal started, baked bread or did a washing. Replacing the reservoir water with a bucket from the well was not too hard, even for a lazy kid.

Evenings we talked, played cards, or visited with neighbors. Because we had never even heard of TVs or radios, we did not miss them. A trip to the city by steamer to see a movie was a great adventure, to be discussed for days.

Rain, rattling on the roof above our attic bedroom made us feel safe and cozy, snuggled down in the quilts. Sickness could be serious, but there was often a country doctor nearby. I admit, tho, that the siren of today's aid car sure is comforting!

## Gain' Out... by Janice McMillan

Young teen-aged girls often get crazy over horses. I feel the same way about a Palomino.

It is the Euro-Seattle bistro, Palomino, at Seattle's 5th and Pike and I had two meals there that were the most memorable food that I have had in a restaurant in years. Walking through the building to see the interesting shops, we discovered the Palomino on the top floor.

We were caught by the pungent smell of apple wood smoke from the large open brick oven near the entrance and watched as the cooks brought out entre after entre; all looked marvelous. We were four at each meal which gave us a chance to try many of the items offered on the interesting menu.

We started out with focaccia gorgonzola (\$5.50) and wood oven roasted vegetables (\$2.95). The focaccia was a very thin bread filled with pine nuts, basil, sweet red onions and gorgonzola cheese, heated in the wood oven until the cheese had melted. It was a superb blend of flavors and we ate up every scrap. The oven roasted red pepper, onions, mushrooms and zucchini had a light glaze of fine olive oil and a smokey taste from the wood oven and were excellent. A basket of bruschetta automatically is put on the table of all diners as a starter. It is a French type bread in slices topped with garlic, fresh basil, sundried tomatoes, and lots of extra-virgin olive oil and then broiled. Marvelous! We ate two basketsful.

Without looking at the menu I could tell that Palomino uses the finest and freshest ingredients, but the menu does mention Penn Cove mussels, Canadian King salmon, singing pink scallops. They also have an extensive and comprehensive wine list and the beer selection seemed especially interesting featuring several micro breweries.

For my entre I chose the spit roasted garlic chicken (\$12.95) and I would rate it as the best bargain on the menu. It tasted absolutely wonderful with its slightly smokey taste of the wood oven. Pancetta, rosemary, and garlic were stuffed under the brown, crispy skin which had been coated with lemon and extra-virgin olive oil before broiling. The half chicken was tender, succulent and very flavorful. It came with carefully prepared broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots.

Others at our table had cassoulet which was prepared with pieces of hunter's sausage, roasted chicken, lamb, ham, and slow cooked cannellini white beans with onion, garlic and brandy. It was an excellent choice for a cold winter's day and lovingly prepared. The slow cooking had melded the flavors into a happy whole. The fourth person in our party had the wood oven roasted prawns (\$17.95) which were split fan style and roasted with fresh garlic and extra-virgin olive oil. They were tender and of fine flavor.

To finish, two of us had the espresso with white chocolate ice cream (small \$1.95) which we were forced to share with our two companions. The Olympic Mountain white chocolate ice cream was swirled with espresso coffee in a tall glass, topped with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, and two chocolate covered coffee beans. It was heaven - that is, what little I got to taste.

On our return trip for lunch the next day, the chop chop salad (\$4.50) with smoked turkey, wine salami, provolone, and fresh basil was a hit with all. The wood oven stromboli (\$6.50) a sort of turnover in pizza dough with Italian sausage, provolone, onion, mozzarella and roasted red pepper was something that all agreed they would have the next time they were at Palomino. One serving with a salad is enough for two at lunch.

Service is excellent and knowledgeable. The restaurant is large and open but divided into a cafe and bar and a dining area. It is most attractive with polished burgundy and deep peach colors, high ceilings, large columns and especially attractive lighting fixtures done by a famous glass maker. The menu states unconditional guarantee for food, beverage and service. Also, "substitutions accommodated, of course." This is a restaurant that believes in service. Telephone 1-206-623-1300 for reservations.

