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Working together for the social and economic good of our Key Peninsula

Children At Risk

by Keith Stiles

"Home has to be a safe harbor"....that was the message that counselors at Peninsula schools made plain to the audience at the Key Peninsula Middle School meeting of the School Board on April 23. Statistics released at the parent/educator meeting showed that, while our local school district is fortunate in many respects relative to family units, household income, student dropout rate, and drug and alcohol abuse we have our problems and our concerns.

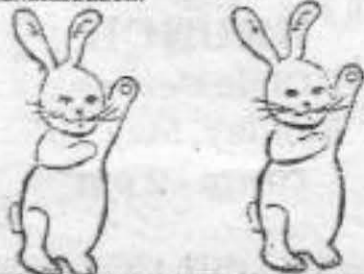
To highlight specific problems in student life in "today's world", counselors Jason Majet, Vaughn Elementary; Don Smith, Key Peninsula Middle School; Ray Payne, Gig Harbor High; Doyle Nelson, Peninsula High, and Phyllis Brandt, Goodman Middle School, presented a panel discussion with an audience question-and-answer session. As a matter of principle, the counselors stated that student life rests upon three major "props"...home, friends, and school, and, for life to come out well for young people, they must find success in at least two out of these three areas.

Also discussed was the building of pressures in student life during the high school period, when students "must learn how to cope with the way the world really is, as opposed to the way they would have it be".

"Generally," Don Smith observed, "children want their families to work well". "If they do", he stated, "it can make a great difference in the rest of their lives."

The special meeting of the Peninsula School Board also included a review of a draft district drug and alcohol policy which the Board is expected to adopt the Early Childhood Assistance Program for four year-olds that has been offered this year at Vaughn Elementary School.

According to Superintendent Tom Hulst the Board will continue a program of special meetings at various schools in the district in order to make it easier for parents to attend and meet the Board and the administration.



Mother's Day

Want to do something extra nice for that special person on Mother's Day this year? If so, why not take her to the 4th Annual Mothers' Day Brunch, to be held at the Civic Center on Sunday, May 10. Delicious things to eat will be served from 10 am to 2 pm.

The very special menu will include ham, sausage, smoked salmon, scrambled eggs, au gratin potatoes, crepes, fresh fruit, deviled eggs, homemade muffins and breads, and a choice of beverages.

The price for all these wonderful things to eat will be only \$5.50 each for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12; children five and under will be served free. As always, any profit from this annual fundraiser will go to support the community programs of the Civic Center Association.

Don't miss this fine annual brunch...it is also your chance to get that favorite mother out of the kitchen and among friends and neighbors for a very special meal.

Three Local Businesses to Move to Minter Village

Three local businesses will be moving to new quarters further north by about June 1.

Mary Ann VanBlarcom's Crafts and Gift Shoppe, and Lou Dalton's Country Collectibles store, will join Tom Rolfzen's Lakebay Roofing in occupying a three-unit new building now under construction at Minter Village. Tom Edwards, of Lakebay Lumber, stated that construction on the new building will be going forward during the month of May, and that all efforts were being made to have the store sites ready for a June 1 occupancy date. He also stated another new building is under consideration for construction at Minter Village, and that additional announcements about possible occupants would be forthcoming.

Mary Ann's Crafts and Gift Shop and the Country Collectibles store are currently located in Key Center in the building which also previously housed Burley Feed.

Lakebay Lumber has just opened its new Building Materials Center at Minter Village, located at the intersection of the Elgin Clifton Road (Highway 302) and the Longbranch Highway, about 4 miles north of Key Center.

K.P. Lions Honor Eight - Name Henschel and Jaggi



Vicki Henschel



Laretta Jaggi

Wishing they had "eight plaques to give to eight certain winners" the Key Peninsula Lions Club named Vicki Henschel and Laretta Jaggi as Co-Citizens of the Year at the Third Annual Award Banquet held at the Civic Center. Rhys Wood served as Master of Ceremonies, and Tom Hulst, Peninsula Superintendent of Schools, found agreement in the crowd when he characterized all of those nominated as, "winners in this contest of altruism." Hulst also noted that "if one member of a society is honored, all members are enriched." Opening ceremonies were handled by Lion Zone Chairman Hugh McMillan, and the enthusiastic crowd was welcomed by local Lions Club President Hank Schmidt.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Peninsula High School singing group, Razz-Ma-Tazz; they also served the excellent dinner. Chairman for the event was Lions Secretary Bob Phair, assisted by many others. (Please see related story on page 20.)



Photo by Jim Updike

Beautiful weather and enthusiastic crowds greeted opening day of trout fishing on lowland lakes April 26. At Lake of the Woods, mixed family groups, young people, and inveterate anglers vied with each other in taking a limit of trout. Pictured above are Adam Smith and Gary Brown, and their catch, on the new float.

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KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER BOARD MEETING April 9, 1987

The KPCC Board met in regular session on April 9, 1987. President Vicki Henschel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Under the heading New Business - Newsletter, the minutes of the previous meeting were corrected to read "...It was MSC that the Civic Center advance \$4000 for purchase of a disc and computer, with the option of including a Laserprinter if financially possible within the \$7000-\$8000 originally discussed at the March 4 Board meeting".... The minutes were otherwise accepted as mailed. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Special Reports:

Bingo - Lori Drew reported on the losses at Bingo for the past three months, and suggested changes in prices, etc. that should make for better attendance. It was MSC that Lori carry out her recommendations and the activity be re-evaluated in another month. **Skating** - Dan Orme reported skating going satisfactorily.

Newsletter - Keith Stiles reported record ad sales for the April 1 edition, and stated the new computer had already helped production immeasurably. He handed the KPCC treasurer a check for \$1000 in part payment of the computer.

Caretakers - Tammy Nichols asked for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt April 19. **Lawnmower** - Clem Kurz was to investigate purchase of a John Deere riding mower which he thought he could get for under \$1200. In the event he could not, it was MSC that a Tough Cut mower be purchased for \$500 plus tax.

CC Reader Board - the pitch of the new roof is too steep to allow for reading from the road and the board itself will be lowered.

Outdoor volley ball court and sandbox soft ball areas are to be set aside on the CC grounds, and the groups requesting these facilities will be contacted to provide the manpower to develop them.

Old Business:

April 11 50's/60's Dance - Tickets are going well; Doors will open at 8:30 pm. An error in the day printed by the VIEW was pointed out and a retraction asked for to remove confusion.

Rocky Bay Yard Sale

Mark your calendar for **May 15, 16 and 17**, and help raise spending money for the residents at Rocky Bay. Donations of saleable items are welcome.

our energies toward offering the best services to meet the needs of community members.

All community members are invited to attend the Park Board's meeting, held at the Civic Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. The next scheduled meeting date is May 13.

Water Tanks - Chief Kanno will put together an estimate of what is necessary in the way of vents and valves to make usable the tanks on the CC grounds in the event of fire. An amount of \$400 has already been appropriated; however, this may not be sufficient.

Fire Escape - Chief Kanno has recommended that a fire escape be installed at the Civic Center.

Lions Club - The outstanding rent for last year will be in the mail within a few days. **Pioneer Days** - It was MSC that Pioneer Days be held again this year, the date was set for August 8, and Mike Salatino volunteered to co-chair. Rhys Wood could not be persuaded to say he would also co-chair, but did say he would attend all the meetings and assist where necessary.

KPPB/KPCC Contract - Vicki read the letter from KPCC to Roy Madsen, President of the Park Board, stating that the KPCC Board had voted to cancel negotiations between the two organizations and live with the present contract through the end of 1987. At the Park Board meeting on 4/8 the KPCC were given notice of contract cancellation and a period of 60 days to come up with another suggested contract before cancellation was effective.

A special meeting has been set by the Park Board for April 22, at which the KPPB would like input from the community concerning operation of the organizations involved. Discussion followed at great length concerning the future of the Civic Center and its function in the community, and included input from Tom VanSlyke, Rod Johnson and Avon Gay, past Park Board Commissioners, who had been invited by Mike Salatino to attend.

It was the decision of the KPCC Board that negotiations should be reopened with the Park Board as soon as possible and a motion was made, seconded and carried to that effect.

New Business:

Mother's Day Brunch: In answer to Vicki's call for volunteers, Mary Seidelman will make corsages, Kay Harvey will take tickets, and Virginia Worth volunteered to work in the kitchen. Volunteers are still needed for making crepes on Friday evening and Saturday.

Inventory and Insurance:

Maureen Taylor and Mary Seidelman will update the Civic Center inventory. Improving the CC flower beds: the Brownies have a merit badge activity planned for this.

The Executive Committee recommended that a loan be taken out against a C.D. to pay for the computer rather than dissolve the C.D. A letter from the Board, stating what the money is to be used for, would be necessary to accomplish this. It was MSC that the president and treasurer work out the least expensive method to make this payment.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline Finn, Secretary

Find The Rabbits ...and win the doughnuts!

How would you like to win - absolutely FREE - two dozen of Red Dogs wonderful doughnuts? If you win, you can either have a bunch of your friends for a morning coffee session, take them to a picnic or bar-b-que, or just save them in the freezer for quiet evenings in front of the fire. It's easy to win! We have placed a number of rabbit drawings throughout this issue of the NEWS, and they look just like the one in this column (although they may not all be the same size). Just go through the paper as soon as it comes out and find all the Red Dogs rabbits, call us at 884-4699 and tell us how many there are and on what pages of the paper they appear. If you are the first to call with the right answer, you win two dozen delicious Red Dogs doughnuts! Good luck, and good hunting!



Lions White Cane Days

by Bill Detmering

On May 1 and 2, members of Key Peninsula Lions Club passed out white canes and collected funds for the Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. For eighteen years Lions Clubs have been raising money for the Washington-Northern Idaho Eye Bank housed at the University of Washington.

Since its inception in 1969, the Lions Eye Bank has provided more than 5,000 corneas for transplanting at no cost to the public. Unfortunately, like everything else, the number of people who need the services of the Lions Eye Bank continues to grow. Lions White Cane Days gives the public the opportunity to assist and serve people in regaining their eyesight.



So wear your White Cane proudly, and know your contribution has been a major assistance to those who really need it!

Mother's Day Annual BRUNCH Civic Center Sunday, May 10 10 am - 2 pm



Your Park Board Reports

by Daphne Daus

During the special Park Board meeting held April 22, the Commissioners answered questions from community members regarding the details of the contract terminations with Key Peninsula Civic Center Association and the Key Peninsula Athletic Association. The exchange shed light on the complexity of the situation.

The meeting was very beneficial as it gave direction to the Commissioners regarding the structure of the proposed contract. It was decided, during the meeting, that both contractual organizations would submit a list of issues they feel should and should not be addressed in the contract. The Park Board will include the lists, with their notes, and submit the packet of information to the municipal attorney as a basis for him to prepare a contract. Upon receipt of the new contracts all three organizations will discuss them as presented and work out any additional details.

During the meeting it became apparent that all parties concerned want a swift end to the turmoil that has shaken the Park district of late, so that we can direct

Letters - Letters, We Get Letters

Dear Editor,

The family and friends of Douglas Franklin "Dougie" Stencil wish to thank the many great people who helped us in the weeks since his death.

