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Check out our Labor Day center section!

And now, for something completely different... KEY CENTER LIBRARY Flavor of Fall '91 goes Hawaiian



Civic Center Association member Howard Reynolds has worked hard to gather bid and design information for the new system.

Flavor of Fall chair Claudia Loy wants to raise lots of money this year at the auction to get a new heating system installed. Treasurer and main Flavor of Fall helper Ann Larson is hoping for a big deposit too.

Civic Center Association president Stephanie Zampini says, "Our boiler - it's served us well for many years, but the time has come to go, old friend. We hope!"

The annual Flavor of Fall Auction held each year to raise funds to support the Civic Center, will have a Hawaiian theme this year. The planned menu is a cooked whole pig, teriyaki chicken, sweet potatoes and poi.

Peninsula High School drill team members will be helping serve. They are trying to earn enough money to actually go to Hawaii. Their drill team has been selected to perform in the halftime ceremonies at the Aloha Bowl in December.

Monies raised this year will be used to add to the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association's furnace

fund to replace the Civic Center heating system. If the system is not replaced soon, the Civic Center will continue to periodically "go arctic" in the winter when the aging boiler refuses to operate.

If voters approve the \$20,000 capitol improvement section of the Key Peninsula Park District levy in November, it will also go toward the \$39,000 cost of replacing the system.

Monies from the last Flavor of Fall auction were also designated toward the heating system. Some of that money was used to install a new boiler in the annex last year. The remaining funds are cur-

rently being held in an interest bearing CD until such time as the system can be replaced.

After the Civic Center Association received bids which allow the completion of the new system in sections, members voted to use current furnace monies to install heat pump systems in the Whitmore room and the Key Peninsula NEWS room. The proposal was approved by the park board.

However, people using the gym, kitchen, stage and downstairs area will still be "out in the cold" without a new heating system, so Association members are working hard to make this year's

auction a success.

Chairperson Claudia Loy said the committee is still looking for donated items that can be auctioned off.

The Association welcomes and appreciates donations of goods and services by businesses and individuals. Call the numbers below if you can donate.

If you perhaps have an interesting or unusual item that you are no longer using sitting around in the garage, and want to help this worthy cause, please call Claudia at 884-3937 or Ann Larson at 884-3562.

Park district is out of money

by Megan Aprile

At the last park district meeting on August 7, the district bookkeeper reported that after current bills were paid, the district would be out of funds. The district will have no sports fees until baseball season begins next year.

The district will continue to receive 10 percent of the rents paid by user groups at the Civic Center, which come to around \$75 per month.

Park electricity and garbage alone average about \$300 per month, so the commissioners will

face some difficult decisions in the near future, especially if the operations and maintenance section of the levy, which will be on the November 5 ballot, does not pass.

Commissioners voted to immediately lay off the park caretaker and finish the adult league season, which ends September 7, with volunteer help.

They also voted to charge for the field use for soccer practices and contact Little League about the operation schedule of the concession stand at the park.

Park board meetings to be videotaped

In response to a citizens input request made by Megan Aprile, the Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District commissioners have voted to allow their meetings to broadcast on local channel 12 via Cascade Cablevision, the local cable tv service providers.

Aprile said she was asking for the taping because the park district is the only organ of local government and should be accessible to all Key Peninsula citizens. She said she felt there would be greater public awareness of the state of the district if a broadcast meeting were available.

Cascade Cablevision will broadcast the meetings beginning in September.

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Civic Center Balance Sheet

as of August 1, 1991

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EXPENSES

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appliance	172.80
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MATERIALS	69.28
TOT. EXP.	3261.85
NET INCOME	589.78

President's Report

It seems like summer just started and here it is just a few days before school starts.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped make Pioneer Day a success. A big hand goes out to: Todd and Emily Speelman, our caretakers; and our committee chairpersons Dale Loy, Claudia Loy, Howard Reynolds, Terry Thomas, Marie Rock, Phyllis Olson, Megan Aprile, Ann Larson, Jerry Benoit, Henry Stock and Art Gilman, and to all the folks they recruited to help them. Also thanks goes to the Abate organization and Jim Sammons for the security, and to TOPS for the successful food booth.

An extra big thanks goes to Mary Seidelman for selling over 1100 raffle tickets and to Henry Stock for selling over 400 tickets.

With funds on hand we are proceeding with the second phase of the heating system (the annex is finished). We have enough to do the Whitmore and the KP NEWS room. They will have heat pumps with heating and cooling abilities. With the passage of the levy

Letters are on page 16

Auction time again

1991 Auction Donors



Now is the time for all good men (women too) to come to the aid of their Civic Center! Each October the KPCCA holds a dinner auction with all proceeds earmarked for something special the Civic Center needs. This year it's a furnace.

1. Box of homemade preserves
2. Fireplace tool set
3. 5 lb. homemade Italian sausage
4. Metal salmon wind sculpture
5. 2 wind toys
6. 6 hours drafting
7. 2 hours Christmas decorating
8. 2 nights at the WestWynnd Motel
9. 6 week class in childbirth ed
10. Unspecified
11. Answering Machine
12. MaryKay Nailcare Collection
13. Self-hypnosis lessons
14. 2 weeks child swim lessons
15. Assorted cedar planters
16. 1 week stay at the Oasis in Palm Springs at a deluxe condo*
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18. Unspecified
19. Dinner for two
20. Facial & Glamour Makeover with Mary Kay cosmetics
21. Canoe
22. Unspecified
23. 3 candlewick pillows
24. Painting
25. Tune up for Japanese car
26. 6 hrs. pruning
27. Gourmet dinner for 4
28. 36" collectible doll
29. 10 yds. 4 way topsoil mix
30. Unspecified
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36. dinner for 2
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- Costless Pharmacy
- Michael G's
- Sylvia's
- KC Tavern

- XL Homecrafters

* (This 2 bedroom deluxe sleeps six. Time share has been set up for high season week, February 1 through 8. Silent bids will be accepted so you do not need to attend the auction. Sealed bids should be left at Sunnycrest with name & phone number.)

Civic Center News

(\$20,000 for furnace), we will be able to complete the installation of a new heating system throughout the rest of the building. The total furnace bid is about \$39,000.

The building is in desperate need of a new roof. It is leaking in the gym, with tiles falling down from the water and also in the entry way. We have two bids of approximately \$17,000 each for the main building, but that does not include any dry rot repairs to underlayment or beams. This could run anywhere from \$200 to \$5,000 more, depending on how bad it is, and we won't know until the old roof is removed.

The Civic Center belongs to you, the citizens of the community, and your help is needed to

keep it going for your children and grandchildren. It is a great asset to all of us, as it is the only large building open to the public in the Key Peninsula for events of all kinds.

So far this year we have done OK. The biggest problem is the lack of volunteers to help, and so the bulk of the work is on just a few. This makes for a very fast burnout rate. With your help we would like to keep fees at the Center affordable and also increase programs. So with all your help and support we can do it. Don't forget to vote in November.

Stephanie

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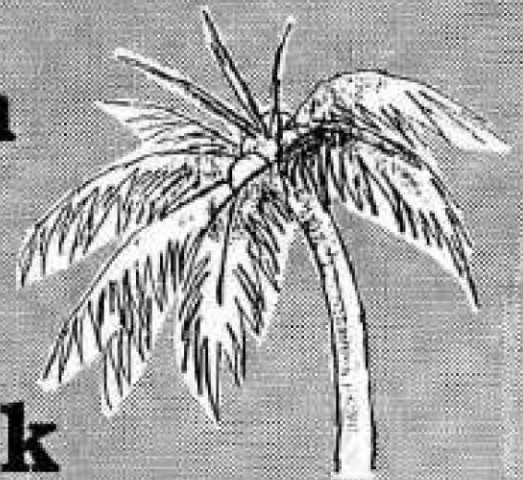


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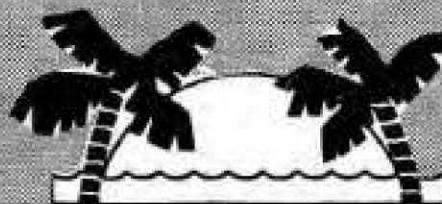
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~business/professional groups~

Allyn Comm. Assn.	Sept. 5: 7:30 am breakfast 8 am meeting	Allyn Inn
KPBA	Sept. 6, 20: 7:30 am	Huckleberry Inn
Angel Guild	Sept. 23: 10 am	KC Library/Brones rm.
Citizens Against Crime	Sept. 5: 7 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
Cootiettes:	Sept. 10: Sept. 17: Sept. 24:	Cottessmore Rensil Veterans Home Naval Hospital - Bremerton
	meet to carpool at Key Western Hardware parking lot.	
Longbranch Imp. Club	Sept. 5: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore Room
KPCCA	Sept. 18: 7:00 pm	Longbranch Imp. Club
KPCS Board	Sept. 12: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
KP Lions	Sept. 10: 7:30 pm Sept. 4, 18: 7 pm	Community House - Home Huckleberry Inn - Key Center

~community services~

Adult Literacy classes sponsored by Altrusa	Mon. & Wed.: 2-8 pm	Purdy Fire Station 857-2633 - info
CPR classes	Sept. 5: 7-10 pm	884-2222 for reservations
food bank	Tues. - Fri.: 10 am-3 pm	Community House - Home
hot lunch for seniors	Wednesdays: noon	" " " "
respite care	Wednesdays: 9 am-3 pm	KC Library/Brones rm.
sewing classes	Tuesdays: 1-4 pm	KC Library
W.I.C.	Tuesdays: 8:15 am-4:15 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.