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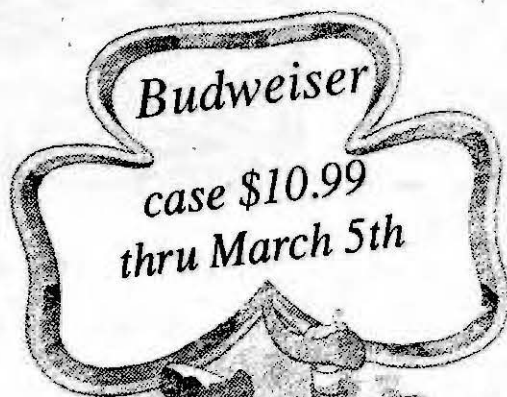
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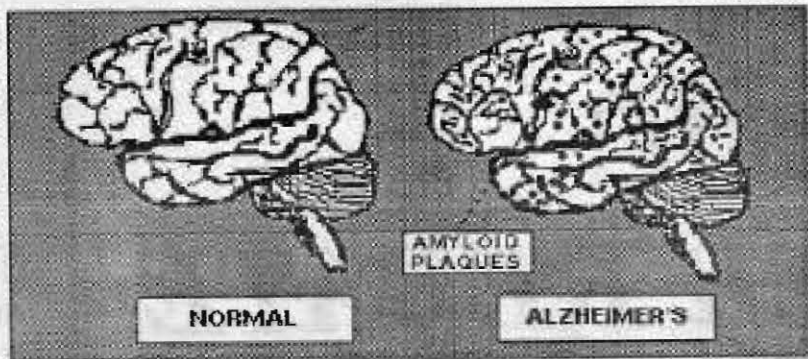
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Many elderly persons have Alzheimer's disease, characterized by a gradual deterioration of mental powers, including loss of memory and recall, and disorientation. People with Downs syndrome, a form of retardation linked to the presence of three number 21 chromosomes instead of the normal two, have a much higher likelihood of having Alzheimer's than the rest of the population.

Autopsies of victims of Alzheimer's show that the brain has many areas where amyloid plaques are present (see diagram). These lesions are associated with the deterioration of surrounding nerve cells.

These plaques appear in many parts of the brain, especially parts associated with cognitive functions, like the cerebral cortex. Many of the plaques are small and are not associated with any anomalies in the structure of surrounding tissues. However, the large plaques are surrounded by damaged tissue, which may account for the diminished brain function characteristic of Alzheimer's.

Analysis of these amyloid structures has shown they are made up of protein called Amyloid-beta-protein, which is a small piece of a much larger protein whose gene is found on chromosome 21. This might explain why sufferers of Downs syndrome have a high risk of coming down with Alzheimer's.

Now that a correlation has been shown between Alzheimer's disease and the appearance of amyloid plaques, it is of considerable interest to researchers to discover whether these plaques, and the protein that is associated with them, are the cause or a result of this debilitating disease. This information will prove invaluable for future progress in the treatment of Alzheimer's.

## Car Care



*The NEWS is happy to bring you Car Care.*

*Contributed by Linda Reid, Car Care will be written to help you, the auto consumer. Mike and Linda Reid are the new owners of Continental Tire, (formerly DJ.'s), and have worked in the auto service field or many years. The column is a reflection of their community-minded spirit, and their desire to help educate consumers.*

*Linda joins the ranks of our other business columnist, Marv Keizur, owner of Myr-Mar Accounting, who has been a long time contributor to the NEWS. Our thanks go to Linda Reid and Marv Keizur for their volunteer efforts for the NEWS and this community.*

by L. Reid

In spite of the lower sticker price, those "new" used cars we are seeing may not be such a good deal for the consumer. Many of them have been cleaned up so they look great, but...

We recently had two of the good deals towed in because they wouldn't run. One of them had only been in the hands of the consumer for two days. Both vehicles needed new engines. This is quite a costly repair considering the time of ownership of the vehicle. Neither of the dealerships that sold these cars was willing to compensate the consumer fairly for the required repairs.