Dougie was a very popular junior at South Kitsap High School, where he was a member of the swim team and German Club. He was active in Little League Baseball and played soccer. Dougie was also a 4-H member and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He commuted to school daily from the family farm in Home where he lived with his father, Douglas H. Stencil.

A small spot of ground was set aside at the farm for "Dougie's Park" and final resting place. Thank you to all who helped make this possible by donations and labor. The area has already tripled in size as you all shared in this celebration of the 17 years that Dougie gave us.

Thanks also to all who made the Doug Stencil Swimming Scholarship a reality. We are proud to have known someone who was so loved.

Doug and Normal Stencil and Nick, Mike and Donna Matlick, Barry and Tony

Dear Editor:

The Key Peninsula News has been arriving with great regularity for the two years that I have been a permanent resident of this community. I, who have never read newspapers, find that I read almost every word from the news stories to the ads.

The balanced, informative reporting is a result, I believe, of the many, many contributors to the paper. The staff is good, the layout is good, and the tabloid size easy to handle. Thank you for bringing me back to the world of newspaper readers.

Patricia A. Sias, Lakebay.

Dear Editor:

First I want to thank all the new customers I have acquired and to say thanks to all the old customers. The letter I sent to the KP News editor recently has been very successful in establishing awareness in saving all recyclable products and not taking them to the local landfill; a hearty thanks!

I would like to set up accounts for any group that wishes to identify itself to me. Any projects brought into the center in their name would be kept in an account on the computer. Each month a check would be sent out to that group.

I have some accounts like that now and it works out very well. All the people have to do is bring their recyclable products in and let us know at the Center what group they belong to and we will credit it to that account.

I presently have a youth group that does this and they receive close to \$400 a year, which goes a long way toward the purpose they intend to use it for.

I will donate 10% to the amount generated by each group. It doesn't sound like much but it all adds up.

I would be more than happy to accept an invitation to a meeting and show the group how it works and how to recycle and establish prices and various products that are recyclable at that time.

I will also do pick-up service without any charge providing the quantity is enough. That can be established at the time of the meeting.

John H. Wetzel, Wetzel & Son Recycling

Dear Editor:

Now that I have impressed you with my formal writing (chuckle), I would like to thank you sincerely for your assistance in locating work.

Following our phone conversations, I have contacted Mr. (.....) and he said

that he would try and get me work. I have also had numerous job offers from members of my church.

All in all, things are looking up. Thanks again.

Roger L. Stevens, Gig Harbor

Washington Snow Birds Go South

by Howard Reynolds

Each March for the past 5 years a group of Key Peninsula residents and other Washingtonians have gathered in the Arizona desert at a place they named Washington Square. Purpose? To participate in the annual Creosote Bush Open (CBO) golf tournament. Buck and Bobbie Buckell, Phyllis Anker, and numerous others carved out a 9-hole sand golf course on a 4-acre lot in the desert. Creosote bush, ironwood trees and cacti still abound on the course and add to the challenge. This year's tournament was dedicated to Roy Niemann of Bremerton who died earlier this year. Roy loved this tournament and usually flew to Arizona just to participate.

The 1987 winners were: Men's low gross - Clinton Buckell; Women's low gross - Dulcie Schillinger. Numerous other awards were made for achievements in the tournament. Some serious, some not so serious. The super cook-out after each day of play was a huge success.

Elsie Olson, Don and Shirley Olson, Phyllis Anker, Buck and Bobbie Buckell, Ron and Dulcie Schillinger, Russ and Betty Van Slyke, Joe and Margaret Werner, Ray and Fran Durward, Dick and Marge Radonich and Howard and Dorothy Reynolds from Key Peninsula were among those who participated in this memorable affair. Allen and Janette Nicholls and Duane and Margot Fleming were also there for the cookout.

KP Health Center

A month after the Key Peninsula Health Center transferred the medical practice to Dr. William Roes, "All is going quite well," according to KPHC board member Bob Schotland. Bob stated that all payments which were a part of the sales agreement have been made, all employees' accumulated sick-leave and annual-leave benefits have been satisfied, and Dr. Roes and Dean Schrinier are seeing a regular flow of patients in an entirely normal fashion.

Now playing a somewhat revised role, the KPHC funds certain agreed-upon services (or contributions towards services) in such areas as the Well Child Clinic, Respite Care, and Consulting Services. A visiting nurse operates in our area on a regular basis, and the KPHC board also provides a certain portion of the financial support required.

Schotland also announced that the Health Center now has a separate telephone number, 884-2234, so that area residents may contact KPHC with regard to services, suggestions or questions. He noted that this number is to be used for KPHC business only, and is not to be used for making appointments or for other business with Dr. Roes or Dean Schrinier.

The KPHC board has a study session scheduled for Thursday, May 7, to consider the future role of the Board and the types and degree of medical services the KPHC will fund or provide for in the years to come. This group of service possibilities is said to include physical therapy, weekend emergency treatment, and others.

It was also announced that there will be one or two openings for new members on the KPHC board. Persons interested should send an application and a resume to Key Peninsula Health Center in Key Center. Applications are expected to be considered and may be acted on at the regular KPHC board meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 21.

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Orthopedic Guild Play a Big Success

An enthusiastic audience of about 160 patrons attended the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild dessert and stage play at the Civic Center on April 25. The production was an original offering called "Farm Girls," and starred Patti Dobrowolski (right) and Molly Thompson (left) of Seattle. Dale Soules directed, and the audience, well-filled with a variety of delicious desserts, cheered, clapped, and had a very good time. Proceeds from activities of the Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild are used in support of child care at Mary Bridge Hospital in Tacoma.

Welcome to the New NEWS Format



We hope you like our new appearance! The "new look" comes with the full integration of our new computer-controlled publishing system that was authorized by the Civic Center Board a few weeks ago. It also comes from the steady and devoted work of our many volunteers-your friends and neighbors-who work together to make this paper possible for our community, and from a helping hand from Roy Madsen and Hugh McMillan.

You will notice some changes in type size and style, all of which we hope will make your Peninsula NEWS even more enjoyable to read. Please let us know how you like it, because, after all, it is your paper, owned and operated by the Key Peninsula Civic Center for the benefit of its programs for all our residents. We have been doing it now for 15 years, and it is a pleasure to serve you.

Sheriff's Department Responds to Key Center problem

A 31 year-old Lakebay man was charged with first degree assault and taken to Pierce County jail following a 1 am incident near a tavern in Key Center on Saturday, May 2. The victim was reported to be a 45-year-old man, also of Lakebay, who was transported to Tacoma General Hospital by members of Fire District 16. Following the incident, it was stated the man, later arrested, fled into the darkness. Deputy Weigley, of the Sheriff's office, responded to the scene with a tracking dog and located the suspect at the intersection of 92nd and Cramer Road. At press time, the incident was still under investigation and follow-up will be turned over to Pierce County Sheriff's detectives. The victim, at NEWS press time, was reported to be in stable condition.

Paul Cyr Meets with Key Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council and Residents

Paul Cyr, our Pierce County Council representative, met in February with residents at the Vaughn Civic Center where he was presented with a number of questions that have been concerning Key Peninsula people. Mr. Cyr agreed to respond as soon as research could locate answers. His advice to the assembly was to form a working group of representatives from each voting precinct to deal with grievances and present alternate plans to the County Council. He would meet with the group and interested citizens monthly. Upon his advice the Key Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council (KPCAC) was formed and Avon Gay has been elected as chairman, Linda Scott as treasurer and Helen Saxer as secretary. There are two members from each precinct on Key Peninsula - a total of 28 persons.

One of the first activities of the KPCAC is to help petition the County Planning Department to release the area south of Purdy that is presently under the Gig Harbor Land-Use Plan, so that it may again become part of Key Peninsula. Said Paul Cyr, "I would support removing this area from the Gig Harbor Plan only if that is the desire of the majority of the residents of that area."

On April 20 Paul Cyr brought his answers to the concerned citizens. The first was on the twelve ordinances not voted down with the 86-1 "no" vote. None of them would affect Key Peninsula anyway, it seems. The demand that Key Peninsula be excluded from Pierce County's declaration that the whole of the county is a "Critical Water Supply Service Area," brought the answer, "Removing Key Peninsula from the Critical Water Supply Area is not a viable option. A more realistic option would be to form a local water utility district that would insure adequate quantity and quality of water." The KPCAC is exploring this possibility vigorously at this time. Paul said, "This issue is one of local determination. It would be up to citizens to decide whether or not they wanted such a district. The County would be responsible for holding public hearings on any proposed district and conducting an election through the County election department."

An accounting of tax dollars

received from Key Peninsula citizens, and how they were expended in our area, was another question placed. The breakdown of dollars specifically from, and expended upon, the Key Peninsula was difficult to determine because records are not kept geographically; however, with much research an accounting was assembled and presented.

Advice had been requested on how to prevent a "string town" from developing along Highway 302 and Key Peninsula Highway south of Key Center. The answer was to retain policies within the Comprehensive Plan to encourage designation of commercial centers and discourage general zoning especially along highways.

Pollution caused by oyster shell piles in Burley Bay was questioned also. Paul had contacted the State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Ecology (DOE) for an answer, and was assured that fecal coliform bacteria does not come from decaying materials but from the alimentary canals of animals and humans. Poorly functioning septic systems, and animals not fenced away from streams, cause a high coliform count.

The next meeting of the KPCAC will be at 7 pm on May 14 at District 16 Fire Station. The next meeting with Paul Cyr will be on May 18 at 7 pm at Vaughn Civic Center.

**Mother's Day
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Cootiettes 609

Chief Grayback Cathy Schafer of Penn Ants 609 attended the State Convention held in Ellensburg April 9, 10, 11. Sixteen other members of Penn Ants and eight other clubs of Washington attended. Grand Grayback Jeannie Crider from Cheery Cherub Club #7, Gig Harbor, presided as she finished her year in office, she then turned the gavel over to Norma Knott from Totem Club #59, Seattle.

Following the Saturday night banquet each club presented a humorous skit. Penn Ants won first place again. Past Grand Grayback Jeannie was thanked for a beautiful year and Grand Grayback Norma was wished well in her coming year.

On April 14, several members distributed gifts to residents at Cottesmore Nursing Home and Rocky Bay Health Care Facility for Easter.

The 31st Anniversary of Penn Ants will be celebrated with a buffet dinner at the Eagles in Gig Harbor, May 21 at 7 pm. Happy hour from 6 to 7.

Remember, Cootiettes! Cottesmore and Rocky Bay on the second Tuesday, and Navy Hospital on the fourth Tuesday.

Changes at KPCC Bingo!

