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Photo by Joan Lawrence

Where are the new fire stations we voted for?

Last November, voters approved a \$3.8 million bond to fund replacement of four Key Peninsula fire stations determined to be outmoded and unsafe. A cost-cutting, single building plan was designed for all four stations.

So, where are they?

"Our previous-to-bond-issue estimates of what building costs per square foot would be are running very close to our original calculations," Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell said.

"However, site and permit process delays, changing ordinances and unanticipated changes in fire flow requirements have caused delays of at least 60 days in our construction plans."

In most cases, site and landscape plans, driveway variances, septic de-

signs and water storage capacity have been approved by the County, but much paperwork continues to flow. A list of County requirements was submitted to KPNEWS—too lengthy for our pages. Here are some of the highlights:

—Although the station plans are from a single design, the Pierce County Building Department requires individual plans to be filed and payment of individual fees be made for each of the essentially-identical buildings.

—There must be a determination of whether station 1 (to be located at Lake Kathryn Village) is in the Burley-Minter sensitive area, and whether station 5 at 302 and Wright-Bliss is within the Rocky Bay sensitive area. Because sta-

tion 4 in Longbranch is located in the Filucy Bay sensitive area, an environmental impact statement must be obtained.

—Because a well site is necessary to satisfy fire flow requirements, it was necessary for the Board of Fire Commissioners to authorize purchase of the VFW property bordering the current station 3 in Home.

—Because station 3 is located within Home, a Historical District, building plans had to be approved by the Landmark Commission.

Despite delays, District management believes all that can be done is being done.

If you have questions phone 884-2222.

Senate approves jumbo ferry bill

OLYMPIA—A bill to require the state Department of Transportation (DOT) to give preference to in-state shipbuilding firms for the construction of three new jumbo ferries was passed by the Senate on April 6, according to Senator Bob Oke.

The measure, SHB 1635, received approval by the House of Representatives on March 13.

State Senator Bob Oke, who represents both Port Orchard and Bremerton, said this bill is critical to his area.

"First of all, the construction of three new jumbo ferries is necessary to accommodate growing commuter travel demands across Puget

Sound.... We simply cannot force any more traffic across the Narrows Bridge.

"Second, if we keep construction of the ferries at home, we are giving a boost to the depressed shipbuilding industry, increasing employment and personal income."

The proposed transportation budget for the next two years funds the construction of one ferry and allows construction to begin on the second vessel.

The new ferries will carry 218 cars and 2500 passengers with the ability to expand capacity, if necessary, for another 500 foot passengers.

Companies bidding for the construction contracts will submit bids for completion of all three vessels.

School funding forum May 27

by Neena Bauer

A forum is planned for Thursday, May 27, 7 PM, at Gig Harbor HS to explore school funding. The theme will be "Schools: who will pay?"

Peninsula School District currently is overcrowded with many portables in use and more ordered for the next school year. With the rapid increase in population occurring on both peninsulas, the question is relevant to all of us. Our property taxes continue to skyrocket. Are current residents paying for all this growth? Are we paying too large a share? Can residents on fixed

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Pioneer Day parade preparations

It's time again to prepare for the Pioneer Day parade.

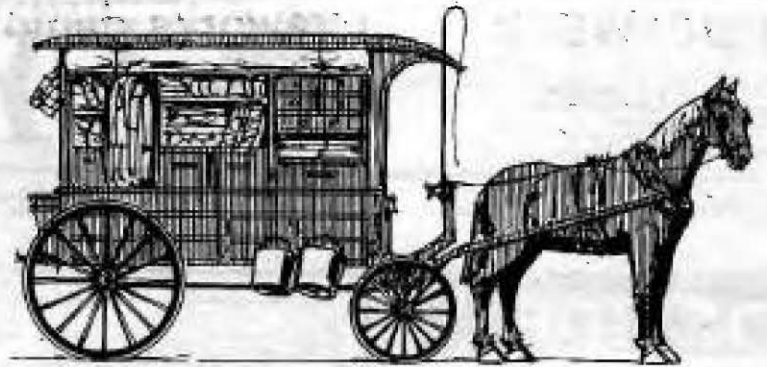
The parade will be held on Saturday, August 7. As always, it will begin in Key Center and run west on Olson road to the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn.

Pre-registration will be \$2 if you register by July 15. You may still register at \$5 until July 31; no registrations will be accepted after July 31.

The theme of this year's parade is, "The Diversity of the Peninsula."

We are in need of some volunteers to help on the day of the parade. If you would like to help, please contact Fay-Ann Katz at 884-5011. Call FayAnn to receive an application form and to get any further information.

In addition, the Civic Center has formed a Dance and Drill team—for the Pioneer Day parade and other parades as well. Ages 3 to adult may join. The team meets to practice on Wednesdays at the Civic Center at 7 PM. Each session lasts an hour. You will learn ribbon dancing, baton twirling and more. Come join the fun!



Summer Fun Program

The Civic Center is offering The Summer Fun Program. It's bigger and better than ever. School-aged children will enjoy field trips, arts and crafts, drama and sports; 8 AM - 6 PM M-F.

The Program is set to begin July 7 and will run six weeks, ending in an evening assembly Aug. 18. Call Fay Ann Katz, 884-5011, for more information.

Even some football players take ballet

Ballet is good exercise. Proper training tones and disciplines your body. And it isn't just for girls—some of our most famous ballet dancers are men. And some of our most famous jocks take ballet classes to supplement their athletic training.

Ballet classes are being given at the Civic Center on Saturdays from 9 AM, according to age groups. Ages 3-6 meet from 9 to 10; ages 7-11 meet from 10:15 to 11:15; and adults meet from 11:30 to 12:30 Saturdays and 8-9 Wednesdays. If you would like to sign up, call Fay Ann Katz (884-5011) or the Center (884-3456).

Pioneer Day Booth Application

● A \$50 deposit must accompany this application ●

Food booth \$35, all others \$10. Electric hook-up \$20

Contracts will be mailed on receipt of fully refundable deposit

- Game Booth
- Food Booth
- Exhibit Booth
- Other (explain)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ (home) _____ (work)

Organization _____

For information phone 884-9821 Mail to PO Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394

Make checks payable to Key Peninsula Civic Center

Pioneer Day Parade Application

August 7, 1993 • Theme: *The Diversity of the Peninsula*

Name of entry _____ Sponsor _____

Person in charge _____

Address _____

Please check/circle appropriate description

- FLOAT Lgth _____ Wdth _____
- BAND Attach description
- POLITICIAN Walking, Motorized, Mounted
- COLOR GUARD Separate, with unit
- MOTORIZED VEHICLE Antique (30 yrs plus)
- MARCHING/WALKING Military, Baton, Drill team, Junior, Other—attach description
- Classic, Decorated, Truck-size, Other—attach description
- ROYALTY Attach description
- NOVELTY Attach descr.

PLEASE note any special parade position requirements

Signature: _____
We reserve the right to reclassify entries into other categories. Categories listed may be subdivided for judging purposes.

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of the acceptance of this application, the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Civic Center and the Pioneer Day Parade Organization as well as all officers, employees and agents of those organizations, from any injury, damage or loss arising out of the applicant's participation in Pioneer Day activities.

Home band rides again

The Down Home Keep Clam Band will plan to make another ride through Key Center during the Pioneer Day Parade on August 7. If you missed the opportunity to be part of this musical group last year and would like to join us, come to our first practice of the session at 7 PM June 8 in the KP Health Center waiting room.

You don't have to play well, but we do expect you to play loudly. All band type instruments and musicians are welcome to join. If you have questions call Dr. Roes at 884-9221.

Hearing screenings at Civic Center

Kitsap Audiology of Bremerton is offering free hearing screenings at the Civic Center in Vaughn the first Thursday of each month, 1 to 4 PM. For more information phone Amy Becken, 373-1250.

DEADLINE



for July issue:
June 21

Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Officers

- Ed Taylor, President 884-3600
- Stephanie Zampini, Treas. 884-9821
- Dave Freeman, VP 884-2313
- Howard Reynolds, VP 884-4711
- Sylvia Haase, Sec'y 884-3603
- Dale Loy, Exec. at large 884-3937
- Terry Thomas, at large 884-4685
- Horace Kanno, at large 884-2222

For information about the Civic Center, phone 884-3456

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Tupperware fund raiser to benefit KP Civic Center

Stop by the Civic Center on your way home or after supper and join us for coffee and donuts on Wednesday, June 22 from 6 to 9 PM.

KPCCA members are having a Tupperware sales to benefit the Civic Center. So, gather up your friends and neighbors and come on over or pick up an order form and mail it with your check. All orders will be delivered to your home via UPS.


Thank you all for supporting the Civic Center. When you come to look over all the Tupperware kitchen products, the latest colors (do you like the color purple?) and their wonderful toys, you can buy quickly if you're in a hurry or you can stay and chat a while. It's not a party; there won't be any games—but you will find the usual friendly atmosphere we're all used to at the Civic Center.

Aisle of Honor

VFW Post 4990 and the Ladies Auxiliary will hold Memorial Day Services May 30 at 1:30 PM at Vaughn Cemetery.

A ceremony dedicating the new *Aisle of Honor*, which is to honor all veterans, will be held in conjunction with the services. The public is encouraged to participate in honoring those veterans who have passed on and those who still are serving.

Fireworks demo at Civic Center



At the Civic Center on June 20 (Father's Day) at 9 PM there will be a demonstration of the 50 or 60 types of fireworks that will be for sale at the Civic Center's fireworks stand. In addition to seeing them, safe and sane handling of fireworks will be discussed and demonstrated.

The demonstration is free, and everyone is invited.

In addition, for those interested in pre-sales, flyers are available at Sunnycrest Nursery in Key Center.