Most automotive repair shops offer a bumper-to-bumper check for customers interested in buying used cars. This can save much aggravation and money. The shop will list any problems found and can give you a written estimate for repairs. You may then find that the vehicle is not what you want after all, or use the estimate to do a little "dealing" of your own.

Perhaps the dealer will complete the repairs prior to the sale or reduce the price of the vehicle. If a dealer or owner doesn't want you to take the vehicle to your repair shop to be looked over, you probably don't want that vehicle anyway.



## To Your Health

by William F. Roes, MD

Recently, several of our youngest patients have suffered from a virus which seems to hit infants particularly hard, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). RSV is one of the more common viral illnesses we all are exposed to; studies show that by age 5, 95% of children have developed antibodies protecting themselves from it. It's much harder on infants less than 6 months old, and a leading cause of hospitalization for that group.

In adults it typically causes the equivalent of a mild cold, and the virus is contained in the nose and mouth. In younger children, it often invades the lungs and can cause both pneumonia and croup-like symptoms. Babies who are infected typically show signs of respiratory distress, rapid breathing and irritability, along with the cough. A child sick enough to be hospitalized with the infection is tested for antibodies to the RSV. While this is usually a fairly mild and self limited disorder, some children can become critically ill. There is an antiviral medication, ribavirin, which is effective in treating RSV, but at a cost of several hundred dollars a dose, it is best used for the sickest children.

As usual, the best treatment is prevention - keep your children away from sick kids if at all possible. There is some evidence that breast feeding may also play some role in helping to prevent respiratory infections in the first few months of life.

Shifting gears to other respiratory problems, if you missed our presentation on the new transdermal nicotine patches to help smokers quit, but are interested, give us a call at 884-9221. If enough people are interested we can set up another session. Finally, if you're planning a family, wait until next month. Nine months from March 25 is Christmas and I'll be busy, but I'm happy to provide this public service announcement.

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## A Washington experience: the Junior Daffodil Parade

by Megan Aprile

When I first heard about the Daffodil Parade, I really liked the idea of celebrating because the daffodils are out. Daffodils are tough. They take care of themselves. They just come up, even if you don't weed, feed, mulch and fertilize. They multiply all by themselves. After a gray winter, they bloom in March and they are glorious, wonderful, yellow. And of course they thrive in nice, wet, rainy, misty, foggy, humid, northwest Washington, so if you live here and you love it, you can hardly help loving daffodils.

As my daughter hit preschool and my son Cub Scouts at about the same time, I learned about the Junior Daffodil Parade, for children's bands and organizations. Of course children need all kinds of mulching, feeding, weeding and fertilizing, but children and daffodils together are a pretty unbeatable combination, so it was only a matter of time until we participated in a Junior Daffodil Parade, which was an absolutely unforgettable experience.

It was a morning in April. It was a typical, pouring rain kind of April morning. You know the kind, where the rain is coming down in the proverbial buckets. I looked doubtfully out of my window, but dutifully went ahead with the costuming of my three-year-old, because three-year-olds, as you may know, do not adapt well to last minute changes of exciting plans.

By the time I was driving across the Narrows Bridge through the slashing rain, with the windshield wipers frantically beating back and forth on high speed, barely keeping anything visible, I knew. Certainty reverberated through my whole being, and I knew that in any other, dryer, place on earth, the Junior Daffodil Parade would have been cancelled. I also knew, just as certainly, that there would be a Junior Daffodil Parade, because this is Washington, and if the state has a motto, it is: don't let a little rain stop you.

We arrived. The pre-parade scene was fantastic to the untrained eye. I watched parents, serene in their waterproof ponchos, holding the wet little hands of preschoolers. I saw a toddler wheeled by in his stroller with a giant garbage bag tied around his neck like a plastic bunting. I also saw other over-wrought first-timers like myself. I wasn't supposed to cover up my little marcher's costume. I sprayed frantically at her outfit with aerosol water-proofing, torn between environmental and parental protectiveness. "Hold

your breath," I cried, "cover your mouth," while whispering a silent penance for helping to destroy the ozone layer.