~of interest to parents~

Peninsula School Board	Sept. 12: 7:30 pm	ESC center/Board rm. - Purdy
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~public meetings~

KP Fire Com.	Sept. 11, 23: 7:30 pm	Key Center Fire Station
KP Park Board	Sept. 11: 7:30 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.

~self help groups~

Al-Anon	Mondays: 7 pm	Lakebay Comm. Church
Narcotics Anonymous	Tues. & Thurs.: 7 pm	KPCC/downstairs
Single Parent Support Group	Sept. 3: 7 pm	Eagles Lodge, info-857-7359
T.O.P.S.	Tuesdays: weigh-in 6:15 mtg. 7-8 pm	KPCC/VFW rm.

~social/hobby groups~

Senior Society	Thursdays: noon	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
	foot care and blood pressure	
Twilite Dance Club	Sept. 21: 8 pm-midnight	KPCC/gym
Upper Sound Grange	Sept. 2: 6:30-9 pm	KPCC/Whitmore rm.
VFW & Aux.	Sept. 9: 7 pm	KPCC/VFW rm.
Vaughn Garden Club	Sept. 18: 1-30 pm	home of Joyce Niemann

~events~

Civic Center Fundraiser	Sept. 1: noon - 5 pm	KC Tavern, downtown Key Center
Community House Breakfast	Sept. 15: 8 am - 1 pm	Community House - Home
	adults \$3/kids \$1.50	
Longbrancheros		
4H Performance Show	Sept. 7: 10 am	Improvement Club Arena
Family Gaming Play Day	Sept. 8: registration, 10 am	Improvement Club Arena

Coming Up in **September**

Longbranch pleasure horse show and playday

The Longbranch pleasure horse show and playday is being billed as a "Family Affair," by the Longbrancheros, the event's organizers.

The Family Affair will be held September 7 and 8 at the Longbranch Improvement Club, with 4-H performance on September 7 and gaming on September 8. The 4-H performance will have 25 classes, "for anybody," according to spokesperson Barbara Clark. As an example, she said the "Walk your horse please" category was open for entrants from 7 to any age.

The gaming on September 8 will have six events. There will be over 50 trophies awarded for each event and each class. Barbara encourages everyone with an interest to come on over and participate, and stressed that the gaming, is a "family thing, for fun."

Entry fees are \$10 per person for one day, \$15 per person for both days. A family of four can enter for \$15 for one day and \$25 for two days. For more information, call Barbara Clark at 884-3213.

Historical Society

At the next meeting of the historical society on Thursday, October 24, local historian Father Thaddaeus will share a chapter of his forthcoming book on the history of the Key Peninsula.

He will discuss Far-A-Way, the major estate on Filucy Bay, which was built in the second decade of this century by Frank McDermott, an early owner of the Bon Marche.

Square dancing lessons

Gig Harbor Twirlers will hold square dance lessons from 1 to 3 pm every Sunday beginning September 15 at the Kitsap Square Dance hall in Gorst. The first lesson is free.

For information, call Kathy Christensen, 851-1140, or Annabelle Evans, 884-4494. The lessons and membership in the group are open to the public to encourage everyone to enjoy the fun of square dancing.

Cootiette Convention

The Cootiette Clubs of Washington will convene September 28 and 29 at the Gitchee Gumme motel at Ocean Shores. The convention will be hosted by the Gig Harbor Seagulls #80.

Marie Schwenka of Penn Ants #609, our state president (Grand Grayback), will preside over the business meetings. Following meetings, the fun activities take place: visiting, Bingo, a banquet with skits and other activities.

Let's have a big turnout. Greet our new Supreme Grayback Judy Wilson, and make Marie's first "Crawl" a big success.

A.B.A.T.E. to hold fall bash

The motorcyclists group ABATE, A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments, is pleased to announce that Longbranch has been chosen as the site of their annual Family Fall Bash.

The group is expecting more than 300 people to attend the event, which will take place September 13, 14 and 15 and will feature children's games, an auction, vendors, live music, special shows and door prizes.

The group provided security for Pioneer Day this year.

It's TOPS

Come and join us at the Civic Center VFW Room on Tuesdays and Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weigh-in is from 6:15 to 7 pm, and the meeting follows from 7 to 8 pm.

For further information, please call Maureen at 884-4437.

School starts September 4!

Friends of Key Center library to meet

The Friends of the Key Center Library will hold their business meeting at 6 pm Wednesday, September 11. To become a member and supporter of the library, send \$3 yearly dues to Key Center Library, 8905 KPN, Lakebay, 98349. As a member, you will regularly receive the Friends Newsletter. Donations of used paperbacks are needed for the Friends ongoing book sale. Thank you!

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- Last year there were 725 calls for Emergency Medical Services and 402 patients were transported to the hospital. This year the calls for service are even greater!
- Every vote counts! To pass adequate funding for our paramedics and Emergency Medical Services, at least 1251 of us must vote! You can help by taking a friend to the polls with you, or, if you need a ride to the polls you may call 884-2222.

Your vote is important. Please vote "Yes" on September 17!

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Election Specials

Primary election - September 17
General election - November 5

Elections are coming up - will 14% decide them?

An important local issue appearing on the upcoming September 17 ballot will be the emergency medical services levy requested by fire district 16 to continue paramedic services.

If local turnout for the primary election is low, very small numbers of people will decide local issues. Of the approximately 10,000 people living on the Key Peninsula, about 3,000 are school age children, and about 4,000 are registered voters. In the 1990 primary election, about 1,600 people or 23% of the total population voted. Issues decided by simple majority were decided by 960 people, or about 14% of our population.

Tuesday, September 17 is the date of the Washington primary election, and Tuesday, November 5 is the Washington general election, which will have the Key Peninsula Park district levy on the ballot.

You may register at any of these locations: the Pierce County Election Department, all public schools, and Pierce County rural libraries. The election department has a listing of additional registrar locations throughout the county. You must re-register if you have moved or changed your name.

If you cannot get to a polling place on election days, you may vote with an absentee ballot. If you are currently a registered voter, you can request an absentee ballot by mail or through the Pierce County Election Department through the day before an election.

To request an absentee ballot, specify the election you wish to vote in and your address. Your written signature is required. If you are 65 or over or handicapped, you may request on-going absentee status from the election department so that ballots will be automatically mailed to you for all future elections.

Voter turnout crucial for EMS

by Hugh McMillan

At its August meeting, members of the Key Peninsula Committee to Continue the EMS Levy agreed that their major concern is getting out the vote.

Forty percent of those who voted in the last election must vote on Tuesday, September 17, and of these, 60 percent must vote yes in order to continue the current level of emergency medical services offered by the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

The levy is not a new tax. If passed, it will be the third consecutive approval by the voters, the first of which was passed in 1979 for the period 1980 to '86, the second in 1985 for 1986 through '91.

For voters unable to get to the polls on election day, September 17, the committee has arranged for volunteers to provide transportation to and from voting sites.

For information on the levy continuation, call 884-2222.

Mason county transit vote delayed to November

by Megan Aprile

The proposed Mason County Public Transit Benefit Area (PTBA) board plan to create bus service between Shelton, Allyn, Belfair and other points in Mason county will not appear on the September ballot as planned. Commissioners missed the filing deadline of August 2. A resolution to place the measure on the November ballot was passed at the August 13 meeting.

Funding for the proposed bus system will be provided by a 2/10th of a cent sales tax if the measure is passed by the voters. Eight 20 passenger minibuses will be purchased to provide service to all of Mason county with seven planned, four fixed and three dial-a-ride routes.

The PTBA is a special purpose district authorized by state regulations. The board chairman is Joyce Jaros, mayor of Shelton. The vice chair is a Mason County Commissioner, and the four board members are commissioners for Mason county of the city of Shelton.

The board has developed a public transportation plan for the county. If the levy passes, Board members will be setting rates, acquiring facilities and equipment, finding funding and coordinating transportation services with existing agencies already providing them.

See next month's NEWS for more on the proposed public transit plan and the issues that have been raised.

Voters can win \$200

Check your Walt's Fine Foods mail flyer for a coupon which you can have validated at the polls, then turn in at the store for a drawing for two \$200 shopping sprees at Walt's stores.

Not only is Walt Schmidt donating a \$200 shopping spree, an anonymous donor has contributed an additional \$200 shopping spree. People who vote in the primary elections on September 17 have not one, but two chances to win a \$200 shopping spree.

Here's your chance to exercise your rights and responsibilities as a free American by voting on September 17, and to fill your cupboards, refrigerator and freezer with \$200 worth of good food.