Tennis lessons at Volunteer Park

Volunteer Park is offering tennis lessons this summer, singles and doubles, for children and adults. Instructors will be Mitch Perala of Gig Harbor Athletic Club and his assistant, Rocky Ponlin. Perala has a Masters degree in Sports Psychology and Exercise Science, and Ponlin was an NAIA-PNW champion in '92.

Session 1 will run from June 21 to July 14; Session 2 from July 26 to August 18. For information phone Mitch Perala, 858-8777.



Three Mikes: Left to right, Mike Kalleg of Lakebay, and Mike Ladenberg and Mike Beal of Vaughn are seen here working in the Vaughn school. They were three of many volunteers who spent time on Seismic Saturday, May 1, taking measures to improve the earthquake preparedness of schools throughout the Peninsula School District. The program, a joint effort of the school district and the Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee, was judged a success by school superintendent Tom Hulst and GHKPEPC chair, Ray Zimmerman, who expressed gratitude to "all who helped make the day a rewarding experience." Photo by Hugh McMillan

Volunteer appreciation dinner

June 25 is the date for the annual Civic Center Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Civic Center board members Dave Freeman, Terry Thomas and Stephanie Zampini will be doing the cooking. Last year, Terry and John Thomas and Stephanie and Joe Zampini did a fabulous job, everyone was stuffed and happy.

Volunteers last year who received special recognition for their special work were Shirl Olson and Henry Stock.

Invitations for the June 25 dinner will be sent by mail. If you know of someone you feel should be included phone Terry Thomas, 884-4685 or Stephanie Zampini, 884-9821.

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER EVENTS - JUNE 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
For more information call Nick or Marcy at 884-3456. This calendar is subject to change.		1 gym walk 8-11 am WIC 8:15 am - 4pm TOPS 6-8 pm AA & NA 7 pm	2 gym walk 8-11 am KPLF 7 pm Dance recital 7-8 pm	3 gym walk 8-11 am Seniors 11 am-4 pm Karate 7 - 9 pm NA & AA 7 pm	4 gym walk 8-11 am Skating 6:30-9:30 pm	5 Bob DeKaiser Benefit 4PM-Midnight
6 Key Peninsula Life Fellowship 10:30 am and 6:30 pm Family skate 1:30-3:30 Dance classes 5-8	7 gym walk 8-11 am Grange 6 pm GED 7 pm Karate 7-9 pm ABATE 7:30 pm Exec Bd Mtg 7:30 pm	8 gym walk WIC TOPS AA & NA	9 gym walk KPLF Dance class	10 gym walk Seniors Karate KPCCA public Bd Mtg 7:30 pm AA	11 gym walk Skating	12 Lake of the Woods 10 am <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Guns & Garters Western Dance 8 pm</div>
13 KPLF Family skate Dance class	14 gym walk Karate GED VFW & Aux 7:30 pm	15 gym walk WIC TOPS AA & NA	16 gym walk KPLF Dance class	17 gym walk Seniors Cootiettes 6:30 pm Karate NA & AA	18 gym walk Skating	19 Gym closed private rental
20 KPLF Family skate Dance class	21 gym walk Karate GED	22 gym walk WIC NA TOPS Tupperware sales 6-9pm	23 gym walk KPLF Dance class Community Zone Mtg 7 pm	24 gym walk Seniors Karate	25 gym walk Volunteer Dinner No Skating	26
27 KPLF Family skate Dance class	28 gym walk Karate GED	29 gym walk WIC TOPS AA & NA	30 gym walk KPLF Dance class			



LETTERS

To the editor:
Community help is requested. Recently, letters were mailed to a number of potential supporters of the Civic Center. If we missed you, we apologize. If you still desire to donate to a fund to maintain the Center, we would appreciate it.

"The patient was under the car of a physician" would sound better if said, "The patient was under the care of a physician." A simple "E" makes the difference. Your donation will make a difference. No donation is too small or too large.

Mail donations to: KPCCA, PO Box 82, Vaughn, WA 98394. Checks may be made payable to KPCCA. If the donation is a memorial, please include a note. Also let us know if you would like your name to appear in KPNEWS.

We thank you in advance for being a community-minded type of person. Co-chairs, Donation Committee, Horace Kanno and Shirl Olson

To the editor:
 To all federal and retired employees with diabetes: I would like you all to check your prices on prescriptions at local drug stores on insulin and related articles. At one local drug store, I have recently been charged more than the advertised price for diabetes articles. Correspondence has been coming and going with Federal Blue Cross stating I should not be charged on a prescription any more than the advertised price. It happened again today, so I got my things without the prescription. Ask your druggist what the charges will be without the prescription. You may be surprised.

If you are having this same problem, write to the Federal Blue Cross Benefit Plan. They need to know what is going on. I am hoping this can be resolved soon. It has been very upsetting.

Frances Challender, Vaughn, WA

Obituaries

SYLVIA DAUGHTERS

Sylvia Larson Daughters of Lakebay died on March 11 in Tacoma. She was 82.

Sylvia was born in Hoople, ND. She was a lover of music, a member of Master Gardeners and of the Key Peninsula Historical Society. For many years she held the position of Historian in the Western Washington Adventist Writers Association. She was a long-time member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, in Tacoma and Port Orchard.

Sylvia was writing a book on her early memories of Pacific Lutheran University, with which her family had been associated for more than 90 years.

She died in the knowledge that all her family loved and cared for her. She is survived by her loving husband, Kenneth, of Lakebay; her children, Susan Duncan, Jeanne Nalbach and Lee Ogden; two brothers, Edgar and Paul Larson; and dearly cherished

grandchildren, Lynne, Tracy, David and Scott. She was preceded in death by her sister Pauline.

RICHARD MORGAN

Richard Earl Morgan, 57, a long-time resident of the Peninsula area, died at his home in Vaughn on Wednesday, April 21. Richard was a diesel mechanic and a U.S. Navy and Air Force Veteran. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Classic Studebaker Club.

Family members include children, Randy Morgan of Bremerton and Shelley Thompson of Olympia; father, Alonza A. Morgan of Port Orchard; brother Clifford Morgan of Port Orchard; sisters Evelyn Tiede of Lancaster, CA, Judi Johnson of Bellingham, E. Louise Cole of Bainbridge Island; and step-children Cathy White and Richard Berko.

BETTY BLOOMQUIST

Betty Helen Bloomquist, 67, a two-year resident of Pierce County, died Saturday, May 15. Betty was born in Gallup, NM. After working for Boeing she worked for Northrop Aircraft for 24 years. She was also a seamstress.

Family members include daughter Valerie Bloomquist of Lake Holiday and grandchildren Danielle and James Cowser. Memorial services were held May 21 at Haven of Rest in GH.



It's important to say thanks publicly at times, and to recognize the important contributions made by others. Such notices 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 KPNEWS, Box 3, Vaughn 98394.

We would like to thank all our friends who offered condolences on the passing of our brother and uncle Frank Henry on April 16.

You have all been so nice. We want you to know we sincerely appreciate your care and concern. **Lauretta (Jaggi) Tank & family**
Charlene (Reeves) Smith & family

Critical housing needs

The Key Peninsula Family Services Community Advisory Group met in May to determine areas of special need within the community.

The most critical needs were felt to be housing and recreation facilities for children.

Housing needs for single-parent families, safe houses (for individuals who find themselves without shelter because of family disagreements or at-risk situations) and emergency housing for families received top priority.

Bill Goodwin, chairperson of the housing committee, placed special emphasis on the need for available and affordable housing for families

1	KEY DATES		30
	BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL GROUPS		
	Allyn Comm. Ass'n	June 3: 7:30am/bkfst; 8am/mtg Allyn Inn	
2	KP Business Ass'n Caregivers support group	June 14: 7:30am; June 18 noon June 10: 7-9pm	Homeport Restaurant Key Center/Brones Rm
	CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS		
	AARP, Gig Harbor Chapter	June 23: 10 am	Pen Lutheran Church
	Angel Guild	June 22: 10 am	KC Library/Brones Rm
3	ASHES Cootiettes	June 3: 10:30 am June 17: 6:30 pm	Key Center fire station KPCC Whitmore Rm
	and	June 9, 16, 23	Visit Veterans
	Meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot		
	KPCCA Board Mtg	June 10: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm
4	KPCS Board KP Lions	June 8: 7:30 pm June 2, 16: 7 pm	Comm House - Home Horseshoe Lake Rest.
	COMMUNITY SERVICES		
	Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon. & Wed.: 2-7 pm Fridays 12:30-5pm	Peninsula Learning Center 851-6552
5	Food bank Hot lunch for seniors Free brunch	Tues.- Fri.: 10 am-3 pm Wednesdays: noon Sundays: 2-3 pm	Comm House - Home Comm House - Home Comm House - Home
	Also food and clothing assistance; for more info call 884-4440; 884-4514; 857-4780		
	Seniors exercise program	Tues.&Thu. 8:30-9:30am	Comm House - Home
6	WIC (Women, Infants, Children) Immunizations	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm Thursdays, 9 am - 2 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm GH Chamber/Commerce 552-1767 for info
	Peninsula School Board	June 10: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Bd Rm Purdy
7	Little League Board Meeting Homeschoolers Skating Family Skating	June 20: 6 pm June 4, 18: 2-3:30 pm Sundays: 1:30-3:30 pm	Lake Holiday Clubhouse KPCC Gym (884-3456) KPCC Gym (884-3456)
	KP Fire Comm.	June 9, 21: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
8	KP Park Board	June 6, 14: 7:30	Brones Rm, KC Library
	OF INTEREST TO PARENTS		
	AA NA	Mon. & Fri.: 8 pm Tue. & Thu. 7 pm	KP Comm Serv, Lakebay KP Civic Center
9	KP Family Services Single Parent Support Group TOPS	June 7: 7-8:30 pm June 1: 7 pm Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg 7-8 pm	KP Middle School Eagles Lodge KPCC/VFW Rm
10	Gym Walk G.E.D. Classes	Mon-Fri: 8-11 am Mon. 7-9 pm	KPCC Gym KPCC
	SOCIAL/HOBBY GROUPS		
	ABATE of WA Bayshore Garden Club	June 7: 7:30 pm June 18: 11:30: no-host lunch & Field Trip	KPCC VFW Rm. Longbranch Imp. Club
11	KP Historical Society Longbranch Imp. Club Peninsula Neighbors Peninsula Social Club Senior Society	June 27: Potluck picnic June 16: potluck 7; mtg.: 7:30 June 8: picnic June 3: Potluck 6:30, mtg.: 7:30 Lunch, Thursdays: noon	Jackson L. Clubhouse Longbranch Imp. Club Penrose (if rain, Home) KP Lutheran Church KPCC/Whitmore Rm
12	Upper Sound Grange Vaughn Garden Club VFW & AUX	foot care and blood pressure June 7: 6:00-10 pm June 16: Noon Potluck June 14: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Rm Elsie Olson's KPCC/VFW Rm
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facing a crisis such as eviction or the loss of a job.