The parade was just as fantastic. I had never seen wet poms-poms before; they have such a completely different shape than dry ones. One group of majorettes, obviously prepared, were decked out in identical transparent raincoats over their majorette costumes. They marched calmly down the street in their clear plastic rain boots to the music coming from a boom box which had its own transparent raincoat. Impressive. Much later, by chance, I happened to be talking about Washington parades with Claudia Loy, who had her own parade experiences to share. She said, "Yeah, you're okay to here in those costumes," and pointed to a spot just below her hips, "but your legs." Yes, the rain is one thing. Marching through the cold in a very short skirt is another.

I had a new understanding that day of what it really means when they say "you can't let a little rain stop you," but I'm afraid it was my first and last Daffodil Parade. Oregon folklore tells of web feet. I dub Washington rubber lung country. You should have heard the hacking and coughing at our house a week later.

I do follow the parade though. Some years it hails, some it rains, some years it even is clear at nine in the morning when the thing starts. Once in a while, someone will say, "Why don't they have it in the afternoon, so it would have time to clear up." But a moment's thought makes one realize that if we really waited until it cleared up, the Junior Daffodil Parade would have to be in August, and daffodils just don't keep that long.



The Bill of Rights, its application to the states, and its importance to each of us will be the subject of a discussion by Kevin Hamilton, Wednesday, March 11, 7 pm at the Key Center library.

The Bill of Rights, now in its bicentennial year, consists of the first ten amendments to the federal Constitution.

Mr. Hamilton is a trial lawyer with the Seattle law firm of Perkins Cole. Previously, he spent a year as a law clerk for a member of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands. He also clerked for Judge J. Skelly Wright, one of the nation's leading civil rights judges in the landmark case of Brown v. Board of Education in Louisiana.

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and made possible by a grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

The Friends will hold their business meeting at 5:45 pm prior to the program.

Exhibits in the library during the month of March will include oil paintings by Pauline Longley, and hand-crafted spinning wheels by Earl Sorrels.

Pauline Longley paints using solely the palette knife technique. The frames for her paintings are made of old barn wood.

Pauline studied art throughout her school years, and has been taking classes from Dori Richards for six years. She lives on the Key Peninsula, and her

varied and active interests include hiking, photography, sewing, quilting, weaving, basketry, herbs and gardening. She worked as a nurse for 17 years.

Earl Sorrels' spinning wheels are remarkable. He has become a self-taught master of the craft of making spinning wheels. He has made dozens of all types and sizes. Each one is unique and he adds a different model every year representing a new nationality, material or style. Mr. Sorrels lives on the Key Peninsula.

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## Sunnycrest Nursery sponsors landscape class

Glen Hunt, of Glen Hunt & Associates, a landscape architecture firm from Seattle, will be conducting a one day landscape class on March 14 in the Brones room at the Key Center library. Everyone who takes the eight-hour workshop will receive a landscape plan of their property. Glenn will be discussing all aspects of garden design, from low maintenance gardens to the perfect placement of a rose bed.

The cost of the class is \$90; size is limited and registration is required. Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center, as sponsor of the class, is taking reservations. Give them a call at 884-3937 for more information.

## Local utility offers incentives for conservation

If you are considering buying a new water heater, you can receive a \$60 rebate from Peninsula Light Company for purchasing a qualifying energy-efficient water heater. For more information, call 857-5950, extension 348 for a recorded message about the water heater rebate. The \$60 is about the difference in cost between a standard water heater and an energy efficient one.

Peninsula Light also has funds to provide free home weatherization for people with low income who have electricity as their main source of heat.

## Small Business fair planned for September

The Civic Center has been the place where you've seen the Arts and Crafts fair and the Crime Prevention fair. Both are successful events that draw a lot of people, so how about a Small Business fair?