Three part park district levy on November ballot

by Megan Aprile

The Key Peninsula Park district will be placing a three-part levy on the November 5 general election ballot. The citizens levy committee had recommended to the district that funding for Volunteer Park and the Civic Center be separated, and park commissioners decided to place a three part levy on the ballot.

County requirements do not allow separate "maintenance and operation" funding for the two facilities, so the maintenance and operation funds for both Volunteer Park and Civic Center had to be combined.


The maintenance and operations part of the levy asks for the money to pay the bills for power, water and so forth, pay the civic center and park caretakers, insurance, general upkeep and other expenses for both the park and Civic Center.

Although there will only be one amount on the ballot, both facilities have separate budgets, and the park board commissioners voted to separately track the expenses of both facilities by using a line item budget.

The amount that will be asked for maintenance and operations for both the park and Civic Center is \$60,050 annually, or \$120,100 for the two-year period of the levy.

The actual operating costs of both facilities are considerably more, but user fees are also a source of income for both the park and Civic Center, and the anticipated user fees were included in

park levy, continued on page 8



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Vacation Bible School



Key Peninsula Lutheran Church celebrated its fifth annual Vacation Bible School in July. Thanks to many helping hands and big hearts, the Bible-based program was a complete success. Children enjoyed games, arts and crafts projects, songs and a morning story each day.

Our contribution to the Community House, made possible by our daily food drive, was greatly appreciated. A great thanks to all who made "Sharing God's Blessings" at Key Peninsula Lutheran Church possible.

Bud Ulsh ends 34 years with fire district

by Hugh McMillan

About 50 volunteer and staff members of the Key Peninsula Fire Department mixed mirth and sorrow at their annual picnic held Sunday, July 28. The frivolities of swimming, volleyball, good food, and comradery were subdued with the knowledge that the host, Battalion Chief Bud Ulsh, was retiring from the department after 34 years of dedicated service.

Among other gifts, the Key Peninsula Firefighters Associa-

tion presented Ulsh with a mailbox configured as a bright red fire engine, complete with hoses.

"It won't seem the same without Bud at the scene of emergencies," said a fellow firefighter. "He's a great leader and inspiration to all of us."

Bud Ulsh joined the department as a rookie volunteer firefighter in January 1958. He advanced through the ranks, ending

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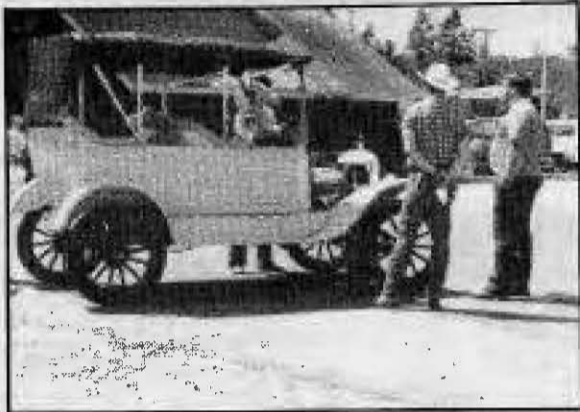


photo by Mona Fredrick
Pioneer Day-goers admire the 1918 baby blue Model T Ford owned by David and Nancy Ahrens. Thanks to the Ahrens for loaning their car for the Parade Grand Marshals to ride in.



photo by Kriket
A nice entry on this year's theme, the Pioneer Spirit of America.



photo by Joe Aprile
Clowning around!

Pioneer Day winners!

Congratulations to our Pioneer Day raffle winners!

Terry Ord won third prize of a \$100 gift certificate

Helen Wade got the second prize of \$180

John Thiele, who shared his prize with his grandmother, won the grand prize of a trip to Victoria, B.C.



Lil Wagoneers

Congratulations and Thank You, Thank You, Thank You Mary Seidelman and Henry Stock. Mary sold over 1100 raffle tickets and Henry sold over 400!

Congratulations to Jamie McLaughlin, who caught the biggest fish in the Bo-Mac pond!



photos by Joe Aprile
The fishing was great!

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three part park levy

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the budgetary planning for the park and Civic Center. User fees have not been enough to pay all the expenses either at Volunteer park or the Civic Center.

Capital improvements for Volunteer Park and the Civic Center will appear as separate propositions. The order has not yet been determined, but capital improvements for the Civic Center are for the heating system (\$20,000) and roof (\$20,000). The Association has raised part of the money needed for the heating system, which has a total cost of around \$40,000.

Capital improvement money for Volunteer Park is \$22,000, \$12,000 of which would be used to improve the building which was donated to the district by adding utilities, windows and other improvements; and \$10,000 for field expansion, which would be used to add watering capacity.

The three options must each be voted on with a yes or no vote, and will be clearly indicated so voters may choose the level of funding they wish to provide to the park district.

Take part in our phone survey and tell us, How will Key Peninsula grow?

It has been realized by more and more governing bodies, whether they are school boards, county councils or state agencies, that the most important step in making policy is to create a consensus among the parties involved. Policies can be carried out much more effectively when all the parties that will be affected have been involved in reaching the decisions.

People living on the Key Peninsula will soon be involved in creating a land use plan. Before that discussion begins, before we start to create policy, and before we decide how best to zone our area, let's talk. The NEWS is your community service paper. It has no axe to grind about land use or zoning, and no bias one way or the other, so its pages can be a forum for a community discussion.

Call us after 5 pm at 884-4699 and give us your thoughts on any or all of the following questions. The results will appear in upcoming issues of the NEWS. Please also feel free to write your thoughts to us at P.O. Box 3, Vaughn, WA 98394.

Do you think the Key Peninsula area will grow in the next ten years?

If you think it will, what percentage do you think it will grow by?

What kind of people do you think are most likely to move here? (commuters, professionals, seniors, a mix, etc.)

What is your image of the Key Peninsula? (Just a few words that sum up your feeling about the area now)

Do you think that image will change with growth?

Key Center fire station will be rebuilt

District 16 fire commissioners voted August 19 to proceed with the remodeling of the main fire station in Key Center. The remodeling is needed to meet state mandates for fire exits, handicapped accessible restrooms and the replacement of the underground gasoline storage tanks. In addition, some energy efficiency measures will be considered.

Voters had authorized some funds in 1989 toward the remodeling; the remainder will come from the regular budget. The total cost of the project will be around \$310,000.

Key Peninsula paper box vandalized, \$100 REWARD OFFERED

The Key Peninsula Lions' used-paper collection box was recently vandalized. The sign bearing the KP Lions logo on the box located in the Key Center shopping area was ruined sometime prior to August 14.

"That sign cost the club a lot of money," said Hugh McMillan, chairman of the recycling program. "It was created specifically for our community and I, for one, will offer a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of whoever is responsible for this mindless act."

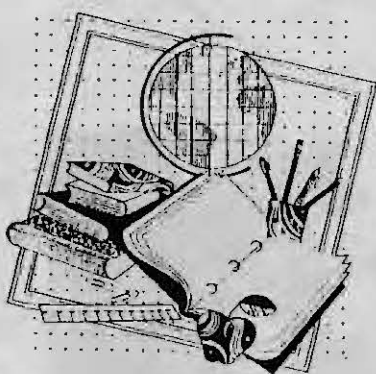
Proceeds from the paper collections support the Lions' many projects of assisting those in need on the Key Peninsula, like providing eye examinations and glasses; hearing exams and hearing aids; support of children's programs (Little League, sending kids to Camp Easter Seal and Camp Seymour); an effective drug awareness program; support of the KP Community Services (Food Bank); the KP Health Center's counseling program for drug abusers and many other programs that benefit our community.

Ulsh retires con't from p. 7
his career at the top of the volunteer officer rankings as Battalion Chief in charge of the Home, Longbranch, and Herron Island stations.

Ulsh, born in Lakebay of parents also born there, served in the US Air Force from 1953 to 1957 after graduating from Peninsula High School in 1950.

He and wife Dorl vow that they will continue to host the annual picnic, "just as long as the firefighters want." And that will be for a long, long time.

GED Preparation Classes Will Resume at the Key Center Library September 23rd Monday Evenings From 6 - 8 pm



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Angel Guild needs help

The Angel Guild is a nonprofit philanthropic organization of volunteers who operate the thrift store in Key Center. The proceeds benefit Key Peninsula community-support projects.

The Guild needs contributions. Acceptable items include: small appliances, kitchenware, toys, clean clothing in excellent condition and other saleable items.

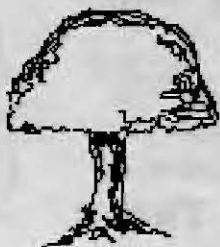
The Guild cannot accept furniture such as stuffed chairs, sofas, and mattresses or large appliances like refrigerators, washers, dryers and stoves.

The Angel Guild is not equipped to handle, and has to dispose of, such items at the Purdy Landfill. This requires unnecessary expenditure of Guild volunteer hours and funds.

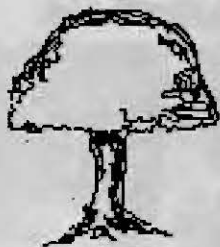
The Guild is also not able to handle used paper products and recommends that these be deposited in the Key Peninsula Lions' used paper collection sites at Purdy, Lake Kathryn Village and behind Walt's Fine Foods in Key Center.