Possible funding sources explored were Habitat for Humanity, House my People, the American Red Cross and the Pierce County Housing Authority, as well as various church, civic and realty organizations.

At the June meeting, citizens will explore available resources, possible housing space and necessary requirements and approval from county agencies.

The June meeting will be held at Key Peninsula Middle School on June 7 at 7 PM.

Reynold's Roost

What went wrong?

This is a story of four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job. But Nobody asked Anybody. It ended up that the job wasn't done, and Everybody blamed Everybody, when actually Nobody asked Anybody.

Home bridge status

by Neena Bauer

An informational meeting concerning the Home bridge will be held June 2 at the Longbranch Improvement Club, 7 PM. The meeting was requested by residents who wanted more information regarding construction time tables and detouring of traffic.

Don Pederson, County Engineer, will be there with charts showing diagrams of the new bridge. He will be able to answer citizens' questions. Paul Cyr, County Councilman, is also invited.

The new bridge will be constructed in approximately the same location. The approach from the south will be a little to the west of the current bridge. There will be two lanes, each 12 feet wide, and 8 foot shoulders. This creates a bridge almost twice as wide as the current one whose lanes are 10 feet wide.

The sides of the bridge will be made to look like older bridges using in-

dentented balusters. This suggestion was a result of input from the Home Historical Society.

All storm water from the surface will be diverted to the north end where it will enter the natural biofiltration system in place. Bids will be advertised some time this summer. The Department of Fisheries allows construction on salt water frontage from June 15 - February.

Pederson mentioned concrete pre-cast girders, aluminum bronze hand rails and galvanized steel pilings. All these construction details will be available at the meeting. There is no possibility of retaining the original structure.

After the Home bridge is finished, the county will replace the small bridge on Herron Road. Federal money is already allocated.

If you would like more information regarding the meeting phone 884-2448.

Conserving easement on 80 acres in Home

by Neena Bauer

The Peninsula Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) is asking all residents of the Gig Harbor and Key peninsulas to help "Save a Piece of the Forest" in the local trust's first completed project, the preservation of 80 acres of open space on Key Peninsula. Expecting this summer to sign a protective legal agreement, PHLT is launching a drive this month to raise \$6000 needed to ensure proper stewardship of the land in perpetuity.

The property borders the community of Home and is owned by Robert and Nancy Lind, who have lived on it for 36 years. They want their land's natural beauty and valuable environmental qualities preserved forever. They would like someday to have a public walking trail through their woods.

Under the terms of the conservation easement agreement 70 acres of the land will remain permanently as open

space. Development on the other 10 acres will be limited to only one residence in addition to the Linds' current home. The restrictions will prevail regardless of who owns the property in the future.

Nearly 70 acres of the Lind property are heavily forested, providing a home for bears, coyotes, deer and other animals. A year-round, spring-fed pond, a seasonal stream and numerous old-growth snags provide cover and habitat for wildlife. The land is an important aquifer recharge area, a corridor for migratory waterfowl and a buffer for the Home Historic District

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Lions' tenth

The Lions are celebrating their 10th Anniversary. The public is invited to a potluck at the Civic Center on June 29 from 6 to 9 PM as new officers are presented. A \$5 donation will be charged to cover expenses.

Sexual Assault Crisis Center of Pierce Co. 24-hr hotline: 1-800-750-RAPE (-7273)



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TRIPLE PLAY (Three Cakes) \$ 2.50

THE SHORT STOP (Two Cakes) \$ 1.50

BREAKFAST SANDWICHES

ENGLISH GRILL (Choice of bacon, ham or sausage, egg and cheese on a grilled English muffin) \$ 2.75

CROSSBANT SUPREME (Choice of bacon, ham or sausage, egg and cheese on a fresh croissant) \$ 3.75

T.J.E. SANDWICH (bacon, ham, sausage, egg and cheese on a grilled croissant)

BEVERAGES

COFFEE \$.50

TEA \$.50

JUICE (ORANGE, TOMATO, GRAPEFRUIT) \$.75

MILK \$.75

TOAST

EGG \$.75

HASHBROWNS \$.75

DONUTS \$.75

MEATS (BACON, SAUSAGE, HAM) \$ 1.25

SIDE ORDERS

SOUP \$ 1.25

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LUNCH & DINNER

BURGERS

SINGLE PLAY _____ \$ 2.75

DOUBLE PLAY _____ \$ 3.50

THE HOME RUN (CHEESE, LETTUCE, TOMATO, ONION, MAYO) \$ 4.25

FOUL BALL (COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FAIR BURGER SMOTHERED WITH GRILLED ONIONS) \$ 2.95

COLD SANDWICHES

VEGGIE (CUCUMBER, TOMATO, LETTUCE, SPINACH, AVOCADO & CREAM CHEESE) \$ 3.50

TURKEY (LETTUCE, TOMATO & MAYO) \$ 3.25

HAM (LETTUCE, TOMATO & MAYO) \$ 3.50

HOT SANDWICHES

BALL PARK HOT DOG \$ 1.50

GRILLED HAM & CHEESE \$ 3.50

BBQ BEEF ON A BUN \$ 3.50

THE REFEREE (GRILLED TURKEY, HAM, CHEESE & GRILLED ONIONS) \$ 3.95

BEVERAGES

MILK \$.75

POP \$.55

COFFEE \$.50

TEA \$.50

GATORADE \$.75

ROOTBEER \$.75

FLOAT \$ 1.25

SIDE ORDERS

FRIES \$.75

MAC SALAD \$.75

POTATO SALAD \$.75

CHEESE \$.75

DONUTS \$.50

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EDITOR'S

PICK

You may have participated in The Peninsula Gateway's "Best on the Peninsula" survey during May, and sent them your favorite menu items of local area restaurants. I did. I've been planning something similar for KPNEWS, but my version is a little different. You're free to send us your choices if you want to (free-form), but first I'm going to tell you *my* eclectic choices:

BEST ATMOSPHERE: Michael G's new location on the Lakeland Golf Course in Allyn (formerly Bellagamba's)

MOST FUN DECOR: Sea Galley in Tacoma. I would love a house like it.

BEST OUTDOOR EATING AREA: Tides Tavern. Another place in the Harbor where you can dock your boat and eat is the Shoreline. I would love to see a good restaurant go in at Filucy Bay where the Longbranch Chowder House used to be.

WORST PARKING LOT: It's a tie between Le Bistro and Tides Tavern. They have good food, but I would bet their best customers live within walking distance.

BEST WAITRESSES: Pat at Michael G's, and Liz and Terrie at the Sunset Bar & Grill in Gig Harbor. I'm sure there are people who eat at Sunset just so they can visit with Liz. I like a friendly waitress with a good memory. But one thing almost all waitresses, even the best of the professionals, will forget to bring is milk. Try ordering milk some time in a restaurant. I don't know what it is, maybe a mental block. Maybe it's genetic, maybe people with superior table-tending abilities are born without milk genes. Or maybe their mothers weaned them on Pepsi, I dunno, they just seem to have an aversion to milk.

NICEST MANAGER: Pam at Sunset

BEST MUSIC: Cimarron (C/W fans only). Michael G favors Motown. And the Sunset seems to be going out of its way to make me happy, providing James Taylor and Elton John...during the week. On Sunday afternoons sometimes Sunset seems to be expecting Hugh McMillan to show up: they're playing '40s jazz. I must say, Ella Fitzgerald had a voice as clear as the crystal she used to break in those Memorex commercials.

BIGGEST PILE OF GOOD FOOD FOR SMALLEST PILE OF MONEY: Glenn Robare's restaurant at Volunteer Park.

BEST WINE CHOICES: Michael G's

BEST SELECTION OF BEER: Engine House No. 9 in Tacoma; Cromwell's Ale House in GH

BEST PRICE FOR A BEER: Pizza Plus

And after all that beer, **BEST LADIES' ROOM:** Cimarron. It's clean, roomy, has interesting toilets and you get to listen to Garth Gilly and Mickey Brookside. Or is it Brook Gill and Garth Black? Whatever, it's fun music.

WORST PLACE TO TRY TO GET A LATE LUNCH: Cimarron. I forget their hours, and too often have stopped and found their dining room closed between lunch and dinner. I hate that.

BEST BURGER: Michael G's California burger; Tides Tavern's Maui; almost anything at Red Robin (their *petite bacon burger* is just my size). I haven't tried the Cimarron's buffalo burger, but have heard good reports. And I'm wondering (from the photos on its wall) how soon the Homeport will serve up an ostrich burger.

BEST FRIES: Sunset's spicy fries (optional—ask)

BEST CLAM CHOWDER: Sunset. It's tangy with bacon, huge chunks of red potato and even a few clams. Uh huh, it could use more clams.