The Key Peninsula Business Association and the Key Peninsula NEWS are planning a one-day Small Business fair, to be held on a Saturday in September. The fair would take place in the Civic Center gym, and booth spaces of approximately 8 feet would sell for \$20. A before or after hours event is planned for networking and hors d'oeuvres, compliments of the KP NEWS.

The fair will give small business people the opportunity to: sell their products or services; make contact with a larger segment of the public; and network with other small business people.

We need your input. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in this kind of event. Don't wait. Fill out the coupon below. You needn't send any money. Just indicate your interest and we will be in touch.

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## Local businesses show

### Local businessman has a new way to support the Civic Center

If you use aluminum cans, you can give some very meaningful support to the Civic Center by recycling them either at Wetzel's Recycling or at the center. Wetzel's, which is located just outside Key Center, is owned



and operated by John and Lula Wetzel. John is showing his support for the center by setting up a special aluminum can recycling program.

To participate, bring your aluminum cans to Wetzel's and tell them you would like to donate the proceeds to the center. John will deposit that amount, which varies according to the current market price, plus 5¢ per pound that he will donate. The funds will go into a special account for the center. Wetzel's recycling is located about 1 mile south of Key Center on the Key Peninsula Highway. Turn right on the dirt road, (which is pot-holed in spots), follow about one-quarter mile and take the left fork of the road and follow to the end.

You may also bag your cans and bring them to the Civic Center. A few aluminum cans may not seem like much, but statistics say that, on a national average, a family produces 6 pounds of aluminum cans a month. John estimates that if just half the people living on the peninsula would use this program, it would generate \$4,000 monthly for the Civic Center.

John Wetzel is showing his support for the Civic Center. Won't you join him in this effort? Recycling will not only help the center, but the environment as well.



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## KP NEWS to hold business roundtable in conjunction with Key Peninsula Business Association

by Jacqui S. Frank

If you are a business owner or operator on the Key Peninsula, please plan to participate in the first all-business roundtable ever held here.

This important local business event will be held at noon on March 20 at Michael G's restaurant in Key Center. Local business people from all types of businesses will be there to discuss the impact of the recession on their business. The discussion will then be shared with Key Peninsula NEWS readers, with an article and pictures, so that local residents can get an accurate picture of their community. National reports and statistics are one thing - personal experience can be another.

The roundtable is the first of a planned series, to be held under the auspices of the KPBA and hosted by Key Peninsula NEWS editor Megan Aprile. Don't miss this opportunity to talk about topics of interest with all types of business people, and then share this information with Key Peninsula NEWS readers, your customers.

## Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

The IRS audit rate has dropped to the lowest level ever, only auditing 0.8% of personal returns. But the IRS denies that tax cheats are now less likely to be caught than before. Its increased computer matching of tax returns to 1099s and other information reports has effectively increased the tax return examination rate to the equivalent of 2.5% audit rate, while eliminating the need for most old style line-by-line audits.

The IRS's first attempt at having taxpayers audit themselves has flopped, and the whole self-audit program is likely to be ended. What happened: the agency sent 1000 taxpayers letters asking that they verify deductions on their returns that IRS computers had identified as being unusually large. But 70% of the taxpayers ignored the IRS request, and two-thirds of those who did answer said their returns were correct. The IRS thinks that many of the taxpayers were told by their tax advisors to ignore the IRS request because deductions were too complicated to explain by letter.

The IRS estimates that three-quarters of all tax cheating is done by individuals and that cheating by individuals totals \$63.5 billion each year. That's \$635 per year per tax filer.

Remember, use the tax preparer who is there the year around.

## community support



### Texaco owner supports Civic Center

Frank Skladany and his family operate the new Texaco Mini-Mart located at the intersection of Elgin-Clifton and Highway 302. They are donating 1¢ per gallon on all February gasoline sales, an amount Frank estimated would come to nearly \$1,000.