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Firefighter's Ball '91

The Annual Firefighter's Ball is held each year in August at the Civic Center. The attire is always Western and informal.

This year the ball had an international flavor as well as shown by Melida Karrison from Denmark who came to the ball with Bev Pedersen. Melida, shown in her beautiful hat, is sitting next to Mary Ramsdell.



Wildfire could strike here

by Hugh McMillan

A burn ban went into effect earlier this month. In the Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula Fire Districts, the ban is total save for small enclosed barbecues which must be attended by someone equipped with a water source.

Key Peninsula firefighters recently had to put out a wildfire which was caused by an unattended - and illegal - bonfire. Fortunately, a passerby spotted the fire and alerted the department before the flames had spread over much more than a few hundred square yards. Despite a rising wind, it was suppressed before it could cause much dam-

age. Because long undergrowth can harbor unseen smoldering embers and hotspots, firefighters had to maintain watch on the area for several days following.

Some examples reported at the third annual Statewide Wildfire Conference in Bellevue this May include:

"The Awbrey Hall fire was started by an abandoned campfire. The fire quickly spread... close to the city of Bend. In all, 4,000 residents and 1,000 vacationers were evacuated. All of this was done after dark and there was not one reportable injury or accident. The fire was fought by 56

different rural fire agencies under the Oregon Conflagration Act. A total of 3,300 acres burned and 22 homes were lost.

"The Moneysmith Road fire was on a 500 acre tract of timber bordered by homes...clear cutting being done...winds were gusting at 20 mph...[a] timber company was burning debris but it started a 10 acre blaze which spread quickly... The cost to [one firefighting agency] was \$110,000 and [another] fire district's cost was even more."

In 1985, three million acres and 1,400 structures were burned, and 44 people lost their lives.

Any "little" fire can produce statistics similar to the above.

Don't be lulled into a sense of false security because we've had a few drops of rain. In most parts of our peninsulas, incendiaries - and that means trees and undergrowth - are much drier than they appear. "Little" fires can quickly turn into devastating, destructive infernos.

Please be careful and, if you suspect that there is a fire, dial 911. Our fire districts will send professionals to decide whether you are right or wrong. Don't try to make the decision yourself, please. The person who alerted Key Peninsula's firefighters to the "little" fire mentioned at the beginning of this article had, in fact, spotted the fire the night before but he "thought it was out!"

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Part Two - Bill Otto remembers his childhood

This month our interview with Bill Otto concludes as he remembers his boyhood days in pioneer Longbranch.

I can remember as a kid the dock was about the same as it now down here in Longbranch. In the fall of the year when the fruit was ripe and all the winter vegetables were going to Tacoma, there was a pile of freight there like a small house. They ... started up at Allyn picking up this freight and pas-

sengers clear into Tacoma. Another thing I wanted to mention too, in them days the fastest you could go to Tacoma unless you had a boat of your own or something, was two days. Boat went in one day and you stayed overnight and come back the next day.

That freight run, it started in Allyn? And then where else did it stop, when it went around?

All down the shore on both sides. Pret'near everybody along the front had floats. There was lots of cedar logs here in that time. They all built, and when they stopped at all these floats in the fall of the year ... they had them big steamers and what most of them used ... if they could find a old big worn out cast-iron motor, that was for anchors you know.

Them big steamers, especially when they got a load aboard, they had to slow down so far, otherwise they'd take that float right along with them. If they done that, in a few months there, their float would leave home.

I know at night here when they were on the way down they unloaded here. They trucked feed and supplies for an hour or so -

three men with trucks. They had a winch on the boats that pulled them and they had a slip going down where they come up with the truckload and they had about three guys trucking just as fast as they could go.

That must have been something a boy would be really interested in watching.

That's where we spent our evenings in the summertime, watching the boat run down here and go down and see who'd been to town. Anything you bought, it came, came addressed to you...and they put it in there. Same way going back. I know a few times when I was a kid and went in I used to stay down when they got to town, to see 'em start unloading. The captain had a list of his freight he had on and if you was shipping stuff in, he had the phone numbers in there and he stopped and called up all them, and if you stopped and stayed awhile, here come the horse and wagons down to pick up their freight.

So everybody pretty much had phones by then?

Not here, but on the other side. Oh, and another thing maybe is interesting to you, maybe you

know about or read about Old Tacoma. That was the main town. There was hardly nothing where Tacoma ... there wasn't much there until they built the municipal dock, the eleventh street dock. Then Tacoma began to grow.... I remember Tacoma when they had a few businesses right along the water and a few houses, just scattered, back to where the steeper side hills started, there was nothing but timber and woods up there.

And how often did you go into Tacoma?


Oh, not very often. (laughter)
And what would be the reasons for going?

Well, I'll tell ya, my dad used to have to go in. He sold pork and veal and shipped it into them, whoever shipped them, we shipped most of our groceries to Johnson Brothers store on the dock in old Tacoma. But they didn't mail you a check like they do now ... It was cash in them days. You had to go in and collect it for yourself, so you had to make a trip once in awhile to get your money.

My dad used to take me quite a lot. I used to get to go to town. And then to stay overnight, people didn't have any extra money to spend for a hotel room, so this uncle of mine, when they lived out on Wallis(sic) Road, about 68th and Waller Road. We went in and down Puyallup Avenue, to the Indian school and then through the school grounds and a trail over to where the road comes around from Puyallup and this Tacoma met there. We got on the county road, at the Indian school. It was just a trail through the woods to walk in and we walked clear out there and stayed at night, and then we had to get up early to catch the boat.

But, in the fall too, you didn't have to be in any hurry, when people sold their stuff in the fall. My folks, they put in a winter supply of most of their groceries,

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flour and sugar and if you didn't have your own lard and all of them kind of things.

Speaking of the Indians, were there still Indians in this area when you were growing up?

Not much. The only thing I remember of Indians here was ... they used to come out in the fall of the year and they would pick huckleberries and they dried them in the sunshine. I think them Indians came from Nisqually. There was a tribe at that days at Nisqually. They never had a tribe here, and on this other cove here, on the Devil's Head road, there was a big pile of clam shells there. They said that was where the Indians came and dug clams and done the same thing there. They cleaned them and dried them in the sunshine.

What kind of chores did you have around the place when you were a kid?

Well, I couldn't mention them all, but I had em when I was big enough to get around and do anything. The first was getting the wood and maybe, when you got a little bigger, slopping the pigs, cleaning the barn ... and I learned to milk pretty young. My mother was a milker, and so I got to, soon as I got big enough, I learned to milk and I helped her milk the cows. Maybe you'll believe me and maybe you won't, but when we came here, the store didn't handle any fresh milk at all. I imagine you had canned milk. I don't even know that for sure. But no. When you came here and didn't have room for a cow, why you had to go and bother your neighbor and get some milk from them...

And then the next thing was to get a horse so you had something to get around with, and do your farmwork. When you got bigger...the...aim was to get two horses so they had a team to do their work. Now, my dad didn't milk. That wasn't a man's work in them days. Woman's job to take care of it, cows.

You had how many brothers and sisters?

I had four brothers and one sister. I had an older brother and then my sister was older, and then I had three younger brothers. I started school when I was seven years old. My folks lost two children between my sister and me, so there was a six year gap between us. They started me a little bit early so I'd have one year to go to school to get used to the school while she was still going.

So that you wouldn't be all by yourself?

Yeah, of course in them days it was different than now. I probably knew more of the kids in that school than if some kid came in here now... People don't mix like they did in the olden days. I knew

pret'near all of them before I went to school. You know we had baseball and a picnic ground and dances... That was our entertainment in them days. Another thing I'm gonna tell you, if it ain't out of line, when we came from here, I'm sure that over half, maybe two thirds of the people living here were Germans. ... Here and Lakebay, and we knew pret'near everybody, even at Lakebay, because we had the old German church and the German cemetery. That was the first church and cemetery here and then, late, somewhat later, each community had a dance hall for entertainment.

Where was the school?

It was right up the highway here to Cole's corner, and make that turn and then go down to that, almost where the road divides at Mahncke's point. Just this side of that, that place there where the people have the house right on the turn of the road there, they donated the land to the school. That's where I went to school. A lot of people say to me, why you didn't have many kids in the school and I think that this year, when I started school, this was the first part of the school the old school, one room. I went three

years in this one room school then they added another room and they put in another teacher, and then they, instead of just taking through the eighth grade, they took through the tenth.

So one teacher taught all the kids?

...Right around this time, we had 88 kids in our school.

What grade did people go to, typically, eighth grade, maybe?

...That was one thing. I always felt sorry for the kids here.

We had, very few had any opportunity to go to high school. They had no way to get to Tacoma. The only ones that had relatives in Tacoma or somewhere else over on the other side. They had somebody in the family that would keep them, you know, and they were the only ones that got to high school, so it was a very small percentage that ever got above the eighth grade. You've mentioned several times about people and how people

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Part Two - Bill Otto

met each other more. What's the biggest difference that you see between how people get along then and now?