BEST SOUP ON ANY GIVEN DAY: Michael G's. I especially like his crab bisque.

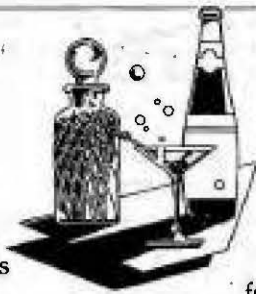
BEST COFFEE (when freshly brewed): Casa Mia

BEST ESPRESSO: I've never had a really good latte in a restaurant; you have to go to those who specialize in it. Best are Liquid Perfection, Close to Home and, of course, Starbuck's.

BEST FISH: I think you have to go to Seattle for really good fish.

BEST STEAK: Cimarron

BEST NACHOS: Sunset. Puerto Vallarta's are good, too.



BEST SALADS: Sunset's Chicken Fajita; Horseshoe Lake's Sesame salad; and Cimarron's Cobb. The Cimarron has a good evening deal for salad lovers: half a

Cobb salad (chunks of chicken, tomatoes, avocado, hard-boiled eggs, bacon, on romaine and head lettuce—wonderful with their honey mustard dressing) and a warm roll for \$4.95.

Also, Puerto Vallarta's Chicken Tostada is great, with huge juicy chunks of chicken, guacamole and sour cream, for under \$5.00. Mitzel's has the best Caesar salad—I

especially like the version that comes with Lemon Chicken. And the Sunset's hot seafood salad (not on the menu, but try requesting it—occasionally it's on the specials board) is the best I've tried.

BEST HOUSE DRESSING: Michael G's raspberry vinaigrette

BEST ROLLS: Cimarron's warm sourdough roll is nice, and served with pats of *real butter*, a real plus. Sunset offers a nice dark roll, also served warm but with a little pot of margarine.

BEST PASTA DISH: Michael G's smoked salmon fettucine



BEST PIZZA: Pizza Plus—if you can't make it to Numero Uno in L.A. For those with deep pockets, Katie Downs in old Tacoma on the waterfront.

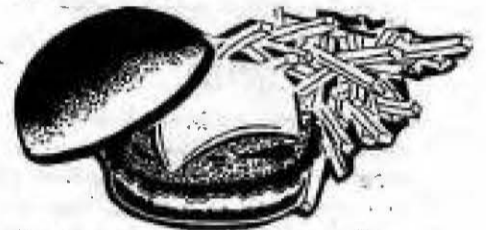
BEST ITALIAN FOOD IN GENERAL: Casa Mia. Grazie is good, too, for those who eat at Katie Downs.

BEST CHEESECAKE: Casa Mia! They

have fabulous cheesecake—New York style or their special Marion Berry (not to be confused with the former D.C. mayor).

BEST SENIOR MENU: Few restaurants do Seniors favors. Mitzel's has a Senior menu. And Allyn Inn. And I hear good things about the Poodle Dog in Fife, and the Tower bowling alley just across the bridge. And there's a cafeteria style place in Lakewood, Country something, I hear good things about. But the best place for a Senior to have a good meal and some fun, that I have observed, is the Civic Center, where the Senior group meets on Thursdays from 11 AM to 4 PM. The aroma of the meal they prepare permeates the building.

NICEST TO CREDIT CARD USERS: Most restaurants accept Visa and MasterCard, but few in our area accept American Express. Those I like that do, include Cimarron, Sunset and Puerto Vallarta.



BEST PLACE TO TAKE THE KIDS: No matter what you say, the kids are going to want to go to MacDonald's. And why fight it? For under \$3 you can get a burger, fries and a drink and play on all those cool big toys.

In *my* day, you went to Biff's drive-in, and you had a tiny little burger with a thin pale brown "meat" patty (well, maybe things haven't changed so much), with mustard and one pickle and a sesame-free bun, for 19¢. You didn't get to play on any toys, your mother told you to stay in the car and be quiet. And, jeez, you couldn't even sling ketchup in your little brother's face without everyone getting upset. And then Mom would give him a spit bath, and grumble something about ketchup on the carpet, and hey—how did that hole get in your skirt? Joanie, have you been playing with the scissors again? Take that french fry out of your nose and give your brother back his shoe. *Why* can't you drink your milkshake? Well, who put the pickle in it?

I kinda miss Biff's.



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by Joan Lawrence

Close to Home espresso

An espresso cubicle was installed adjacent to Walt's grocery store in Key Center. Some of us can never get enough espresso. Anymore, there are more espresso bars than there are gasoline stations on Key Peninsula. We used to have to stop for gas; now we have to stop for caffeine. It suits me. My motto is "Nothing in moderation." (Is there an espresso bar yet in Longbranch?)

The new one in Key Center, Close to Home, is run by a friendly, quiet young blonde woman named Laura McClintock. Laura says, "People in the espresso business are in it for two reasons—they love espresso, and they love people. It's a people business. Key Center people are interesting. I love it here on Key Peninsula." She said she opened the stand so she wouldn't have to commute to a job.

Laura, who lives near Herron, worked at other espresso stands before opening this one. She's also done upholstery and made baskets (and she paints—watercolors). But possibly the

most interesting of her previous jobs was as a cook on a Factory Troller in Alaska. She spent two years doing that, cooking for between 50 and 107 people.

Stop by to chat with Laura and to try some of her drinks. In the morning, try a hot one (her Mocha is made with Ghirardelli chocolate) and on a hot afternoon you may want to try an iced latte or maybe an Italian Soda. Laura uses Austin Chase coffee, and the drinks are priced between 75¢ and \$2.25. Also available are muffins, biscotti (Italian cookies) and mazurkas (bar cookies). Hours are 6-4 M-F, 9-5 Sat, closed Sundays.

Homeport

Check out the new window coverings at the Homeport Restaurant in Home. The Lulu of a facelift was provided by Suzanne Ferguson of DBS Interiors, Key Center.

New businesses at Harvest Time complex

The complex at the Harvest Time area on 302 is becoming a more and more

fun place to shop. There's the Harvest Time Country Store, Country Gardens, Liquid Perfection espresso, The Eclipse, and accountant Marv Keizur is upstairs part-time.

Now, Terry Smith, whose corporation owns the property and Bridgeway Market at Purdy, is re-opening The Original Fruitstand; and Teri High will be operating Snuffy's Deli inside Harvest Time. (That makes three Terrys, including Terry Thomas, who operates Country Gardens.) The deli smells wonderful—pastries, fried chicken and jo jos, take-out pizza, salads—and they make all their own sandwiches. I enjoyed the seafood salad. Teri High is a familiar face in the area, with previous retail food experience.

Terry Smith has lived in the Gig Harbor area since '79, bought Bridgeway Market in '78 and Harvest Time in '80. In 1990 he sold Harvest Time. Off and on he opens the fruit stand. Recently, it's had some remodeling—new siding, a ceiling fan and yellow lamps inside that give it the feeling of a farmer's market. It smells great, it makes you want to eat healthy fruit and

veggies. And the prices are *very* competitive. If you usually shop at a chain store, please, stop by and check out the prices on his beautiful produce. I'm one of those people who think none of us eats enough fruit and vegetables. It's wonderful food, cleansing, tissue-building, it's one of the healthiest things you can do for yourself.

Terry Smith told us, "We support the community, and if we continue to get back the kind of support we always have from the community, we will try to stay open all year. But our hours will be affected by the seasons." Call Terry at 857-4360 if you have questions.

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Community events

Longbranch Historical Society is holding its 25th potluck picnic on **Sunday, June 27, noon**, at the Longbranch Improvement Club.

The Lions Club meeting on **Wed., June 2**, will present the Peninsula Heritage Land Trust's slide show about the trust's work and the conservation easement agreement for the Lind property in Home; 7 PM at the Horseshoe Lake Golf Course Restaurant; 851-3136 for information.

Longbranch Church is having a **Rummage Sale** on **Fri. and Sat., June 4 & 5** at the Fellowship Hall. Juniors are planning a bake sale on both days.

Peninsula Neighbors is planning a picnic at Penrose Park at noon on **Tues., June 8**. If it rains it will be held at the Home Community Hall.

KP Civic Center Dancers and Peninsula School District present a **Dance Recital, Wed., June 2, 7 PM** at the Civic Center. Tap, jazz and modern dancing will be performed. Adults \$2, Children \$1, 6 and under free. All proceeds go to the Civic Center Fundraising Treasury.

The 19th Annual Belfair Midsummer Festival will be held on **Sat., June 26**, from 9 AM to 5 PM, at the Theler Community Center, Hwy 3. The festival offers crafts, vendors, auctions, music, food, entertainment, formal opening of the Hood Canal Wetlands Trails and the Belfair's Farmers Market. For more information on booths and the festival call 275-4674.

Next meeting of the **Key Peninsula Family Services** will be at KP Middle School library **Mon., June 7, 7 PM**. Find out how you can help your neighbors.

KP Community Services (Food Bank) is holding a **Flea Market** at Community House, at the corner of KP Hwy and Hoff Road in Home, **Sat., June 26**, from 10 AM to 4 PM. Spaces are available \$10; you will be asked to bring your own table. Phone 884-5063.

Citizens Against Crime is sponsoring its 2nd Crime Prevention Fair, **June 5** at the Eagles Hall in GH. Join your neighbors and learn a lot.

A **benefit concert** at the Civic Center is planned for the family of **Robert DeKaiser** on **June 5** from 4 PM to midnight. Four bands are scheduled. Food, full bar. \$5 donation.

The **Key Peninsula Group**, a group planning for growth on Key Peninsula, will meet again on **June 23** at the Civic Center, 7 PM. Come join them as they consider how Key Peninsula will fit into the county's growth management plan.

America's Band in Blue, performing under the auspices of PUMA, will present a **free concert** **June 15** at the Goodman Middle School Commons, on 38th Ave. NW, 7:30 PM. The band performs marches, masterworks, orchestral transcriptions, instrumental solos, popular vocal arrangements, big band jazz and mainstream Rock 'n Roll.