The Civic Center Association extends its thanks and gratitude for the community-minded business people of the Key Peninsula who have done so much to support the Civic Center, and especially to Frank 'Ski' Skladany and his family.

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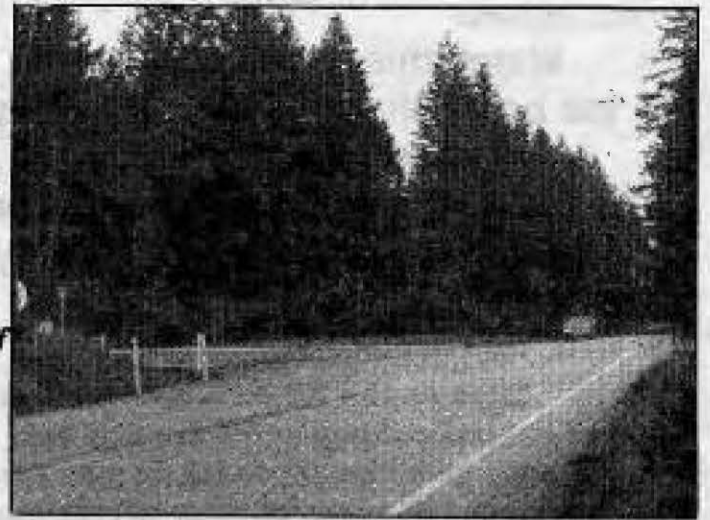
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Watch this spot, at the intersection of 302 & Elgin-Clifton road for the KPBA sign.

The Association takes the responsibility of keeping a one mile stretch of road clean.



by Megan Aprile

At the last business meeting, Road Cleanup Chairperson Dale Skrivanich let members know that a new section of Highway 302 had to be 'adopted' as the official one mile Key Peninsula Business Association section.

The current mile, just outside Key Center, will become a county, rather than state highway, when the state changes 302's route. It will receive a final KPBA cleaning on March 25, at 6:30, weather permitting.

The 'new' SR 302 will coincide with Elgin-Clifton road, so the association voted to adopt the mile between 118th and Elgin-Clifton as its new cleanup territory. The sign will be moved to the new location.

Members also voted to hold another clean-up of the combined length of SR 302 and the Key Peninsula Highway, in cooperation with other community groups if possible.

This month's noon meeting speaker, Gordon Wohlfeil, has

worked hard to better communication between the association and the Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and was scheduled to speak on Business Networking.

The April speaker will be Don Dennis of PTI Communications.

In other projects, the association will be holding its first Open Business Roundtable in March. (See the story on this page for more.)

The Association also voted to move ahead with plans for a Small Business Fair, to be held in the fall. Local business people are currently being surveyed to help further develop plans for this event.

And just in case you thought that "business" equals "suit and tie," member Heinz Laksin is working on the Key Peninsula's first-ever, (we think) pygmy goat show, to be held at the Civic Center this summer. Tentative dates are July 18 and 19. There are no plans to put suits or ties on the goats.