I can tell you pretty good on that. In the early days, if there was a few houses, some places had pret'near as many as they have now. A few houses around, and not very often a place sold either. But if it did and we got somebody new moved in, if I was a neighbor and maybe two or three neighbors in the neighborhood - If one of them couldn't go and meet them people, somebody else did. They

went and met these people and then they went around house to house. That's the only way you had of distributing and telling - and before them people were there a few weeks, everybody knew their names and how big a family it was and all about them. So you got acquainted much quicker than you do now.

... When people had illness or hard times? Was there a lot of sharing between people?

Well, they helped people, uh-hmm. Not in a big way but you know. Even kids, it didn't take half as much to raise kids them days. Oh, half, what am I talking about.

Would you say then that people were pretty well off or struggling or?

No...they had plenty....

What were some unusual things that happened to you when you were a boy?

George Meyers was logging down in Whitman's Cove and when I was a kid I rode my bike down there and watched them log. I stayed there til they quit. Old man Meyers ran the camp. I got my bike out ready to make it for home before it got dark and he says Oh, he says, you're hungry. Come in and get a bite to eat, so I went in. After we were all sitting around the table inside she [Mrs.

Meyers] came in and she says, Bill, eat every bean and pea on your plate. (laughter). I never forgot that ...I didn't say a word.

...My wife's folks rented a place and one of the old-time loggers, Shedrow, built that place. They had a big house on it. The bay was right out there...and where this house was, the road went down there and... branched...There was a bridge going toward Lakebay you had to cross, and then a bridge to get across the cove and there was...three wooden bridges you had to cross.

And us kids were there one day, that was when I was pretty good-sized, I had a bicycle already. Sunday I guess it was. There was a bunch of us kids. Lena Hansen lived up above there. I think maybe she borrowed my bike. I know she didn't have a bike. Pretty near all the kids had bicycles.

There was quite a steep hill and she went up and she couldn't ride very good and she came down the hill and she didn't use the brake. She tried to make that turn offa that bridge onto this one. I was standing right there and the bicycle went out from under her and she went under the railing and her legs were...back and there

she was right at my feet. I thought sure she was going over. I put my two feet and stood on her two legs and held her 'til I got help. I think if I hadn't done that, she would've...the tide was in... whether she'd have made it, whether we'd got her out.

Lucky you were there.

I never thought of that for years, but I think that's one time I saved somebody.

K. C. I.

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School District	91.44
Total	\$24,239.72

Expenses	
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Total	\$23,605.52
Net Gain	\$634.20



A closer look at the park board budget

This month, a closer look at the categories in the park board budget: on the revenue or income side, the park district has received \$1972 from the Civic Center Association, which is rent from last year.

Little League parent volunteers operate the concession stand at Volunteer Park and give 10% of their gross revenue to the park district, for a total so far this year of \$1005.

Soccer fees totaled about \$160, and adult slo-pitch league fees were \$9,660.

The contract signed by the Civic Center Association and the Key Peninsula Park District calls for the Association to pay 10% of the Civic Center rents collected from user groups, which is the \$447.05 and their part of the insurance premium on the Civic Center building, which came to \$6505.14.

Little League fees are game fees paid by the organization for use of the fields. Tournament proceeds are monies collected for the Pioneer Day baseball tournament held at the park, and the income from the School District is one half of the mobile home set-up fees for the joint site between the park and KPMS.

On the expense side, wages are paid to the caretaker at the park and the park district bookkeeper. (The commissioners do not receive a salary.) Employee benefits are social security taxes, unemployment benefits and state labor and industry premiums.

Supplies are adult slo-pitch league season supplies.

The amount for insurance, \$11,304, represents an \$8,000 premium on the Civic Center and a \$3,000 premium on the park for insurance costs for the district.

The phone, power and garbage amounts are for those serv-

ices at Volunteer park.

The \$1,641.25 spent on maintenance and repairs paid mainly for lime (to chalk base lines on the field), repairing damage done earlier this year by vandals, and the ubiquitous "misc." amount of \$203 was for the many small expenses that did not fit into the county's budget categories.

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Camp Coleman hosts YMCA World Camp

by Megan Aprile

A national YMCA program called World Camp is held at 8 sites in the US. Camp Coleman, located near Robert F. Kennedy Memorial recreational area, was this year's site for the northwest region. The World Camp program started in 1985 to celebrate 100 years of camping, and was held that year at Camp Seymour in Glencove.

World Camp is designed to teach an awareness of intersocial, cultural and global environmental issues. Countries sending campers this year included Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, the Soviet Union, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, France, England, China, Canada, Panama, Peru and Brazil. Native American campers from the North Dakota Sioux reservation also attended, as well as campers from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and South Dakota.

Program director Dan Crocker said the first job of the staff is to sensitize campers to the language barrier and break it down. The first activity the campers participated in was the "worldwide travel communication game." "Countries" were spread out all over the camp, and campers had to buy tickets from "travel agents," (camp staff). Once their ticket was purchased, the camper had to travel to their destination and get an answer to a simple question about the country. However, the answer to the question was given in the native language. Dan said the game was very successful and helped everyone realize the need for patience and openness with each other.

Other programs in the camp were simulated war games using

water balloons, with a de-briefing session afterward. Dan said campers present from the Gaza strip, Jerusalem, Nazareth and Palestine added emotional reality to the discussion of war and its consequences. Campers also made a 9' x 9' peace quilt, which is being displayed next to the quilt done by 1988 campers.

Dan said the camp was "an awesome experience." He said that a chapel held on the last night of the camp was particularly moving, as campers were asked to talk about the meaning of the camp motto "our world to last, to love and to live," and to share what it meant to them.

Dan said the campers talked of very deep feelings, like the boy from Montana who said that he realized that the stereotypes and prejudices about people of other nationalities that had been "handed to him," no longer seemed real. A Sioux Indian girl who came to the camp defensive and militant expressed her deep gratitude for the awakening that had taken place inside her about the reality of other peoples and other cultures.

Applicants for the World Camp program in some countries are so great that an elaborate application process is necessary. The YMCA provides financial assistance to campers from some countries. Campers spend about a week with a family, attend a local YMCA camp in the area they are visiting and then attend World Camp.

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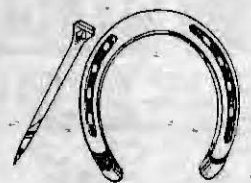
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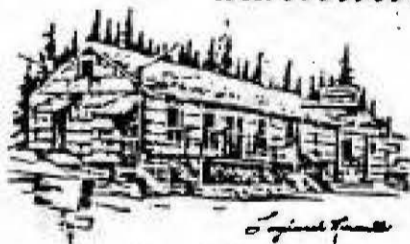
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Letters

To the editor: The fire district 16 basic six-year levy for Emergency Medical Services is up for renewal on the primary ballot on September 17, 1991. This levy, if passed for another six years, will not cause an increase in taxes now paid for EMS. This levy is very important to continue the excellent emergency medical service we now have in our district. This levy faces two hurdles - 1251 votes for validation and a majority of yes votes. Please get out and vote in the September 17 primary.

Howard E. Wilson, Gig Harbor

To the editor: Emergency! A scary word ... right? They can happen suddenly, and without warning. It happened to me in July, and thank goodness the paramedics were there at Key Center!

They evaluated my condition in a professional, competent way and transported me to the hospital. The compassion and care from the whole group there was just super and I'll always be grateful.

There is no way we should allow ourselves to be without this kind of care, so with the election coming up next month, let's all vote to keep it here!

The next emergency could be you! Think about it!

Sincerely,
Arlene Walters

To the editor:

Once again I find myself writing a letter of appreciation to our wonderful staff and firemen. On July 31 at 8 pm I was working on a fence at my farm. At that time of day, you get tired and careless. I have used chain saws all my life, being 55 years old, and have never been hurt. This time I needed about 40 stitches in my left arm. I was by myself and bleeding badly. I got to the house and called the fire department. As usual, the response was fast, professional and caring.

I am very concerned that we may have a low voter turnout in September. It is very easy sometimes to feel it will pass, and I'm too busy to go vote except at a major election.

Wrong!! This is the most crucial vote to this area. With the construction and traffic problems, it is so very important for us to pass this levy. We have many activities in this rural area that can produce victims. Because we are very rural and the bridge can produce bottlenecks, our ambulance and paramedic service can be the only chance you have if you are badly hurt. It's our lifeline and it works.

I personally know of many lives that have been saved by our department 16 staff.

Think about it. It costs less than an evening out at the local restaurant to support for a year! Supporting it won't pass the levy without a 60% turnout. Please set aside the time to vote. It may be the ballot that saves your life, or someone very dear to you.

Robert L. Elliott, Gig Harbor

To the editor: The continuation of the existing levy to support fire district 16's emergency medical services is up for public review. We have an outstanding, progressive program of EMS locally, which is the envy of many other rural areas in the state.

I believe most of the district's residents support the fire department and the levy, but this is one situation where just voting yes isn't enough. The levy will fail if there aren't enough voters to "validate" the ballot, even if the majority votes yes, so be sure your husband/wife or neighbor all get a chance to vote. On local issues like this in an off year, voter turnout is crucial.