Little League



The week of June 7 is National Little League Week, but the whole month of June could be called "Calendar Month" to KP Little League.

When you purchase a calendar for \$10 from a Little Leaguer, you receive a calendar with some great pictures of last year's season action, and a raffle ticket inside. Fill out half and return to your seller and keep the other half, because daily drawings are held for prize money.

We will give away \$10 daily and \$20 on Saturday. If you win, you'll not only get a check, your name will go back in the pool, so you have the chance to win again. Drawings for \$100 will be held on Little League World Series Day, Super Bowl Day and the day the winning game is played in the World Series.

Calendars will be on sale from now until sold out, but please buy yours in June if you can. Little Leaguers have until June 12 to have their sales considered for prizes. The Leaguer who sells the most will receive \$100. Everyone who sells over ten calendars will be eligible for a drawing for four box seats to a Mariners' game. Kids selling three or more calendars will receive a pack of Upper Deck baseball cards.

In the Library



This summer we are inviting kids to join the Pierce County Library's summer reading program, "Discover Planet Earth—READ." Kids can get their free poster, name the alien space traveler and read about the wonders of the earth and the universe. For each book read kids can pick from eight different stickers to add to their poster.

So dig out your space suit, dust off your moon rocks, polish up your gravity boots and get ready to take off for another summer full of reading adventure.

Grab a 1993 PCL summer reading poster to find the answers to these and other perplexing questions: When does the astronaut get a good report at the dentist? How many stars are there? What do you get when you cross a spaceship with a magician? How does an astronaut say goodbye?

Storytimes for ages 6 and up will be held each Friday at 10:30 AM, June 25-July 30.

The library still needs used paperback books for the ongoing Friends of the Library book sale. Thank you!

Volunteers are needed

...to answer new information referral phone line ("Key Information"), Mondays through Fridays, 10-2 PM at the Key Center Fire Station. Training will be provided through United Way. Call Key Peninsula Family Services for more information, 884-5433.



Pictured above is The Key Peninsula Group, citizens working on land use plans for KP. From left: Rivkah Sweedler, Ross Bischoff, John McMenamin, Megan Aprile, Dave Freeman, Susan Mendenhall. Next meeting: June 23, KPCC, 7 PM. Photo NB

Rocky Bay shellfish

About 45 people attended a meeting at the Civic Center May 11 to hear about the county's plan to monitor the health of Rocky Bay. Jim Hoyle, County Health Specialist, spoke to KPNEWS about the project. Pierce County Health Department monitors the waters of the bay for bacteriological contamination since shellfish there are harvested com-

mercially. Tests indicate the presence of fecal coliform in the water. Pierce and Kitsap Counties want to avoid having to close these waters to harvest and are implementing a study of the entire watershed, which includes much of Rocky Creek and smaller streams. The contamination may be from septic effluent, agricultural activities and/or storm drainage. The study is expected to last 18 months.

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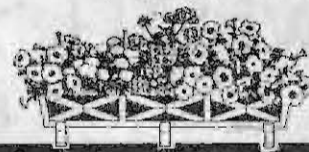
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Sunday Swap Mart

Beginning June 9, Key Peninsula will have a Sunday Market & Swap Meet in the now-empty space between the Harvest Time complex and Lonning's Saw. The market will include arts & crafts. Vendors are still being accepted, \$5/table (bring your own table). Phone 884-4685, 857-6174 or 857-4076.

Lockwood in Key Center

Last month we reported that two local businesses had opened an office in Key Center next to Pizza Plus—DBS Interiors and Wilson Woodworks. In May they were joined by Dan Wilson's associate Dave Lockwood, whose Lockwood Custom Log Homes you see being built at the Lockwood work site along 302.

We hear a lot of people wonder aloud, "Why do they keep building that log house and tearing it down? Are they teaching people how to build them?" The answer is, the log houses are made to order, cut and fit together at the Lockwood site, and then taken apart and reassembled at the buyers' site—some as far away as Japan.

A soft-spoken family man, Dave Lockwood is a welcome addition to the Key Center business community.

Alcohol and your body

According to Associated Press, Marsha E. Reichman's diet and disease research over the past ten years at the National Cancer Institute shows that women who have two alcoholic drinks a day are at greater risk of breast cancer. A report on the study was to be published May 5 in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Ironically, the study comes three days after Boston researchers reported that three alcoholic drinks a day may reduce the risk of heart attack by up to 50%.



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Civic Center

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and the old Home cemetery adjacent to the property.

For now, the agreement allows, by permission only, public access to the land for purposes such as education. Someday a public agency may develop and manage a public walking trail through the property.

Once the protective agreement has been signed, PHLT will be legally responsible for ensuring compliance with its terms. PHLT is asking every Peninsula resident to "Save a Piece of the Forest" through a tax-deductible donation of any amount.

Donations may be sent to the Stewardship Fund, PHLT, PO Box 1973, GH 98335. For more information, attend the next meeting of the Lions Club, June 2, 7 PM, Horseshoe Restaurant or Peninsula Social Club, Lutheran Church, June 3, 7 PM. You may contact the trust at 851-3136.

Attend a Trail Walk through the property on June 12, 10 AM. Bring a lunch. Turn on 8th St. W. where a sign will guide you. The day may include a walk on the Haley Park site also.

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School funding, cont'd from page 1

incomes continue to fund new schools? If growth pays for itself why are we continually paying more in taxes? Will our children pay with overcrowded classrooms, declining services and cut programs?

These questions will be addressed at the forum. The panel will include representatives from the school district (Tom Hulst) and school board (Keith Stiles) as well as a teacher (Jim Falcocchio) and a member of the development community. A representative from the King County Planning Department will also participate to inform us as to how other counties are dealing with this issue.

Peninsula Neighborhood Assoc. is sponsoring the forum and will have a member on the panel. This issue affects all of us as parents, taxpayers, homeowners and potential homeowners.

Suggestions solicited

KPNEWS would like to publish an article entitled "Tips for newcomers to the Peninsula." We need input.

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CAC Secretary honored

Charlotte Krause, Secretary for Citizens Against Crime and its coordinator of computer operations at the Pierce County Sheriff's Detachment in Purdy, was presented a "Pride of Pierce County" plaque in appreciation and recognition of her volunteerism to Pierce County at the annual Tacoma-Pierce County Outstanding Volunteers' Awards Brunch on May 1 in the Tacoma Dome's Convention Center.

Krause was nominated by Sgt. Ross Herberholz, the Purdy Detachment officer in charge. The award was presented by Pierce County Executive Doug Sutherland.

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SCHOOL NEWS

by Neena Bauer

Elementary schools have a tentative proposal to cut the number of early dismissal days to 12 (from 17). Each school will determine how the extra 40 minute planning time will be staffed.

Vaughn will be offering enrichment including the possibility of foreign language and art. Minter Creek has a plan where each teacher will be given the choice of extra P.E., enrichment or science-art sections. This will enable the teacher to choose an area that best supplements her/his expertise. Evergreen is still considering its options, which include one extra teacher full time or a number of specialists part time. They are studying all of the remedial programs as they look at the issue of planning time.

Evergreen welcomes Steve Leitz as their new principal. He is coming here from Kopachuck Middle School, where everyone speaks highly of him.

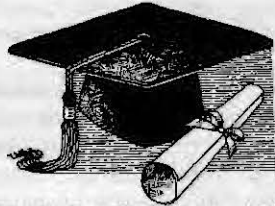
At the School Board Meeting on May 11, Marilyn Perks of Key Peninsula Family Services spoke about her program in which families in need are being served at school sites. Problems the child is experiencing are dealt with by working with the whole family and making referrals to specific agencies. Perks praised the fine support she has received from the community; she knows the program would not work without all those involved people.

Steve Burkart explained the school's role. Funding for the program has been through grants. Additional funding may be provided through Medicaid and mental health funds. One way of funding would be to pay a teacher to administer the program after school, as you would a coach.

Kathy Gunnerson, first grade teacher at Purdy, was awarded the Ellen Fay Award.

Homeschoolers: The Washington Homeschool Organization will have a public exhibit of study materials and other items relating to homeschooling on Friday, June 4, noon to 7 and Saturday, June 5, 8 to 5, at UPS Memorial Fieldhouse. Free.

Students going fishing? That's exactly what Jill Geringer's fifth graders did in May. Katrina Lewis was the lucky one when she landed a 13 pound, 31" King Salmon! The class chartered a 65' boat and fished off Pt. Defiance. Other fish caught were a rock cod and a rat fish. Officer Entze from the DARE program accompanied the class, offering awards for ugliest, biggest and first fish caught. The weather cooperated nicely so, no reports of sea-sickness. The trip was a substitute for 5th grade camp, which is no longer offered. Great fun was had by all, reports Ms. Geringer.



Graduation time finds these students at the top of their class. Top 10 scholars for PHS and the college each will be attending are: Ryan D. Minarik, UW; Amy M. Neel, UPS; Chris Coovert, PLU; Andrew K. Kieffer, U. of PA; Heidi M. Reimann, Pepperdine; Kaaren M. Sorensen, CAL POLY; Tammy L. Anderson, Western Baptist; Nicole J. Niemann, WWU; Wendi A. Walsh, WSU; Connee M. Comfort, WWU. Congratulations to all the graduates at PHS. We wish them well.

Many seniors received scholarships at the awards presentation in May. Over \$108,000 was raised locally. THANK YOU to all those generous businesses, civic organizations and individuals who continue to support academic achievement.

PHS students win awards

Journalism students at Peninsula High School won eight individual awards at a national convention April 22-25, according to a press release from their advisor Paul Spadoni at PHS. This was the highest number of winners the school has yet had.

In addition, the school's newspaper, The Peninsula Outlook, received third place in the Best of Show contest in its division.