Hard Cards - Brown 3/\$1, Green \$1
(Green pays \$10 extra)

Must play 6 Brown and 1 Green

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Special Paper Game: \$500 Blackout
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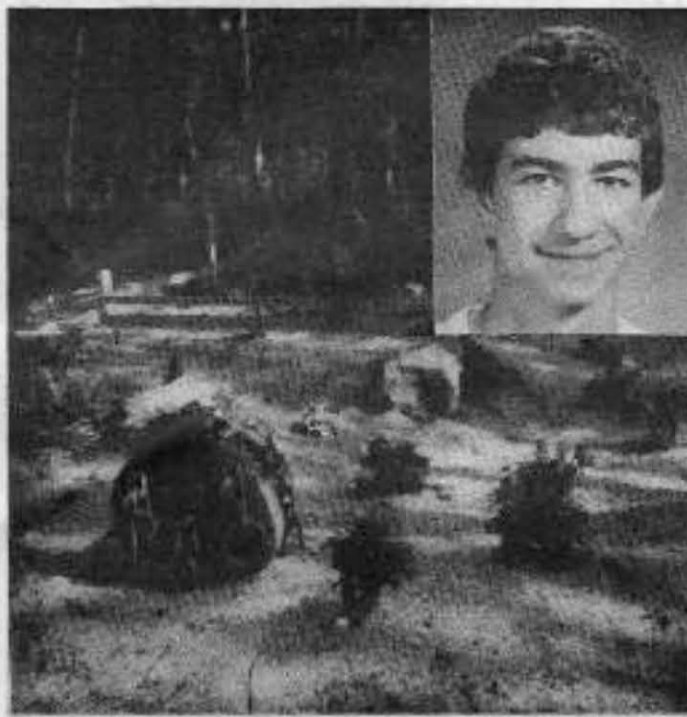


Photo by Jim Updike.

The late April sun filters gently through the great vine maple, encouraging the many new plants in the garden below, and softly lights an area that was once a boy's favorite place. The carefully spaced flowers and native bushes are the gifts of "an almost overwhelming number" of friends who gathered recently at the family farm in Home to share the grief of sudden loss.

Looking around the farm it is hard for the family to realize that Doug Stencil will not be coming home from South Kitsap High School soon to finish the work started in the garden, or to tend the animals that await. A somewhat older Cadillac, painted a riotous purple, sits in the driveway ready for the restoration work that Doug and a group of his friends had planned. That work will have to wait now until brother Nick, aged 8, is ready to take Doug's place.

Just past the garden it is possible to hear the noise of the Longbranch Highway as the cars speed by, perhaps five times as many each day as when Doug was born just 17 years ago. Those cars, and the dangers of that highway, will be on the minds of Doug's family and friends when they gather on May 23 to dedicate the little park-like setting and favorite place to Doug's memory. Currently it is planned that Doug will also return to the little park beneath the tree he loved to climb and in the setting of Home in which he wanted to live.

Douglas Franklin Stencil, of Home, died as a result of a tragic vehicle accident on the Longbranch Highway on April 8, 1987. This issue of the Key Peninsula NEWS is dedicated to his memory and to the hope that we will all search for safer and more considerate ways to drive upon our roads and highways. KLS.

Communal Societies Conference to Meet at Home

by Stella Retherford

The Second Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Chapter of the National Historic Communal Societies Association will hold one day of its two-day conference on May 16 in the Home Chapel at Home from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Cosponsored by the Washington State Historical Society and the Pacific Northwest Historians' Guild and chaired by Charles Pierce LeWarne, a Washington historian, the conference will devote the morning session to the early days of Home's development. There will be a panel of Home residents whose families helped settle Home, a presentation on Home and Anarchism by Charles Shively of the University of Massachusetts, and Home's controversial editor, Jay Fox, will be discussed by Mary Carr of Gonzaga University. The afternoon session will hear presentations on Northwest Hutterites, Rajneeshpuram, Race and Radical Right, Psychopathology in Intentional Communities, and Shiloh Retreat.

The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$20, but persons may attend the three Home presentations 9 am to noon for a \$2 fee. Conference members will have a luncheon at the Chapel and this will be open to guests. Reservations and \$5 are required. Contact Charles LeWarne at 20829 Hillcrest Place, Edmonds, WA 98020, or by phone 776-7227.

Home was established as a tolerant-individualist community in 1896 and welcomed settlers of all philosophies and those who rejected traditional values. Early residents formed the Mutual Home Association which purchased and retained the land so it could be neither sold nor mortgaged. Only to this extent was Home organized as a communal colony although there was much volunteer communal activity.

It was determined that a family could survive well on a two-acre plot in this area, so the land was surveyed, streets laid out and named so that each four-acre block accommodated two families. All improvements on the land belonged to the family and could be sold.

People of many radical, political and religious persuasions arrived to settle during that time of economic depression and unrest. Four newspapers were published in Home (not all at the same time) and were mailed to radical literature outlets throughout the U.S. and to some extent the world, so that by 1901 Home residents from many parts of U.S., France, Holland, Germany and Russia lived along the shores on both side of the bay, on the south-facing slopes and back of the ridge in Happy Valley.

The community of Home is happy to welcome the members of the Communal Societies Conference.



Ashes Rummage Sale

It was a busy Saturday morning on April 25 when members of the Ashes, Fire District 16 Auxiliary, gathered at Key Center Fire Station for their Annual Rummage Sale. Shown above left (back row) are Linda Reid, Gail Bonn, Marie Schwenka, Beulah Kupka, and (front row) Helen Helm, Coretta Van Antwerp, and Kelly Babcock. Others working on the sale were Thelma Cadle, Erma Kelly, Martha Applegate, Alice Palmer, and Marguerite Bussard. At right, Bernie Durkee of Lakebay, and daughter Sarah, consider the purchase of a "special treasure." Proceeds from the sale were said to have exceeded \$500 and will be used to the benefit of Fire District 16's Ambulance Fund. In addition certain items were also made available to Rocky Bay Nursing Home and to residents of Cottesmore. Ashes members expressed thanks to the community for patronage of the sale and the donation of so many good usable items.

Jackson Lake Annual Sportmen's Club Fisherman's Breakfast Big Success!



It was a full house nearly all morning at the Jackson Lake Sportsmen's Club on Sunday, April 26, when members put on their annual Fishermen's Breakfast. About 300 hungry folks - not all of them fishermen, enjoyed a fine breakfast that kept Marge Hurley, Annabelle Evans, Winnie Smith, and a host of others busy in the kitchen. The spring event is the major fund-raiser of the year for the Sportsmen's Club, and is always enjoyed by the many that attend.

Pioneer Days Date Set

The Key Peninsula Civic Center Board has announced the Annual Pioneer Days Celebration will be held this year on Friday, August 8, and Saturday,

August 9. The Friday event is planned as a "kickoff" dance, and Saturday will be the day planned for the Grand Parade, and games, events, demonstrations of crafts, and an auction and raffle at the Civic Center. Chairman for the event will be Mike Salatino, and Rhys Wood has agreed to assist, while the parade event will be handled

by Janne Dukeshire. More information will follow in the mid-month edition of the NEWS.



We the People

by Paul Cyr, County Council Member



Congratulations on the formation of the Key Peninsula Advisory Council; I was happy to meet with the newly formed body on April 20. I look forward to working with the Council and its Chairperson, Avon Gay, on various issues affecting the Key Peninsula. One of the subcommittees of the Council will be setting up the process for developing a land-use plan that will include all of the Key Peninsula. I told members of that committee that I would be happy to work with them and provide as much information as we have available on other plans that may be of help for the area. I am hopeful that the KPAC will come up with a plan that the whole community can endorse.

Starting in June, I will be meeting at the Civic Center every last Monday of the month at 7 pm, to be available to discuss and answer questions and concerns of the citizens of the Key Peninsula area. My meeting in May will be on the 18th at 7 pm.

Welcome back to active duty, Deputy Bob Fuller! I'm in hopes of adding to the number of sheriffs assigned to the Key Peninsula area. Deputy Fuller serves the Peninsula well; he has been on temporary disability since November - it's nice to have him back.

In case you missed the new toll-free number to my office, it's 851-9739. Call or write me if you have something you want to share with me.

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Longbranch Life

by Jean Humphreys

Born in a chicken house in 1907, Ida Louise Simon was the oldest of 17 children. The chicken house, where the Simon family homesteaded, was located at the furthest end of Filucy Bay. Now 80, Ida Louise Simon Curl has seven living brothers and sisters. Ida's father supported his family by digging clams and selling them, and by felling trees. A large vegetable garden provided food for the family. Ida and her sister Emily loaded the surplus produce into a rowboat. Neat bundles of onions, carrots, radishes and bur-lapped potatoes were thus carried to summer folks, happy to purchase fresh produce from the two lively Simon girls.

School was another matter. Three year old Ida, who only spoke the German of her immigrant family, attended the old German Lutheran Church built in 1891 and supported by the German settlement. Mr. Simon took his children each Saturday to Pastor Bier's home for catechism. The Bier home was reached by boat because of its location across the bay. Ida later attended #32 Elementary School, which was known in the area as Pee Wee Park. The large one-story building accommodated grades 1 through 8 and one picture of the student body showed approximately 40 students. A married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Delaplaine, were the teachers, with Mr. Delaplaine instructing the older students and Mrs. Delaplaine the younger ones.

Work in the world started after Ida finished eighth grade, when Ida found a job doing housework for a family in Whiteman Cove. She received room and board and forty cents a day. If she went home for a day, she walked one and a half hours each way. This figures out to between ten and twelve miles round trip. Whatever the event in those days, transportation was either by boat or by walking.

Married in 1926, hard-working Ida and her new husband, Henry Curl, lived in a small home adjoining the Longbranch Highway Garage, which Henry operated for many years. Their oldest daughter, Marguerite, was born in 1927, followed by the birth of Lawrence, known as "Bud", in 1929. After the garage (now Longbranch Self Storage) was sold, Henry and Ida built their present home nearby on property previously owned by Henry's parents. Marguerite and Bud attended the elementary school across from their home. This old school, no longer there, is the site of the present Longbranch Improvement Club, constructed by the WPA in the 1930's.

Both children grew up with the idea of helping others in the community. Marguerite, at 12, assisted with Sunday school classes held at the old school in Pee Wee Park. Bud served in the Army for two years. His tour included South Korea on the 38th parallel. A volunteer fireman for many years, Bud kept old Engine 0-16 in running order. Ida's dear son, Bud,



Henry, Marguerite, Lawrence, and Ida Curl

was killed in a tragic accident in 1982. Her daughter, Marguerite, and Pete Bussard were married in 1948, the first couple to wed in the new Longbranch Congregational Church. Ida still remembers the new Church overflowed with floral bouquets arranged by Ellen Frost, a prime mover in getting the Longbranch Church organized. On April 18, 1987, Henry and Ida celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary. Their home was filled with many relatives and friends. Ida's life goes on.

Vaughn Garden Club

On May 20, members of Vaughn Garden Club will tour the West Passage Nursery in Olalla, followed by a no-host dinner in Purdy. Cars will leave the Civic Center at 10 am.

Longbranch Church

by Jean Humphreys

- Sundays: 10:15 am Bible Study
11:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Church Service
Dr. David W. Suter, Pastor, 884-3716
Fridays: 10:00 am Choir Practice
12:00 am Handbell Practice
May 3 - Annual yearly business meeting and brunch, 12 pm.
May 10 - Mothers Day, music by Bellringers.
May 14 - Choir 10 am, Bellringers 12 pm
May 18 - Ruth Circle, 12 am
May 24 - Bellringers special music for Memorial Day. Memorial Service by Vaughn VFW 7 Auxiliary 4990.
May 30 - Annual Salad Lunch, 12 pm. Public invited; "Doll Theme".