Another issue is a bit more complicated. Initiative 119, is the so-called "Death With Dignity" initiative. The title is a bit misleading, as the purpose is to allow euthanasia or mercy killing for Washington residents who are mentally competent, have a terminal illness, and in the opinion of two physicians, have less than six months to live.

I am the first to acknowledge that too often death has become an unnatural process, drawn out by measures that prolong it without a reasonable expectation for return to a satisfying life. Too often death is a painful or lonely process without the comfort of family at hand or the full use of medicines to control pain.

These are problems that society, doctors and patients must work to eliminate, but initiative 119 is not the best approach. As written, the measure would do nothing to alleviate the pain of Alzheimers patients because they are not mentally competent. As written, the measure would require me as physician to either administer a lethal injection or

refer the patient to another doctor who would: I'm unwilling to do either. As written, elderly patients with a terminal illness may opt for euthanasia in order to lessen the financial burden of their illness on their family. I appreciate that our society does not provide well for its dying patients or always allow them the opportunity for a death with dignity, but I do not believe that initiative 119 is the answer to this problem.

William F. Roes, M.D.
Key Center

To the editor:

I would like to thank Todd and Emily Speelman for a job well done. Pioneer Day is a tremendous amount of work. Todd and Emily were always there when I needed help.

Terry Thomas,
secretary, KPCCA

To the editor:

In regard to the EMS levy coming up for voter approval on September 17, emphasis should be stressed on the fact that to pass the levy 40% of those who last voted need to vote on September 17, and 60% of those votes must be "yes."

Another important point to make is: this is not another tax increase, but a continuation of the present levy at no increase per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation.

I don't think there is anyone in the Key Peninsula area who does not realize what an important service is provided by Fire District 16 in a medical emergency.

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Toodie Thompson, Gig Harbor

To the editor: The Washington Fire Commissioners Association (WFC)A-sponsored Fire District Funding Task Force met on August 9 to address problems resulting from continuing Federal, State, and County mandates for which compliance is mandatory but for which no implementing funds are provided. In attendance were four members of the WFC)A Board of Directors and fire commissioners, chiefs, and administrative assistants representing fire districts from across the state.

In discussing Initiative 559, the proposed tax rollback to 1985 levels which will appear on the November ballot, the following views were aired. I would like to share them with your readers:

An Assistant Chief from Spokane, who is also a lawyer, said he, "doubted that 559 would be constitutional," noting that, "a similar proposition which passed in Idaho was declared unconstitutional."

"If 559 passes," testified another, "the re-assessment process will take until at least October 1992 before there are any taxes collected."

Yet another official stated, "In Pierce County alone, it will take 50 man years to re-assess properties, assuming one hour per property package as an average . . . assuming a staff increase of at least 50 assessors."

A Fire Chief said, "(559) could well mean there would be no tax collections in 1992 and result in a double tax in 1993."

It was pointed out that, "if 559 passes, every governmental agency (fire districts, school districts, libraries, Counties, State, DOT, etc.) will have to borrow money in order to continue to provide services."

Someone added, "if 559 passes, the line at the banks will be long and the banks will be in the driver's seat."

The consensus of views is: the thought of a tax rollback to 1985 sounds just dandy. It sounds as if our taxes will be reduced. What is not taken into account, however, is how much interest will we have to pay to get the funds necessary to provide the services everyone takes for granted and, indeed, demands. It might just cost more in the long run and much of that cost will not provide services; it will just flow into lending institutes - and they don't drive fire engines, police patrol cars, road graders, etc.

Something to give very serious thought to before pulling that lever.
**Hugh J. McMillan, Director, WFC)A Region 7,
Fire Commissioner, Pierce County Fire Protection District #16**

DEAR PARENTS

A message from Peninsula District Superintendent Tom Hulst

Our schools will open in the Peninsula School District on September 4, 1991.

Teachers and other staff will be in the buildings on September 3. We look forward with great excitement to the new year.

We know that students and staff will be eager to resume the learning and teaching process after the Labor Day break. We will continue our emphasis on the basic skills of reading, writing, computation, thinking and problem solving. Curriculum improvements will continue this year in social studies, vocational education, science and other areas.

We will also offer an excellent array of special interest programs including newspaper production, drama, literary journals, Challenge Education, athletics, and after school "Search" programs. We are pleased to report, also, that Key Peninsula Middle School will be developing a distance learning program, using satellite tv, under a special grant that was recently awarded.

A major emphasis this school year will be a community-wide initiative on combating young peoples' use of alcohol and other drugs. Working with service clubs, churches, the Chamber of

Commerce, and a new organization, "Peninsula Partners for Kids," we will co-sponsor a number of programs, like alcohol and drug free open gyms, activity nights, free tailgate parties for young people, parent education and workshops for parents. Please watch the local newspapers for a calendar of activities that might be of interest to your family.

Coping with student enrollment growth is a continuing challenge facing Peninsula Public

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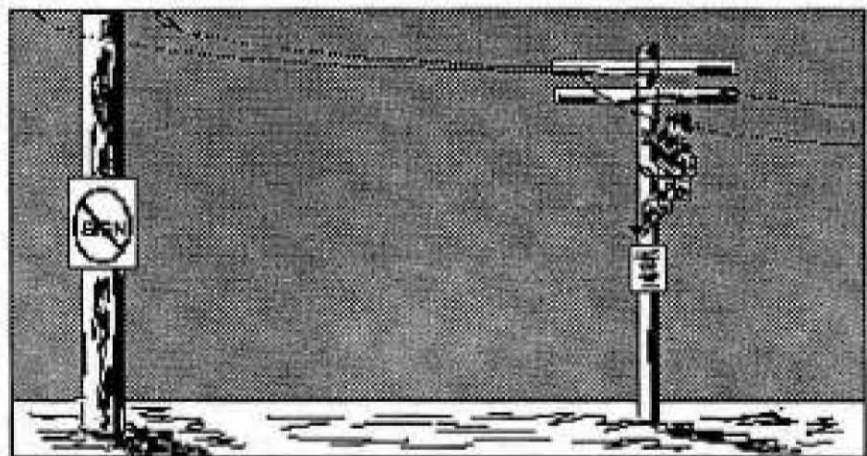
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Schools. Henderson Bay High School will move to the old Harbor Heights School, which will free up needed space for the increased enrollment we anticipate at Peninsula High.

Peninsula High School staff and community are planning a major remodeling and addition project to start in the spring of '92. The replacement of Vaughn Elementary School began this summer and operations will continue until September, 1992.

Two new schools will open this fall as well; the new Goodman Middle School and the new Harbor Heights Elementary School, located at 38th Avenue and 36th Street in Gig Harbor. A fourth middle school, Harbor Ridge, will temporarily operate in the old Goodman School until the new building is completed in 1993.

Nancy Nicholson, a Key Peninsula resident, returns to our district as principal of Harbor Ridge. Joining her will be Howard King, previously from University Place School District, and Shele Kinkaid, from Goodman Middle School. Both will teach half-time and serve as assistant principal half-time. These teacher/administrators and a very fine staff will provide a distinctive program.

Best wishes to all of you. Please don't hesitate to call me (857-3525) if you ever have a question.

Yours truly,
Tom R. Hulst, superintendent

School meal price increase

Because of increasing costs of food and cutbacks in government food subsidies, the Peninsula School Board has approved slight increases in the price of school meals during the 1991-92 school year.

The price of an elementary school lunch will increase from \$1.20 to \$1.50 and a secondary school lunch will increase from \$1.45 to \$1.50. Milk tickets will cost 35¢ this year.

Meals served to adults in the schools will be charged as follows: breakfast, \$1.25; lunch, \$2.00; ala carte meals, \$1.50. Breakfast (where served) at elementary schools will increase from 65¢ to 75¢; secondary school breakfasts will remain unchanged at 75¢.

Peninsula school district awarded safety rebates

Peninsula school district received a rebate of \$21,837 on workers compensation insurance premiums. The awards were received through its successful participation in a Safety Incentive Rebate Program offered by the Puget Sound Workers Compensation Trust. The Trust is a group self-insurance program with 25 school district members in King and Pierce counties, and is administered by Puget Sound Educational Service District.



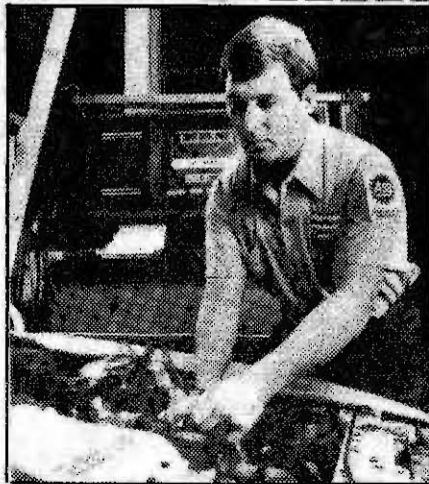
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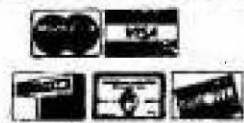
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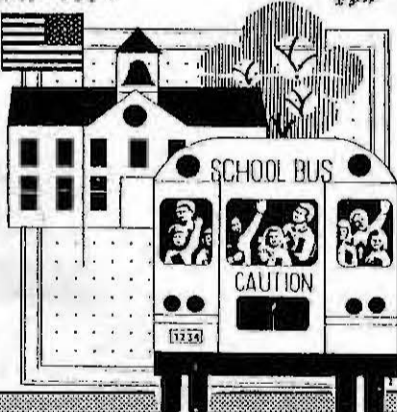

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"The quilt in story and song" will be the subject of a discussion Wednesday, September 11 at 7 pm, by Joyce S. Steward, professor emeritus in English from the University of Wisconsin.