Seventeen students from PHS and five from GHHS attended the convention, which was sponsored by the Journalism Education Association and held in Long Beach, CA.

Award winners for PHS were Sara Bryant, Christopher Bachmann, Jason Halsey, Lisa Malmin, Randy Spadoni, Heather Tillinghast, Amy Neel, Kimberly Schertzer and Eric Grouse.

The Outlook had won first place in the Best of Show contest the previous three years.

In addition to these awards, the

Outlook once again won the title "best high school newspaper in Washington" from the Washington Press Association. A trophy was presented at the Association's annual awards ceremony May 8.

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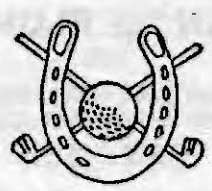
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Cindy Crawford and Luke Perry, move over

Television and professional modeling are career goals of these PHS students

by Wendolyn Joy Schroeder

On Wednesday, May 5, hopeful Cindy Crawfords and future Luke Perrys met after school in the library at Peninsula High School.

At a meeting arranged by Yvette Harshman, Career Specialist at PHS, Kristy Meyers, Director of Seattle Models Guild (SMG, the leading modeling agency in Seattle) spoke to approximately 23 students about modeling—what an agency looks for and what potential models should avoid.

Watch out for any so-called agent or modeling school that demands payment for their services or schooling, Kristy says. If an agency thinks you really do have potential, they will arrange for you to "test shoot" with a reputable photographer to see how well you photograph, and then get you a job to offset the price—usually \$50 to \$70—of the test shoot. After that they will set up another test shoot and another job, until you have a portfolio of photographs.

The only time an agency, such as SMG, will charge a fee is when one of their top runway models gives lessons in how to walk and do a fashion show. The charge is a nominal \$20. No top model has ever gone to one of these modeling schools where payments can range anywhere from \$350 to \$1,500. To double check if an agency is reputable, call the Fashion Offices of Nordstrom, the Bon or Eddie Bauer. They will tell you what agencies they do business with.

What makes a fashion model?

What makes a fashion model or a "supermodel"? Girls must be at least 5'8" and boys 6'; wide set eyes, a straight nose, wide mouth and prominent cheekbones. There also are more "real" looking commercial models. These models usually do television ads, so some acting ability or background is important—plus a great smile. But it's the person's ability to project themselves, their personality, to the camera that really makes a top model.

Of course, there's more. Any model must be three things: professional, available for jobs, accessible for working—and drug free. If any model ever shows up for a job drunk or on drugs, they are automatically dropped, no questions asked, from SMG and all other top agencies.

So, good genes alone are not enough. Professionalism and sobriety count as well.

Apart from the glamour—which really is a lot of hard work—and the possibility of world-wide travel, why would anyone want to model? Easy, the potential to earn a lot of money. Many students pay for their college tuition from their earnings as models. At SMG a model is paid \$85 each for the first ten jobs, \$100 each for the next ten, \$110 each for the following ten jobs and, finally, \$125 a job.

Of course, commercials pay a lot more. For a national TV commercial or "spot" the pay for a model can be anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and \$300 for a local spot.



Hedda Dust is a beautiful exchange student from Germany—who might consider a name change if she plans to work in English-speaking countries.

Locals who have what it takes

Of the 23 students who came to the May 5 meeting, the following are some of the kids who have a shot at either a Vogue cover or the next Pepsi commercial:

"From the time I was 7 to 12 years old and lived in France, people have told me I should be a model," says 14-year-old, 5'10" Rachel Robin. It must run in the family, as her Mom was a model in New York. Rachel's ultimate goal is to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara...she loves the beach.

Move over, Shaq and Michael Jordan, a future soccer star is about to take over. Nelson Meyer, a 17-year-old senior, is well on his way to becoming a big endorsement star via his role as an international soccer player. From making the District team four years ago to the State then Regional teams, Nelson now is a part of the Olympic Development Program and in the National soccer pool. This summer he plans to go to Europe to try out for professional soccer teams and hopes to be on the '96 USA Olympic soccer team. At the same time, Nelson will continue his education by taking college courses. Stay tuned: with his good looks and talent, we'll be seeing a lot of Nelson—maybe endorsing his own sneaker.

Unfortunately, Brandon Showalter spent a fortune at a modeling school. And, upon completing the course, had to "try out for the agency." He was accepted, but with one major condition—they wouldn't take him on until his considerable bill was paid in full. A blond, blue-eyed freshman at PHS, Brandon has always wanted to act: "It looks like so much fun." He's going to go to the commercial agencies Kristy recommended to fulfill his dream of being on a sitcom. In the meantime, he's on The Fashion Board as a member of The Tacoma Mall Trendsetters. Way to go, Brandon. You'll be our Michael J. Fox of the Peninsula.

A German exchange student, Hedda Dust, with her high cheekbones, pale blonde hair and light blue



Jason Tarver, 17, plans to go into commercial modeling and acting.

eyes, photographs like a dream. Unfortunately, she doesn't have working papers for this country. But Kristy has given her the name of the top Hamburg agency and Hedda plans on "walking right in" there when she returns home at the end of July. In the meantime, thanks to Larry Madden, the German teacher at PHS, Hedda's enjoyed living here this past year and has improved her English. As we say, Hedda, go for it!

Christine Webster already has a jump start on her modeling career. From her winning a beauty contest in L.A. and getting "ripped off" by an acting school there, nothing has deterred Christine from her dream of becoming an actress. "I like acting better than modeling," she says. Christine has had experience—she appeared in the movie "Twin Peaks."

The next Keanu Reeves is 17-year-old Jason Tarver. The same high cheekbones and straight brown hair matched with gorgeous brown eyes, Jason's got what it takes for commercial modeling. "I like the attention, to be noticed," he says—which helps if you want to be an



Jeanette Currie is a sophomore at PHS who already has some fashion modeling experience.



Brandon Showalter may soon fulfill his dream of being on a TV sitcom.

actor. At present, Jason works at O'Callahan's Restaurant at La Quinta Inn, in the house and service areas. After he's met with the top three commercial agencies Kristy recommended, and realizes how much money he can earn by doing commercials, La Quinta's loss will be the modeling world's gain. Way to go, dude.

After four long years of wearing braces on her teeth, Jeanette Currie has something to smile about: she's going to keep her appointment with Kristy at SMG and become a professional model. The 5'9" PHS sophomore already has some fashion modeling experience. Her mom talked her into doing her first fashion show at Gig Harbor's Fashion First shop. With applause and accolades ringing in her ears, Jeanette signed up with a modeling school in Bellevue. Even though she had to pay a lot of money and didn't get any work from it, Jeanette still believes "it was worth it. I learned a lot and met a lot of new people." She's been doing some test shoots already. Congrats, Jeanette!

There may be lots more future models and movie stars living in our backyard. Now that more students know how to go about being a model, what to and not to look for in an agency, we may all soon be saying, "I knew them when...."

Local horseshoer a real cowboy

by Frank G. Tucker

A neighbor from Denver often tells me, "Don't call him a cowboy unless you see him ride!" For ten years I lived within a few blocks of the Roy Rodeo, and it is true—not everyone who sports a ten gallon hat, listens to country music or wears cowboy boots is a cowboy.

The Old West has a mystique that from my earliest memories has captured my imagination. Although I grew up in western New York, my heart was always west of the Mississippi. I am fascinated by every scrap of history from Lewis and Clark, the early mountain men, settlers, wagon trains, cattle drives, gold and land rushes, Indian wars, Marshals and railroads.

In 1804 Lewis and Clark led 31 men west, seeing for the first time the magnificent Rockies, grizzly bears, elk and big horned sheep—a 2,000-mile expanse of virgin wonderland. By 1890, towns and cities were throughout the western states and territories, railroads went east to west, the telegraph moved information hundreds of miles in seconds, the buffalo was almost extinct; and the native American's life style was forever lost, confined to reservations and government handouts.

Many times I have driven over mountain passes in a hurry to get somewhere, all the time wishing I could just mount a horse and head off into the mountains enjoying what is left of the west and dreaming of what once was, not coming back for a week, a month, maybe never.

There are still true cowboys, cattle ranches, national forests with miles of virgin forest. At least to a limited degree these places are enjoyed by a few hearty souls who explore these wonderlands by foot or horseback. I envy them.

I have a friend named James Smith whom I often just call Cowboy, and yes, I have seen him ride. On any given day you will find him dressed in his cowboy hat, boots, blue jeans, belt buckle and handkerchief. No, he isn't going to a dance or show. James, he is a cowboy.

Born in Texas, James grew up around horses and open range, and he took to it like a bear to honey. Even when his family moved to Detroit, he found his way to Hazel Park raceway



where he groomed and exercised horses. As an older teen, he spent the summers as a wrangler on a NW Wyoming dude ranch. Out of high school, James took a job as a cowboy in Wyoming, hauling mineral blocks with pack horses 20 miles into a national forest, counting and tending to the cattle.

After six years with the army, James returned to Texas to the lure of money on the oil fields. The money was good, but his heart drew him to volunteer his time with his uncle on a 5,000-acre ranch rounding up and driving cattle. When the oil fields shut down, James, his wife Dee and their five children moved to Washington and settled on five acres at Jackson Lake.

James is a graduate of Oklahoma State Horseshoeing school, and owner of James Gang Horseshoeing (Gang referring to his family). James isn't the oldest horseshoer around, but if your horse could talk he would ask you for that skinny cowboy to be his shoer. Why? Because for James, horses are more than a meal ticket in life; they are his heritage, passion and friends, and he will shoe each one as if he had to depend upon that horse up in the mountains miles from anywhere.