Longbranch Church Community Activities

- May 5 - Peninsula Social Club, Pot-luck 6:30, Program: resume plans for Home salmon fisheries run.
May 13 - Peninsula Neighbors Craft Club, 10 am; public invited.
May 15 - Bayshore Garden Club 1 am, Claudia Loy of Sunny Crest Nursery will talk on annuals and biennials. Guests welcome. 2 pm - installation of officers. Hostesses: Evelyn Movall, Mary Carlson.
May 16 - Bayshore participation in flower show and plant sale at the Tacoma Mall.
May 18 - Christian Writers Workshop by Julie Coldeen, 7 pm. For information call 884-3063.
May 19 - Nutrition lunch at noon. Hosts Wm. Otto, Ruby Potter, Olie Warmbo.
May 23 - Longbranch Cemetery cleanup, 10 am. Potluck at noon, Longbranch Church.

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Pierce County Landmarks Commission Meets in Gig Harbor

by Stella Retherford

On April 21 the Pierce County Landmarks Commission held its quarterly meeting in Gig Harbor City Hall. Chaired by Lou Dunkin, the other members present were Ted Russell, Dr. Craig Gunter, Jim Widrig, Helen Young, Merle Fruit, Cyrus Happy III, and Mike Avey.

Mike Avey, an archeologist, addressed the Commission and guests explaining technical terminology pertaining to our area. He pointed out sites, including shell middens, on the Longbranch and Gig Harbor Peninsulas that should be tested and evaluated before they are lost to development.

Cyrus Happy III, the second speaker, explained the on-going reconstruction of old Ft. Steilacoom buildings that are presently on the grounds of Washington State Hospital. From about 1847 to 1860 U.S. soldiers stationed at Ft. Steilacoom stood ready to defend settlers, not so much from the local peaceful Puget Sound Indians as from the horse Indians from east of the mountains and the canoe Indians of the north coast.

"The Civil War drew most of the troops back to their own states," he said, "leaving local militia to man Ft. Steilacoom." The name Steilacoom is thought to have come from the Indian name for the wildflower, Lithophragma (prairie star), although several important Indian chiefs bore the name.

Carolyn Galacci, the Pierce County Preservation Planner drew attention to the fact that Pierce is the only county with an archeological program and a strong commitment to preservation of our heritage. Recently only elegant structures of the past could be considered for Landmark Status on County and National Registers of Historic Places, but now simpler structures and homes are listed. Nine Pierce County schools are now under consideration. Home School was placed on the Register of Historic Places in 1981.

Ms. Galacci listed the steps in placing a building or area on the Register of Historic Places. Property owners are involved with the process of evaluation and historic significance of their homes, and following a hearing by the Pierce County Landmarks Commission, a request is submitted to Pierce County Council for the final decision.

Once the building is designated to the Register, there are some privileges open to the landowner. Local building codes can sometimes be adjusted to avoid altering the structure so it retains its historic significance. An ordinance is now in review that would give tax relief to a historic building owner to aid in restoration of the structure.

The community of Home is exploring the possibility of applying for Historic Landmark status. Ms. Galacci and a group of residents toured Home recently and took pictures of over thirty houses that were built in the early 1900's when Home was considered a Utopian colony.

It was announced that the Communal Societies Organization will hold one day of its 1987 meeting at the Washington State Historical Museum on May 15 and the second day, May 16, it will convene at Home Chapel on McEwan Road in Home. The public is invited to the sessions on Home's history from 9 until noon. There will be a \$2 fee. For more information call Charles Pierce LeWarne in Edmonds, Washington at 776-7227.

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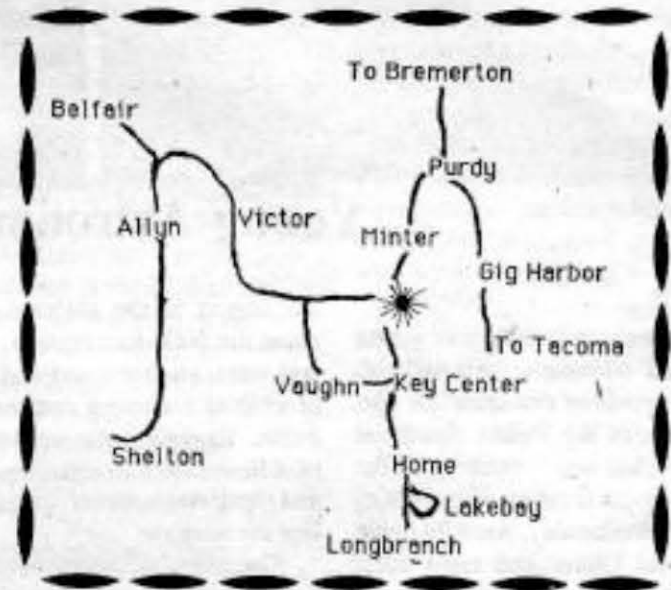
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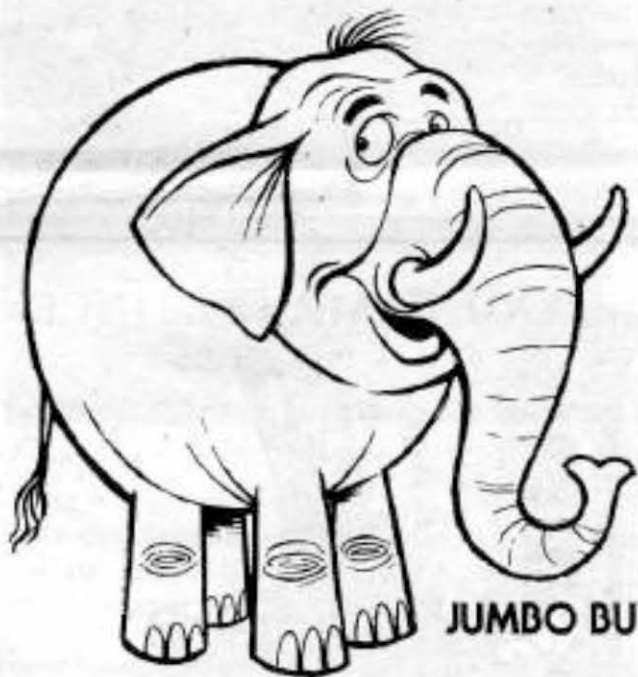
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Young Astronaut Program

by Jim Updike

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Lorna McKenna, airport terminal employee, explained various things about

the airport to the children. She told about the 5000-foot runway, the marked taxi-ways, and the tower and its function of guiding incoming and out-going air traffic. Explained also were the purposes of different aircraft sales, rental, charter, and repair shops and offices, ten of which line the runway.

Greg Doyon, repair mechanic with Tosch, told about repairing and servicing different airplanes that are brought in. The group then inspected planes parked near the shop, including different low-

powered planes, and some high-powered executive turbo jets. The tour also visited a large old PBY Naval reconnaissance plane and a Vietnam-vintage Chinook type helicopter.

Leaders and teachers from Evergreen and Vaughn Elementary schools included Gary Culbertson, Dave Ahrens, Skip and Irene Miller, Doug Blundell and Jim Sammons. The current total of elementary-age children in the Young Astronaut program is 220, involving about 20 teachers and parent leaders.

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Thirty years experience in the arts community in Seattle has given Donna Mason special knowledge of artists and their work. As an art dealer for several years handling consignment sales of art that ranged from paintings and sculptures by major Northwest artists to graphics, ceramics, and tribal art, she developed a working relationship with the art dealers and knows personally many artists and art collectors. Now, as an art consultant, she is giving lectures on art to clubs and organizations.

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The course will be held in Tacoma May 12 through June 30. Enrollment is limited and participants must register by May 8, 1987.

Robert Larson of Lakebay (right) was all smiles when he was told that he and his wife Anne had just won an overnight stay with dinner arrangements at the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle. Bob was the winner in the KP Business Association's Easter promotion, and his ticket was drawn by Pat Blundell, shown at left with Doug Blundell at the April 17 meeting of the KPBA at "The Eatery." Doug and his wife JoAnne operate Blundell's Chowder House in Longbranch, while Pat is opening her new location of "The Country Mouse" at Lake Kathryn Village on May 1.



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Downtown Key Center had a special visitor on Easter Sunday when Ted the Bunny greeted passersby from out in front of Red Dogs convenience store. Above, at the left, Ted the Bunny holds Ellis Stephanella of Salt Lake City, grandson of George Mason of Lake Minterwood. At the right Ted makes the Easter Day for Jessica, Joshua and Travis Clark, children of Richard and Nicolette Clark of the Lake Katherine area. Photos by Jim Updike.

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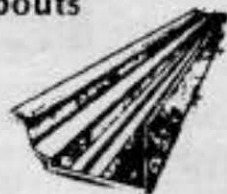
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AT HOME ON THE RANGE

By Janice McMillan

There has been a great deal of publicity lately about "miracle" foods or "superfoods" which science has found will help protect us against cancer, high blood pressure, heart disease, and other serious problems. Most of us eat some of these foods occasionally, but plain carrots, oatmeal, yoghurt or broccoli, are not very appealing. In the next few weeks I hope to give you some new and interesting recipes for some of these "superfoods".

Cabbage, broccoli, kale and Brussels sprouts contain substances that block the formation of cancer-causing chemicals in the body. In addition they are low-calorie and rich in fiber, vitamins and minerals. Unfortunately, many people wouldn't eat a Brussels sprout unless they were starving, having been exposed in childhood to a mushy, long-cooked, grey vegetable. Even Brussels sprout haters will ask for seconds of my stir-fry recipe.

Stir Fried Brussels Sprouts

Choose fresh Brussels sprouts of the same size (so they will cook evenly) allowing six per serving - count them out rather than buying by the pound, so you will not have left-overs. In a wok or frying pan saute the cleaned and trimmed sprouts in peanut or corn oil, stirring all the while, for three minutes, over high heat. Lower heat, add chicken broth (or if you must, water), cover, and steam for about 4 minutes. Test for doneness, the sprouts should be tender-crisp. Add soy sauce, corn starch mixed with a little water and more chicken broth if necessary to make a slightly thickened sauce. Bring to a boil for a few seconds. Remove from heat, sprinkle with toasted, slivered almonds and serve. To serve four I use 1 Tbs oil for sauteing, about 1/4 c. chicken broth, 1 Tbs soy sauce (low-salt soy is good), 2 tsp. cornstarch in a Tbs or so of water.

Broccoli with Peanut Butter Sauce

1 lb. broccoli spears
1 sm. onion, sliced
2 TBSP margerine
1/4 c. crunchy peanut butter
1-1/2 tsp flour
3/4 c. chicken broth (strong)
1 Tbs sunflower seeds

Steam broccoli for 4-5 minutes, until tender. Saute onion in margerine, stir in peanut butter and flour. Add chicken broth and stir until smooth and thickened. Pour over hot broccoli and sprinkle with sunflower seeds. Serves 4.