Joyce Steward, once a quilt collector, now focuses her study on the use of quilts in American

literature, drawing on writers of fiction, drama, poetry and autobiography, including well known writers Harriet Beecher Stowe, Edith Wharton, and Eudora Welty.

Ms. Steward, who lives on Bainbridge Island, has written on subjects ranging from Thoreau to teaching methods, and is author of some dozen textbooks for high school and college English. Her most recent book, "The Leisure Pen; A Book for Elderwriters," deals with writing in later years.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library and made possible by a

grant from the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

Preschool storytimes for ages 3-5 will be held each Friday at 10:30 am, September 27 through November 15. Registration by phone or in person begins September 1. Please mark your calendars.

Instruction in how to use the library public access catalogues (the computers for placing materials on hold) will be held twice weekly at the Peninsula branch at Pt. Fosdick beginning Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 am. Please call 851-3793 for more information.



Haywire

The biplane sort of crabbed down onto the beach at Copalis. One man, complete with helmet and scarf, climbed down and asked anyone in general where he could get some baling wire. Someone found a short piece in the running board tool kit on his Dodge touring car. The man said "Thanks," as we watched curiously. Who would repair an airplane with haywire, for gosh sakes? He said a brace wire was rubbing against something. He made a neat wrap or two, snipped off the loose ends, and the repair was made.

Having gotten acquainted, he asked who would like to take a ride. "Only five dollars." Cousin Ed was game. He was shining up to a girl there. She was in the acute stage of the mumps, with her jaws badly swollen, but you did not often get airplane rides in 1927. It must have felt pretty windy in the open cockpit. After pouring a can of water in the radiator, the pilot took off, circled over and along the beach for a while, then disappeared around a rocky point for a few minutes, but finally returned, with Ed grinning proudly. He had made his impression. I doubt if any one else had five dollars to spare. We envied Ed and his girl.

The fact that a safe and secure repair could be made so easily was taken for granted. No computerized parts list; no calls to a distant parts house; just a simple straightforward fix that anyone could make, and it didn't cost a cent.

That has been bugging me all these years. Haywire was our most valuable tool, yet we used the term "haywire" as though it were a dirty word. I bet someone could make a fortune selling it now.

Art News

The Key Peninsula Players will present A Bad Year for Tomatoes on October 18, 19 and 20 at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The group, sponsored by the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association, has been working hard on the production, which is all about a lady who comes up with a very unusual method of protecting her privacy.

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Gain' Out

by Janice McMillan

The Fresh Aire Cafe at the Tacoma Narrows Airport is a success in all respects. The restaurant (formerly The Blue Sky Restaurant) is light, bright, and attractive. The completely remodeled interior offers a lot more seating than its predecessor. The exterior is now white with a little curve of pink neon over the doorway sign for accent. The wide porch has outdoor dining on both front and back (airport-watchers side) furnished with good looking green tables and chairs. Wheelchair access is available.

On a recent Friday evening my dear companion and I and two friends all enjoyed excellent dinners at the Fresh Aire Cafe. We chose the airport side seating outdoors and watched the planes (some carrying diners) landing and taking off and enjoyed a perfectly delightful summer evening.

Our dinners started off with a choice of salad or chowder. The salads were a simple dinner salad of greens, tomato, carrot and cabbage shreds and a choice of honey mustard dressing ("perfect," our friend decided), green goddess (my choice, and a wise one; really fine), thousand island or oil and vinegar. These dressings are all made on the premises and as we came to discover, nothing about the food at this restaurant is ordinary. My dear companion chose the chowder and when it arrived I thought, "Oh gosh, another bowl of wall-paper paste and canned clams." I couldn't have been more wrong. The chowder was creamy and thick with seafood and a mysterious hint of herb, and was very, very good. These first courses were served with some very good made-on-site soft bread sticks with a hint of parmesan cheese across the top.

For a main course I chose the Classic London Broil (\$9.50). The generous slices of beef were pink in the middle and crusty brown on the outside, served with horseradish garnish, a wedge of peeled watermelon, two baby whole steamed zucchini which were underdone but because of their size not unpleasant to eat. The very best part of this good meal was the serving of pasta (from a choice of pasta, red potato, or rice). The fresh pasta, cooked to just the right doneness, was mixed with cheeses and cream to make a really great dish. I would urge everyone to try this pasta side dish.

My dear companion ordered the Ginger Beef Saute (\$8.95) which also came with two baby zucchini (he declared to be "perfect") and a nice mix of white and wild rice. The ginger beef was prepared with sticks of red and green bell pepper, chopped onion, a sprinkling of sliced carrot, and a hearty soy-ginger sauce. We both felt that the ginger flavor was a tad too pronounced.

One friend ordered Chicken and Pasta Parmesan (\$8.95). Again, the fresh and carefully cooked pasta, large chunks of chicken breast and an excellently done creamy parmesan sauce. She took home half of the generous portion.

The fourth member of our party chose the 7 oz. New York Steak (\$9.75) which was tender, good texture and flavor, done exactly the way ordered and was broiled over charcoal which added to the appealing flavor.

An apple strudel (\$2.95) topped off the fine meal for one of our diners - but we all had a little taste. This difficult to make dessert was done by an expert and it was agreed by all who tasted the strudel that it was superb. It was served with a strawberry garnish and clouds of whipped cream. The Fresh Air Cafe also prepares chocolate layer cake and carrot cake.

We were all impressed with the quality of the food, the reasonable prices, the attentive but not intrusive service, the interesting menu, the attractive atmosphere, and the shining cleanliness of the place.

There is some super efficient person in the kitchen of the Fresh Aire Cafe, because in spite of a good crowd we had to wait no time at all for our orders. Nonetheless, we did not feel rushed to leave and lingered over iced tea watching the planes come and go.

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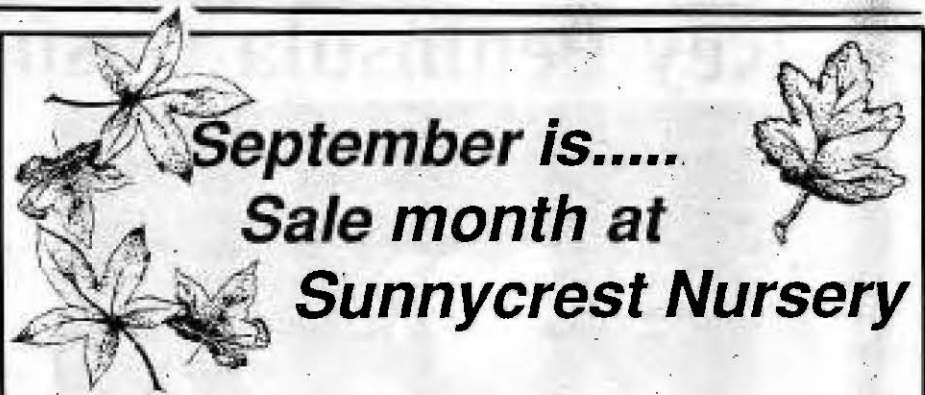
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Key Peninsula Business Association News



by Marie Rock

August was a very busy month for the members of the KPBA. Our litter clean-up August 1 went extremely well. More participation from area businesses and organizations is needed to make the Adopt-A-Mile program a real success. It took approximately 1 1/2 hours to clean-up our area. A small investment of time for a great environmental return.

August 3 brought our annual Pioneer Day Parade to life. We had live coverage of this years event thanks to KGHP radio, the voice of the Peninsula School District. Keith Stiles broadcast the parade live with the able help and colorful commentary of Stephanie Zampini.

One of our member organizations' floats, The Angel Guild's "Sharing and Caring" entry is shown at left. All of our participants put in a lot of time and energy to make this years parade a great success. With so many great entrants participating in the parade this year, the judges had a difficult time in awarding the Grand Prize. After much deliberation, the award was given to The Key Center Tavern and their Wagon Train/Movie Car entry.

Many thanks to Don and Shirley Olson for letting us set up our broadcast booth in their yard and also allowing us to monopolize their phone lines for the duration of the parade. An extra special thanks goes out to Henry Stock who brought his beautiful new van over and turned up the sound system so onlookers could hear the broadcast along the parade route.

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business briefs

Michael G's restaurant opens in Key Center

Michael Grimsley has purchased the former Key Dining Room and opened the new restaurant, Michael G's, in the downtown Key Center location. The restaurant is a steak, seafood and Italian specialty house, with Ultimate Burger Night on Wednesdays and portions large enough "to fill the hungriest person." Michael has worked as a chef in other restaurants, and says that owning one's own is a "sink or float" situation. He says he intends to float.