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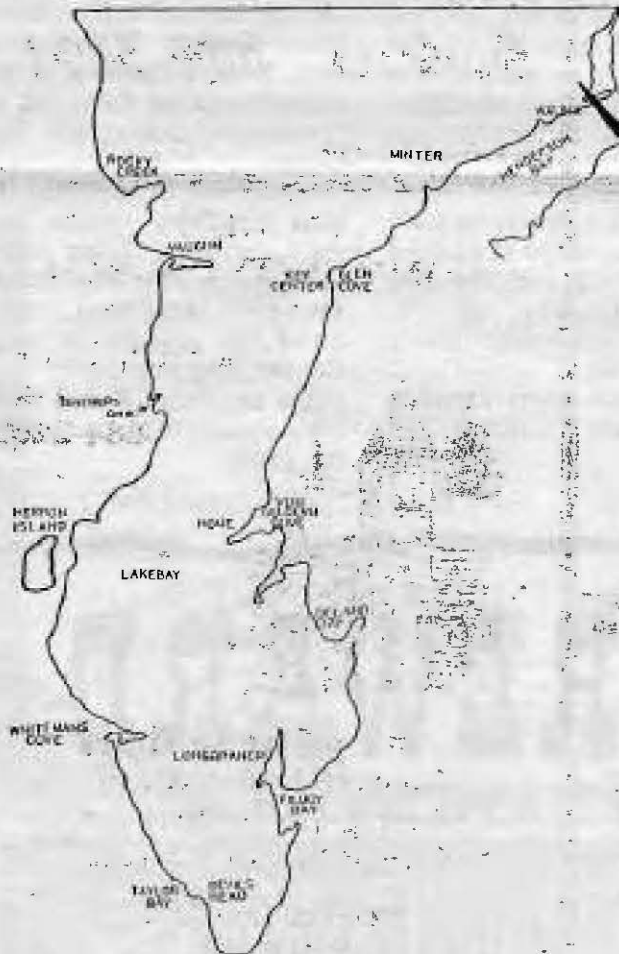
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It is with deep regret that we report the deaths of our Peninsula friends and neighbors...

## Lucille Ellen Keller

Lucille Ellen Keller, at the age of 81, died on January 16 in Tacoma. She was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on November 18, 1910. Lucille had lived in the Lakebay area since 1975. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lakebay Community Church.

Lucille is survived by her son, Robert D. Keller of Lakebay, Washington, and her daughter, Diane Petersen of Derwood, Maryland. She also had three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at Haven of Rest Chapel. Remembrances may be made to Lakebay Community Church, P.O. Box 130, Lakebay, WA 98349.

## John "Jack" C. Dullea

John C. Dullea died on February 8 in Tacoma, at the age of 76. Born May 3, 1915, in Providence, Rhode Island, he had lived in the Gig Harbor area for 15 years. Jack had retired after 42 years as a terminal agent for the South Pacific Railroad out of south San Francisco. He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Jack served in Company B of the 803rd Anti-tank Battalion during WW II, and was a member of Tacoma DAV Chapter #1. He enjoyed sports, golf and square dancing.

Jack is survived by his wife, Bernice, of Gig Harbor; daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Gerry Snelson of Gig Harbor, and Lori and Larry Cone of Twain Harte, California; grandchildren, Ruth, Kristy, John, Elizabeth and Elyse; sister, Elinor Junge, and nephews, Bill, Jim and Bob Junge all of San Mateo, California.

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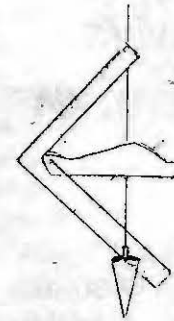
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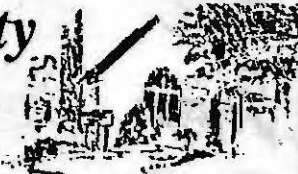
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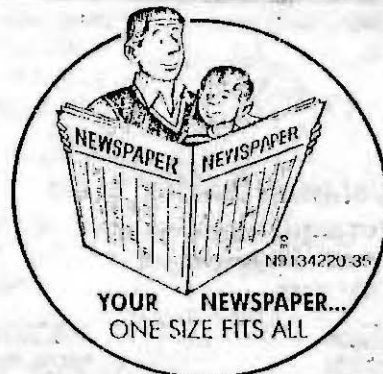
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**Around the  
Key Peninsula**

**Joseph Daniel Dodds enlists**  
Joseph Daniel Dodds has enlisted in the United States Army's Delayed Entry Program. Dodds' test score and enlistment in the Infantry as an Airborne Ranger qualify him for the Army College Fund Program. Dodds joined the Army, "because my dream is to become an Army Ranger with a Medal of Honor."

He is a senior at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor. He enjoys weight lifting, bridge jumping and things that give you a natural rush. He is the son of Don Dodds of Gig Harbor and Diane Lawson.

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