Chinese Vinegar Salad

Mix together 1/4 c. rice wine vinegar (available in oriental section of large supermarkets), 1 Tbs sugar, 1 tsp. sesame oil, 1/2 tsp. soy sauce. Mix this sauce thoroughly with 2 c. finely shredded white cabbage. Refrigerate for 1/2 hour or so before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Grand Marnier Whipped Cream Truffle

by Mark Murray

24 one and half inch diameter candy cups
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12-inch pastry bag without tip

Set the cups on a baking sheet. Using a fine sieve or sifter, sift a heavy layer of confectioner's into the cups.

In the top of a double boiler, set over 125 degree water, melt the chocolate. (The water may touch the bottom part of the double boiler). Remove the pan from the heat and cool until chocolate is tepid.

In a large bowl, beat the cream until it begins to form soft peaks. Beat in the Grand Marnier and the melted chocolate all at once, just until mixed.

Working quickly, since the mixture hardens quickly, spoon the mixture into the tipless pastry bag and pipe it into the cups in peaked mounds. Sift a layer of confectioner's sugar onto each, if desired.

Refrigerate the truffles for at least one hour before serving. They may be kept covered and refrigerated for up to four or five days.

Asparagus Time! Enjoy it Now and Later

This is the time of the year to enjoy fresh asparagus and to preserve some for later use, says Olga Fuste, Washington State University's Pierce County Cooperative Extension Home Economist. When buying, look for closed, compact tips with smooth round spears and a fresh appearance. A rich green color should cover most of the spear. The young, slim stalks are usually considered the most tender. Stalks should be tender almost as far down as the green extends. Older and tougher stalks have open tips.

Avoid tips that are open and spread out, moldy or decayed or ribbed spears (spears with up-and-down ridges, or not approximately round). Angular stalks are usually tough and stringy. These are all signs of aging and mean tough asparagus and poor flavor. Also, avoid excessively sandy asparagus because sand grains can lodge beneath the scales or in the tips of the spears and are difficult to remove in washing.

Asparagus that will not be used in a few days should be preserved. Fresh asparagus needs to be consumed in a few days. To keep its quality while in the refrigerator, wrap the butt ends in a damp paper towel and place in a plastic bag. Do not leave them too long. Before cooking, snap off the white ends with your hands. They break easily near the edible part. Fresh asparagus can be prepared in many different ways. They can be steamed, stir-fried, used for cream soup or with a sauce.

According to Ms. Fuste, freezing asparagus is relatively simple. Wash thoroughly in cold water. Then lift the spears out of the water to allow grit to settle to the bottom of the pan. Divide them into different groups according to the thickness of the stalk. Blanching is necessary to inactivate enzymes that cause vitamin and quality losses. Steam blanching is recommended to preserve nutrients. To blanch in steam, put one inch of water in a kettle and bring to a rolling boil. Put a small amount of vegetables in a steamer basket or in a colander with legs. The product should not touch the water. Cover the kettle and blanch

small stalks 1-1/2 minutes, medium stalks 2 minutes and large stalks 3 minutes. Cool immediately in cold running water or ice water for about the same length of time used for blanching. When thoroughly cool, drain and pack. Use frozen asparagus within a year.

If you want to can asparagus, follow these simple instructions. Wash and trim scales and tough ends. Wash again and cut into one-inch pieces.

Hot-pack: Cover with boiling water and boil 2-3 minutes. Loosely pack in jars. Add salt, if desired. Cover with boiling cooking liquid or freshly boiled water. Leave a 1/2-inch head-space for liquid and food. Process at 10 pounds of pressure; pints 25 minutes, quarts 30 minutes.

Raw-pack: Pack tightly without crushing, add salt, if desired, and cover with boiling water. Leave a 1/2-inch

LEARN AT HOME!

Opportunities for Microwave Cooking and Food Preparation

Washington State University's Cooperative Extension in Pierce County is offering two home-study lesson series of interest to you.

The microwave basics series is divided into six lessons: Getting to Know Your Microwave Oven; How to Prepare Baked Products; How to Prepare Vegetables and Fruits; How to Prepare Eggs, Cheese and Milk; How to Prepare Protein Foods--Meat, Fish and Poultry; How to Prepare Meals in the Microwave.

Registration fee is \$5.50 and registration deadline is May 15, 1987.

Consumers interested in preserving foods will find the food preservation series very useful. The four lessons include: Canning Fruits and Tomatoes; Freezing Foods at Home; Drying Fruits and Vegetables; Pickling Fruits and Vegetables.

Each lesson provides background information on the principles behind current recommendations, answers to common questions and updated reference material.

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Before tasting or using the home-canned asparagus, boil for 10 minutes. And now, you are ready to enjoy them. Recipes for pickling asparagus can be had by calling the NEWS, 884-4699.

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Peninsula High School Scholarship Fund

The PHS Scholarship Program continues to provide recognition and financial awards for PHS graduating seniors. The level of participation on the part of the students has been outstanding; one-hundred-four members of the class of '87 completed scholarship notebooks.

The Scholarship Committee is also extremely pleased with the response of the community. Pledges and contributions from businesses, individuals, and organizations are coming in daily. As of the beginning of March, twenty new scholarships had been received, and many pledges and donations had been given for the Perpetual Scholarship Trust Fund, the interest from which provides several scholarships each year.

It is important that donors return their pledge cards as soon as possible. The actual money each donor pledges must be received by the PHS Scholarship Fund no later than April 30 so the donor's name may be included in the May 28 assembly written program, and in The Peninsula Gateway publicity ad. The recipient of each scholarship will also be honored at the assembly and in the ad.

Many support the fund by saving and giving Uddenberg Thriftway receipts to PHS. The Fund receives 1% of the receipt totals. This school year alone \$1,000 has been raised this way. The SAVE Thriftstore, run by the PHS Scholarship Committee, has also been successful because of the patronage and donations of the community. It is located off 144 St. behind the PHS swim pool and is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm.

The success of the Scholarship Program has come to the attention of other high schools and PHS committee members have helped other schools set up programs. Vashon and Tumwater are "on-line" and Onalaska and Capital schools are starting up. The program is becoming known on a national level also, and Ellen Griffin, PHS counselor, was invited by the Western Regional College Board to explain it at a recent San Francisco conference. Her presentation generated a great deal of interest from members of the College Board.

For more information on the PHS Scholarship Fund, please contact Sandy Newhouse at 884-2779 or Jane Hoffecker at 858-5008. New members are welcome and needed!

VAUGHN SCHOOL NEWS

We have another Flip Flop Friday approaching. This is a day very popular with Vaughn students, as they take time from the day-to-day classroom grind and make kites, bird houses, or plaster masks. Some will bake, some will learn CPR, some will play basketball, and there will be lots more to choose from. Parents and non-parents are welcome to help or watch on May 8 as the students take over.

We have more Read-Lead "champs" who have read 2,000 minutes. They are John Snelson, Sara Detmering, Kelly Reynolds, Margaux Plumer, Ron Brock and Susan Nelson. We also have students who refuse to quit and have read 4,000 minutes. A standing ovation goes to Brianne Oldenburg, Laurel Oldenburg, Jesse Taylor, Maria Jeffries and David Davis. Vaughn students have read a total of 4,626 hours in the Read-Lead program.

Nominations are being taken for next year's officers. If you are interested in a position and would like some information, you may call our current officers... Marcy Reynolds/President 884-2291; Patti Cox/Vice-President 884-3560; Cathy Beal/Secretary 884-4261; and Debbie Simon/Treasurer 884-3650. They will be happy to answer your questions.

The next Vaughn Parent Group meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

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Well, it's time to go plant some more flowers and forget about that cigarette. See you next month. Give me a call if you have anything wonderful for this column.



Evergreen Winds up the Year with Pot Luck

Wednesday evening, May 20, has been announced as the date of the Annual Evergreen Elementary School year-end Pot Luck and Talent Show. Principal Dave Trocheim termed it as being, "the wind up event of a most successful school year". Dinner will start at 6 pm with the Volunteer Parent Organization supplying Bar-b-que hot dogs. Those attending may bring either a salad, a dessert, or a hot dish, and the bar-b-que is being planned as a patio affair.

The Talent Show is scheduled to begin in the gym at about 7 pm, and will feature acts by both students and parents. The Master of Ceremonies will be Brad Wiggers, who is a ventriloquist in addition to having other talents. The occasion will also provide an opportunity for the introduction of the new officers for 1987-88 who will have been elected at the regular May 4 VPO meeting.

Chairperson for the "biggest event of the Evergreen Elementary year" is Betty Hicks, who has urged all students, parents, and friends of Evergreen to turn out and enjoy the dinner and evening's entertainment.

Name the New Elementary School!

Everyone has ideas about the right name for a new school. Should it be named for an outstanding community or national leader? A famous person who was an example for young people such as pioneer teacher Lucy Goodman, or Challenger's Captain from Washington State, Dick Scobie? How about identifying the school with the neighborhood or area where it is built? A geographical or native cultural name?

A new Peninsula School District elementary school is planned to be built near Kopachuck State Park across from Kopachuck Middle School in the southwest part of Gig Harbor Peninsula. The Home-School-Community Planning Committee, composed of parents from Artondale and Discovery, and staff members from all district schools working with Dr. John Armenia, Assistant Superintendent, has been asked by the school board to screen suggested names.

Once all of the names are submitted, the committee will judge them for suitability. Three names will be selected from which the Board of Directors will make a final choice. The list of nominations is expected to go to the Board in July.

If you would like to nominate a name for the new elementary school, please mail your suggestion to: Dr. John Armenia, Peninsula School District, 14015 62 Ave. NW, Gig Harbor, WA. 98335.

Vaughn School Spring Book Fair a Success

The Spring Book Fair at Vaughn Elementary School was expanded this year to include participation by all grades, and, according to teacher Sandy Major, it turned out to be a great success. An overall total of about \$1500 worth of books was sold, with the project receiving a profit of approximately \$750. Sandy stated this money would be divided evenly between all classrooms, and the resulting funds would be used in each room to buy extra books for recreational reading. A Fall Book Fair, involving only first-grade children, provided funds which will allow first grade children to take a book home to keep and read during the summer months, so their reading skills will not slip before they return to school in September.

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In the 1 to 3 year-old age group, Elias Daudertis and Triston Tara House received more loving attention than eggs! Photos by Jim Updike.



Easter Bunny Kathy Best helps Danielle and Stephanie Davis show off their eggs after a successful "hunt" at the Civic Center on Easter Sunday.

Citizens Advisory Council Meets

The KPCAC met April 16 at the Key Center Fire Station. Avon Gay chaired the meeting, Helen Saxof is secretary and Lucy Scott is treasurer. There are two representatives on the council from each voting precinct on Key Peninsula. The 28-member group divided itself into action committees as follows.

Water Planning: Marty Dickson, Ken Retherford, Rhys Wood, Bill Detmering, Tony Trotter.

Land Planning: Billie McKinney, Avon Gay, Tom Fifer, Shirley Marietta, Helen Saxof, Hank Ramsdell, Don Mastro, Barbara Stallings.