My conversations with James often go back to hunting elk in the Olympics, horseback in virgin wildernesses, canoeing in Alaskan rivers, and other related subjects such as guns and knives, blackpowder rifles and the way things used to be. James has always been of the opinion, why should I buy what I can make? Having extraordinary skills with his hands, he designs and makes such things as hunting knives, saddle bags, leather goods of all kinds and knick-knacks made from used horseshoes. Give James a call, 884-3661. Your horse will be pleased with its new shoes. Oh, and by the way—did I tell you James sings and plays the guitar? James, he's a cowboy.

Locals to be in GH parade

Members of Citizens Against Crime will be participating in the Gig Harbor Day parade Sat., June 5. For info phone Charlotte, 857-2453.

Also participating will be Civic Center volunteer Fay Katz's KP Dancing Drill Team. The team is scheduled also to appear in the Port Orchard parade June 26 and in our Pioneer Day parade Aug. 7. If you are interested in joining the team, phone Fay, 884-5011.

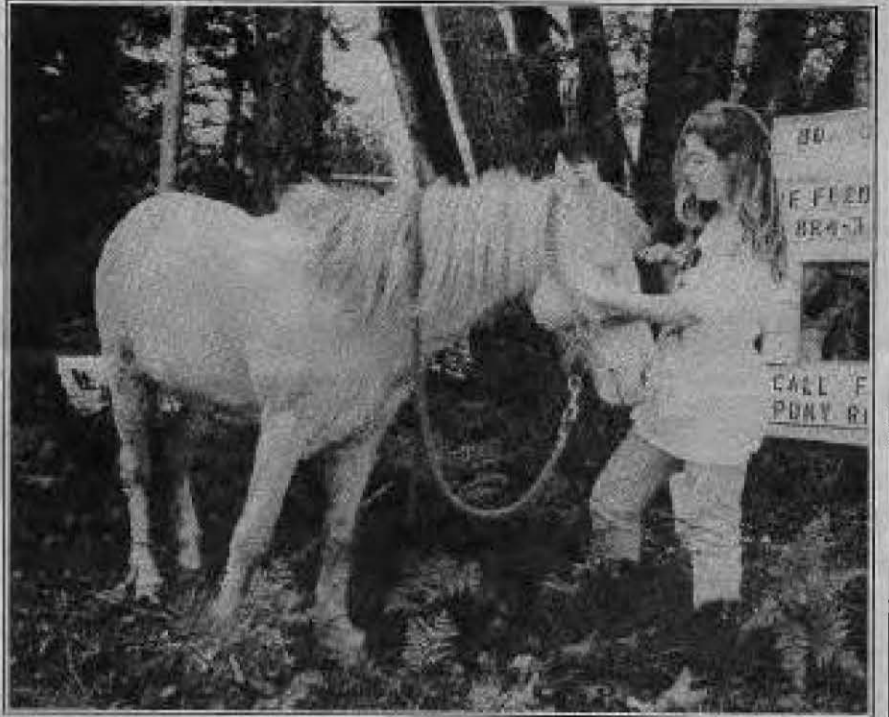
Knudtson speaks on Russia

George Knudtson, a member of a private investigation delegation that recently visited Russia, will speak at the GH Eagles Thursday, June 3, 7 PM. CAC is sponsoring the talk, which promises to be interesting.

Danger: riding in pickup beds

In 1990, 122 people were involved in crashes while riding outside a pickup truck. Presumably, most of these were in the truck bed. Three out of the total 122, or 2.5 percent, died as a result of the crash. This compares to a .24 percent occurrence of fatalities in the general population of vehicle occupants who were involved in collisions. If a collision occurs, the risk of fatality to a person riding in the pickup bed is 10.4 times greater than the fatality risk to occupants in all other collisions. All of the three fatalities were children under the age of 16. Excerpted from Washington Traffic Safety Commission's newsletter, N. Hausauer and P. Salzberg

Horse & Pony safety lessons in Vaughn



Story and photo by Joan Lawrence

Recently we had a chance to visit with Jerry Davis, and his daughter Amy (pictured above), at their ranch near the Texaco station in Vaughn. Jerry—who looks a little like a rugged Wayne Newton—is down from Alaska, where he used to be a commercial diver. Amy is in the 5th grade at Vaughn.

At the ranch we met an 11-hand pinto pony named Megan; Cheyenne, a sort of Palomino about 13.5 hands high; an Appaloosa who seems to oversee everything; and a lovely bay mare who stays in the background. The two ponies are very gentle, lovely girls, whose abilities were demonstrated to us by Amy and her friend Yuki Llanto, a neighbor and classmate of Amy.

Davis' plan is to teach children how to ride and care for a horse. The sessions will be \$5 for two hours, and the full course will probably take from 7 to 10 sessions. They will be held from 10 to noon on Saturdays (call first—884-3386).

You will learn about things like how to groom, what a bit is for, why you put on the halter before the bridle, why you mount from the left side.... Davis knows a lot about horses, their needs, their "personalities." He'll teach you how to approach a horse, how to care for it, enjoy it—and make sure it enjoys you.

The course isn't just for children; interested adults may participate, too. I may join, myself.

Tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur CTP

First of all, to you who are required to file "Estimated Income Taxes" quarterly the due date is June 15. Review your income status with your tax preparer if there has been any change in your income since you filed April 15.

If your employer reimburses you for business use of your automobile at less than the standard rate allowed by IRS, currently 28 cents per mile, you can deduct the difference as an employee business expense.

A few of the items that might trigger an IRS audit are: large medical expenses, large casualty losses, losses from self-employment (be ready to prove that the business was profit-motivated even though a profit was not generated), home office deductions, non-cash contributions to charity, large interest expense and amended returns showing big refunds.

Of course, if any of the above are legitimate expenses that can be proved without a doubt, then claim them and if you are audited you will have the proof.

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Camp Seymour

Story and photos by Joan Lawrence

Camp Seymour on Key Peninsula hosted an open house for the public Sunday afternoon, May 16.

The camp, founded in 1906, is located in a lovely setting on the Sound. Visitors toured the facilities, including cabins and Environmental Education Center, and enjoyed swimming, canoeing, archery and other activities in the sunshine.

The camp is located at 9725 Cramer Rd KPN (off 302; coming from Purdy you will turn left at the "Macon Bacon intersection."


They still have some openings for their summer programs. If you want to sign up, call 884-3392.



Camp Seymour employee lends assistance to canoeists. Below, visitors study exhibits in the camp's Environmental Education Center, built in 1985. Exhibits include maps of the earth, Our Solar System, and Creatures of the Sea.



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Plumbing tips from "Brian the Plumber" Taylor

"Brian the Plumber" is a nice young man who has done much volunteer work for the Civic Center. This month we are happy to introduce his new column. We at KPNEWS appreciate all of our columnists—most especially those who offer useful tips on things we can do for ourselves.—Ed.

PIPE LEAKS: An emergency clamp for a leaking pipe can be made from a piece of rubber and a C-clamp. Burst pipes can sometimes be mended with a clamp-on pipe patch. Tightening a threaded joint or resoldering a soldered joint may cure it. Joints that have corroded and pipes that have frozen (and burst) will leak and must be replaced.

LEAK IN A WALL: These most often are caused by a faulty riser pipe to a shower or to fixtures on the next floor. For this, it is best to get professional help. A plumber can tell you whether he can make the repair (installing a new pipe) with or without cutting a hole in the wall. Often we find an access hole to pipes located behind walls. The plumber also can repair the hole in the wall if needed.

OVERFLOWING TOILET TANK: A toilet tank overflowing into the bowl will be heard running long after flushing. Close the tank shutoff valve be-

tween the tank and the floor. Take care when removing the porcelain top—it is easily damaged. Place it on a heavy towel or a pile of newspaper. The problem often is binding parts that may need adjusting or replacement. Plumbers carry a complete supply on their trucks. Sometimes the inlet valve washer or the seat needs cleaning or replacement.

TANK SWEATS: This is caused by humid air condensing on a cold porcelain surface. The simplest method is to put a terry cloth on the tank; it soaks up condensation, which then evaporates. The most permanent method is to use a tempering valve, which admits a little warm water to the tank, raising the temperature of water sufficiently to prevent condensation. It also stops the toilet bowl from sweating.

NEXT TIME: Overflowing dishwashers, yard hydrants...and more.

New road signs

Have you noticed those beautiful new, FREE, "Owner Will Maintain" road signs for residents who do not want Pierce County spraying herbicides along their roadside property? You can obtain these signs at the county road facility on Goodnough Drive, just south of Purdy. When NB stopped for hers, she was pleasantly surprised by the information that Pierce County is trying to decrease spraying and do more manual cutting. That's good for our drinking water and Puget Sound waters as well.

A Father's Day message to fathers...and dads

from Frank G. Tucker

A small group of men sat around a barbeque pit, chicken and burgers cooked and consumed. The conversation was the usual fare—hunting, fishing, canoeing.

One of the men said, "My father never took me fishing. He went alone."

This confession was followed by a sketchy outline of an event from his childhood. He had gone fishing and had fallen into the water, nearly drowning—and in the process losing his dad's rod. Painfully he recalled the whipping he had received and, along with it, the message that his father cared more about his fishing pole than he did about his son's life. As my friend spoke I witnessed a small, jagged edge of an emotional iceberg lying beneath his surface. The tears of a little boy had never dried; the wound had scarred but never healed.

My friend takes his children fishing. It has been my observation that this man's feelings and experience are not that uncommon. Listening to people of all walks of life has brought me to the conclusion that children universally desire and believe it to be their birthright to be loved, valued, accepted and

listened to by their parents.

Understanding is more important than material possessions. Despite hardship, poorer families sometimes are rich in love while rich families abound in bitterness and strife. The reason is obvious. If parents love, respect and value their children, faults are forgiven. Conversely, parents who don't express their love—whose demands for excellence are perceived by their children as the absence of acceptance, respect or value—may leave their children feeling unloved and resentful.