Michael lives in Milton with his wife Laurie and their ten month old daughter Amanda. He chose the location in the Key Peninsula because of all the good things he had heard about the area.

tax tips

by R. Marvin Keizur

One way to reduce your tax obligation for 1991 is to restructure your debt to maximize interest deductions. Interest on personal debt, such as car loans and credit card balances, is no longer deductible. But interest on home equity loans of up to \$100,000 is fully deductible no matter what loan proceeds are spent on. Taxpayers who have steep personal debt should consider taking out 2 home equity loans and using the proceeds to pay off the personal debt. That would convert nondeductible personal interest into fully deductible home mortgage interest.

I suggest that you get on this now as Congressman Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has said he considers home equity loans used for personal expenditures to be a tax loophole that should be plugged.

Did you know that a boat could be classified as a second residence? The boat must contain sleeping space, a head and cooking facilities. The aggregate principal loan amount of your boat loan and principal interest loan should not exceed \$1 million. The boat must serve as collateral for the loan. For more details on this tax reduction see your tax accountant for all the regulations.

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Car accidents on rise

by Hugh McMillan

Key Peninsula's Fire Department reports increasing vehicular accident rates in 1991. "We anticipate that this trend will continue," said district 16 secretary Mary Ramsdell. "We attribute it to the Peninsula area's rapidly increasing population, accompanying traffic growth, and an inadequate highway system."

In 1987 the department registered a total of 108 such incidents. Thus far in 1991, there have been 106. "That's not counting the five car fires we had in June alone," said Ramsdell. Many of these accidents involve multiple patients requiring emergency transport to hospital facilities.

State Route 302 and the Elgin-Clifton highway have the heaviest traffic and highest accident rates, but accident increases are evident throughout the 65 square miles of fire district 16.

High among probable causes for these figures are the lack of shoulders on SR 302, which has been recently resurfaced and therefore conducive to high speed. The roadway is replete with blind spots. Slower drivers on the 50 mph stretch too often provoke impatient drivers to make danger-

ous passes. To avoid impending accidents, drivers have the choice of running into an earth wall, large trees, or over an embankment which may mean a plunge of several feet.

Fire district 16 officials urge drivers to drive at the legal speed limit, not to hold up other vehicles by driving under the speed limit, not to drive at excessive speeds and to exercise caution. On SR 302, in particular, your life depends on safe driving habits.



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

Jack D. Niemann

Jack D. Niemann, a lifelong resident of Vaughn, died at the age of 65 on August 5, 1991 at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton.

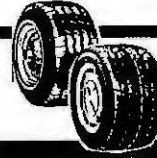
Born September 22, 1925, Jack was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He worked as a logger for Olson Logging, and later, for Van Slyke Logging in the '40s and '50s. He was a truck driver for the Washington State Transportation Department from 1961 until retiring in 1985. He enjoyed farming, country music and his family.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, of Vaughn; a son, Jack W. Niemann of Gig Harbor; daughters and sons-in-law, Cathy and Chuck Odegaard of England, Beverly and Bill Steffen of Cordova, Alaska and Ronda and Steve Anderson, of Gig Harbor; grandchildren Charles Odegaard II and Valari Odegaard, both of Vaughn, and Carl Anderson of Gig Harbor. He is also survived by his brothers Charles and Henry Niemann of Lakebay, and Victor Niemann of Tacoma; sisters Opal Floberg, Beverly Turnbow, and Barbara Eisler all of Tacoma; and many other family members in the area. He is preceded in death by parents

Edward and Dora Niemann and sister Augusta Okonek.

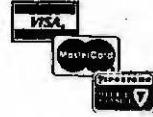
Memorial services were held at the Haven of Rest Chapel. Interment was at Vaughn Bay Cemetery.

Shortly before press time, the NEWS learned of the death of Dale Towrey, former owner of the Key Dining Room, in a boating accident in Sekyiu on August 17. Dale was preceded in death by his wife Marcy.



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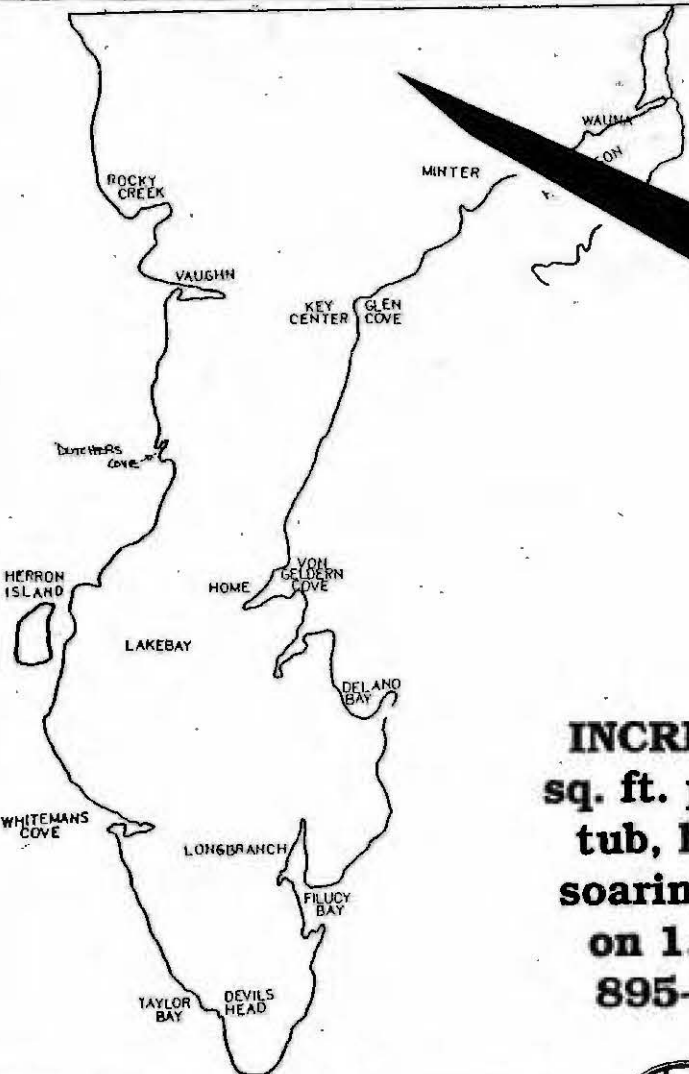
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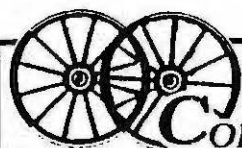
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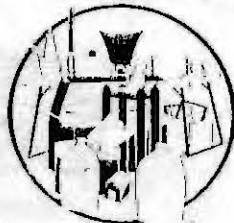
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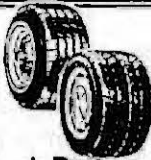
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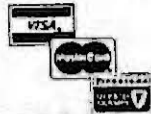


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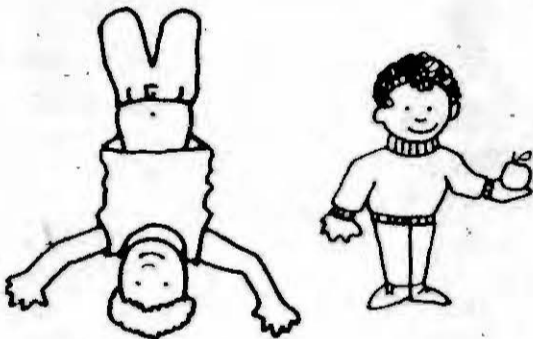
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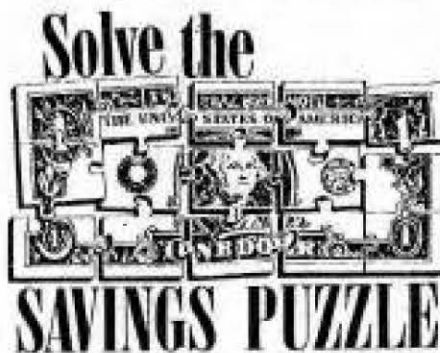
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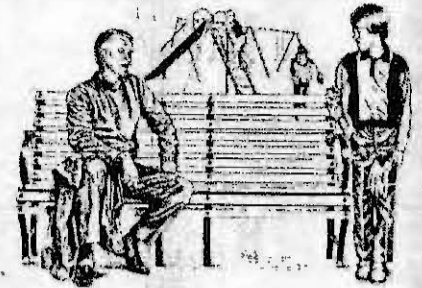
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8 AA	9	10 gym walk WIC T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	11 gym walk BINGO K.P. PARK BOARD MTG. 7:30 PM	12 SENIORS KARATE NA KPCCA MTG. 7:30 PM	13 gym walk	14
15 AA	16	17 gym walk WIC T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	18 gym walk BINGO	19 SENIORS KARATE NA COOTIETTES 7:30 PM	20 gym walk	21 TWILITE DANCE 8 PM - MIDNIGHT
22 AA	23	24 gym walk WIC T.O.P.S. KARATE NA	25 gym walk BINGO	26 SENIORS KARATE NA	27 gym walk	28
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