Petitions: Lucy Scott, Barbara Gilliam, Cliff Nelson.

Liaison: Earl and Helen Saxof.

Publicity: Marty Dickson.

Pierce County Council meetings will be attended by Barbara Stallings and Barbara Bence. Others are unassigned.

Next meeting of the KPCAC will be at Key Center Fire Station, 7 pm, May 14. Key Peninsula residents and the KPCAC will meet with Pierce County Council member Paul Cyr on April 20 at 7 pm at the Vaughn Civic Center and then again on May 18 at the same time and place. Thereafter, it is planned to meet with Paul Cyr on the last Monday of the month at 7 pm at Vaughn Civic Center.

KP Firemen Speak to KPBA

Firemen Chuck West and Tim Lemon of Fire District 16 were the speakers at the May 1 meeting of the Key Peninsula Business Association, held at The Eatery in Key Center.

Chuck West discussed the Annual Fireworks program of the Firefighters Association, outlining plans for this year's display to be held over Joe's Bay in

Home. He stated that much work was going into the planning for the popular event, including after-show clean-up operations, and policing during the fireworks.

Tim Lemon told the group about the many different projects the Firefighters Association had been able to fund or under-take with proceeds from donations for the fireworks program. Among new projects for the Firefighters, he discussed plans that are being studied for the creation of storage of water for fire-fighting

at various points around Key Peninsula. This program not only includes the possible use of certain tanks, but also the construction and installation of "dry hydrants" which would be available to supply water from the deeper (and cleaner) waters of some of our local lakes.

Tim also described a new mapping program that the Firefighters Association is undertaking, which clearly identifies the name and location of all roads existing in Fire District 16.

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In The Library

by Dory Meyers

MANY WATERS is a new fiction book by Madeleine L'Engle for older children and teenagers. It continues the author's Time Trilogy made up of the Newbery Medal Winner A WRINKLE IN TIME, A WIND IN THE DOOR, and A SWIFTLY TILTING PLANET. In the story, the Murry twins inadvertently become the main subjects of their parents' experiments in space and time travel. They type on the computer the message: "Take me someplace warm. . . someplace warm and sparsely populated. . ." They land in a desert, during the time of Noah, shortly before the flood. As the twins become involved with Noah and his family, this fictional portrayal of the Biblical story becomes flesh and blood reality. The story is a good adventure, interesting historically, and makes the invisible forces of good and evil believable.

Anyone who would like to write a book review for the In The Library column, please contact the Key Center Library. All ages are welcome!

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"No Spray" Signs

A reminder to residents: the signs at the beginning and end of your property should face the direction that the spray truck will be coming from. The No Spray should be boldly printed. Just remember that the signs need to be visible and easily read.

Bird-a-Thon '87 Looking for Sponsors

by Maureen Beckstead

Tacoma Audubon Society will hold a 24-hour Bird-a-Thon between May 9 and May 17. A Birdathon is like a walk-a-thon or a bike-a-thon. Sponsors agree to pledge a specific amount [10 cents for example] for each bird species identified by a counter in a 24-hour period. Counters then go birding, keeping a detailed checklist and noting each species they encounter. Afterwards counters report in to add their results and collect their pledges.

Birdathon contributions are tax-deductible. Proceeds go to help both local and state Audubon projects, which include: (1) the protection of birds and endangered wildlife and their habitats, (2) wetland preservation, (3) the enactment of strong national and state legislation to insure clean air, water, and land for today and for future generations.

If you would like to be a sponsor, I will be counting in the Lake Holiday area and will provide you with a list of all birds seen there in my 24 hours. Please call Maureen at 884-4138.

Funds Available for Tree Planting

"Farmers could save thousands of tons of topsoil over the next several years by planting trees on idle and marginal cropland, and on other critically eroded acres," says Ken Shamblin, County Executive Director of the Pierce County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service. He said funds are currently available under the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) to assist producers in planting trees. The FIP helps private, non-industrial landowners to shift acreage better suited for trees than crops to timber production to help assure

adequate national timber supplies. Also, FIP helps the producer replant or improve timber stands on land presently devoted to timber production. Shamblin said cost-sharing is generally necessary because landowners often cannot afford to make the long-term investment need to produce crops of timber.

According to Shamblin, Pierce County Landowners who are already enrolled in the 1987 FIP plan to plant 20,000 new trees on 40 acres. "Trees not only protect the soil and reduce sediment in streams, they increase the value of the land," Shamblin said.

Because the program emphasizes cost-effective timber production, participa-

tion is limited to land capable of producing more than 50 cubic feet of commercial timber per acre annually. The program offers agreements in designated counties where landowners can plan tree-planting and timber stand improvement measures for up to 10 years. To be eligible, farmers must own at least 10 but not more than 1,000 acres of forest land and must be in a forest land or open space tax zone.

To request cost-sharing to plant trees, farmers should contact the Pierce County ASCS Office at 10923D Canyon Rd.E, Puyallup, phone 536-2837, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.



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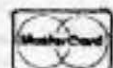
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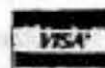


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Minter Ramblings

by Avon Gay

I really feel this column should read Minter Ravings, this month. A friend and I have been trying to quit smoking, without a lot of success, but we are still trying.

My youngest daughter has used me for show-and-tell this month at school, and let me tell you that has not been great! Whenever I go to school, these little second-graders ask how I am doing and I have to say I am still smoking.

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To Your Health

by Dr. Roes

With the warm weather at the beginning of April, spring fever and, subsequently, hay fever hit the Key Peninsula with a bloom of runny noses and itchy eyes. We get lots of calls about the allergies that blossom in the spring, and there are many things you can do to adapt to this problem. The two most useful types of over-the-counter medications are antihistamines and decongestants.

Antihistamines are useful in preventing the body's response to allergens, those substances we are allergic to. They work on a cellular level to prevent the release of histamines. Common side effects of antihistamines are drowsiness and dry mouth, but they can usually be safely taken by people with high blood pressure. Common non-prescription antihistamines are chlorpheniramine and diphenhydramine.

Decongestants are useful in reducing the body's response to the allergen once it has reacted with the body's cells to release histamines. They decrease the swelling and fluid excretion from tissues. Decongestants can cause elevation of blood pressure in those prone to hypertension, especially if they are not on medications. Decongestants are available in topical (nose sprays or drops) or oral forms. Common oral decongestants are phenylpropanolamine and pseudoephedrine.

These medications are available individually and in combinations. If they are still not effective in alleviating your hay fever suffering, call your family doctor as other forms of treatment are also available.

Designate Your Backyard a Wildlife Sanctuary

Washington residents who want to include wildlife concerns in their landscaping projects may now register their property as a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary. Initiated by the non-game section of the Washington Department of Game, this program allows the property owner to list sources of food and shelter available for wildlife in his application, the applicant's property will be officially registered as a Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary by the Department. The application packet includes a list of plants useful for wildlife in Western Washington, a guide to Hummingbirds in Residential Areas, and a list of selected references for Backyard Wildlife.

To obtain your FREE packet, write: Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Program, c/o Washington Department of Game, 16018 Mill Creek Blvd., Mill Creek, WA 98012. (Information from the Towhee, Tahoma Audubon Society.)

Spend the Night at "Camp Trek"

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park is offering a new program this spring for children ages 6-12. "CAMP TREK," an overnight camp-out at the park, is designed to teach kids about Pacific Northwest animals, plants and history.

The fee is \$20 per child, and reservations/payment are required in advance. Camp Trek Activity Schedule: Parents drop campers off at Northwest Trek at 5:30 pm Friday evening equipped with sleeping bags, change of clothes, wet-weather gear, and flashlight. Trek naturalists provide supervision for all activities, which begin with a weiner/marshmallow roast around a campfire. A twilight trip through the park provides the backdrop for a variety of late evening outdoor activities and hikes, followed by wildlife films. Saturday morning begins early with a wake-up tram tour and a hearty, country-style breakfast at 8:30 am. Parents may pick up their children at 9:45 am, OR are welcome to join them for the breakfast.



It's Test Time!

The Peninsula School District is administering the California Achievement Tests to all children in grades 1 through 5 during the week of May 4-8. The District has asked the cooperation of all parents of these children in seeing to it that they attend school each day, and that they are well rested and ready to do their best work. Results from these tests are expected to be made available sometime in the fall after school resumes in September.

PUMA Chorus Forming

by Janet MacDonald

PUMA (Peninsula United Music Association) is planning a second summer of classical concerts to be held in Gig Harbor and Purdy. Local musicians who are interested in singing with the 1987 PUMA Festival Concert Chorus on August 14 are invited to contact Betty Allen 851-9020. Instrumentalists, who may wish to perform in 1987 or 1988 may call Helen Copeland 851-6251 or Kathy Strickland 265-2019.



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Around the Yard

by Tim Kezele

Lawns — Newly seeded turf areas may appear to be severely infested with a number of annual weeds. With good fertility, frequent mowing, and proper water practices, these annual weeds normally soon disappear. If they persist two months after seeding, it may be wise to use control recommendations. Under no conditions should selective herbicides be used on a turf before it is at least two months old. If weeds should appear despite good management, chemical weed control can be important. Keep in mind, however, that weed killers are plant killers. To avoid damage to desirable plants, always follow label directions. Some herbicides are selective between plant types and some are not. The effectiveness of specific herbicides depends on air and soil temperature, moisture, weed type, and stage of growth.

Shrubs — Azalea leaf gall: Symptoms - light green, fleshy, bladder-shaped galls appear on new leaves in late spring and early summer. The galls change from red to brown, become hard, and are covered with a powdery white bloom. Rhododendron: leaves may be entirely or partially chlorotic, creamy, off-white or pinkish and may be thickened. Affected leaves have a distinct line between the healthy green and the chlorotic tissue - a white fungal growth develops on the underside of the leaf. A rosette of affected leaves may occur at the ends of the branches. Blossoms and seed pods can be affected. The cause is the fungus *exobasidium vaccinii*. Remove

and destroy affected leaves. If this gets to be a real problem, hire a licensed tree specialist to apply a registered fungicide just prior to bud break and have the treatment repeated two to three weeks later.

Veggies - Extension bulletin number 422 on home gardens is a very thorough publication, starting with site preparation, matching vegetables to climate and

planting schedules, and finishing up with pest problems and control. Stop by the Pierce County Cooperative Extension office at 2401 South 35th, Tacoma. Or call 591-7180 and ask for bulletin 422 on home gardens.

Of note --- The Rhododendron Species Foundation's late-blooming season continues till the end of May - on Sundays 1 to 5 and Wednesdays 10 - 3. There are

24 acres of species rhododendron, azalea, and companion plants. On I-5, exit Highway #18, and take the 32nd Ave. S. exit. Turn left and head for the Weyerhaeuser headquarters.

W.S.U. master gardener clinic starts the first Saturday of May and continues through the summer - 10 am to 1 pm at Sunnycrest Nursery, Key Center.

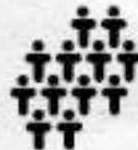


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Winners All!