Today more than ever before, being a "quality dad" has become increasingly difficult. Our high tech society compounds the problem, and a 50%-plus divorce rate turns parenting into a part-time job, often accompanied by interference from others.

Despite the pestering for the latest fashions and music, what your children really want from you are the words, "I love you," played out with hugs, kisses and, most important, *time* together. They want security, they want a model in you of how to overcome and live above the destruction they see all around them.

Please, fathers—be *dads*. Do your best. Whatever else you do in life, don't fail your children.



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Another SR 302 victim

by Hugh McMillan

Seen here is another victim of notorious, shoulderless, perilous State Route 302 on the Key Peninsula.

This particular ten yard dump truck—belonging to the city of Tacoma and, fortunately, returning empty from delivering a load of treated sludge for someone's gardening plans—landed very near Minter Creek.

There were no injuries.

When being recovered from the wreck site, a few gallons of hydraulic fluid spilled. This had to be cleaned up by personnel of the Key Peninsula Fire Department, Washington State Patrol, and City of Tacoma to avoid polluting the creek. Once soaked up with appropriate materials, it was left for collection and transfer to a hazardous waste site by the State Department of Transportation.

All of this costs money and keeps emergency and other personnel out of service.

The driver of the truck explained he rounded the low-visibility, down-sloping curve to find a vehicle stopped preparatory to making a left turn in his path, and oncoming traffic in the other lane.

"I had three choices," he said, "ram the car in front, cause a head on collision in the opposite lane, or hope that there would be a shoulder to stop on to avoid a serious accident."

As we all know, shoulders on 302 are scarce. You might ask the DOT or your legislators why.

According to KPFD Assistant Chief Fred Ramsdell, last year an average of 16,500 vehicles crossed the Purdy Spit daily. A growing number of them continue moving along SR 302.



City of Tacoma dump truck overturns off 302 in May—one more testimony to the case for shoulders. Photo HM

Editor's addendum—If you have ever been run off the road, you will recognize the importance of shoulders.

The first time I was run off a road I was driving my Honda Prelude on Steven's Pass, at an ambitious 60 mph (if I hadn't been run off the road, I might have been ticketed for speeding; a state patrolman wit-

nessed the accident). The driver of an oncoming Cadillac pulling a trailer decided to pass a couple of bikers who were waiting to turn left. My escape route from death took the form of a sloping, rocky shoulder—and I thank God for that shoulder.

See 302 victim, cont'd on page 19

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by Jeffrey W. Irwin, DVM

In my last column I talked about canine and feline periodontal disease, its effects on your pet's health and how veterinarians treat the condition and prevent its progression. This month I would like to emphasize the importance of home dental care, a euphemism for "teeth brushing."

Imagine, if you will, going to your dentist for your annual teeth cleaning. During one of these visits your dentist asks how many times a day you brush your teeth. You reply, "I haven't brushed them since you cleaned them last year."

Not a pretty sight, eh?

This scenario occurs frequently with our pets. Granted, pets are more resistant to the formation of dental caries compared with people. But like humans, dogs and cats easily reform plaque and tartar following a professional cleaning unless a home dental care program is instituted. Providing for your pet's dental needs at home will save you money and spare your pet frequent anesthetic procedures because fewer professional cleanings will be necessary.

The most successful home care programs are fun for your pet. Play a favor-

ite game or give a favorite (healthy) snack after brushing their teeth. They will be more accepting of your ministrations, and this will make it more likely that you will stick with the program.

It is best to start brushing your dog's or cat's teeth at an early age. Your veterinarian or veterinary technician can show you how to get started, and familiarize you with some of the products available for home use. Remember, human products are not safe for use in animals!

Most pets will learn to accept having their teeth brushed if you proceed gently and slowly. Your pet's gums have not been conditioned from daily brushings, so a "break in" period will be necessary to avoid damaging gums and causing pain.

One method that is generally well accepted is to introduce the veterinary toothpaste to your pet by letting them lick a small amount of toothpaste off of your finger (once a day for 2 to 4 days). Then, start gently rubbing their teeth (focus on the gum line) with the toothpaste as they attempt to lick your fingers. After 2 or 3 days of this, your pet will most likely accept gentle brushing as the familiar tasty toothpaste is presented on the brush (ultrasoft veterinary or pediatric toothbrush).

Another method is to utilize a piece of gauze or old cotton sheet. Wrap the material around your index finger, dampen with water or coat with toothpaste, and gently rub the gums and teeth. As your pet's gums are conditioned by this method over a week or

two, you can switch to a hand held brush or one of the new finger cot style pet brushes.

As your pets become used to the cleanings, they will appreciate the attention, and you will appreciate that their breath smells better and that you are making great strides toward ensuring a longer and healthier life for your dog or cat.

Eagle's nest found

Susan Mendenhall reports that an eagle's nest has been found on the Haley Park property site. This is heartening for those who hope to preserve the site with as little development as possible. The State Wildlife Department will be involved to ensure proper monitoring and protection.

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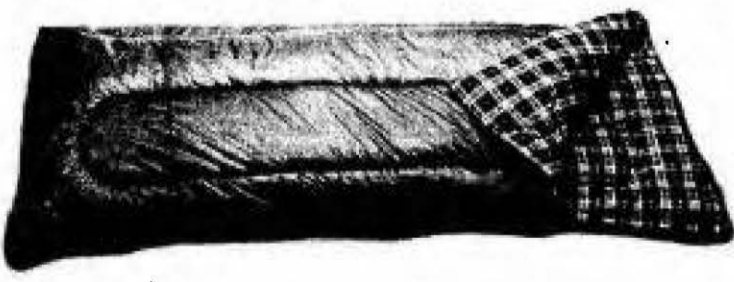
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TO YOUR HEALTH



by William F. Roes, MD

One of the most frustrating medical problems is the seemingly innocuous diagnosis of serous otitis. Serous otitis is a condition where fluid builds up in the cavity of the middle ear, behind the eardrum. The major symptoms are sudden hearing loss in one ear, a pressure sensation in that ear, sounds of fluid sloshing or bubbles popping, and occasionally pain in the ear.

The cause of this problem is usually blockage of the eustachian tube, a pressure equalizing structure that leads from the ear to the back of the throat. Sometimes the result of infection or colds and often during allergy symptoms, the tube gets plugged with mucous and the body cannot equalize the pressures within the ear and the outside environment. This causes a vacuum in the inner ear, any air present is absorbed and fluid often accumulates to relieve the vacuum, hence the name serous (fluid) otitis.

There is no simple effective treatment other than the passage of time. Because this is sometimes associated with infection, most patients will receive a course of antibiotics, and often a recommendation for use of a decongestant, and sometimes prednisone, a corticosteroid type drug.

When the problem remains intractable for several months, I usually refer to an Ear, Nose and Throat surgeon for consideration of ear ventilation tubes, small tubes inserted surgically in the eardrum to allow the inside and outside pressures to equilibrate.

Things to try at home: yawning, opening your mouth, chewing gum and blowing up balloons. While holding your breath, bear down with your abdominal muscles, squeeze your nose shut with your fingers and swallow.

The symptoms outlined earlier can also be the result of a more serious problem. It is worth the trip to the doctor but if he says you have fluid in your ears be prepared for a few weeks of annoyance.

I am going to be gone for part of June, and I'd like to welcome Dr. Lillian de La Cruz to our office. She is finishing her year with the rural fellowship at Tacoma Family Medicine and we're thrilled to have her for the month. We've started on the new office behind the library, so if you're in beautiful downtown Key Center, drive by and check out the progress.


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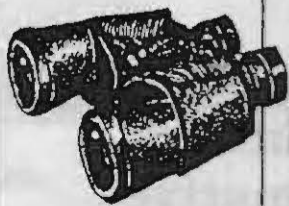
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Probably the most important skill you can learn is to place an observed bird in its correct family, i.e. finch, sparrow, hawk or seagull. Once narrowed down to one or two families, it is much easier to use all other clues such as markings, song, behavior, habitat, to properly identify the bird. Range maps in the field guides will tell you if the bird is likely to be seen in your area at various times of the year. Finally, keep a list; it's fun!



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Our insurance agent told us that 302 is the second most dangerous highway in the state. The most dangerous is the Maple Valley Highway, on which I once came within inches of losing my life. This time I was driving my Mazda RX-7. The road—posted 55 mph—was unlit. The hour was late, near midnight. My tired eyes glanced to the right as a premonition came to me: It's going to happen again. It's going to happen again, and there's no shoulder and I'm hurling along in this little tin bullet. I slowed a bit.

Two minutes later I faced the headlights of an impatient fool passing on a curve. But now, thank God, there was a shoulder. I swerved to the right, missing the oncoming car by no more than two inches.

I sat there in black silence until the trembling subsided. I credit that shoulder, my premonition, and the handling

ability of the RX-7 for the fact the occupants of three vehicles did not die that moonless night.

The next time it might happen on 302, which I travel almost daily. Only now, I don't drive a little tin bullet, I drive a big pick-up truck. Just don't hit me on the side; it's a GMC.

Grim Reaper visits HS driving classes

Summer is almost here and high school graduation approaches. Both should remind us that teenagers (and everyone else) need to be particularly careful about drinking and driving.

There are some innovative programs that remind students of the risks. According to a newsletter from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission; a Federal Way High School program called GHOST OUT has been successful. During an assembly, a Grim

Reaper comes into the auditorium and taps a student on the shoulder. The student must then go away, bringing real feeling to the deaths that occur from traffic crashes. In another session a fellow student talked about losing her mother and sister in a drunk-driving crash. Personal testimony is usually very effective.

Pierce County may want to observe Whitman County's new law that abolishes the option of plea-bargaining in DWI cases.

We should all remember that driving is a privilege and not a right. Human intelligence and common sense can preclude needless deaths on the road. KPNEWS hopes this graduation season is a safe one.



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