The Key Peninsula Lions received a total of eight nominations for "Citizen of the Year" for the 1987 Third Annual Awards Dinner, which was held on May 2 at the Civic Center. In a close vote, in which members of the Lions Club wrestled with the problem of making a choice from eight fine nominees, Vicki Henschel, current President of the Civic Center Association, and Lauretta Jaggi, community activist, were named "Co-Citizens for the Year" for 1987-88. The other nominees who were honored at the dinner, and were presented with Achievement plaques are shown above, left to right (top) Marguerite Bussard, for her work with many, many organizations; Earl Knapp, former Fire Chief, President of the Civic Center, and organizer of the Longbranch Improvement Club; and Shirle Olson, for her work with the Civic Center Association, the Ashes, the Angel Guild, and many others. In the lower row, honors went to Maxine Wilson for her work with Fire District 16, and with the schools; Roy Madsen, current President of the Park Board and backer of the Civic Center; and Wilma Rodman, for her church and school work, and for her volunteer work at Rocky Bay Nursing Home. All of those nominated were guests of the Key Peninsula Lions Club for the Annual Awards Dinner, and heard themselves described as "winners in this contest of altruism" by keynote speaker Tom Hulst, Superintendent of Peninsula School District.



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Computers

by Cecil Paul

"This is no bill!" "You owe this hospital \$127!" "Overdue accounts subject to 18% interest plus other penalties!" "Here is the information you requested." I did not request it, they begged me to take it, time and time again. "Your credit is fantastic!" "Pay or else!"

Because of computers the world has slowed down. Everything is from one to two months behind, except bills from anesthesiologists. This marvelous toy, devised to confuse me, promotes unemployment, drunkenness and a high birth rate, and upsets the balance of trade.

Every home has become an accounting office, smothered with unintelligible paper gibberish. With our minds revolving like a drunken Halley's comet, we phone our doctors, our bankers, our insurance people and the Medicare office, trying to decipher the tons of computereeze that swamp the P.O. and denude the forests.

According to the news, millionaires are becoming as plentiful as flies in a cow pasture. So are "street people."

One group bought stock in computer industries, the other is the end result. American workers go on welfare while foreigners buy our businesses, build better machines and take our money home with them.

In 1934 they pulled all my teeth and gave me a set of uppers and lowers for \$40. A teen-age girl spent 5 days in a hospital; being treated for a burst appendix cost \$56. An all-day sucker cost a penny and lasted until the dog grabbed it. So what?

First, teach a bunch of people to read and write. Next, throw the computers in the ocean, and put people to work keeping books that can be understood and corrected as needed.

Oh woe! It is raining. I will now grab a pitchfork and get busy on the income tax. Shall I take the straight deduction, or shall I itemize? With all this mess of bills and statements I cannot make anything come out the same twice in a row. Suppose I am audited. Hah, I bet no one else can figure it out either. Besides, there isn't room in the jails for the present crooks.

Speaking of computers, read this from the New Yorker Magazine. "This is in response to your recent inquiry. We need your assistance in order to complete our review of this submission. Therefore, please return this letter with the exact bone that was fractured in the shoulder. We await your reply and the opportunity to be of assistance. Sincerely, Medical Claims Service, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Greater New York."



Their Money, Your Money, Our Money

by Chief Horrace Kanno

Through their efforts, your fire department is trying to save you money. To them the key words are conserve, preserve, protect, economize, etc. All synonyms of the word "save." For the public the key words are recovery, redemption, compensate for, or pay-back.

The stated mission of most departments is to provide fire protection (suppression, education) and Emergency Medical Service to its citizens. There are expenses involved in providing these services. Your fire district, when it addresses the annual budget process, looks for cost-cutting solutions. It looks at problems and provides various answers and alternatives. Selected risks and cost effectiveness run parallel in our thinking. Safeguarding the environment and the community's economic base warrants those risks. Visible examples: 1984 dormitory addition to Key Center Station. 1984: new rescue vehicle, new engine/pumper. 1986: new ambulance. 1986-February/1987: three new engines/pumpers, two new tankers/pumpers. 1986 added three firefighters to the career ranks. This gives us a 24-hour manned station at Key Center, which improves response capabilities. The five new 1986/87 vehicles and equipment cost us \$509,000. Influenced by our \$677,000 annual tax income we went to long-range financial planning to acquire all the equipment for distribution throughout the

Peninsula. Now all stations have newer, or new, equipment. All the equipment meets our minimum fireline standards.

Where other departments went after special levies to fund equipment and facility expense (meaning added taxable obligations from the citizens), we did not, and we are amortizing through our regular operating budget. Intangible examples: The costs of training, maintenance and operating costs, i.e., protective clothing for the firefighters, radios, fuel, tires, batteries, medical supplies, insurance, etc.

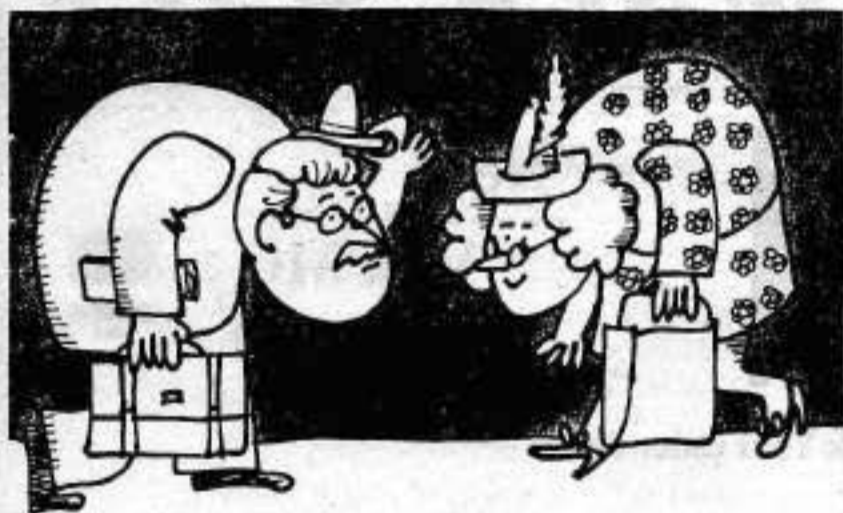
Pay-back: In October of 1986 your Fire Department was inspected by a state agency and was awarded better fire protection classification - from an 8 to a 6. This new classification allowed our citizens the possibilities of lower fire insurance rates. Check out these possibilities with your insurance companies. Some of our citizens are now enjoying the rate reductions. We are offering solutions where consideration of the new classification is still a problem so all our citizens may enjoy the possibility of reduced rates. If there is a reduction, that may be the pay-back for the taxes you pay.

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The Spinal Column - Short Leg Syndrome

by Dr. Campbell

What is it? Who has it? What can be done about it?

Short leg syndrome is basically diagnosed when one leg is shorter than the other. Anyone can have this condition which causes an imbalance and scoliosis (abnormal curve of the spine) which in turn can lead to lower back pain, loss of proper nerve and organ function due to pinched nerves in the affected areas.

How do you know if you have short leg syndrome? Easy! To check, just lie flat on the floor face up with your head and body in a straight line. Then have someone grasp your heels, make sure they are equal and legs are parallel to the floor, then push heels towards your head. Your feet and ankles should be equal. If they are not, then there are two main reasons for this. The first reason would be anatomical, which could be from an old leg or pelvic fracture or a congenital short leg from birth. This type of imbalance should be corrected with a built-up heel and sole on the affected



side. The second reason, which is also the most common, is simply a pelvic misalignment which throws everything out of proper balance. This type of imbalance should be corrected with chiropractic care which obtains excellent results.

Whatever category of short leg syndrome you may have should be checked and resolved. If left alone, later on in life it can become so serious that it cannot be resolved due to decay and degeneration of the spine. If you would like further information please do not hesitate to call 884-2144. We'll be happy to help.

Cub Pack 213

The Pack would like to thank everyone who helped out at the Blue and Gold Dessert - it went wonderfully. The dens put on their own skits and did a very good job. Well done, Scouts!

Awards:

Zachary Folden - Wolf-Silver Arrow; Scott Hacker - Wolf-2 Silver-2 Gold Arrows; Keith Jones-Wolf-Silver-Gold; Joshua Krasko-Wolf-Silver-Gold; Nathan Mauk-Wolf-Gold; Jeremy Nimrick - Wolf-Gold; B.J. Reynolds - Wolf-Silver-Gold; David Ross - Wolf-Gold; Max Sowers - Wolf-Silver-Gold; Julian Aprile - Bear-Silver-Gold; John Brooke - Bear-3 Silver-Gold; Cory Grimm - Bear-3 Silver-Gold; Brandon Marshall - Bear-2 Silver-Gold; Ron Schmidt - Bear-4 Silver-Gold; Bud White - Bear-Gold; Joseph Evalt - Bear-Silver-Gold.

Scouts earning their Webelov badge were: Henry Wenning, Ben Diedrech and Dusty Letellier. Those receiving Artist badges were: Dusty Letellier, Ben Diedrich and Henry Wenning. Robby Morgan received an Athlete badge.

The Pack welcomes a new Wolf Den. The leader is Joyce Otto, and the new boys are James Otto, Ben Miller, Falcon Ward and Russ Williams

Orthopedic Guild

Dr. Penrose Orthopedic Guild will meet at the home of Myrtle Torgersen on May 14. Co-hosting at the luncheon meeting will be Renie Bash and Janice McMillan.

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Friends of Ospreys

by Jim Updike

The week the TNT came out with a big color picture and article showing a power company crew putting up a man-made osprey nesting site, a similar project was underway on the Key Peninsula. Ospreys were an endangered species a few years back, because DDT insecticide in the food chain made osprey eggs so fragile that hatching almost ceased. Well-publicized projects in New England and in Canada on this subject popularized the idea of man-made assistance in nesting.

The man with a personal goal of erecting one hundred such artificial nesting platforms for osprey is Peninsula resident David Shelton. He graduated from University of Montana in Wildlife Management, and is a retired timber cruiser and U.S. Forest Service technician.

Assisting Shelton were three other men from Longbranch. They came by boat to Glen Cove on March 25, to join Shelton in lifting the prepared nest base and its 4x4 support post, and attaching it to a piling. The writer manned a borrowed rowboat to photograph the event. By arrangement with Camp Seymour YMCA staff, one piling is to be left standing for this purpose, the other piling left from the old Glen Cove Marina will be removed.

Shelton explained that ospreys are mostly of one type world-wide. The North American bird winters in South America and comes each year to nest and raise young in the same location. Nests are usually in trees, but man-made structures are favored, particularly if the site and surroundings discourage nesting enemies such as crows, gulls and the occasional racoon. Instructions for making osprey nesting platforms can be obtained from KP News on request.

From Our Scrapbooks

by Margaret Paul

From the Peninsula Gateway, early 1950's...

One of those really memorable occasions took place on Friday evening at the Bob Davidsons. It was a reunion of students of the old Vaughn High School from 1908-1912. Those sharing memories of the good old days were Mr. and Mrs. Glen Harriman and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davidson, all of Vaughn; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Miller of Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davidson of Steilacoom, and the host and hostess, Bob and Bertha Davidson. A smorgasboard dinner was served, featuring a variety of wild meats - roast mountain goat, venison and bear, and, for the less venturesome, there was roast turkey. It was a wonderful evening of renewing old friendships.

From TIME Magazine, April 5, 1968:

In Skull Valley, Utah, over 6,500 sheep died 15 to 35 miles away from the U.S. Army Dugway Proving Ground. Grazing sheep habitually eat snow, and



Photos by Jim Updike.

Pictured are David Shelton, instrumental in building osprey nesting platforms in the Peninsula area, and helpers Glen Sutton, Dave Ahrens and Stan Goodier. Photos by Jim Updike.

public health officials suspect the sheep were killed by a persistent nerve agent, an organophosphate that inhibits the enzymes controlling impulses in the central nervous system. 320 gallons were sprayed from high speed aircraft over an area 27 miles from the nearest sheep. The gas was picked up by passing clouds carried NE by the prevailing winds, then precipitated over the snowy pastures of Skull Valley. This experimental gas also was fired down range in three 155-mm artillery shells the day before, and 160 gallons of a persistent nerve agent were disposed of in a burning pit. Even the 850,000 acres of the Dugway Proving Ground may be too small to handle these powerful new agents.

The Peninsula Gateway, April, 1968:

Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Vissell sailed for the South Pacific on a 42-day cruise on April 23 on the Matson Lines SS Mariposa.

From the June 20, 1968, News Tribune:

David Arvo Leppanen, a student at Peninsula High, and son of Arvo Leppanen of Vaughn, will fly to Europe August 25 to begin a year of study through The American Friends Service Committee School Affiliation Service.

The Peninsula Gateway, July 1968:

Matthew James Mills was born July 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Mills of Vaughn. He weighed 10 lbs. and was 22 inches long. His grandparents are Ted and Bertha Mills of Vaughn, and Mr. and Mrs. Early Ruppert of Tacoma.

From the Peninsula Gateway, October 24, 1968:

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Armour of Lakebay announce the engagement of their daughter, Arlynn Dec, to Darrel Talmadge Gunderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gunderson of Tacoma.

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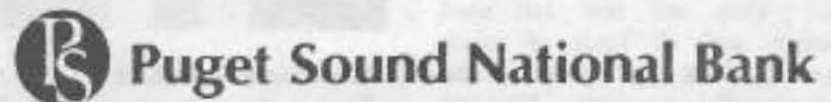
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"When we opened Alpine Hut in December, we transferred our account from Tacoma to Purdy," Gitta Woods explains. "We have received the same good service and as we are a new business in the area. We have received excellent service."

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New Business

by Jim Updike

Teresa Smith, a resident of Key Peninsula since 1979, has recently opened a new type of child-care agency.

Ms. Smith had operated a child-care service for three years in the Burley area and later worked at Pay 'n Save, Gig Harbor.



As a single mother who had to work, but was often unable to find adequate child care, and hearing of others in the same difficulty, she decided she would become a go-between for unemployed sitters and mothers who needed child care. With legal advice, she opened this business in her home.

In the last month some 300 homes have been provided with sitters, and approximately 150 people have been given part-time work. She has an urgent current need for more sitters to sign up for assignments. See ad on page 14 and in the classified section of this issue.

Key Peninsula Business Association News

by Mary Ann Huntington

The Key Peninsula Business Association thanks the public for participating in its first promotion. The Easter Treasure Hunt was a big success. Watch the NEWS for other exciting events coming up soon.

Karen Todhunter, owner of The Eatery, will represent KPBA for Pioneer Days. She will assist Mike Salatino who will chair the two-day event August 8 and 9. Plans are forming to hold an auction along with all the other annual events.

The KPBA needs your help! The merchants want to stock their stores with anything you might need. Please let us know what those needs are.

Every so often I like to feature a member of KPBA. This time my special merchants are Scott and Karen Carlisle owners of Carlisle's Typewriter Repair, 16613-154th St. KPN, 884-4117. Scott and Karen, parents of four children ages 1 to 6 years, have been in business for 4 years. They sell new and used typewriters and all kinds of office equipment. Scott is a member of the Key Peninsula Lions Club. You can reach either one of this energetic team Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 8 pm.

If you want to get involved with the KPBA join us for coffee May 1, 7:30 am at The Eatery.



Barber Marty Sorlie cuts Dick Taunt's hair in his newly opened-shop at suite 200 in the Key Center Tavern Building.

The Key Center barber shop, which has been empty since December, has a new occupant. Marty Sorlie is the new men-only barber. With wife Irene he lives at Lake of the Woods, moving here recently from the Kent area, and looks forward to enjoying Key Peninsula life. His prices are reasonable and he gives a senior citizen and child's discount. Hours are from 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday.

Home P.O.'s New Hours

The new automatic door lock mentioned in the April mid-month issue of the NEWS has now arrived, and has been installed at the Lakebay Post Office located at Home.

With the arrival of the new system, Postmistress Terri Moore has extended lobby hours from 7 am to 8 pm, Monday through Saturday, for postal box patrons. This is expected to be of great convenience to those who wish to pick up their mail in the very late afternoon and early evening.

In other developments, there is now a new copy machine in the lobby of the post office at Home, for the use of patrons in the more southerly part of the Peninsula. An additional group of postal boxes for lobby patrons is also said to be on order, as the currently available boxes are almost all rented.



Kim Wise of TeleCheck Services, Inc., was the speaker at the April 17 meeting of the Key Peninsula Business Association. He stressed the growing importance of checks in American business, and the services his company offers in protecting business owners against bad checks.

Business Briefs

Key Western Hardware is now on summer hours, open until 6 pm for your shopping convenience.

The Longbranch Store, recently re-opened, is planning a Memorial Day celebration with a Bar-b-que.

Red Dogs convenience store in Key Center has posted new business hours, and is now to be open on a 24-hour basis on Friday and Saturday nights.

Lakebay Lumber has recently added a new 45-foot flatbed truck to their rolling stock.

Lou's Collectibles and Mary Ann's Gift Shop will be joining Lakebay Roofing in new quarters in Minter Village about June 1.

Pat Blundell's Country Mouse store opened this last weekend in new quarters in Lake Kathryn Village.

Jessica's Laundramat and Apparel Store in Home is now taking Mastercharge and Visa cards.

Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center and Lake Katherine Village has now subscribed to Tel-e-Check check service, which will make it easier for customers to cash checks at those stores.

John Parsons is opening a new Custom Floral Design Service. You may reach him at 876-6320 for floral design specialties.

Key Stitch Upholstery will be closed from May 11 through May 15 while owner Tom Fifer is working out of town on a special job.

Key Center Shell is expecting a new set of gas pumps to spruce up the station's islands sometime later this month.



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KP Fire Dept. Hosts Auto Extrication Course

by Lt. Tony Brenton, Training Officer,
Key Peninsula Fire Department

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It is just because of situations like this that the Key Peninsula Fire Department hosted an Automobile Extrication Course on March 29 and 30. Eleven Key Peninsula Firefighters as well as firefighters from three other Pierce County Fire Districts were trained in automobile accident extrication techniques by a nationally-recognized expert in the area of auto extrication, Oran B. Streeper.

"O.B." as he likes to be called, hails from Chenoa, Illinois, and is the Director and lead instructor for the Emergency Squad Training Institute. He has 27 years in rescue work and currently instructs rescue subjects all across the United States. O.B. has also delivered this class in four foreign countries.



During the 15-hour course, the participants were instructed and had numerous opportunities to practice opening crushed doors, pulling steering wheels, popping seats, gaining entry through roofs, trunks, and fenders, and removing the tops off cars. Paul's Towing provided six cars for the class and Town and Country Towing provided two cars, all of which were completely destroyed by the end of the training activities. The course was unquestionably a complete success

and provided our emergency response personnel with comprehensive training in auto extrication techniques.

It is necessary to bring in instructors from outside our own Department to give our firefighters fresh insight and new ideas in dealing with emergency situations. The Key Peninsula Fire Department is planning to not only bring O.B. back in 1988, but is also keeping an eye open for other high-quality training resources.



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Obituary

Alexander Robert "Duke" Bekemans died Wednesday, April 15, at the age of 74. Born in Duluth, Minnesota, "Duke" had lived in this area for about 15 years, and had worked as a housing contractor. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force of World War II, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and the Key Peninsula Lions Club, and a charter member of the Key Peninsula A.A.

He is survived by his wife, Wilma, of the home; a sister, Yvonne Bekemans, of Tacoma; a daughter, and a grandson and granddaughter. Graveside services were conducted by Pastor James Saxman at Haven of Rest Memorial Park on Monday, April 20.

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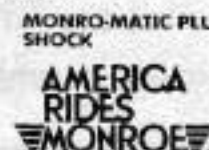
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<p>3 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>4 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 pm Cub Scouts/Webeles 7-8 pm</p>	<p>5 Cub Scouts-Wolves 3:15-5pm Aerobics 5:45-7 pm TOPS 6-8 pm Karate 7-9 pm KFAA - 7:30 pm</p>	<p>6 Aerobics 9-10 am Rocky Bay 12:30-1:30 Cub Scouts-Bears Debies 3:15-5:00 pm Fun Night 7 pm</p>	<p>7 Seniors 11-4 pm Aerobics 5:45-7 pm Karate 7-9 pm</p>	<p>8 Aerobics Rocky Bay Girl Scouts Skate night 6-7:45 and 8-9:30pm</p>	<p>9 Aerobics Karate Tournament 8 am- 8 pm</p>
<p>10 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10 am - 2 pm</p>	<p>11 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cub Scouts/Webeles VFW & Auxiliary 8-10 pm</p>	<p>12 Cub Scouts-Wolves Aerobics TOPS Karate Exec. Board 7:30 pm</p>	<p>13 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cub Scouts-Bears Brownies 3:40-5 pm Fun Night 7 pm Park Board 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Seniors Aerobics Karate KPOE Board 7:30 pm</p>	<p>15 Aerobics Rocky Bay Girl Scouts WCS Skate - 1:30-2:30 pm Skate night</p>	<p>16 Aerobics TALLIE DANCE 9-1 am</p>
<p>17 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>18 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cub Scouts/Webeles Paul Cyr Community Mtg. 7 pm</p>	<p>19 Cub Scouts-Wolves Aerobics TOPS Karate</p>	<p>20 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cub Scouts-Bears Debies 3:15-5 pm Fun Night</p>	<p>21 Seniors Aerobics Karate</p>	<p>22 Aerobics Rocky Bay Girl Scouts Skate Night</p>	<p>23 Aerobics Gym, G.H. and kitchen MAY SUEB WEDDING 9 am (set-up) - 10 pm (clean-up)</p>
<p>24 Girl Scouts 31 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>25  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>26 Cub Scouts-Wolves Aerobics TOPS Karate</p>	<p>27 Aerobics Rocky Bay Cub Scouts-Bears Brownies Fun Night</p>	<p>28 Seniors Aerobics Karate Cub Scouts 7 pm Gold Mtg.</p>	<p>29 Aerobics Rocky Bay Girl Scouts Skate Night</p>	<p>30 Aerobics</p>



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